

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 23, 2003
CSAC Conference Room, Sacramento

MINUTES

Presiding: Tim Smith, President

I. ROLL CALL

Tim Smith, President	Edith Johnsen, Monterey
Paul Stein, 1 st Vice President	Barbara Kondylis, Solano
Greg Cox, 2 nd Vice President	Harriet White, Placer
Muriel Johnson, Immed. Past President	Connie Conway, Tulare
Jim Beall, Santa Clara	Frank Bigelow, Madera
Keith Carson, Alameda	Jim Chapman, Lassen
Kathy Long, Ventura	Joan Smith, Siskiyou, alternate
John Tavaglione, Riverside	Larry Spikes, CAO advisor
Gayle Uilkema, Contra Costa	
Jim Silva, Orange, alternate	

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 26-27, 2002 were approved as previously mailed.

III. WELCOME TO NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President Smith welcomed Supervisor Connie Conway of Tulare County and Kings County Administrative Officer Larry Spikes as new members of the Executive Committee. Solano County Supervisor Barbara Kondylis was welcomed as a returning member.

IV. REPORT ON PUBLIC SERVICE SKILLS (PSS)

Clark Goecker, Executive Director of Public Service Skills, Inc., outlined the services offered by PSS to local governments. PSS is a non-profit organization, sponsored by CSAC and the League of California Cities, that matches skilled veterans of public agencies with short-term and temporary jobs in communities throughout California. Since 1981, PSS has assisted public agencies in providing specialized assistance in the case of temporary vacancies, unanticipated needs and special projects.

Steve Szalay reported that a "Committee to Explore the Future of PSS" has been formed and will be meeting in February to discuss the direction and future focus of the organization.

V. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S BUDGET FOR 2002-03

Steve Peace, State Department of Finance Director, discussed the Administration's strategy for dealing with the 2003-04 State budget deficit. He emphasized the need to develop long-term solutions and restructure the fiscal relationship between the state and local governments.

Betty Yee, Chief Deputy Director of Department of Finance, announced that the Governor is committed to long-term structural reform. General Fund revenues from major tax sources are expected to fall \$65.8 billion in 2003-04, far below original projections. In addition the stock market has lost a considerable amount of ground since mid-year. This delay in the economic recovery has resulted in a current year budget shortfall of \$34.6 billion. The Governor has proposed \$12.8 billion in budget cuts in this fiscal year.

VI. ELECTION OF CSAC TREASURER FOR 2003

President Smith recommended Supervisor John Tavaglione to serve as CSAC Treasurer for 2003.

Motion and second to elect Supervisor Tavaglione as CSAC Treasurer for 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. APPOINTMENT TO NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2003

The CSAC officers recommended Supervisor John Tavaglione to serve as one of CSAC's two representative on the NACo Board of Directors for the 2003 term. He would replace Supervisor Bill Dennison whose term ended December 2002.

Motion and second to elect Supervisor John Tavaglione to the NACo Board of Directors for 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Gary Freeman was elected in September 2002 to serve on the NACo Board of Directors.

VIII. APPOINTMENT TO NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION

The CSAC officers recommended that Supervisor Bill Dennison be reappointed to serve as CSAC's representative on the NACo Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors.

Motion and second to reappoint Supervisor Bill Dennison as CSAC's representative on the WIR Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. APPOINTMENT OF CSAC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

The following list of 2003 CSAC policy committee chairs and vice chairs was unanimously approved:

Administration of Justice

Dave Solaro, El Dorado, Chair

John Silva, Solano, Vice Chair

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Joan Smith, Siskiyou, Chair

Curt Josiassen, Butte, Vice Chair

Government Finance & Operations

Kathy Long, Ventura, Chair

Connie Conway, Tulare, Vice Chair

Health & Human Services

Roger Dickinson, Sacramento, Chair

Julie Bear, Inyo, Vice Chair

Housing, Land Use and Transportation

Harriet White, Placer, Chair

Frank Bigelow, Madera, Vice Chair

Economic Development

Barbara Patrick, Kern, Chair

Keith Carson, Alameda, Vice Chair

X. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2003

Steve Keil presented the proposed state legislative priorities as outlined in the briefing materials. He noted that because of the extraordinary budget challenges in 2003, CSAC's primary priority is the 2003-04 state budget.

Staff was directed to develop a list of state budget priorities to include in the list of legislative priorities.

Karen Keene presented the federal legislative priorities as outlined in the briefing materials. She noted that the CSAC contract with Waterman and Associates, CSAC's federal lobbyists, allows for lobbying on a maximum of four issues and monitoring/reporting on four issues. This year CSAC will internally monitor seven federal issues.

Motion and second to approve state and federal priorities for 2003 and recommend adoption by the CSAC Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. LOCAL COALITION UPDATE

Pat Leary reported that the LOCAL Coalition has developed press releases in response to the proposed state budget. Also, all LOCAL partners have been invited to participate in the legislative visits during CSAC's legislative conference

in March. CSAC analysts will be contacting Executive Committee members to coordinate meetings with legislators in district offices.

XII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REPORT

CSAC officers and county caucus lobbyists have been meeting with League of Cities and California Special Districts Association representatives to discuss reform issues. Further meetings are scheduled in order to investigate various reform components and staff will report progress at the next CSAC Board of Directors meeting.

XIII. NACo REFORM STATUS REPORT

Steve Szalay reported that a national coalition of state associations whose counties provide healthcare services and funding for indigent persons has been formed. So far, 13 states have signed on to participate and their first meeting will be held during the NACo legislative conference in Washington, D.C.

Supervisor Freeman reported on the NACo Board of Directors meeting recently held in Dallas, Texas.

XIV. PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

Corporate Associates. Mike Graves, Director of CSAC Corporate Associates, announced that the program now has 110 paid members. He will be contacting Executive Committee members to assist in his recruiting efforts to reach the goal of 140 members by the end of this year.

California Institute for County Government (CICG). Matt Newman, Institute Director, distributed an economic forecast of the Sacramento region recently published by CICG. He also announced that the 2003 County Factbook is currently in production. The factbook data will be available on the CICG website. In an effort to generate additional revenue, CICG is pursuing research contracts with individual counties.

CCS Partnership. David Wheaton, CCS Director, distributed an information sheet on the purpose and goals of the Partnership. He announced that CCS Partnership held a meeting during CSAC's annual conference on integration of children's services. Also, the Partnership will be hosting a workshop in San Diego on February 6 on the topic of after-school programs.

XV. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION PROGRAMS UPDATE

The U.S. Communities and California Communities annual reports were included with the Executive Committee briefing materials. Steve Szalay announced that the CalTrust program is now in the implementation stages. This program was established to enable counties to pool assets for investment purposes.

Meeting adjourned.