

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 10, 2008
Le Merigot Hotel, Santa Monica, CA

M I N U T E S

Presiding: Richard Gordon, President

1. ROLL CALL

Richard Gordon, President

Gary Wyatt, 1st Vice President

Michael Delbar, 2nd Vice President

Frank Bigelow, Immed. Past President

Federal Glover, Contra Costa (via audio)

Don Knabe, Los Angeles

John Tavaglione, Riverside

Paul Biane, San Bernardino

Kathy Long, Ventura

Susan Adams, Marin

Mike Nelson, Merced

Joni Gray, Santa Barbara

Terry Woodrow, Alpine

Valerie Brown, Sonoma, alternate

Demitrios Tatum, CAOAC advisor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 31, 2008 were corrected to reflect that Supervisor Terry Woodrow was in attendance.

Motion and second to approve the minutes of January 31, 2008 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

3. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF STATEWIDE 2-1-1 SYSTEM

Supervisor Greg Cox provided a report on the Southern California 2-1-1 system which was instrumental in assisting residents during the Southern California wildfires of 2007. The system was able to provide up-to-date information about mandatory evacuation orders, shelter locations, road closures, relief and recovery resources and donation and volunteering opportunities.

Joining Supervisor Cox in the presentation were: Dave Smith, President & CEO of United Way of Ventura County, John Ohanion, Chief Executive Officer of 211 San Diego and Maribel Marin of 211 California. They discussed the need for a statewide 2-1-1 system. Currently 37 counties in California either have or are in the planning phases of a system. Many rural areas do not have systems in place primarily due to funding issues. Ventura County was the first county to implement a 2-1-1 system.

A discussion ensued regarding the difficulty in financially supporting a statewide system and the need for a stable source of funding.

Motion and second to recommend that the CSAC Board of Directors consider this issue, move toward endorsing a statewide 2-1-1 system and

identify funding resources. In addition, efforts should be made to advocate for federal matching funds. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PROPOSED CSAC BUDGET FOR FY 2008-09

Supervisor Joni Gray, CSAC Treasurer, presented the draft CSAC Budget for FY 2008-09 as contained in the briefing materials.

Motion and second to approve the proposed CSAC Budget for FY 2008-09 as presented and recommend adoption by the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff was directed to reformat next year's budget to reflect the difference between public and non-public funds.

5. PROPOSED LITIGATION COORDINATION PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2008-09

Jennifer Henning, Executive Director of the County Counsel's Association, presented the proposed budget for the CSAC Litigation Coordination Program as contained in the briefing materials. She indicated that the proposed budget contains a 5% increase in order to offset additional salary, health and retirement costs.

Motion and second to approve the Litigation Coordination Program Budget for FY 2008-09 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff was directed to work with the CAOAC to develop a system where the Litigation Coordination program fees are paid through individual county risk management departments instead of county counsel departments.

President Gordon announced that the Executive Committee will have a detailed discussion on the Litigation Coordination program during their October retreat.

6. FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ILG) CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT

The Institute for Local Government (ILG) launched its California Climate Action Network (CCAN) in 2006. The program provides resources and fosters information sharing to support local government action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use in their communities. As part of that effort, ILG is developing an award program to recognize local leadership and achievement in two key areas: actual reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; and actual reductions in energy use. ILG is requesting that the CSAC Executive Committee approve \$100,000 to support the efforts of this program.

No action was taken on this item. Discussion will be continued at a future meeting.

7. CSAC MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

Paul McIntosh presented the results of a membership survey that CSAC recently conducted. The survey addressed the importance and effectiveness of several

CSAC publications and programs. It also included interviews with a cross section of CSAC members, State agency representatives, county affiliate organizations and other statewide associations. A task force will be analyzing survey results and make recommendations to CSAC on how to implement changes.

8. EMINENT DOMAIN REFORM UPDATE

Recent polling indicates that Proposition 98 will fail (41% in favor). Proposition 99 is polling a bit higher at about 50%. So far, a total of \$3.3 million has been raised by the coalition that CSAC is involved in. CSAC has contributed \$650,000 in non-public funds.

Paul McIntosh appeared before the Orange County Board of Supervisors earlier this week to discuss CSAC's participation in the coalition to defeat Proposition 98 and support Proposition 99. He provided background on the various eminent domain reform efforts that have taken place during the past few years and CSAC's participation in those efforts. He also outlined the sources of non-public funds that CSAC used to contribute to those efforts.

Staff reported that legislation was introduced this year relating to campaign financing – AB 1992, which would preclude any association that receives funding from dues from participating in financing campaign activities. The bill failed in committee.

9. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

On March 28, the CSAC Administration of Justice Policy committee held a meeting. Representatives from the Legislative Analyst's Office presented their parole realignment concept. Also, a representative from the Corrections Standards Authority discussed the county requests for Phase I jail construction funding through lease-revenue bond proceeds authorized by AB 900. The Authority received 24 proposals, requesting \$1.2 billion. Funding recommendations for Phase I are expected in May. The committee also heard a report from the CSAC Sex Offender Working Group. They are finalizing a set of policy guidelines which will be brought before the full Board of Directors in May. AB 1491, the court facilities reauthorization measure, was heard in Assembly Appropriations Committee on April 9 and is expected to be on the Governor's Desk for signature by mid-April.

Staff was directed to send additional information on the triggers associated with the court facilities transfers to Executive Committee members.

The Parole Reform Task Force is holding their first meeting on April 10. Supervisor John Tavaglione will be chairing the task force.

10. AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

The CSAC Agriculture & natural Resources Policy Committee held a special meeting regarding Bay-Delta water issues on March 28. Approximately 40 people attended in person and by phone. During the meeting, Delta Vision Executive Director John Kirlin presented an overview of Delta Vision's

recommendations and strategic planning process. California Resources Agency undersecretary Karen Scarborough discussed the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and a roundtable discussion on county perspectives took place. CSAC has existing policy regarding water issues. The policy committee is in the process of revising the water policy which will be brought the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

A workshop on water issues will take place during this year's CSAC annual meeting in November.

11. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Paul McIntosh testified at a Senate Budget Committee hearing last week regarding the state and local fiscal relationship. The Committee is looking for opportunities to realign some services and programs and is asking for CSAC's recommendations. Santa Clara County Executive Peter Kutas and retired County Administrator John Sweeten also testified. The committee's next hearing is scheduled for April 24.

On March 20, the CSAC Board of Directors took action to request that staff work with Senator Steinberg's office to seek amendments to SB 375, Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Regional Transportation Plans. Senator Steinberg has now agreed to accept ten of the twelve amendments that CSAC requested.

Senator Kuehl has introduced SB 1221, which would allow only the State Controller to issue health-related bonds.

12. OTHER ITEMS

The Cities, Counties, Schools (CCS) Partnership will be holding a two-day summit on June 12 & 13 in Burlingame. The first day will focus on the State Budget crisis and the second day will be a joint board meeting of CSAC, the league of California Cities and the California School Boards Association to discuss emancipating foster youth. Registration information will soon be sent to all Executive Committee members.

Lindsay Hall has been appointed CSAC Corporate Relations Manager. She previously served as a communications analyst. The CSAC Finance Corporation is in the process of recruiting for a program manager.

President Gordon reminded members of some upcoming important dates: CSAC Legislative Conference is May 21 – 22, CSAC Board of Directors meeting is May 22, and the NACo Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri will be July 11 – 13.

Meeting adjourned.