

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 18, 2013
Hotel Maya, Long Beach, Los Angeles County

MINUTES

Presiding: David Finigan, President

1. ROLL CALL

David Finigan, Pres.

John Gioia, 1st Vice Pres. (audio)

Efren Carrillo, 2nd Vice Pres. (audio)

Mike McGowan, Immed. Past Pres.

Keith Carson, Alameda

Federal Glover, Contra Costa

Don Knabe, Los Angeles

John Moorlach, Orange

John Tavaglione, Riverside

Kathy Long, Ventura

Greg Cox, San Diego, alternate

Susan Adams, Marin

Henry Perea, Fresno

Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo

Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus

Louis Boitano, Amador, alternate (audio)

Terry Woodrow, CSAC Treasurer

Bill Goodwin, CAOAC Advisor (audio)

Charles McKee, Co. Counsel Advisor (audio)

2. MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2013

The minutes of January 17, 2013 were approved as previously mailed.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Matt Cate provided an overview of the meeting agenda. He also indicated that staff has been very effective at the Capitol during this legislative session and communication efforts have been enhanced through press releases, letters to the editor, etc. He would like to further increase CSAC's effectiveness through efforts outlined in the proposed CSAC Budget.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT (AB109) IMPLEMENTATION

Staff provided an update on the implementation of AB 109, which transferred responsibility for various adult offender populations from the state to the counties, beginning 18 months ago. Some areas have been identified where more work is needed and one of the top priorities for CSAC and other stakeholders is how to deal with long-term offenders serving time in county jails, since the county jails were not designed to handle long-term offenders. There are several bills currently before the Legislature that would amend public safety realignment.

Additionally, in early 2011, the County Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC) named a 9-member Realignment Allocation Committee (RAC), at CSAC's request, to tackle the 58-county distribution of AB 109 and related funds. To date, the committee has recommended – and the Legislature approved – two temporary formulas that direct the allocation of funds for the first three years of implementation. Staff distributed a chart that reflects each county's expected allocation in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

The Department of Finance has requested a recommendation on a growth allocation methodology so the RAC is currently focusing on the distribution of estimated growth, which includes elements such as a guaranteed minimum for each county; establishment of appropriate minimum allocations for small counties; adjustments for variation between estimated and actual caseloads, and efforts to implement public safety realignment consistent with legislative intent. The RAC surveyed all 58 counties for input and is now developing a recommended approach.

Following the RAC's conclusion of its work associated with a recommended distribution of growth, it will begin devising a longer-term allocation formula that would apply beginning in 2014-15. To help in this effort, the RAC convened a Data Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from at least 15 counties, to provide input on recommended elements for consideration in a long-term formula. The Advisory Committee is developing recommendations on elements for inclusion in a more permanent formula. These elements fall in three general categories: workload, performance and modifiers. The RAC is working toward a late Fall timeframe for recommending a longer-term funding formula.

Staff briefed the Executive Committee on a federal three-judge panel's order to achieve an overall reduction in state prison population to 137.5% of design capacity because of concerns with mental health services. The state has three weeks to come up with a plan to lower the prison population level. CSAC is concerned that these prisoners will be released to county jails and impede counties' efforts to successfully implement public safety realignment.

5. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Health reform implementation remains a high priority for the Legislature and the Brown Administration. CSAC anticipates implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Medi-Cal expansion to continue to be a hot topic heading into the May Revision and budget negotiations.

CSAC has been meeting frequently with the Administration to discuss the Medi-Cal optional expansion and the Administration continues to emphasize: Governor's interest in an affordable and sustainable Medi-Cal expansion; their interest in a realignment, including child care; their view that current 1991 health realignments funds are discretionary subventions and that the state does not pay counties twice for the same patients. To date, the Administration's position is far from CSAC's position.

CSAC has been meeting with CMSP counties, hospital counties and the 12 counties that neither own county hospitals nor are members of CMSP to assist them in thinking through the issues particular to that group of counties. In addition, a statewide communications strategy is being developed. It was noted that groups that will continue to be uninsured are undocumented immigrants and indigent income populations. CSAC continues to oppose any additional realignment of programs.

6. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) REFORM

Staff reported that more than twenty legislative bills related to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform have been introduced in the Legislature this session, including a measure by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, SB 731, which is expected to be the lead legislative vehicle on the topic.

In order to weigh in on the numerous legislative proposals, CSAC has convened a working group comprised of county counsels, planning directors and public works directors, to draft a set of general principles and policy statements to guide CSAC's advocacy efforts. The group has met and developed a draft document outlining priorities for counties. A copy of the draft policy statement was contained in the briefing materials. This draft document is currently being circulated for comment to a number of groups and will then go through the CSAC Health & Human Services policy committee for review and approval prior to consideration by the CSAC Board of Directors in May.

7. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT

Nancy Parrish, Executive Director of the CSAC Finance Corp., outlined the agenda for the upcoming CSAC Finance Corp. Board of Directors meeting in Sonoma on April 25-26. A copy of the agenda was contained in the briefing materials. Immediate Past President Mike McGowan was recently chosen as the CSAC Executive Committee representative to serve on the Finance Corp. Board and will attend the meeting.

8. PROPOSED CSAC BUDGET FOR FY 2013-14

CSAC Treasurer Terry Woodrow and Matt Cate presented the draft CSAC budget for FY 2013-14, as contained in the briefing materials. The proposed budget contains a \$631,000 one-time dues increase, as well as a 2.5% annual increase to be voted on each year. Staff noted that in order for CSAC to achieve a higher level of effectiveness in Sacramento, additional county revenues are needed to support critical advocacy and legal staffing needs.

Additional revenues anticipated in the draft budget include: dues increase; Corporate Associates increase of \$182,000 in revenues; Finance Corp. contribution of \$3.3m; and an increase in rates charged for CSAC Institute courses. Some expenses include: \$75,000 for tenant improvements to the Ransohoff building; funding for CSAC county counsel legal support; two analyst/advocate position; reduction in travel budget; reduction in CSAC employee health benefit costs by eliminating a provider option; and CSAC staff will be asked to absorb an additional share of retirement contributions.

Concerns were raised regarding the 2.5% automatic increase and it was suggested that the provision be removed from the proposed budget.

Motion and second to approve the draft CSAC Budget without the 2.5% annual increase and recommend adoption by the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff was directed to provide an annual recommendation regarding additional increases such as the 2.5% or Consumer Price Index (CPI).

9. PROPOSED LITIGATION COORDINATION BUDGET FOR FY 2013-14
Jennifer Henning, Executive Director of the County Counsels' Association, presented the draft Litigation Coordination Program budget as contained in the briefing materials. The proposed budget includes a 3% salary increase, per direction of the County Counsels Board of Directors, and an 11% fee increase to allow the program to continue to provide high quality coordination to counties and court representation to CSAC for the upcoming fiscal year.

Motion and second to approve the Litigation Coordination Program budget as presented and recommend adoption by the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.