

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 6-7, 2016
Ojai Valley Inn, Ojai, Ventura County

M I N U T E S

1. Discussion with CSAC Finance Corporation Board of Directors

Representatives from the CSAC Finance Corporation Board participated in a discussion with Executive members on issues of mutual importance. Supervisor Linda Seifert, CSAC Finance Corporation Board President, noted that seven applicants have expressed interest in filling the current vacancy on the Finance Corporation Board. Interviews will take place in the next couple of weeks and recommendations will be brought to the Executive Committee next month.

Staff distributed charts detailing each county's level of participation in Finance Corporation programs. A discussion ensued on methods to incentivize counties to participate more fully in the programs. The Finance Corporation Board will continue to brainstorm on this issue and bring back recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Finance Corporation staff has been approached by organizations that are working on implementing recreational marijuana, primarily as it relates to tax collection and banking issues. Staff requested Executive Committee direction on exploring options to assist counties with the various economic and public safety issues. Concern was expressed about moving forward prior to the November election. Finance Corporation staff will continue to explore and keep the Executive Committee informed of any developments on this issue.

One of the Finance Corporation programs offered to counties is on-site medical clinics. The program is administered through MedCor and is intended to help counties reduce employee medical costs. Currently, two counties participate in this program – Kings and Sutter. It was noted that counties who participate in PERS are not eligible to receive reduced insurance premiums from CalPERS. Finance Corporation Board and staff has reached out to CalPERS in the hopes of educating them about benefits of on-site medical clinics. MedCor will be preparing a presentation for CalPERS. It was suggested that CSAC convene a meeting with CalPERS representatives and some CAOs and city managers to discuss this issue and others such as retiree health care.

2. Roll Call

Richard Forster, President	Leonard Moty, Shasta
Dave Roberts, First Vice Pres.	Linda Seifert, Solano
Leticia Perez, Second Vice Pres.	David Finigan, Del Norte (audio)
Keith Carson, Alameda	Ed Valenzuela, Siskiyou
Kathy Long, Ventura	Virginia Bass, Humboldt, alternate
Ken Yeager, Santa Clara	Judy Morris, Trinity, Treasurer
Greg Cox, San Diego, alternate	Pat Blacklock, CAOAC Advisor
Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo (audio)	Charles McKee, County Counsel Advisor

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 4, 2016 were approved as previously mailed.

4. 2016 Legislative Achievements Report

Staff presented a video outlining CSAC achievements during 2016. Staff reported that 4500 legislative bills were introduced during the legislative session and that CSAC worked on 500 bills of direct impact to counties. The Governor vetoed all 12 bills that CSAC requested he veto. The briefing materials contained details on the areas of advocacy achievements, as well as issues where success was not achieved, such as transportation funding and post-2004 mandate repayment. CSAC will continue to work on strategic approaches to resolving these issues in the coming year. With the retirement of Karen Keene, it was announced that Cara Martinson has been selected to serve as CSAC's Federal Affairs Coordinator.

5. 2016 CSAC Operations & Member Services Achievements Report

Staff reported that the California Counties Foundation, the non-profit foundation of CSAC, has been restructured to include the CSAC Institute to better serve counties. This will allow for new opportunities for partnerships, grant-seeking, and services to members. The CSAC Challenge Awards program received a record number of entries this year – 279 from 40 counties. Staff will be producing videos and blog postings to spotlight each of the Challenge Award programs in early 2017. CSAC is finalizing implementation of an Association Management Software (AMS) system that will replace both our event registration system and member database. The CSAC Corporate Partnership Program continues to do well. This year the program netted \$330,000.

6. 2016 CSAC Litigation Coordination Program Achievements Report

Since 1982, CSAC's Litigation Coordination Program has advocated for counties in state and federal courts, as well as before administrative agencies. The program also allows counties to save litigation costs by coordinating in multi-county cases, and by sharing information and resources. The program considered 46 new amicus requests this year and amicus briefs or letters were filed in 39 cases on behalf of 16 counties.

7. CSAC Annual Meeting Status Report

Staff reported that this year's annual meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Palm Springs, Riverside County, November 28 – December 1. The New Supervisors training will take place during the conference and 38 newly-elected supervisors have already registered. CSAC recently hired a new meeting planner, Cara Watson.

8. Recognition for Outgoing Executive Committee Members

Retiring supervisors Don Knabe, Kathy Long and Linda Seifert, were recognized for their service to counties and the CSAC Executive Committee with a video tribute.

9. Closed Session

The Executive Committee adjourned to a closed session to conduct the Executive Director's performance evaluation.

10. Review of Audited Financial Statements for FY 2015-16

Staff distributed the FY 2015-16 Audited Financial Statements prepared by Moss Adams, LLP. This is a new audit firm for CSAC. Since the CSAC Executive Committee now has appointment authority over the Finance Corporation Board, the statements were combined for the two organizations. Supervisor Judy Morris, CSAC Treasurer, noted that CSAC is in a solid financial position and that reserves remain above \$4 million. Staff outlined some internal control deficiencies that were mentioned in the audit and indicated that steps will be taken in the coming year to address them.

Motion and second to approve Audited Financial Statements for FY 2015-16.
Motion carried unanimously.

11. Site Selection for 2019 and 2020 CSAC Annual Meetings

CSAC staff has been researching potential sites for future annual meetings. In order to ensure CSAC receives the best available rates, staff requested Executive Committee approval of locations for the 2019 and 2020 conferences. For 2019, staff is recommending the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Embarcadero Center. For 2020, staff is recommending the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles.

Motion and second to approve recommendations for CSAC Annual Meetings in 2019 and 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Each year the Executive Committee is asked to select a recipient for the CSAC Distinguished Service award which is presented during the CSAC annual conference. This award is given to persons who have made the greatest contribution to the improvement of government in California, particularly as it relates to county government. Staff recommended the following nominees: Will Kempton, Executive Director of Transportation California; Ken Pimlott, Chief of CalFire; Supervisor Don Knabe; and Supervisor Kathy Long. Following a discussion, Chris McKenzie, former League of Cities Executive Director, was added to the list of recipients.

Motion and second to approve the list of recommended recipients with the addition of Chris McKenzie. Motion carried unanimously.

President Forster selected retiring CSAC staff member Karen Keene as this year's President's Award recipient.

13. Circle of Service Award Nominees

Staff recommended eight individuals for this year's Circle of Service Award. The award was created to recognize county officials, department directors, staff, corporate partners and other CSAC members whose service to CSAC and counties sets them apart. Staff recommended the following nominees: Supervisor Linda Seifert; Susan Bower, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency Director; Dan Burch, San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Administrator; Pat Blacklock, Yolo CAO; Veronica Ferguson, retired Sonoma CAO; Jeff Brax, Sonoma County Chief Deputy County Counsel; Glenn Russell, Santa Barbara County Planning Director; and Geoff Patnoe, Director of San Diego County Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs. Following a discussion, retiring RCRC Legislative Director Patricia Megason was added to the list of nominees.

Motion and second to approve list of nominees with addition of Patricia Megason.
Motion carried unanimously.

14. Ventura County Animal Services Presentation

Randy Friedman, marketing Manager for Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) presented a report on the Ventura County shelter, which is California's largest no-kill shelter. There are two shelter locations in the county and approximately 11,000 animals per year are taken in. VCAS provides contract sheltering services to eight cities within Ventura County in addition to all unincorporated areas.
Meeting adjourned.