CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, December 3, 2015
Marriott Hotel, Monterey, CA

M I N U T E S

Presiding: Vito Chiesa, President

1. ROLL CALL

Alameda        Keith Carson        Placer        absent
Alpine         Terry Woodrow        Plumas        Lori Simpson
Amador         Forster/Boitano      Riverside      absent
Butte          Bill Connelly       Sacramento     Susan Peters
Calaveras      Michael Oliveira    San Benito     Margie Barrios (audio)
Colusa         absent              San Bernardino absent
Contra Costa    John Gilia         San Diego      Roberts/Cox
Del Norte       David Fingan       San Francisco vacant
El Dorado       Ron Milukac        San Joaquin    Bob Elliott
Fresno          Henry Perea        San Luis Obispo Bruce Gibson
Glenn           John Viegas        San Mateo     Carole Groom
Humboldt       Virginia Bass       Santa Barbara  Doreen Farr
Imperial       Jack Terrazas      Santa Clara    Ken Yeager
Inyo           Jeff Griffith       Santa Cruz     Bruce McPherson
Kern           Leticia Perez       Shasta        Leonard Moty
Kings          Doug Verboon       Sierra        Lee Adams
Lake           absent              Siskiyou      Ed Valenzuela
Lassen         Jim Chapman         Solano        Linda Seifert
Los Angeles     absent             Sonoma        Efren Carrillo
Madera         Tom Wheeler        Stanislaus    Vito Chiesa
Marin          Damon Connolly      Sutter        Larry Munger
Mariposa       John Carrier        Tehama        Robert Williams
Mendocino      Carre Brown        Trinity       Judy Morris
Merced         Hubert "Hub" Walsh  Tulare        Steve Worthley
Modoc          Geri Byrne          Tuolumne      Sheri Brennan
Mono           Larry Johnston      Ventura       Kathy Long
Monterey       Fernando Armenta    Yolo          Jim Provenza
Napa           Diane Dillon        Yuba          Roger Abe
Nevada         Ed Scofield
Orange         Lisa Bartlett

Advisors: Rick Haffey and Charles McKee
The presence of a quorum was noted.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
The minutes of September 3, 2015 were approved as previously mailed.

3. **CSAC CORPORATE PARTNERS REPORT**  
Josh Miller of Aetna addressed the Board of Directors and indicated they will be offering assistance to the victims of the San Bernardino County shooting. Briefing materials included a description of the health care benefits Aetna provides to local governments.

4. **CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT**  
Supervisor Linda Seifert, President of the CSAC Finance Corporation, discussed programs that are currently being offered and encouraged Board members to participate in these programs. Program details were contained in the briefing materials. She also thanked CSAC for the Circle of Service award the Finance Corporation received for the work it has been doing on organization efficiency. Alan Fernandes was introduced as the new Executive Vice President of the Finance Corporation.

5. **ELECTION OF 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
The Urban, Suburban and Rural caucuses submitted the following Executive Committee nominees for approval by the Board of Directors:

   **Urban Section**  
   Keith Carson, Alameda  
   John Gioia, Contra Costa  
   Carole Groom, San Mateo  
   Don Knabe, Los Angeles  
   Kathy Long, Ventura  
   Ken Yeager, Santa Clara  
   Greg Cox, San Diego (alternate)

   **Rural Section**  
   David Finigan, Del Norte  
   Ed Valenzuela, Siskiyou  
   Virginia Bass, Humboldt (alternate)

   **Suburban Section**  
   Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo  
   Leonard Moty, Shasta  
   Linda Seifert, Solano  
   Hubert "Hub" Walsh, Merced (alternate)

   Motion and second to approve Executive Committee nominees. Motion carried unanimously.

   In addition, Pat Blacklock, CAOAC President, and Charles McKee, County Counsel Association Past President, will serve as advisors.

6. **CSAC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS**  

   **Administration of Justice.** Supervisor John Viegas, Chair of the CSAC Administration of Justice policy committee, presented a report on the meeting held this morning. The committee received reports on Proposition 47; The Pew-MacArthur Results First initiative; DMV inmate identification implementation; and 2016 legislative priorities. No items were brought forward for consideration by the Board of Directors.

   **Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources.** Supervisor Diane Dillon, Chair of the CSAC Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources policy committee, presented a report on the meeting held earlier in the week. The committee received reports on Water Rights 101; wildfire prevention and recovery; increasing California's renewable portfolio standard; pharmaceutical ordinance for drug take-back programs; and 2016 legislative priorities. No items were brought forward for consideration by the Board of Directors. The briefing materials contained an update on the Stormwater/Water Conservation initiative.
Government Finance & Operations. Supervisor Henry Perea, Chair of the CSAC Government Finance & Operations policy committee, presented a report on the meeting held this morning. The committee received reports on the state budget, Affordable Care Act excise tax; GASB 68 and GASB 77; 2016 legislative priorities, and took action to co-sponsor AB 1238 related to electronic applications for certified copies of certain types of vital records, and AB 1546 authorizing secure alternatives to Intaglio print for vital records. No items were brought forward for consideration by the Board of Directors.

Health & Human Services. Supervisor Ken Yeager, Chair of the CSAC Health & Human Services policy committee, presented a report from the meeting held earlier this week. The committee received reports on Medi-Cal 2020 waiver; behavioral health priorities; Poverty Working Group; and 2016 legislative priorities. No items were brought forward for consideration by the Board of Directors.

Housing, Land Use & Transportation. CSAC staff presented a report from the meeting held earlier in the week. The committee received reports on the state and federal transportation reauthorization; Indian Gaming Working Group; land use and housing policy; and 2016 legislative priorities.

The policy committee recommended the Board of Directors take action to support the amendments to S. 1879 (Barrero) Federal Fee-to-Trust Reform legislation. This bill is consistent with several of CSAC's key policies for reforming the fee-to-trust process. A number of changes suggested by CSAC are now included in the amended version of the bill. A memo detailing the amendments was distributed to Board members.

Motion and second to approve the policy committee recommendation to support S. 1879 as amended. Motion carried. Tuolumne County abstained.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDUCT OF CSAC BUSINESS
Matt Cate announced that Stanicia Boatner was recently promoted to a legislative analyst, Karen Schmelzer was hired as a legislative assistant, and Amelia Mejia was hired as a program coordinator for the Results First Initiative, a partnership between CSAC and the Pew Foundation.

Motion and second to approve the annual resolution authorizing the CSAC Executive Director to conduct business on behalf of the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

8. REQUEST FOR POSITION ON STATE FEES ON HOSPITALS INITIATIVE
This initiative would repeal the sunset date for the hospital Quality Assurance Fee and would instead extend it indefinitely. Further, the initiative seeks to ensure that the State uses the funds for the intended purpose of supporting hospital care to Medi-Cal patients and to help pay for health care for low-income children. The Quality Assurance Fee was first established in 2009 when California was seeking to maximize federal funding for health care services. The fee is a payment made by private hospitals to the state, which then uses those funds to leverage federal funding for health care services.

Anne McLeod, from the California Hospital Association, spoke in favor of the initiative and staff recommended that the Board of Directors adopt a 'Support' position on State Fees on Hospitals. Federal Medi-Cal matching Funds. Initiative Statutory and Constitutional Amendment, which has qualified for the November 2016 ballot.

Motion and second to adopt a 'Support' position on the above initiative. Motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION OF CSAC STRATEGIC PLAN
Over the past year, CSAC has been developing a strategic plan with critical input from all staff, as well as staff from the CSAC Finance Corporation, CSAC Institute and broad discussion with CAOAC. Staff outlined the plan contained in the briefing materials and noted that staff will be creating work plans for each of the goals.

Motion and second to approve the 2016 CSAC Strategic Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ILG)**
    Martin Gonzalez, Executive Director of the Institute for Local Government (ILG), presented an update on ILG activities. He noted that San Mateo County was chosen as the Beacon Award recipient this year for its comprehensive approach to sustainability.

11. **OTHER ITEMS**
    Staff announced that Fresno County recently moved from the suburban to urban caucus of CSAC.

12. **CLOSED SESSION**
    The Board of Directors adjourned to a closed session regarding proposed amendments to the CSAC Constitution. Item will be brought to the Board during the 2016 legislative conference for action.

Meeting adjourned.