

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

January 5, 2012  
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento

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MINUTES

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Presiding: Mike McGowan, President

1. ROLL CALL

Alameda	Keith Carson	Placer	absent
Alpine	Terry Woodrow	Plumas	Jon Kennedy
Amador	Louis Boitano	Riverside	John Tavaglione
Butte	Maureen Kirk	Sacramento	Susan Peters
Calaveras	Merita Callaway	San Benito	absent
Colusa	Kim Dolbow Vann	San Bernardino	Gary Ovitt
Contra Costa	Gioia/Glover	San Diego	absent
Del Norte	Finigan/Sullivan	San Francisco	Eric Mar
El Dorado	Norma Santiago (audio)	San Joaquin	Larry Ruhstaller
Fresno	Henry Perea	San Luis Obispo	Bruce Gibson
Glenn	John Viegas	San Mateo	Carole Groom (audio)
Humboldt	Mark Lovelace	Santa Barbara	Joni Gray
Imperial	Gary Wyatt	Santa Clara	Liz Kniss (audio)
Inyo	Susan Cash	Santa Cruz	absent
Kern	Jon McQuiston	Shasta	Leonard Moty
Kings	Doug Verboon	Sierra	Lee Adams
Lake	absent	Siskiyou	absent
Lassen	absent	Solano	Mike Reagan
Los Angeles	Don Knabe (audio)	Sonoma	Valerie Brown (audio)
Madera	Frank Bigelow (audio)	Stanislaus	Vito Chiesa
Marin	Susan Adams	Sutter	Larry Munger
Mariposa	Lee Stetson	Tehama	Robert Williams
Mendocino	Carre Brown	Trinity	Judy Pflueger
Merced	Hubert Walsh (audio)	Tulare	Steve Worthley
Modoc	absent	Tuolumne	Richard Pland (audio)
Mono	Duane Hazard	Ventura	Kathy Long
Monterey	Fernando Armenta	Yolo	McGowan/Provenza
Napa	Brad Wagenknecht	Yuba	Roger Abe
Nevada	Ted Owens	Advisors:	Charles McKee & Matthew Hymel
Orange	John Moorlach		

The presence of a quorum was noted.

## 2. CONSIDERATION OF PREFERRED DIRECTION REGARDING REALIGNMENT MEASURES

Consultants presented results from a recent poll on CSAC's initiative title and summary and the Governor's measure. Highlights were:

- The state budget, the economy and cuts to schools are voters' biggest concerns.
- Three-in-five voters support a plain language version of the Governor's measure.
- There is a good deal of support for key aspects of CSAC's measure, in particular the official title is well-received by voters.
- Provisions related to school funding and amending the state constitution are the weakest components of CSAC's measure.

Staff indicated that there is 70% overall support for the concept of CSAC's measure, but an opposition campaign from education interests could have a significant negative impact on the measure and would then become very costly for CSAC. The Governor's measure also polls favorably, but not as strong as CSAC's concept. While the Governor's initiative does include increased taxes, polling indicates that they are ones that voters currently seem willing to support. Title and summary has not yet been received on the Governor's measure. It was also noted that the Governor has the capacity to raise significantly more money for a campaign.

Governor Brown addressed the Board of Directors regarding his November ballot measure. He stressed his willingness to work together with counties and pledged to protect realignment funding and fight for constitutional protections even if his measure fails in November. The Governor noted that he has support from business and labor and has raised more than \$1 million for his measure in the first week.

President McGowan announced that he and the other CSAC Officers met with the Governor yesterday and, based on that meeting as well as previous discussions with the Governor, were recommending that the Board of Directors take action to suspend activity on CSAC's initiative and support the Governor's initiative. He noted that when CSAC originally proposed an initiative, the Governor did not have a proposal on the table. Now that CSAC has another option, the Officers feel we should not go it alone and, instead, join with the Governor. In addition, McGowan indicated that joining with the Governor could strengthen our position to work with him on other current and future issues.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether to move forward with the CSAC initiative or shift support to the Governor's initiative. Concerns were expressed about the tax increases contained in the Governor's initiative.

Motion and second to support Officer recommendation to suspend activity on CSAC initiative and support the Governor's initiative. Motion failed.

It was suggested that the Board of Directors delay action on the Governor's initiative until additional information, including title and summary, is received.

Motion and second to reaffirm CSAC's goal of securing constitutional protections for counties in 2012, suspend pursuit of CSAC's ballot measure and bring back the Governor's initiative for consideration at a future meeting. Motion carried (44 in favor).

The Board of Directors will reconvene on February 23 to take action on the Governor's initiative.

Meeting adjourned.