

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 22, 2010
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento, CA

M I N U T E S

Presiding: John Tavaglione, First Vice President and Tony Oliveira, President

1. ROLL CALL

Tony Oliveira, President
John Tavaglione, 1st Vice Pres.
Mike McGowan, 2nd Vice Pres.
Gary Wyatt, Immed. Past Pres.
Greg Cox, San Diego (via audio)
Roger Dickinson, Sacramento
Liz Kniss, Santa Clara
Susan Adams, Marin (via audio)

Henry Perea, Fresno
Joni Gray, Santa Barbara (via audio)
Merita Callaway, Calaveras
Lyle Turpin, Mariposa, alternate

Ex-Officio Members
Susan Cash, Treasurer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 28 and February 18, 2010 were approved as previously mailed.

3. PROPOSED CSAC BUDGET FOR FY 2010-11

Supervisor Susan Cash, CSAC Treasurer, presented the proposed CSAC Budget for FY 2010-11. Revenues are expected to drop by 10% and expenditures are proposed to be reduced by 6%. The remaining loss of revenues will be covered with savings achieved by the elimination of two staff positions and consolidation of functions.

A discussion ensued and concerns were raised regarding the salaries/benefits line item which includes 2.5% for step increases effective January 1, 2011.

Motion and second to approve the CSAC Budget for 2010-11 with the funds appropriated for any step increase held in abeyance until the Executive Committee further discusses the issue at their annual retreat in October.
Motion carried unanimously.

The proposed budget will be brought to the full Board of Directors on June 3 for consideration and adoption.

4. PROPOSED LITIGATION COORDINATION PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2010-11

Jennifer Henning, Executive Director of the County Counsels' Association, presented the proposed Litigation Coordination Program Budget for FY 2010-11, as contained in the briefing materials. The budget includes a modest 2% fee increase in order to cover the costs association with operating the program such as employee benefits and rent.

This program is an important service offered to CSAC members which allows counties to save litigation costs by coordinating in multi-county cases, and by sharing information and resources.

Motion and second to approve the Litigation Program Budget as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.

5. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL AFFAIRS SERVICES CONTRACT

Waterman and Associates has been the federal advocate for CSAC since September 1996. Their current agreement expires on December 31, 2010. Staff recommended that the contract be extended for a period of four years due to the effectiveness that Waterman and Associates has demonstrated in helping secure approval off issues directly benefiting California counties. The contract extension would include a 5% annual increase.

Motion and second to approve extension of the federal advocacy contract with Waterman & Associates for four years with a 5% annual increase. Motion carried. Supervisor Dickinson abstained.

6. CSAC REFORM TASK FORCE UPDATE

The CSAC Reform Task Force, chaired by Supervisor Kathy Long, met on March 31 to discuss next steps regarding the various reform proposals currently being considered.

Staff outlined a draft memo, as contained in the briefing materials, which addresses the possible effects on counties of the League's initiative titled *Local Taxpayers, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010*. The intent is to share the memo with county supervisors prior to the policy discussion at the Board of Directors meeting in June. CSAC policy committees will be meeting prior to the Board meeting to discuss and make recommendations on this initiative.

A conference call has been scheduled for April 28 to discuss the League's initiative. Staff will provide an objective analysis of the measure and answer questions that may arise.

7. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT

Staff reported that the Finance Corporation met last week to adopt their budget. Revenues are down this year primarily in the areas of housing, non-profit financing and investment income. All 58 counties are now using the pooled purchasing programs and CalTrust has deposits of over \$1 billion.

8. LEGISLATIVE/STATE BUDGET REPORT

Staff announced that the Governor's May Revise is scheduled to be released on May 14.

Staff provided a report on California's Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver which will expire on August 31. This federal legislation provides the Secretary of Health and Human Services broad authority to authorize experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects likely to assist in promoting the objectives of the Medicaid statute. Stakeholder groups have been working to develop proposals for California's next waiver.

California Department of Health Care Services staff are working on a more detailed paper that will further flesh out the ideas under discussion in the stakeholder group meetings. A detailed proposal will be sent to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Fact sheets regarding the federal health reform plan are posted on the CSAC web site. Senate and Assembly hearings regarding child welfare service are taking place today.

SB 1399 (Leno) is currently being considered in the Legislature. This bill relates to release of terminally ill inmates onto supervised parole.

The Medical Marijuana Working Group met last week and directed staff to analyze the November ballot initiative related to legalizing marijuana and provide that analysis to the Board of Directors at the June Board meeting.

The Williamson Act Working Group is working on developing alternative funding solutions to the current subventions. The Governor has indicated that he may agree to restore the current subventions as long as alternative funding can be identified.

Some pension reform legislation is currently being considered in the Legislature. AB 1987 and SB 1425 address the “spiking” issue. SB 919 seeks to change the retirement formula for future state employees. The Little Hoover Commission is also looking at pension reform issues. President Oliveira testified at Commission’s first hearing this morning.

AB 155 – municipal bankruptcy legislation – passed committee and is now headed for Governor’s desk.

Federal Lands Into Trust legislation is moving forward and CSAC has been successful in obtaining some amendments. Wisconsin, Idaho and New York are part of a coalition with CSAC on this issue and will be sharing in the cost of a federal advocacy contract.

Counties will be reimbursed next week by the state for seven months worth of Highway Users Tax Authority (HUTA) funds.

9. OTHER ITEMS

Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 121 passed the Assembly this morning. This legislation recognizes April as National County Government month. Supervisors Valerie Brown and John Tavaglione were presented with a resolution.

Michael Blake, President Obama’s Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, addressed the Board regarding several issues the President is working on such as the Sustainable Communities Initiative, Health Reform and financial industry reform.

CSAC staff has made presentations at 34 Boards of Supervisors meeting within the last two months and will be visiting all 58 counties by the end of May.

Meeting adjourned.