

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
November 15, 2007  
Marriott City Center, Oakland, Alameda County, CA

M I N U T E S

Presiding: Frank Bigelow, President

1. ROLL CALL

Alameda	Keith Carson	Placer	Jim Holmes
Alpine	Terry Woodrow	Plumas	William Powers
Amador	Louis Boitano	Riverside	absent
Butte	Curt Josiassen	Sacramento	Roger Dickinson
Calaveras	Merita Callaway	San Benito	Reb Monaco
Colusa	Mark Marshall	San Bernardino	Paul Biane
Contra Costa	Federal Glover	San Diego	Greg Cox
Del Norte	David Finigan	San Francisco	absent
El Dorado	James Sweeney	San Joaquin	absent
Fresno	Henry Perea	San Luis Obispo	Harry Ovitt
Glenn	Tom McGowan	San Mateo	absent
Humboldt	Roger Rodoni	Santa Barbara	Joni Gray
Imperial	Gary Wyatt	Santa Clara	Liz Kniss
Inyo	Susan Cash	Santa Cruz	Tony Campos
Kern	Jon McQuiston	Shasta	Mark Cibula
Kings	Tony Oliveira	Sierra	absent
Lake	absent	Siskiyou	absent
Lassen	Robert Pyle	Solano	Barbara Kondylis
Los Angeles	absent	Sonoma	Valerie Brown
Madera	Bigelow/Moss	Stanislaus	Dick Monteith
Marin	Susan Adams	Sutter	absent
Mariposa	Dianne Fritz	Tehama	Bob Williams
Mendocino	Michael Delbar	Trinity	Jeff Morris
Merced	Mike Nelson	Tulare	Allen Ishida
Modoc	Mike Dunn	Tuolumne	Richard Pland
Mono	Vikki Magee-Bauer	Ventura	Kathy Long
Monterey	Fernando Armenta	Yolo	Helen Thomson
Napa	Brad Wagenknecht	Yuba	Mary Jane Griego
Nevada	Ted Owens	Advisors: Robert Ryan and Demitrios Tatum	
Orange	absent		

The presence of a quorum was noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 14, 2007 were approved as previously mailed.

3. ELECTION OF 2008 CSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following members were elected to the CSAC Executive Committee for 2008:

President: Richard Gordon, San Mateo  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Gary Wyatt, Imperial  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Michael Delbar, Mendocino  
Immed. Past President: Frank Bigelow, Madera

Urban Section

Federal Glover, Contra Costa  
Don Knabe, Los Angeles  
John Tavaglione, Riverside  
Roger Dickinson, Sacramento  
Paul Biane, San Bernardino  
Kathy Long, Ventura  
Liz Kniss, Santa Clara (alternate)

Suburban Section

Susan Adams, Marin  
Mike Nelson, Merced  
Joni Gray, Santa Barbara  
Mike McGowan, Yolo (alternate)

Rural Section

Terry Woodrow, Alpine  
Jeff Morris, Trinity  
Tony Oliveira, Kings (alternate)

Ex-Officio Members

Valerie Brown, Sonoma, NACo 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Brian Dahle, Lassen, WIR 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Advisors

Demitrios Tatum, Merced County Executive Officer  
Robert Ryan, Sacramento County Counsel

4. REVISIONS TO CSAC CONSTITUTION AND POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Supervisor Gordon presented recommendations from the CSAC Constitution Revision Task Force. The Executive Committee considered the recommendations in September and the amended version is contained in the briefing materials. Highlights of the proposed changes include: establishing minimum population requirements for caucuses; imposing a higher vote threshold for taking positions on ballot propositions; clarifying the role and appointment of the CSAC Treasurer; clarifying the process for adoption of policy resolutions and ballot proposition positions; addition of descriptions for Corporate Associates and Past Presidents' Council; and separation of the Constitution and Policy Manual.

Motion and second to adopt the proposed revisions to the CSAC Constitution and Policies & Procedures Manual as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. PROPOSITION 92: COMMUNITY COLLEGES. FUNDING. FEES

Proposition 92, sponsored by Californians for Community Colleges, addresses three public policy issues related to the operation of California's community college system: state funding for community colleges; student fees; and governance. This measure will appear on the February 2008 statewide ballot. The CSAC Government Finance and Operations Policy Committee met on November 15 to consider the initiative and are recommending an OPPOSE position.

Motion and second to waive the Constitutional provision that a ballot measure must go before the Executive Committee prior to consideration by the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion and second to OPPOSE Proposition 92. Motion failed (24 in favor).

Note: the CSAC Constitution requires an affirmative vote of at least 30 counties in order to take a position on a ballot initiative.

Substitute motion and second to take a NEUTRAL position on Proposition 92. Motion failed (20 in favor).

The Board of Directors took no position on Proposition 92.

6. CSAC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Administration of Justice.* The Administration of Justice Policy Committee met at the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center on November 14. There were no action items before the committee. Information updates included: Implementation of AB 900 (Solorio, 2007), the Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services; Booking Fees; Court Facility transfers; Sex Offender Issues; and Juvenile Justice Realignment.

*Agriculture and Natural Resources.* Supervisor Jeff Morris, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources policy committee, presented the report from the meeting held on November 13. The committee received reports on the following issues: The Delta Vision – A Strategy for Managing the Delta; California Energy Commission's Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative; Cleaning Up After the Angora fire: A Model for State and County Cooperation; and the Status of Forestry Greenhouse Gas Protocols. The committee also considered the proposed CSAC Climate Change Principles.

*Economic Development.* The Economic Development policy committee met on November 13 and heard reports from Bruce Kern, Executive Director of East Bay Economic Development Alliance and Wayne Schell, Executive Director of the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED).

*Government Finance and Operations.* Supervisor Kathy Long, Chair of the CSAC Government Finance and Operations policy committee, presented the committee's report from the meeting held on November 14. The committee received a report from Marianne O'Malley of the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) on the fiscal forecast for the State of California. Sunne Wright McPeak, President and CEO of the California Emerging Technology Fund, discussed

efforts to close the digital divide and make broadband Internet service available to every Californian. The committee also heard a presentation from Anne Neville, Manager of the California Broadband Initiative, regarding recommendations on how to spread broadband Internet service as widely as possible throughout the state.

Staff reported that CSAC is continuing to work with a coalition that includes the League of California Cities and California Redevelopment Association, on a campaign to offer alternatives to and defeat a detrimental eminent domain initiative being sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. The original strategy was to pursue legislation, but the measure, ACA 8, did not pass the Legislature. The coalition is now going forward with a ballot initiative called the Homeowners' Protection Act and it is currently in the signature-gathering phase. The Board of Directors previously approved \$430,000 for this effort and the coalition is now asking for an additional \$300,000.

Motion and second to approve \$300,000 in non-public funds to be used in the eminent domain coalition's efforts. Motion carried unanimously.

*Health and Human Services.* Supervisor Helen Thomson, Chair of the CSAC Health and Human Services policy committee, presented the committee's report from the meeting held on November 13. The meeting was held at Youth Uprising which is a non-profit organization supported by Alameda County and the City of Oakland that offers a wide range of programs and services to youth. The committee heard a presentation from Alameda County Health Care Services Director Dave Kears and Tangerine Brigham of San Francisco Health Access program regarding Alameda County's perspectives on Health Care Reform. They also received reports on the CSAC Cost of Doing Business Working Group and the California Child Support Automation System.

Staff outlined the current Health Reform proposal being considered in the Legislature which includes a contribution from counties in the amount of \$1 billion. CSAC is working with staff in the Legislature and Administration on alternatives and concepts to protect counties.

*Housing, Land Use and Transportation.* The CSAC Housing, Land use and Transportation policy committee met on November 14 and discussed the following issues: California Transit Association Litigation; SB 375; Regional Blueprint Planning; CSAC Climate Change Policy; CEQA Guidelines on Climate Change; Indian Gaming; Gas Tax Finance Pool Program; and Emerald Fund – Surplus Land.

## 7. CSAC CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

Supervisor Diane Dillon, Co-chair of the CSAC Climate Change Working Group, presented a draft Climate Change Policy for consideration. The draft policy was developed by the CSAC Climate Change Working Group which includes supervisors, public works directors, county counsels, air districts representatives and planning directors. The purpose of the document will be to assist staff in responding to climate change legislation and to help shape climate change policy.

The CSAC Agriculture and Natural Resources policy committee considered the draft policy during their most recent meeting and the revised draft was distributed to the Board of Directors.

Motion and second to approve the draft CSAC Climate Change Policy as revised by the CSAC Agriculture and Natural Resources policy committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff directed to add a glossary of terms to the document.

8. RESOLUTION REGARDING NACo ELECTIONS PROCESS

Staff presented a resolution that was developed to provide input to the National Association of Counties (NACo) as they undergo a review of their voting procedures following the controversy that occurred during the election for NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in July. The draft resolution was contained in the briefing materials and includes a provision that all counties who are members of NACo should have the opportunity to cast their vote for NACo officers and policies even if they are unable to attend the annual conference.

Motion and second to adopt the resolution regarding NACo voting procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CSCDA)

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) is a joint powers authority (JPA) established in 1987 by CSAC and the League of California Cities to promote economic development through the provision of financial services to local governments.

CSAC staff member Steve Keil, and CSAC Finance Corporation Executive Director Norma Lammers, currently serve on the CSCDA Board and both have announced their retirements. It was recommended that Jean Hurst of the CSAC staff be appointed to replace Steve Keil. It was further recommended that the new Executive Director of the CSAC Finance Corporation be appointed to replace Norma Lammers. Currently, Tom Sweet serves in that capacity.

Motion and second to appoint Jean Hurst and the CSAC Finance Corporation Executive Director as CSCDA commissioners to replace Steve Keil and Norma Lammers. Motion carried unanimously.

10. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors approved the following schedule of meetings for 2008:

Thursday, March 20, Sacramento

Thursday, May 22, Sacramento

Thursday, September 11, Sacramento

Wednesday, December 3, San Diego

In addition, the CCS Partnership will be inviting Board members from CSAC, the League of California Cities and the California School Boards Association to participate in a two-day Forum on Foster Care. The dates have not been finalized, but the forum will take place in either May or June of 2008.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONDUCT CSAC BUSINESS

The Board was asked to adopt the annual resolution authorizing the CSAC Executive Director to conduct CSAC business as contained in the briefing materials.

Motion and second to adopt resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

12. INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

JoAnne Speers, Director of the Institute for Local Government (ILG), provided a report on current activities. ILG was originally founded by the League of California Cities for the purpose of developing information resources to assist local officials in service to their local communities. Supervisor Greg Cox, Yolo CAO Sharon Jensen and Paul McIntosh currently serve as the county representatives on the ILG Board. Some recently published guides include: *Understanding the Basics of County and City Revenues*; *Property Tax Assessment Appeals*; and *Building Public Support for Affordable Housing*.

13. CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL UPDATE

Muriel Johnson, Director of the California Arts Council and former CSAC President, provided a report on the California Arts Council's State Local Partnership Program. The Partnership was established in 1980-81 to foster cultural development on the local level. It was designed to provide local communities, on a county-by-county basis, the opportunity to define their cultural arts needs and goals, and develop programs to achieve those goals.

She also encouraged members to purchase Arts License Plates, available through the Department of Motor Vehicles. These provide funding for arts programs in schools, communities and other setting throughout California.

14. FAMILY VIOLENCE TASK FORCE REPORT

Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, Chair of the CSAC Family Violence Task Force, provided a report on the meeting held this morning at the Alameda County Family Justice Center (ACFJC). The meeting included a tour and a panel presentation on the creation and purpose of the Center. ACFJC provides many services for domestic violence victims and their families such as: crisis intervention; legal assistance; medical care and mental health counseling; employment assistance; and law enforcement investigation and prosecution of offenders.

15. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT

Supervisor Greg Cox, CSAC Finance Corporation Board Member, provided an update on accomplishments during 2007. The US Communities Cooperative Purchasing Program achieved almost \$300 million in sales volume with an estimated \$100 million savings for county governments. "Green Purchasing" seminars were held in five locations statewide and attracted over 300 participants. The Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note pool, which assists local agencies in their cash management, amounted to \$700 million this year. A new program was launched this year that addresses the need for road reconstruction and repair by securitizing gas tax revenues over a multi-year period to fund the projects. Also, Tom Sweet was appointed Interim Director of the CSAC Finance Corporation. He replaces Norma Lammers who retired earlier this year.

16. CCS (CITIES, COUNTIES, SCHOOLS) PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Connie Busse, Director of CCS Partnership, presented a report titled *Our Children: Emancipating Foster Youth*, which was developed by the CCS Partnership Conditions of Children Task Force. The task force includes Board members from CSAC, League of California Cities and California School Boards Association. The task force met four times during 2007 to learn from experts and discuss the role and responsibility of local governments in addressing the needs of former foster youth. Following each presentation, the members discussed what they had learned and developed ideas. The report was the result of those ideas. This report also notes that California has the largest number of children and youth in foster care of any

state in the nation, approximately 83,000. Each year over 4,000 of those youth emancipate from the system as they turn 18 years old.

17. CSAC MEMBER SERVICES

Paul McIntosh announced that CSAC will be conducting a membership survey with the assistance of a CAOAC working group. Staff will bring results and recommendations back to the Executive Committee in early 2008.

18. MISCELLANEOUS

Lou Magazzu, President of the New Jersey Association of Counties, discussed his candidacy for National Association of Counties (NACo) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in 2008 and requested CSAC's support.

Supervisor Tony Oliveira was presented with the Circle of Service Award for his active leadership as the county representative on the CALPERS Board.

Paul McIntosh announced that Jim Wiltshire has been hired as the new CSAC Deputy Director. He replaces Steve Keil who retires next month.

Meeting adjourned.