

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 18, 2005  
Cal Expo Fairgrounds, Sacramento

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*MINUTES*

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Presiding: Greg Cox, President

1. ROLL CALL

Greg Cox, President	Judy Case, Fresno
Connie Conway, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Gary Wyatt, Imperial
Frank Bigelow, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Valerie Brown, Sonoma
John Tavaglione, Riverside	Mike McGowan, Yolo, alternate
Richard Gordon, San Mateo	Tony Oliveira, Kings
James Beall, Santa Clara	
Kathy Long, Ventura	
Roger Dickinson, Sacramento, alternate	

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2005

The minutes of May 19, 2005 were approved as previously mailed.

3. CSAC INVESTMENT POLICY

Staff presented a proposed CSAC Investment Policy, as contained in the briefing materials, for approval.

Motion and second to adopt CSAC Investment Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CSAC MEMBER SURVEY

Staff presented a draft member survey for consideration. The survey was developed to assist CSAC in identifying priority of programs currently provided, the quality of service provided by CSAC in each of its programs, and any additional programs that CSAC could provide to be of service to counties. The goal will be to have initial results available for discussion at the Executive Committee retreat in September.

Staff was directed to send initial survey to CSAC Board of Directors and county administrative officers only. Following the Executive Committee retreat, it will be determined whether or not to send a survey to the remaining CSAC members.

5. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES REPORT

Supervisor Valerie Brown reported that the National Association of Counties (NACo) conference recently held in Hawaii was successful. Bill Hansell from Oregon was elected NACo President. She also reported that Supervisor Conway and Mike Graves joined her at the Texas Association of Counties meeting last week. In addition, Supervisor Brown recently testified at a hearing in Washington, D.C. regarding the impacts of methamphetamine use on counties.

6. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT

Members of the CSAC Finance Corporation will be meeting with the Executive Committee during their retreat in late September to discuss status of programs being offered by the Finance Corporation.

7. STATE BUDGET/LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Staff reported that the Federal Hospital Finance Waiver issue has been finalized. However, there remain some unresolved issues that must be resolved in legislation this year. They are: create a structure for public hospitals, clinics, and state to certify public expenditures (CPEs); transfer funds and create rules to effectuate Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) fund swap; create a structure for public hospitals to claim DSH 175% funds; create formulas and processes to hold hospitals harmless; create statutory protections to ensure that public hospitals, counties and the UC system cannot withdraw their contribution to the healthcare system and leave the General Fund at risk; and decide whether to expand Medi-Cal Managed Care to secure additional federal funds.

After a two-year delay, the Federal Reauthorization for distribution of the 18-cent federal gas tax was passed by Congress and signed by President Bush. Under the new Act referred to as SAFETEA LU, California will receive a 34% increase in revenues over TEA 21, the previous federal act. This is estimated to result in approximately \$5 billion more in revenues for California's transportation needs above those received in the six years of the previous act. CSAC and the League of California Cities are working with a statewide coalition of transportation stakeholders to ensure this money is put into projects and contributes to the state's economic revitalization.

CSAC has been meeting with state representatives to discuss alternatives for having the Property Tax Administration loan funds restored to counties.

The CSAC Government Finance and Operations policy committee will be meeting this afternoon to consider Proposition 76, the California Live Within Our Means Act. Staff reported that the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation committee voted yesterday to support the initiative.

Staff reported that the San Diego division of the League of California Cities is proposing a resolution for more equitable distribution of Proposition 172 funds. It is not clear at this point if it will become a statewide proposal or remain local.

CSAC has expressed concerns to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding proposed regulations for "On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems." The proposed regulations will have extremely adverse impacts on many counties and their residents.

A working group of county administrative officers is undertaking a study to look at funding strategies for retiree liabilities.

CSAC will be co-hosting an Indian Gaming forum on October 26 in Sacramento.

Meeting adjourned.