

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, March 29, 2007  
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento

M I N U T E S

Presiding: Frank Bigelow, President

1. ROLL CALL

Alameda	Keith Carson	Orange	absent
Alpine	Terry Woodrow	Placer	Jim Holmes
Amador	Louis Boitano	Plumas	William Powers
Butte	absent	Riverside	absent
Calaveras	Merita Callaway	Sacramento	Roger Dickinson
Colusa	absent	San Benito	Reb Monaco
Contra Costa	Federal Glover	San Bernardino	absent
Del Norte	absent	San Diego	Greg Cox
El Dorado	James Sweeney	San Francisco	absent
Fresno	Henry Perea	San Joaquin	absent
Glenn	Tom McGowan	San Luis Obispo	Harry Ovitt
Humboldt	Roger Rodoni	San Mateo	Richard Gordon
Imperial	Gary Wyatt	Santa Barbara	Joni Gray
Inyo	Susan Cash	Santa Clara	Liz Kniss
Kern	absent	Santa Cruz	Mark Stone
Kings	Alene Taylor	Shasta	Glenn Hawes
Lake	absent	Sierra	absent
Lassen	Robert Pyle	Siskiyou	LaVada Erickson
Los Angeles	absent	Solano	Barbara Kondylis
Madera	Bigelow/Moss	Sonoma	Valerie Brown
Marin	Susan Adams	Stanislaus	absent
Mariposa	Dianne Fritz	Sutter	absent
Mendocino	Michael Delbar	Tehama	Bob Williams
Merced	Mike Nelson	Trinity	Jeff Morris
Modoc	absent	Tulare	Conway/Ishida
Mono	Vikki Magee-Bauer	Tuolumne	Richard Pland
Monterey	Fernando Armenta	Ventura	Kathy Long
Napa	Brad Wagenknecht	Yolo	Mike McGowan
Nevada	Ted Owens	Yuba	absent



The presence of a quorum was noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 22, 2007 were approved as previously mailed.

3. PROPOSED CSAC BUDGET FOR FY 2008

Steve Keil presented the proposed CSAC Budget for FY 2008 as contained in the briefing materials. Some highlights/issues include:

- salaries are below budget due to some unfilled staff positions;
- revenues from Finance Corporation are at an all-time high (\$2.285 million);
- Corporate Associates revenues are down, but aggressive efforts are planned to elevate membership and sponsorships;
- meetings and magazine budgets took a loss, but magazine is slated for redesign and upgrades;
- \$50,000 for Legislative Counsel pilot project;
- Ransohoff building loan pay down of \$500,000.

Motion and second to adopt the CSAC Budget for FY 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PROPOSED LITIGATION COORDINATION PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2007-08

Jennifer Henning, Executive Director of the County Counsels' Association, presented the CSAC Litigation Coordination program budget for 2007-08 as contained in the briefing materials. The budget includes a reduction in certain office-related expenses such as communications and publications, and an increase in retirement, employee group insurance and salaries to better reflect the actual costs of the program.

Motion and second to approve Litigation Coordination program budget for FY 2007-08. Motion carried unanimously.

5. GRANT TO CAOAC FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Directors was asked to approve a grant from the CSAC Finance Corporation to the County Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC) in the amount of \$15,000 to help fund professional development training programs. The CAOAC conducted a training program during CSAC's annual conference in November and a second one as part of the CSAC legislative conference.

Motion and second to approve the CSAC Finance Corporation grant to CAOAC in the amount of \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously.

6. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COMMISSIONER TO CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CSCDA)

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) is a JPA established by CSAC and the League of California Cities in 1987 to promote economic development through the provision of financial services to local governments. It is the entity through which the Finance Corporation conducts all pooled financings as well as serving as a conduit issuer of nonprofit and multi-family bonds.

Jim Keene served as a CSCDA commissioner in his capacity as Executive Director of CSAC. Until CSAC is able to appoint a new executive director, staff recommended that Jean Hurst, CSAC Legislative Representative for revenue and taxation issues, be appointed to fill this vacancy.



Motion and second to appoint Jean Hurst as interim commissioner to CSCDA. Motion carried unanimously.

7. CSAC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Housing, Land Use & Transportation.** Supervisor Mike McGowan, chair of the CSAC Housing, Land Use & Transportation policy committee, presented the committee's report from the meeting held on March 28. The policy committee considered a request from Ventura County to support legislation to protect mobile home park residents from losing their local rent control protection due to owners subdividing parks – SB 900 and AB 1542 – and recommended that the Board of Directors support the legislation. Copies of the Ventura County resolution and bill language were distributed to the Board.

Motion and second to approve the policy committee recommendation to support SB 900 and AB 1542. Motion carried unanimously.

**Health & Human Services.** Staff presented recommendations regarding State-Level Universal Health Care Reform. The draft position paper was included in the briefing materials. The document was amended by the policy committee and distributed to the Board. The position paper was developed by the CSAC Health Reform Task Force to be used in discussions with the Legislature and Administration regarding health care reform.

Motion to adopt the recommendations regarding State-Level Universal Health Care Reform as presented.

Substitute Motion to strike the word "strongly" in first sentence of the recommendations regarding State-Level Universal Health Care Reform and adopt as amended. Motion carried (22 to 18).

**Government Finance & Operations.** Supervisor Kathy Long, Chair of the Government Finance & Operations policy committee, presented the committee report from their March 29 meeting. The policy committee considered draft Emergency Management County Policy Guidelines and brought forth a recommendation that the Board of Directors adopt the guidelines. The draft guidelines were contained in the briefing materials. Amendments were made by the policy committee and distributed to the Board (attached). The guidelines were developed by a working group of experts in an effort to coordinate strategies among county and state agencies and promote education and training. The guidelines will enable CSAC staff to respond to legislative and administrative proposals regarding a wide range of emergency management issues.

Motion and second to adopt the CSAC Emergency Management Policy Guidelines as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CSAC staff has been participating in discussions with a broad range of stakeholders to develop an eminent domain reform measure to present to voters in 2008. The concept being developed by the coalition includes constitutional restrictions that prohibit owner-occupied residences from being taken by eminent domain for transfer to a private entity. The coalition has filed a ballot initiative with the Attorney General's office as an "insurance policy", offering a meaningful alternative to other measures that have already been filed or could be filed with the Attorney General. This is not the preferred approach and the coalition's immediate focus is securing the passage of a legislative solution.



Staff announced that the Secretary of State would be conducting a review of electronic voting equipment. CSAC is currently opposed to this. Additional details are available on CSAC's web site.

**Economic Development.** Supervisor Liz Kniss, Chair of the Economic Development policy committee, presented the report from their March 29 meeting. The committee heard presentations from three speakers on economic development legislation, military affairs and the state's efforts to quantify all economic development programs.

**Agriculture & Natural Resources.** Supervisor Jeff Morris, Chair of the Agriculture & Natural Resources policy committee, presented the report from their March 28 meeting. The committee heard a presentation from A. G. Kawamura, California Secretary of Food & Agriculture, regarding elements of the federal Farm Bill such as energy, nutrition, international trade and food safety. The committee also discussed global warming, the Trinity County Community Forest Stewardship, U.S. Forest Service fire protection, AB 576 (Allensworth State Park/Dairy dispute), and received a report from the CSAC Flood Protection Working Group.

**Administration of Justice.** The Administration of Justice policy committee met on March 28 to discuss several issues such as: implementation of new booking fee legislation; a new Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation policy regarding parolees with mental health issues; a report from the March 19 statewide summit on the placement of sex offenders; a NACo advocacy effort regarding medical benefits for detainees; and an update on several legislative issues.

In addition, the policy committee discussed the Governor's Corrections Reform proposal and considered corrections reform principles to further guide advocacy efforts on elements related to adult and juvenile components as follows:

- State formal opposition to the Governor's proposed realignment of adult offenders to county custody and control;
- Seek amendments, as appropriate based on the expected reformulation of the Governor's adult reform proposal, to address counties' key areas of concern: funding mechanism, staffing/security, service delivery/capacity, match requirement, additional incentives, siting issues, feasibility of timing, practical application, and other general process questions;
- Further evaluate county interest in and viability of juvenile realignment proposal and determine best means for coordinating county strategies and approach with CPOC to ensure the operational and fiscal feasibility of the realignment model from the broad county perspective; and
- Direct staff to work with representative boards of supervisor members and county administrative officers to ensure questions of fiscal and operational feasibility are addressed.

Motion and second to approve policy committee recommendation as outlined in above bullet points. Motion carried unanimously.

8. EMERGING ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE LAND USE PROCESS

Judy Corbett, Executive Director of the Local Government Commission, discussed the need to bring county health directors and county planning departments together to create better plans for healthy communities. She distributed copies of two relevant documents: *"The Awhanee Principles"* which were developed to provide a blueprint for elected officials to create compact,



mixed-use, walkable, transit-oriented developments in their communities; and *"Improving Access to Healthy Foods,"* a guide for policymakers to assist them in adopting policies that help communities improve access to affordable, healthy foods.

9. INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ILG) UPDATE

JoAnne Speers, Director of ILG, reported that the "Land Use 101" workshop, organized by ILG and the County Administrative Officers Association, was a success. This session was held in conjunction with the CSAC legislative conference and provided participants with information on land use planning framework, laws relating to land use decision-making, intergovernmental relations, and elements of good decision-making.

ILG has received grants to produce *"A Local Official's Guide to Developing Effective Youth Commissions"* which includes online web dialogues that will allow youth commissioners from around the state to discuss matters of interest and relevance to these commissions.

10. CSAC CORPORATE ASSOCIATES REPORT

Staff distributed a recently created recruitment portfolio, which contains information on the various levels of corporate membership available as well as program benefits.

11. OTHER ITEMS

Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley, candidate for NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, discussed his qualifications for the position. He is currently a member of the NACo Board of Directors, Large Urban County Caucus, Transportation Steering Committee and Finance Committee. The election will take place during NACo's annual conference in Richmond, Virginia, July 13 – 17.

Twenty-eight applications have been received for the CSAC Executive Director position. The Executive Committee will interview candidates in early May.

Meeting adjourned.