

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 22, 2007  
Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA

M I N U T E S

Presiding: Frank Bigelow, President

1. ROLL CALL

Alameda	absent	Orange	absent
Alpine	Terry Woodrow	Placer	Jim Holmes
Amador	absent	Plumas	William Powers
Butte	absent	Riverside	John Tavaglione
Calaveras	absent	Sacramento	Roger Dickinson
Colusa	absent	San Benito	absent
Contra Costa	Federal Glover	San Bernardino	absent
Del Norte	David Finigan	San Diego	Greg Cox
El Dorado	James Sweeney	San Francisco	absent
Fresno	Henry Perea	San Joaquin	absent
Glenn	Tom McGowan	San Luis Obispo	Harry Ovitt (via audio)
Humboldt	absent	San Mateo	Richard Gordon
Imperial	Gary Wyatt	Santa Barbara	Joni Gray (via audio)
Inyo	Susan Cash	Santa Clara	Liz Kniss
Kern	Jon McQuiston	Santa Cruz	absent
Kings	Tony Oliveira	Shasta	Glenn Hawes
Lake	Ed Robey	Sierra	absent
Lassen	absent	Siskiyou	Michael Kobseff
Los Angeles	absent	Solano	Barbara Kondylis
Madera	Bigelow/Moss	Sonoma	Mike Kerns
Marin	Susan Adams	Stanislaus	absent
Mariposa	Dianne Fritz	Sutter	Larry Munger
Mendocino	Michael Delbar	Tehama	absent
Merced	Mike Nelson	Trinity	absent
Modoc	Mike Dunn	Tulare	Conway/Ishida
Mono	absent	Tuolumne	Richard Pland
Monterey	Fernando Armenta	Ventura	Kathy Long
Napa	Brad Wagenknecht	Yolo	Mike McGowan
Nevada	absent	Yuba	absent

The presence of a quorum was noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 30, 2006 were approved as previously mailed.

3. UPDATE ON CORRECTIONS REFORM

Secretary Jim Tilton of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation addressed the Board of Directors regarding the Governor's Corrections Reform proposal. He indicated his concern with the proposal to transfer inmates from state prisons to county jails and noted that he has been visiting county jail facilities throughout the state in order to assess needs. He stated that he is committed to making sure counties are included in discussions with Administration representatives regarding allocation of funds.

In response to concerns expressed regarding the Governor's Corrections Reform proposal during the February 8, Executive Committee meeting, the County Administrative Officers' Association of California (CAOAC) conducted a survey to assess individual county impacts of the proposal. The results of that survey were distributed to the Board of Directors.

Staff also presented a document titled *Partnering for Corrections Reform: Counties Seek an Inclusive Policy-Making Process* which outlines the areas of the Governor's proposal that are of the most interest to counties and where CSAC should focus efforts.

Motion and second to adopt the *Partnering for Corrections Reform* document with the addition of the following language: ***Counties cannot support any corrections reform proposal that does not include CSAC's active participation in negotiations and development of legislative and administrative remedies for reform.*** Motion carried unanimously.

Staff was directed to convene stakeholders through the Administration of Justice policy committee to address corrections reform issue in order to develop unified positions on corrections reform.

4. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2007

Staff reviewed the State Legislative Priorities as contained in the briefing materials. An amended version of the Federal Legislative Priorities was distributed. This version reflects the addition of *Flood Control* as an issue for CSAC internal monitoring.

Motion and second to adopt the CSAC State and Federal Legislative Priorities for 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

5. EMINENT DOMAIN REFORM PROPOSAL

CSAC has continued to work with the "No on Prop. 90" coalition partners to develop a legislative proposal to address concerns of voters regarding eminent domain. Attorneys for the coalition have begun drafting a constitutional amendment and accompanying statutory measure that would: protect owner-occupied residences from eminent domain takings for purposes of transfer to private entity; protect small businesses from eminent domain takings unless the small business is provided an opportunity to participate in the plan or if the small business does not want to participate, it shall be paid relocation expenses or the fair market value of the small business at it's option. The proposal does not preclude local government from using eminent domain to: abate a nuisance, address health and safety code violations, prevent criminal activity, respond to an emergency, or remedy environmental contamination. The proposal is currently being vetted with the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA), which has

sponsored two measures – one that is ready for signature gathering and another that is still awaiting title and summary. HJTA has indicated it will withdraw its first measure and, if they sign on to our measure, will drop their plans to move forward with a future measure. The proposed language is not yet available for review by Board of Directors.

Staff also noted that AB 397 (Adams) has been introduced. This bill would prohibit any local agency from paying dues to an organization of which it is a member that makes monetary contributions to a political campaign. The measure makes no distinction between dues and non-public funds. Most likely, this bill was directed at our coalition partners involved in the 'No on 90' campaign. CSAC is concerned that if this measure passes, it would prohibit any activities regarding a ballot measure. Staff will continue to monitor this bill and keep Board of Directors updated.

Supervisor Ishida, Tulare County, expressed concern regarding a bill related to eminent domain, AB 576, which was recently introduced. The bill would prohibit operation of an animal feeding facility (primarily dairies) within five miles of the boundary of Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park in Tulare County. Staff indicated that CSAC has existing policy to oppose this type of measure, but would first meet with the author to determine intent and express concerns.

6. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HIGH SPEED RAIL

The CSAC Housing, Land Use and Transportation Policy Committee recommended support for a resolution relating to support for High-Speed Rail (attached). This resolution was previously approved by the Executive Committee.

Motion and second to adopt resolution in support of High-Speed Rail. Motion carried unanimously.

7. INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

JoAnne Speers, Director of the Institute for Local Government (ILG), provided an update on recent ILG activities. The Institute just received a \$1.6 million grant for the "Communities for Health Kids" program which identifies and helps enroll kids who are eligible for no- or low-cost health insurance through non-traditional means such as parks and recreation or gang diversion programs. Ms. Speers distributed some recent ILG publications regarding Ethics Law, Housing Trust Funds, Revenue Diversification, and Planning Public Forums.

8. CSAC CONSTITUTION REVISION TASK FORCE REPORT

Supervisor Rich Gordon, Chair of the Constitution Revision Task Force, presented a report from the meeting held on February 7. Task force members include: Supervisors John Tavaglione, Paul Biane, Judy Case, Jon McQuiston, Joni Gray, Mike Delbar, Jeff Morris and County Counsel's Association Executive Director Jennifer Henning.

The current CSAC Constitution and Policy Manual was separated into two documents and some proposed amendments were presented to the task force. The group will also be looking at large issues such as caucus definitions, voting thresholds and ballot initiative positions. The task force will be meeting again this afternoon to further develop recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as a future meeting.

9. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT

Two new programs were recently introduced. The Go-Solar program will benefit counties by offering access to solar facilities at a price that is competitive with current utility rates, but will save significantly over time. The U.S. Communities Purchasing Program has begun offering "green" products such as Energy Star certified products, biodegradable cleaning supplies,

energy saving lighting and technology products and playground equipment using recycled materials. A complete list of green products was contained in the briefing materials.

10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Staff distributed and outlined two documents regarding health care reform. The first was an overview of how California counties deliver health care services and the second was a matrix that lists the major health care reform proposals that have been introduced and the elements contained in each. The Assembly Health Committee is scheduled to meet next week to draft legislation that includes the best elements of each proposal. The CSAC Health and Human Services policy committee has been meeting weekly since January and formed two subcommittees: Data and Health Care Reform.

An Infrastructure Bond Guide was also distributed and outlined by staff. This document takes a comprehensive look at the infrastructure bond measure of direct interest to counties. It also contains information on what is known to date about timing, process and eligibility for each account.

Staff reported that SB 113, the Presidential primary bill, will be heard in Senate Appropriations next week and asked for direction on a position. The Board directed staff to oppose the bill unless it is amended to include language providing reimbursement to counties for the cost of the election.

The Governor has appointed a 12-member Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBs) Commission and names Supervisor Connie Conway as a member.

Meeting adjourned.