

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 28, 2009  
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento

M I N U T E S

Presiding: Frank Bigelow, President

1. ROLL CALL

Alameda	Keith Carson	Placer	Jim Holmes
Alpine	Terry Woodrow	Plumas	absent
Amador	Louis Boitano	Riverside	John Tavaglione
Butte	Bill Connelly	Sacramento	Roger Dickinson
Calaveras	Merita Callaway	San Benito	Reb Monaco
Colusa	absent	San Bernardino	Brad Mitzeftel
Contra Costa	Federal Glover	San Diego	Greg Cox
Del Norte	David Finigan	San Francisco	absent
El Dorado	absent	San Joaquin	Larry Ruhstaller
Fresno	Henry Perea	San Luis Obispo	Bruce Gibson
Glenn	John Viegas	San Mateo	Rich Gordon
Humboldt	Mark Lovelace	Santa Barbara	Joni Gray
Imperial	Gary Wyatt	Santa Clara	Liz Kniss
Inyo	Susan Cash	Santa Cruz	Mark Stone
Kern	Jon McQuiston	Shasta	Glenn Hawes
Kings	Tony Oliveira	Sierra	Lee Adams
Lake	Anthony Farrington	Siskiyou	absent
Lassen	absent	Solano	Mike Reagan
Los Angeles	absent	Sonoma	Valerie Brown
Madera	Ronn Dominici	Stanislaus	Vito Chiesa
Marin	Susan Adams	Sutter	Larry Munger
Mariposa	Lyle Turpin	Tehama	Robert Williams
Mendocino	Carre Brown	Trinity	Judy Pflueger
Merced	Mike Nelson	Tulare	absent
Modoc	Jeff Bullock	Tuolumne	Richard Pland
Mono	Duane "Hap" Hazard	Ventura	Kathy Long
Monterey	Fernando Armenta	Yolo	Mike McGowan
Napa	Brad Wagenknecht	Yuba	Roger Abe
Nevada	Ted Owens	Advisor:	Susan Muranishi
Orange	John Moorlach	Advisor:	Steven Woodside

The presence of a quorum was noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 19, 2009 were approved as previously mailed.

3. REMARKS BY CANDIDATES FOR NACo SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

The 2009 candidates for NACo Second Vice President are Lou Magazzu from Cumberland County, New Jersey and Lenny Eliason from Athens County, Ohio. Both candidates addressed the Board of Directors regarding their credentials and background with NACo. The officer elections will take place during the NACo annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee on July 28.

4. GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISION OF THE 2009-10 STATE BUDGET

Mike Genest, Director of the State Department of Finance, presented a report on the Governor's May Revision of the State Budget. He outlined several program cuts currently being considered such as: eliminating CalWORKS and Healthy Families programs; decreasing funding for child welfare, mental health, prisons and courts; eliminating Cal Grants for higher education and General Fund support of state parks. These cuts and others were presented to the Legislative Budget Conference Committee.

5. NACo 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT ENDORSEMENT

The Board of Directors discussed whether to endorse one of the NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president candidates at this time or wait until the California Caucus during the NACo conference in Nashville.

Motion and second to table the endorsement decision until the California Caucus in Nashville. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PROPOSED CSAC BUDGET FOR FY 2009-10

Supervisor Joni Gray, CSAC Treasurer, presented the proposed CSAC Budget for FY 2009-10, as contained in the briefing materials. It was noted that the proposed budget contains no dues increase and expenses were reduced by 2.4%.

The Executive Committee previously approved the proposed budget and recommended adoption by the Board of Directors.

Motion and second to adopt the CSAC Budget for FY 2009-10 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PROPOSED CSAC LITIGATION COORDINATION PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2009-10

Jennifer Henning, County Counsel's Association Executive Director, presented the proposed CSAC Litigation Program Budget for FY 2009-10, as contained in the briefing materials. She noted that even though expenses have increased this year, a recently-vacated position will not be filled in order to maintain a budget with no fee increases.

The Executive Committee previously approved the proposed budget and recommended adoption by the Board of Directors.

Motion and second to adopt the proposed CSAC Litigation Coordination Program Budget for FY 2009-10 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. AMENDMENT TO CSAC CONSTITUTION REGARDING CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP

In response to a request from Humboldt County to change caucus membership from the CSAC Suburban Caucus to the CSAC Rural Caucus in 2009, the Executive Committee authorized staff to draft an amendment to the CSAC Constitution. The current CSAC Constitution states that a change in caucus membership can be made each five years – once at the Annual meeting immediately after the release of the Decennial Census and once at the Annual meeting immediately after the release of the mid-Census population estimate. Under current rules, Humboldt County would not be eligible to change caucus membership this year.

Staff presented a proposed amendment to Article 5 of the CSAC Constitution for consideration as contained in the briefing materials. Under the proposal, counties are still limited to two caucus changes each ten years, but they may occur at any time between the release of each Decennial Census.

Motion and second to adopt amendment to Article 5 of the CSAC Constitution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. PROPOSED CCS PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT ON STATE GOVERNANCE REFORM

The League of California Cities has invited CSAC and the California School Boards Association (CSBA) to join with them in sponsoring a summit on reforming the governance of California. The summit would build on the work of the Cities, Counties, Schools (CCS) Task Force on Fiscal Reform. Delegates to the summit would review and debate the major reforms identified by the CCS Task Force and California Forward. The event is scheduled for July 17 – 18 in Sacramento

Staff presented a resolution adopted by the League of California Cities endorsing convening a summit of local leaders, and a draft Statement of Principles, as contained in the briefing materials. The resolution was discussed with the Executive Committee at their April 23 meeting. The Executive Committee recommended the resolution to the Board of Directors and directed staff to work through the CCS Task Force to begin preparation of the summit.

Supervisor Gordon, Chair of the CCS Task Force on Fiscal Reform, outlined the proposed format of the two-day summit. It was recommended that the Board of Directors approve CSAC's participation and adopt the draft Statement of Principles as a starting point for discussion during the summit.

Motion and second to approve CSAC's participation in the Joint Summit on State Governance Reform and adopt the draft principles as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CSAC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Administration of Justice.*** Supervisor Dominici, chair of the Administration of Justice policy committee, presented the report. The policy committee received informational presentations. Assistant CHP Commissioner Ramona Prieto discussed the Highway Patrol's targeted outreach efforts with local government and public safety partners. A representative from America Works, a for-profit employment firm, discussed its "work first" approach to placing ex-offenders into entry-level employment. Senator John Benoit and Stanislaus County Chief Probation Officer Jerry Powers discussed SB 678 (Leno and Benoit), a measure that would redirect savings to county probation departments based on an individual county's ability to reduce new prison commitments from among the felony probation population.

***Agriculture & Natural Resources.*** Supervisor Mike Nelson, chair of the Agriculture & Natural Resources policy committee, presented the report. The committee received presentations on recent legislative activity aimed at addressing the State's water crisis. The Williamson Act was discussed with funding and compatibility issues of particular interest to the committee. The Secretary of California Food and Agriculture discussed California's county fairs, and the Assistant to the State Fire Marshall provided an overview of recently adopted regulations mandating the installation of residential fire sprinklers in new developments.

***Government Finance & Operations.*** The policy committee discussed the cuts and deferrals facing counties, particularly the proposed Proposition 1A shift. A resolution urging the Legislature and Governor to reject cost shift proposals was presented to the Board of Directors for consideration (attached).

Motion and second to amend the resolution to include a provision to raise the vehicle license fee (VLF) to 2%. Motion failed (14 in favor/21 opposed).

Motion and second to adopt the resolution as originally presented. Motion carried unanimously.

***Health & Human Services.*** Supervisor Kniss, chair of the Health & Human Services policy committee, presented the report. The policy committee discussed at length the May Revision state budget proposals that impact health and human services programs and where the state budget process may lead this year. The policy committee also received an update on federal health reform discussions. A resolution on the economic benefit of human services and the Human Services Funding Deficit was presented to the Board of Directors for consideration (attached).

Motion and second to adopt the resolution as contained in the briefing materials. Motion carried unanimously.

***Housing, Land Use & Transportation.*** Supervisor McGowan presented the committee report. The policy committee discussed the impacts of the proposed state budget cuts, in particular the permanent reduction of the local share of the gas tax on local transportation programs. Committee members were also briefed on the comprehensive, transportation needs assessment just completed that identifies a \$71 billion shortfall for preservation of the local road system over the next decade. Additional amendments to the Planning, Land Use, and Housing and Transportation and Public Works Platform chapters were presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. Specifically, the additional amendments relate to healthy communities and complete streets.

Motion and second to adopt additional amendments to the Housing, Land Use & Transportation sections of the CSAC Platform. Motion carried unanimously.

11. STATE BUDGET/LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Staff discussed a recent report by the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) regarding the Governor's May Revision. The LAO believes the deficit is about \$3 billion higher than the Governor's estimate of \$21 billion. The report also suggests that even if the Legislature adopts all of the Governor's recommendations, the state will still face a \$15 billion deficit in 2010-11 and bigger ones in the three following years. Staff also outlined the proposed cuts to health and human services programs.

It was noted that numerous state budget proposals will be presented in the Legislature during the next few weeks. In order for CSAC to provide immediate response to these proposals as they are developed, President Wyatt appointed the following supervisors to a special task force: Rich Gordon, Gary Wyatt, Tony Oliveira, John Tavaglione, Mike Reagan, Mike McGowan, Bruce Gibson, Kathy Long, Susan Cash, Mark Lovelace, Roger Dickinson and Sonoma County Counsel Steven Woodside. This task force will also help shape CSAC's message as preparations get underway for the CCS Partnership Local Government Summit on Governance Reform, July 17 – 18. The first meeting/conference call of the task force was scheduled for June 1, at 1:30pm.

12. PRESENTATION BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION SECRETARY MATT CATE

Secretary Cate was unavailable to attend the Board of Directors meeting due to a conflict. His Chief of Staff, Brett Morgan, attended in his place. However, because other items on the agenda took longer than expected, the presentation was rescheduled for a later meeting.

13. OTHER ITEMS

Reports on the Institute for Local Government, CSAC Finance Corporation, CSAC Corporate Associates program, and the Litigation Coordination Program were contained in the briefing materials, but no presentations were made.

Meeting adjourned.