

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 28, 2010  
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento, CA

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M I N U T E S

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Presiding: Tony Oliveira, President

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Oliveira introduced the following new members on the 2010 Executive Committee: Henry Perea, Steve Worthley, Lyle Turpin and Susan Mauriello.

2. ROLL CALL

Tony Oliveira, President  
John Tavaglione, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.  
Mike McGowan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.  
Gary Wyatt, Immed. Past Pres.  
Greg Cox, San Diego  
Roger Dickinson, Sacramento  
Federal Glover, Contra Costa  
Liz Kniss, Santa Clara  
Kathy Long, Ventura  
Rich Gordon, San Mateo (alternate) audio  
Susan Adams, Marin  
Henry Perea, Fresno  
Steve Worthley, Tulare  
Joni Gray, Santa  
Susan Adams, Marin  
Henry Perea, Fresno

Steve Worthley, Tulare  
Joni Gray, Santa Barbara (alternate)  
Merita Callaway, Calaveras  
Bob Williams, Tehama  
Lyle Turpin, Mariposa (alternate)

Ex-Officio Members

Valerie Brown, Sonoma

Advisors

Susan Mauriello, CAOAC Pres.  
Steven Woodside, Sonoma Co.  
Counsel

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 8-9, 2009 were approved as previously mailed.

4. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S BUDGET FOR 2010-11

Todd Jerue, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Finance, presented a report on the Governor's proposed budget for 2010-11. He indicated that the Governor is proposing major reductions in several program areas. One of the largest is a \$2.9 billion reduction to social service programs. Targeted programs include: IHSS, Medi-Cal, SSI/SSP, CalWORKS, and Healthy Families.

5. DISCUSSION OF BUDGET IMPACTS ON COUNTIES

Paul McIntosh presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Governor's proposed budget. He outlined the contributing factors to the current shortfall, proposed budget solutions, proposed expenditure reductions, anticipated federal funds, alternative funding, fund shifts and other revenues.

Staff announced that the Legislature is now in its 8<sup>th</sup> Special Session. The Senate is holding budget hearings this week and the Assembly will convene

hearings next week. Three documents were presented to the Executive Committee for discussion and feedback. They were as follows:

*Our View: California Counties Respond to Governor's Proposed Budget.* This document provides an outline of CSAC concerns and recommended alternative approaches to addressing the state budget deficit. Topics addressed in this document are: maximize federal funds; avoid new mandates/suspend pipeline mandates; seek alternative transportation funding proposal; consider options to mitigate corrections cost shifts; improve the state-county partnership; preserve programs that prevent costs in other systems; right-size state government; eliminate program growth and funding restoration; eliminate/consolidate state programs and services; consider new revenue and modernize the state's tax structure; seek broad government reforms.

*Options for County Fiscal Relief.* This document builds on one that CSAC prepared at the request of the Legislative Analyst's office (LAO) last year. It includes options for county fiscal relief that the Legislature could enact to provide some additional resources to counties during difficult fiscal times.

*Significant County Impacts: Governor's Proposed 2010-11 Budget.* This document lists the most egregious budget proposals from a county perspective. It was developed in order to help CSAC focus advocacy efforts and to communicate the areas in which there is the greatest need for modification or alternative approaches.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the recommended alternative approaches to addressing the state budget deficit. Concerns were expressed about the "right-size state government" proposal, in that it may not be appropriate for CSAC to advocate reducing the state workforce. It was suggested that the proposals be more localized so that members can communicate them within their own counties. It was also suggested that pension reform be included as a topic in budget alternative discussions.

President Oliveira announced that he will convene a special meeting in February to continue the discussion on state budget strategy and alternatives.

6. APPOINTMENT OF CSAC TREASURER, NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND WIR REPRESENTATIVES

The Officers recommended the following 2010 CSAC appointments:

Treasurer – Susan Cash, Inyo County

NACo Board of Directors – Frank Bigelow, Madera County; Greg Cox, San Diego County; Keith Carson, Alameda County

NACo Western Interstate Region (WIR) – David Finigan, Del Norte County

Motion and second to accept officer recommendations for the positions of Treasurer, NACo Board of Directors and NACo WIR.  
Motion carried unanimously.

7. APPOINTMENT OF CSAC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS & VICE CHAIRS FOR 2010

The officers recommended the following list of CSAC policy committee chairs and vice chairs for 2010:

Administration of Justice – Federal Glover, Contra Costa, Chair and Merita Callaway, Calaveras, Vice-Chair

Agriculture & Natural Resources – John Vasquez, Solano, Chair and Richard Forster, Amador, Vice-Chair

Government Finance & Operations – Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo, Chair and John Moorlach, Orange, Vice-Chair

Health & Human Services – Liz Kniss, Santa Clara, Chair and Terry Woodrow, Alpine Vice-Chair

Housing, Land Use & Transportation – Paul Biane, San Bernardino, Chair and Efren Carrillo, Sonoma, Vice-Chair

Motion and second to approve the officer recommendations for 2010 CSAC policy committee chairs and vice-chairs. Motion carried unanimously.

8. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2010

Staff presented proposed CSAC 2010 State and Federal legislative priorities as contained in the briefing materials. The primary State priority is to “Protect County Programs, Services and Systems” which includes the following principles: protect the health and safety of all Californians; seek budget solutions that address the structural deficit; promote programs and services that stimulate the economy and protect jobs; and engage in long-term reform conversations.

Federal priorities include: new authorization of Surface Transportation Law (SAFETEA-LU); Health Care Reform; State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP); climate change/renewable energy; Native American affairs; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Reauthorization; Clean Water Act; and the extension of ARRA/support for Federal Jobs package. In addition, CSAC will provide internal monitoring on the following issues: fuels management; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); telecommunications reform; foster care reform; homeland security; Byrne Grant funding; immigration reform; Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund; and county payments/Secure Rural Schools Program.

It was requested that HR 211/S 211 be added to the internal monitoring section. This legislation will facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on health and human services, including volunteer services.

Motion and second to approve CSAC Legislative Priorities for 2010 as amended and recommend adoption by the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

9. JUNE 2010 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

***New Two-thirds Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers.*** This proposed initiative would enact a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds voter approval by any community prior to spending or borrowing money to set up, implement or expand local energy programs, or to create a Community Choice Aggregation program. The initiative is sponsored by Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

According to an analysis by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), if an authorized local government entity seeks to start up electricity service, it must receive approval by two-thirds of the voters in the area proposed to be served. Also, if an existing publicly-owned utility seeks to expand its electricity delivery service into new territory, it must again receive an approval of two-thirds of the voters in both the area currently served by the utility and the proposed area.

The CSAC Agriculture & Natural Resources policy committee considered the initiative and are recommending an "Oppose" position because it seeks to limit local government's ability to expand local energy programs.

Motion and second to accept the policy committee recommendation to "Oppose" proposed initiative. Motion carried unanimously.

This item will be presented to the CSAC Board of Directors in March for consideration.

10. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO CSCDA

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) is a joint powers authority sponsored by CSAC and the League of California Cities. There are currently four former and current county officials representing CSAC on the CSCDA board. Brent Wallace, one of the representatives, has submitted his resignation. It was recommended that Terry Schutten, retired Sacramento County Executive, be appointed to replace him.

Motion and second to appoint Terry Schutten to the CSCDA Board, replacing Brent Wallace. Motion carried unanimously.

11. COURT FACILITY TRANSFERS REPORT

Staff announced that the seven-year process to transfer court facility responsibility and/or ownership to the state has come to a successful conclusion. In 2002, the Trial Court Facilities Act provided a framework and procedures for transferring responsibility and, in some instances, title for trial court facilities from the counties to the state through negotiated transfer agreements. The measure represented the final step in centralizing with the state responsibility and authority for court operations, court employees and court-related facilities.

Supervisors Greg Cox and John Tavaglione were acknowledged for their efforts in bringing the process to a successful conclusion.

12. UPDATE ON PRISON OVERCROWDING LITIGATION

Staff provided an update on current federal litigation involving overcrowding in the state prison system. The Governor's 2010-11 proposed budget contains a measure amending sentencing laws to redirect inmates from state prison to local jails and lowering the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) age jurisdiction. This is

part of an effort to achieve an additional \$1.1 billion in program cuts. These proposed cuts are primarily motivated by two factors: 1) the state's \$6.6 billion current year budget deficit and a \$12.3 billion deficit in the 2010-11 budget year; and 2) the ongoing litigation in two cases (*Coleman* regarding medical issues and *Plata* regarding mental health services) currently before a federal three-judge panel on prison overcrowding. The panel continues to work toward reducing the state's prison population in an effort to address inadequacies in the state prison system's medical and mental health delivery systems. Due to an expected decision in mid-January by the U.S. Supreme Court on the state's appeal regarding the three-judge panel's authority and jurisdiction, CSAC thought it pertinent and timely to provide an update on the matter. Additional details were contained in the briefing materials.

13. REPORT ON NOVEMBER 2010 BALLOT INITIATIVES

President Oliveira appointed a Reform Task Force to assist staff in vetting issues associated with the various reform efforts, as well as any that may be forthcoming from the Legislature. The task force will be chaired by Kathy Long and Matt Rexroad will serve as vice-chair. Members include the following supervisors: John Benoit of Riverside, Bruce Gibson of San Luis Obispo, Ted Novelli of Amador, Mark Lovelace of Humboldt, Greg Cox of San Diego, Tom Tryon of Calaveras, and Tracey Quarne of Glenn. It was suggested that a Bay Area supervisor be asked to serve on the task force.

The task force will hold a meeting prior to the March 25 Board of Directors meeting.

Staff provided an update on the four major reform proposals sponsored by California Forward, Repair California, Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers & Vital Services, and CCS Partnership. A list of outstanding initiatives and deadlines for the November 2010 ballot were included in the briefing materials.

14. OTHER ITEMS

A mid-year budget report, CSAC Finance Corporation report, Corporate Associates report and Litigation Coordination program report were contained in the briefing materials, but no presentations were made.

Supervisor Cox announced that 2010 is the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. A year-long campaign to raise public awareness is underway. A coalition of organizations and individuals is being formed to achieve three key objectives. They are: 1) call on Congress to designate the second Sunday in August a national day of remembrance; 2) raise public awareness about the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 14, 2010 by encouraging communities to hold commemorative events marking the occasion; and 3) collect first-hand memories of those who experienced August 14, 1945. Supervisor Cox encouraged Executive Committee members to become involved in this effort.

Meeting adjourned.

