

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
January 16, 2020  
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MINUTES

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**1. Roll Call**

OFFICERS

Lisa Bartlett | President  
James Gore | 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ed Valenzuela | 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Virginia Bass | Immediate Past President

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | Executive Director  
Manuel Rivas, Jr. | Deputy Executive Director,  
Operations & Member Services  
Darby Kernan | Deputy Executive Director,  
Legislative Services

SUPERVISORS

Keith Carson | Alameda County  
Terry Woodrow | Alpine County  
Jeff Griffiths | Inyo County  
Luis Alejo | Monterey County (remote)  
Diane Dillon | Napa County  
Chuck Washington | Riverside County (remote)  
Greg Cox | San Diego County  
Carole Groom | San Mateo County  
Leonard Moty | Shasta County  
Erin Hannigan | Solano County (remote)  
Kelly Long | Ventura County

ADVISORS

Bruce Goldstein | County Counsels Association,  
Sonoma County  
Carmel Angelo | Mendocino County CEO, California  
Association of County Executives, President

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

Ed Scofield | Treasurer, Nevada County

**2. Approval of Minutes from November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Moty; second by Supervisor Valenzuela. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Executive Committee Round Table – What's going on in Your County?**

**Kelly Long / Ventura County** – Ventura County's Continuum of Care group is working well, they have been collaborating with cities to combat homelessness and will be active in Governor's 100 Day Challenge.

**Leonard Moty / Shasta County** – Shasta County has a new CEO, Matt Pontes, and recently appointed a new sheriff. The County has Measure A, a 1 cent public safety sales tax, on the ballot. Supervisor Moty is working on his re-election campaign.

**Carole Groom / San Mateo County** – San Mateo County is rebuilding their hospital, health center campus and Daly City clinic. They are also building a new County office building in downtown Redwood City.

**Diane Dillon / Napa County** – Napa County is building new jail.

**Keith Carson / Alameda County** – Alameda County held their first Homeless Symposium in March 2018 and just announced 3 year homelessness budget plan. They have appointed a homeless czar and have an upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with all 14 mayors and city managers around homelessness. The County just re-launched their 10 Year Visioning Plan.

**Greg Cox / San Diego County** – San Diego County has allocated about 11% of their current fiscal year budget to behavioral, mental health, homeless and substance abuse services. The County is working towards developing crisis stabilization units and they are revamping their juvenile detention facility. They are currently celebrating the 10 year anniversary of their Live Well Initiative and have opened new bike skills park.

**Jeff Griffiths / Inyo County** – Inyo County is starting commercial air service to their airport this fall and will be breaking ground this month on their consolidated office building. They are working with Los Angeles to tackle homelessness.

**Ed Scofield / Nevada County** – Nevada County hosted the Governor last Monday to take part in The Home Project, which takes behavioral health services into homeless camps. Last year they purchased property where they hope to build navigation center. The County is working on a 1500 acre fire prevention project that will serve as a fire break / defense zone for the City of Grass Valley. Supervisor Scofield is running unopposed for re-election.

**John Peters / Mono County** – Mono County hired a new CAO this past year and they are in the process of hiring an assistant CAO. They are working closely with SCE and the City of Mammoth to discuss PSPS issues.

**Terry Woodrow / Alpine County** – Alpine County is considering excise tax on ski area lift tickets for public safety and fire response. The County is also looking to fill Director of Finance position.

**Carmel Angelo / Mendocino County** – Mendocino County opened up a CSAC Institute and held their first class last week with 55 people in attendance.

**Bruce Goldstein / Sonoma County** – The County Counsels Association is holding special legal forum on homelessness in San Diego County next month.

**Chuck Washington / Riverside County** – Riverside County is looking to convert a juvenile facility into a behavioral health care center and just broke ground on a new library. The County's new sheriff is cracking down on illegal cannabis grows. Supervisor Washington has four candidates running against him for his re-election.

**Luis Alejo / Monterey County** – Monterey County was able to secure funding for their water source project and the Salinas Regional Soccer complex. Governor Newsom signed a bill sponsored by Monterey County allowing cannabis to now be reported in the annual Monterey County Crop Report.

**Erin Hannigan / Solano County** – Solano County is opening First 5 center in February and they have plans to develop their fairgrounds. The County has an upcoming HR director opening.

**Virginia Bass / Humboldt County** – Humboldt County has experienced several recent hindrances to economic development.

**Ed Valenzuela / Siskiyou County** – Siskiyou County is in the process of hiring a new CAO and just brought on a new chief probation officer, but they are still looking for a Community Development Director.

**James Gore / Sonoma County** – Sonoma County has a very high per capita homeless population and has designated a location for a temporary indoor / outdoor shelter. The County currently has a fire tax on the ballot that's sponsored by the fire chiefs. Supervisor Gore met with Governor's office on PSPS yesterday.

**Lisa Bartlett / Orange County** – President Bartlett discussed her and Graham's recent attendance at the NCCAE meeting in Washington DC in January. She will be working closely with CSAC in the coming weeks to put out a newsletter to the CSAC membership.

**4. Approval of CSAC Homelessness Proposal**

Darby Kernan addressed the Executive Committee and reviewed the homelessness related portions of the Governor's budget. The biggest piece allocated to address homelessness is \$750 million for the California Access to Housing and Services Fund. President Bartlett and Graham Knaus discussed Counties role in helping to end homelessness and requested that the Executive Committee review and approve the draft homelessness proposal. Supervisors Moty, Carson, Alejo, Cox, Griffiths, Groom and Dillon all commented that we need to have a seat at the table.

*A motion to approve the Homelessness Proposal was made by Supervisor Cox; second by Supervisor Alejo. Motion carried unanimously.*

**5. Discussion of Governor's January Budget Impact**

Staff presented key details of the Governor's budget including: \$12.5 billion over 5 years for climate resiliency, a new Access to Housing and Services fund with an initial state investment of \$750 million, a reduction in probation term lengths for felony and misdemeanants to two years, and \$695 million for preventative health care, with over one third aimed at the unsheltered homeless population.

The budget includes several behavioral health and human services items. The Governor included a page in the budget about the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) with no detail, but said a proposal would be forthcoming in the Spring. CSAC has formed an MHSA working group, with President Bartlett as Chair, and is working on the County reaction to this. The working group is in the process of developing policy positions and principles. The budget also committed funds to MediCal Healthier California for All, formerly CalAIM, and will have big impacts for County behavioral health services by streamlining how they are reimbursed.

In the Administration of Justice area, there have been significant reforms and fiscal proposals in relation to probation departments. The budget continues the existing appropriation for trial court security and proposes to strengthen State oversight of County jails, although little details were given about what this oversight would look like.

**6. Consideration of State and Federal Legislative Priorities for 2020**

The CSAC Legislative team outlined the state and federal priorities to the Executive Committee. Key priorities include behavioral health and homelessness, climate and resiliency, criminal justice and protecting local governance. Supervisor Cox requested that we include long term funding for 211 and make sure it's available on a statewide basis.

*A motion to approve State and Federal Legislative Priorities and add 211 funding was made by Supervisor Cox; second by Supervisor Griffiths. Motion carried unanimously.*

**7. Approval of Updated 2019-2020 Board of Directors Nominations**

On December 4, 2019, the Executive Committee approved the installation of the 2019-2020 Board of Directors. Since then, CSAC has received additional nominations that require Executive Committee approval. Additionally, during the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, Graham Knaus verbally added the following nominations: Glenn County: Keith Corum (director) and John Viegas (alternate), Monterey County: Luis Alejo (director) and Mary Adams (alternate), and Sonoma County: David Rabbitt (director) and Lynda Hopkins (alternate). Supervisor Peters requested the correction of the last name of the Mono County alternate from "Halferty" to "Kreitz".

*A motion to approve the Updated 2019-2020 Board of Directors Nominations as modified was made by Supervisor Gore; second by Supervisor Moty. Motion carried unanimously.*

**8. Appointment of CSAC Treasurer, NACo Board, WIR Representatives, CSAC Policy Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and Working Groups**

The Executive Committee received the proposed appointments for CSAC Treasurer, NACo Board of Directors, NACo Western Interstate Region (WIR) representatives, CSAC Policy Committees and Working Group chairs & vice-chairs, as recommended by the Officers. Supervisor Gore also proposed that we add Supervisor Groom as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair for the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee (AE&R).

*A motion to approve CSAC Treasurer, NACo Board, WIR Representatives, CSAC Policy Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and Working Groups as modified was made by Supervisor Gore; second by Supervisor Moty. Motion carried unanimously.*

President Bartlett noted that we inadvertently omitted Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington as Vice Chair from the Government, Finance and Administration (GF&A) Policy Committee.

*A motion to add Supervisor Washington as GF&A Vice Chair was made by Supervisor Bartlett; second by Supervisor Moty. Motion carried unanimously.*

**9. CSAC Finance Corporation Report & Appointment of Board Members**

Supervisor Leonard Moty, President of the CSAC Finance Corporation (CSAC FC), presented that the Finance Corporation's financial position remains strong. The CSAC FC Chief Executive Officer, Alan Fernandes, presented that they continue to work hard to get Easy Smart Pay up and running in additional counties and they're looking to partnering with NACo. Mr. Fernandez also wanted to highlight the California Cannabis Authority as they are looking to add a few additional counties that have expressed interest. Supervisor Gore would like to have one of our CSAC Regional Meetings highlight the Finance Corporation programs, specifically CSCDA and bonding.

*A motion and second to approve the CSAC Finance Corporation Report and Appointment of Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.*

**10. Approval of Amended CSAC Policies and Procedures Manual**

Manuel Rivas, Jr. presented the recent updates to the CSAC Policies and Procedures Manual. These updates include changes to the Rural Caucus by-laws, inclusion of our existing Conflict of Interest policy and the addition of our new Code of Conduct. Supervisor Cox noted that the Suburban Caucus should reflect a count of 17 counties, not 18.

*A motion to approve the Amended CSAC Policies and Procedures Manual as modified was made by Supervisor Bass; second by Carmel Angelo. Motion carried unanimously.*

**11. Consideration of Support for HR 5038 – Farm Workforce Modernization Act**

Supervisor Gore and Graham Knaus presented HR 5038 to the Executive Committee to ask for their support before moving it to the Board of Directors for approval.

*A motion to approve the Support for HR 5038 – Farm Workforce Modernization Act was made by Supervisor Cox; second by Supervisor Groom. Motion carried unanimously.*

**12. Communications Update: Supporting 2020 Legislative Priorities**

David Liebler, Director of Public Affairs & Member Services, presented two major communications priorities for the coming year: 1) working closely with the legislative team to work on core priorities and 2) continuing to tell the story of the amazing work counties are doing to provide services to all California residents. The Communications team has continued to use social media tools such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube to support the Association's advocacy efforts. Additionally, the Communications team is looking forward to highlighting County Supervisors in their communities and will continue with the Challenge Awards program and Driven to Serve campaign. Both President Bartlett and Supervisor Gore both stressed the importance of Supervisor engagement.

**13. California Counties Foundation Update**

Chastity Benson, Program Manager for the California Counties Foundation, presented that the CSAC Institutes first pop-up campus in Solano County will be on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. They are also partnering with the California Association of County Executives (CACE) to put on a new class "So You Want to be a County CAO" on April 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. Additionally, the Institute is holding their first Train the Trainer class. Supervisor Cox commented that he would like CSAC or one of their affiliates to consider creating materials for school age children that presents what counties do and the services they provide. President Bartlett commented that this could possibly be included with our Driven to Serve campaign.

**Meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 16, 2020.**