

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 8 – 9, 2009
Orange County, CA

MINUTES

Presiding: Gary Wyatt, President

1. ROLL CALL

Gary Wyatt, President
Tony Oliveira, 1st Vice Pres.
John Tavaglione, 2nd Vice Pres.
Richard Gordon, Immed. Past Pres.
Greg Cox, San Diego
Roger Dickinson, Sacramento
Federal Glover, Contra Costa
Liz Kniss, San Mateo
Paul Biane, San Bernardino (alternate)
Mike Nelson, Merced
Mike McGowan, Yolo (alternate)
Merita Callaway, Calaveras
Robert Williams, Tehama
Susan Cash, Inyo (alternate)

Ex-Officio Members

Valerie Brown, Sonoma
Joni Gray, Santa Barbara

Advisor

Steven Woodside, Sonoma
County Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 20, 2009 were approved as previously mailed.

3. STATE BUDGET STRATEGY & REFORM ISSUES

Staff presented a draft communications and legislative advocacy/strategy plan which was developed with the assistance of the CSAC Budget Task Force. Components of the proposed strategy include:

- Public education campaign
- Communications plan
- Social networking tools
- Enhancing CSAC Web site as a public education tool
- County supervisors as statewide advocates
- Theoretical "scorecard"
- Coalition-building
- Develop/facilitate collaboration among legislators who are former county supervisors
- State budget principles
- "Restore the Partnership California"
- Focus on Human Services Funding Deficit
- Developing a Realignment Proposal for better outcomes
- Preparing for changes in the California criminal justice system
- Supporting reforms that address the dysfunction of state government.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the “scorecard” component and how to best utilize it to obtain desired objectives. Supervisor Brown offered to chair an ad hoc committee to further refine the scorecard concept and bring recommendations back to the CSAC Board of Directors. Committee members will include: Supervisors Liz Kniss, Joni Gray, Susan Cash and Mike Reagan.

Staff will revise the proposed comprehensive strategy to present to the CSAC Board of Directors at the November 2009 meeting.

Staff outlined provisions of two potential ballot initiatives currently in circulation dealing with a Constitutional Convention. The measures have been filed by *Repair California*, a group backed by the Bay Area Council. The first measure would allow for a Convention to be called. It limits which parts of the Constitution the Convention can consider, prescribes how the Convention would be funded and run, and explains how delegates are selected.

The second measure actually calls the Convention. It designates the FPPC as the “Convention Commission” which funds the Convention, sets its rules and provides training to delegates. The results of the convention would be placed on a future ballot, possibly November 2012.

The Executive Committee discussed the selection of delegates in great detail. Supervisor Gordon and Steven Woodside were tasked with developing draft language that could be presented to the proponents of the measure as possible amendments to their measure.

California Forward is proposing two measures dealing with state government reform. The provisions were described in great detail during the August Executive Committee meeting.

The League of California Cities, along with some transportation groups, is continuing to move forward with a measure to protect local transportation revenues.

Staff was directed to: 1) attempt to negotiate with *Repair California* to include amendments to language pertaining to selection of delegates; 2) work with the State Budget Task Force to develop reform principles that would assist in determining which reform initiatives to support; and 3) invite representatives from *Repair California* and *California Forward* to make presentations during the CSAC annual conference and/or legislative conference.

The CCS Partnership Board of Directors will be meeting in October to consider the draft reform principles that were developed by the CCS Partnership Fiscal Reform Task Force. Those principles will also be brought to the CSAC Board of Directors in November for consideration.

4. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE & PRESIDENT'S AWARD NOMINEES

Staff presented a list of potential recipients for the CSAC Distinguished Service Award for consideration. The list included: Assembly Members Jim Beall, Wes Chesbro and Lois Wolk.

After much discussion it was determined that no Distinguished Service Award would be given this year. The Executive Committee recommended that President Wyatt choose Assembly Member Lois Wolk as the recipient of this year's President's Award.

5. CIRCLE OF SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES

Staff presented a list of potential recipients for the 2009 Circle of Service Award. The list included: Alpine County Supervisor Terry Woodrow, San Mateo Deputy County Manager Mary McMillan, CSAC Corporate Associates President Bob Fisher, Los Angeles County Deputy Public Works Director Pat DeChellis, the Contra Costa County Public Works Department, and the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department.

Motion and second to accept list of nominees as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2008-09

Staff presented the audited financial statements as prepared by John Waddell & Co., and noted that there were no substantial changes from the previous year. Rental income from the Ransohoff building continues to be good. The statements were reviewed by the CSAC Audit Committee prior to Executive Committee consideration.

Motion and second to accept audited financial statement for FY 2008-09. Motion carried unanimously.

7. QUARTERLY CSAC BUDGET REPORT

Staff distributed and outlined the 2009 first quarter budget report, as previously requested by the Executive Committee. It was noted that revenues and expenditures are tracking normally.

8. CSAC ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Paul McIntosh outlined the 2009 CSAC Achievement Report which included significant state legislative accomplishments in the areas of administration of justice, agriculture and natural resources, employee relations and human services, government finance and operations, health and human services, and housing, land use and transportation. The report also included significant federal legislative achievements in the areas of Medicaid, the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), and forest fuels management/fire preparedness. McIntosh noted that the CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government has been very successful during its first year of operation. He also indicated that some challenges remain for CSAC such as the continuing state structural funding deficit, high turnover rate among county

executives, and effectively dealing with the various local government fiscal reform ballot measures currently in circulation.

9. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Staff reported that the Legislature will reconvene next week to consider legislation that that was held up at the end of session. Two bills that CSAC has requested the Legislature act on are: SB 65, which contains various provisions related to state cash management, includes language that accelerates the repayment of June, July, August and September gas tax revenues to cities and counties; and SB 67, the much-needed clean-up to the Proposition 1A suspension and securitization provisions approved in the July budget agreement.

Supervisor McGowan presented a Tribal Affairs Advocacy Contract proposal. The proposal would provide outside counsel and legal expertise specific to Federal Indian Gaming issues related to changes that may occur with the recent United States Supreme Court decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*. This was pursuant to a recommendation from the County Counsel's Native American Affairs Committee.

Because of the Decision, the opportunity now exists to significantly affect changes to the fee to trust process that the Department of Interior has previously used. *Carcieri* has placed a hold on that process for tribes not recognized prior to 1934.

The cost of the contract with Washington, DC based Perkins Coie would be \$30,000. Supervisor McGowan urged CSAC to approve the contract, but acknowledged that further discussion was needed.

Staff was directed to meet with stakeholders to ensure the scope of the contract was not redundant with advocacy services already provided by Waterman & Associates before entering into a contract.

Supervisor Kniss, who chairs the NACo Subcommittee on Health Care Reform, reported on her recent trip to Washington, DC, to meet with Congressional members regarding health care reform legislation.

10. OTHER ITEMS

Supervisor Brown reported on her first few months as NACo president. She has traveled to state association meetings all over the country and had many unique experiences.

The Executive Committee adjourned to a closed session to conduct the Executive Director's performance evaluation.