

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

OFFICERS

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Bruce Goldstein	<i>County Counsels Association - Sonoma County</i>
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SUPERVISORS

Luis Alejo	<i>Monterey County</i>
Keith Carson	<i>Alameda County</i>
Bob Elliott	<i>San Joaquin County</i>
Carole Groom	<i>San Mateo County</i>
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Kelly Long	<i>Ventura County (remote)</i>
Buddy Mendes	<i>Fresno County (remote)</i>
Leonard Moty	<i>Shasta County</i>
Craig Pedersen	<i>Kings County</i>
Ed Scofield	<i>Treasurer, Nevada County</i>
Ed Valenzuela	<i>Siskiyou County</i>
Chuck Washington	<i>Riverside County</i>
Terry Woodrow	<i>Alpine County</i>

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 4, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes from April 4 made by Supervisor Pedersen; second by Supervisor Woodrow. Motion carried unanimously.

3. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATE

Ana Matosantos, Cabinet Secretary from Governor Gavin Newsom's office, addressed the Executive Committee with an update from the Governor's office. The interconnected relationship between counties, CSAC and the administration is one of the utmost importance, and the rapport built between the three parties allows for an open dialogue that creates progress for the issues that are in front of the administration and on the county government level. It is critical that the line of communication remains open. The administration appreciates the conversation around homelessness and the willingness for counties to work with them to agree on a deal. The Emergency Preparedness Summit was a huge success and the administration is grateful for the comradery and hard work that went into such a vital and informative session that has the potential to be an annual event. The Governor's office is grateful for the relationships that have built so far and look forward to continuing a strong partnership between the state and county levels.

4. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS / ADVOCACY

Brandon Castillo, partner at Bicker, Castillo & Fairbanks (BCF), addressed the Executive Committee on strategic communications with regards to CSAC's involvement at the state level. CSAC has partnered with BCF to change course and create understanding at the State Legislature. The partnership is looking directly at specific key legislatures on how to move things forward, particularly around homelessness and behavioral health. Recent polling has shown that public responsiveness to homelessness and behavioral health has skyrocketed, providing an opportunity for CSAC to lead. The partnership will proceed with a proactive program, repositioning CSAC to remind legislators and the new administration exactly what counties do and positioning the association as a leader in advocacy on the homeless issue. A campaign will be developed around principles that we can support, defining a proactive policy platform to take the lead, build broad coalitions, position counties as leaders and define the policy agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR MILES MENETREY (MARIPOSA COUNTY) APPOINTMENT TO THE CSAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mariposa County has selected Supervisor Miles Menetrey to replace Supervisor Marshall Long as the delegate on the CSAC Board of Directors. Each year, counties nominate a member of their Board of Supervisors to serve on the CSAC Board of Directors, which the Executive Committee approves.

A motion to approve the nomination of Supervisor Menetrey to the CSAC Board of Directors made by Supervisor Moty; Second by Supervisor Valenzuela. Motion carried unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF POLICY PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL

Staff addressed the Executive Committee with a recommendation to approve policy priorities for reauthorization of the federal surface transportation bill, which expires in September 2020. CSAC is focused on a federal transportation funding fix to create stability for the bill. California has joined with cities and counties across the country to increase infrastructure funding. There has not been a change to highway funding since 1993. CSAC is prioritizing the pursuit of funding bridge and safety projects, but the revenue shortfall of the Highway Trust fund needs to be addressed first. The transportation needs in California can only happen with a long-term funding fix for the federal Highway Trust Fund. The priorities addressed for recommendation are to restore the Highway Bridge Program, ensure eligibility for emergency relief projects, and focus on safety. The Housing, Land Use and Transportation policy committee recommends an approval of the priorities by the Executive Committee. If approved, the priorities will be presented to the CSAC Board of Directors in September.

A motion to approve the policy priorities as presented by staff made by Supervisor Groom; second by Supervisor Alejo. Motion carried unanimously.

7. CSAC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CSAC Legislative staff presented on the priority issues of focus.

AB 1054

A top CSAC priority has been resiliency efforts and disaster assistance while holding off inverse condemnation. This bill that passed out of the Legislature picked up where SB 901 left off and is

the second installment of a measure targeted at utility liability issues. AB 1054 takes steps of enforcing safety standards on utilities and assessing how and when costs from utility-caused wildfires can be passed off to rate payers. CSAC was a key supporter of the measure and worked with the coalition to ensure the protection of victim's rights. AB 1054 protects victims, leaving inverse condemnation in place, and creates new and enhanced safety oversight of utilities. PG&E is required to pay off claims from 2017-18 in order to join the fund, which can only be accessed by IOUs and will be reimbursed by utilities if they acted with negligence. This comprehensive bill takes the necessary steps to stabilize the environment as we go into another wildfire season.

Waivers

Counties partner with the state to administer Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program, which provides health care coverage to low-income residents. Counties depend on the state to request federal waivers to continue financing county safety net health services. Two of the state's main Medicaid waivers, section 1115 Medicaid 2020 Waiver and the 1915b Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Waiver will expire in 2020. CSAC is urging counties to prepare by identifying and developing priorities for new waivers. Preserving the federal financial participation is critical for county public hospitals. The federal government has indicated that they do not want California to have a waiver and that funding has to be cost neutral to the federal government. Governor Newsom has created a Homeless Action Committee Task Force and CSAC is taking a number of immediate steps to advocate for counties on waivers in 2019 and 2020 to provide cohesiveness between counties for the Governor's task force and broader geographic caucus.

8. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION UPDATE

Supervisor Leonard Moty, President of the CSAC Finance Corporation, provided an update to the Executive Committee Meeting. The corporation will have its fall meeting in September in Orange County. The Smart Easy Pay program has been rolled out in San Luis Obispo County and is gearing up to move over to Yolo County as well. The Corporation is looking at outside sources, particularly NACo, for capital investment in order to expand state-wide and, eventually, nationally. The Finance Corporation is looking to appoint additional members to the Board of Directors, and will maintain the largest ownership of Smart Easy Pay.

The executive committee was provided with a comprehensive list of CSAC FC partner programs in the briefing materials packet.

9. CSAC OPERATIONS AND MEMBER SERVICES / CALIFORNIA COUNTIES FOUNDATION UPDATE

Staff provided an update on the CSAC operations and member services team. The Regional Meeting on Economic Opportunities in the Central Valley was held in Fresno on June 27th and brought in more than 70 county representatives, corporate partners and issue experts. Following the success, CSAC is planning a fall regional meeting focusing on resiliency to be held in Sonoma County in October. Staff is working hard on the Annual Meeting, for which planning and logistics is well under way. CSAC is working with RCRC and Mariposa County to host the NACo WIR Conference in 2020. Challenge Awards season is in full gear, with more than 280 entries received. Judges will decide the winning projects in September. CSAC continues to use multiple media outlets to promote the hard work staff

is doing to support counties, including a press conference with wildfire survivors to spotlight CSAC's support for AB 1054. The California Counties Foundation remains strong and continues to grow, with the Institute moving their county campuses through California's counties. CSAC Support Hub has been integral in supporting counties through the various steps of the Results First process and is now integrated in Solano and Nevada counties.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS WITHOUT PRESENTATION

The Executive Committee packet of briefing materials contained information on items that were not presented, such as the CSAC Litigation Coordination report and the 2019 Calendar of Events.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee Meeting will take place on October 3 in Santa Cruz County.