CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 16, 2023
Oakland Convention Center | East 2
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1. Roll Call

OFFICERS
Chuck Washington | President
Bruce Gibson | 1st Vice President
Jeff Griffiths | 2nd Vice President
Ed Valenzuela | Immediate Past President

ADVISORS
Sarah Carillo | County Counsel
San Luis Obispo County
Wendy Tyler | California Association of County Executives President (absent)

CSAC STAFF
Graham Knaus | Chief Executive Officer
Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez | Chief Policy Officer
Chastity Benson | Chief Operating Officer

EX OFFICIO MEMBER
Vito Chiesa | Treasurer, Stanislaus County

Alameda – Keith Carson ORANGE – Doug Chaffee
Alpine – Terry Woodrow Placer – Bonnie Gore
Amador – Richard Forster Plumas – Absent
Butte – Tom Kimmelshue Riverside – V. Manuel Perez
Calaveras – Absent Sacramento – Rich Desmond
Colusa – Kent Boes San Benito – Bea Gonzales
Contra Costa – Absent San Bernardino – Jesse Armendarez
Del Norte – Chris Howard San Diego – Absent
El Dorado – John Hidahl San Francisco – Rafael Mandelman
Fresno – Absent San Joaquin – Robert Rickman
Glenn – Grant Carmon San Luis Obispo – Bruce Gibson
Humboldt – Michelle Bushnell San Mateo – Noelia Corzo
Imperial – Absent Santa Barbara – Das Williams
Inyo – Trina Orrill Santa Clara – Susan Ellenberg
Kern – Absent Santa Cruz – Bruce McPherson
Kings – Doug Verboon Shasta – Tim Garman
Lake – Bruno Sabatier Sierra – Lee Adams
Lassen – Gary Bridges Siskiyou – Ed Valenzuela
Los Angeles – Absent Solano – Erin Hannigan
Madera – Leticia Gonzalez Sonoma – James Gore
Marin – Mary Sackett Stanislaus – Vito Chiesa
Mariposa – Rosemarie Smallcombe Sutter – Dan Flores
Mendocino – John Haschkak Tehama – Candy Carlson
Merced – Scott Silveira Trinity – Ric Leutwyler
Modoc – Ned Coe Tulare – Amy Shuklian
Mono – John Peters Tuolumne – Ryan Campbell
Monterey – Luis Alejo Ventura – Absent
Napa – Ryan Gregory Yolo – Lucas Frerichs
Nevada – Heidi Hall Yuba – Don Blaser
2. **CEO’s Report**  
Graham Knaus, CEO, provided an update on the Association.

3. **Special Presentation from California State Treasurer Fiona Ma**  
California State Treasurer, Fiona Ma, presented to the Board.

4. **Approval of Minutes from August 31, 2023**  
A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 31, 2023, was made by Supervisor Forster and was seconded by Supervisor Hannigan. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Election of 2024 Executive Committee**  
A motion to approve the 2023-2024 Executive Committee was made by Supervisor Alejo and was seconded by Supervisor Forster. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Resolution Authorizing Conduct of CSAC Business**  
A motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Conduct of CSAC Business was made by Supervisor Ellenberg and was seconded by Supervisor Smallcombe. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Adoption of 2024 CSAC Policy Priorities**  
Each of CSAC’s 5 Policy Committees convened as part of CSAC’s 129th Annual Meeting. The following chairs/vice-chairs provided a report to the board, which included each committee’s 2024 adopted priorities:

- Administration of Justice: Vice-Chair Rich Desmond, Sacramento County
- Agriculture, Environment, & Natural Resources: Chair Chris Howard, Del Norte County
- Government Finance & Administration: Chair Amy Shuklian, Tulare County
- Health & Human Services: Vice-Chair Doug Chaffee, Orange County
- Housing, Land Use, & Transportation: Chair Jennifer Kreitz, Mono County

A motion to approve the 2024 CSAC Policy Priorities was made by Supervisor Sabatier and was seconded by Supervisor Smallcombe. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Proposition 1 MHSA**  
In October, CSAC’s Health & Human Services Policy Committee unanimously voted to take “no position” on Proposition 1. This recommendation was forwarded to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as an informational item. Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, CPO, and Jolie Onodera, Senior Legislative Advocate, provided an update on this ballot measure.

9. **Federal Priorities Issues Update**  
Joe Krahn, Tom Joseph, and Hasan Sarsour of Paragon Government Relations provided a Federal Priorities and Issues update to the Board.
10. Caucus Reports

Suburban
Supervisor Bruce Gibson, Suburban Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Suburban Caucus Meeting.

Urban
Supervisor Chuck Washington, Urban Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Urban Caucus Meeting, which included the election of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg (Santa Clara County) as CSAC’s new 2nd Vice President and Supervisor Rich Desmond (Sacramento County) to the Executive Committee.

Rural
Supervisor Jeff Griffiths, Rural Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Rural Caucus Meeting, which included the election of Supervisor Ryan Campbell (Tuolumne County) as the alternate rural member to the Executive Committee.

11. Conflict of Interest Policy Form
CSAC Litigation Counsel Jennifer Henning provided a brief overview of the CSAC Conflict of Interest Policy and asked each Board Member to sign and return a Conflict of Interest form.

12. CSAC Finance Corporation Report
Supervisor Oscar Villegas, Finance Corp. President, and Alan Fernandes Finance Corp. CEO, provided an update to the Board, highlighting their Corporate Associates Program and Easy Smart Pay.

Jim Manker, Director of Business Development, introduced Corporate Partner Dan Neville, Executive Director of NextEra Resources. Mr. Neville presented on the work of NextEra.

13. California Counties Foundation Report
Paul Danczyk, Chief Operating Officer of the California Counties Foundation, provided an update on the work of the Foundation and Institute.

14. Institute for Local Government (ILG)
Erica Manuel, Executive Director of the Institute for Local Government (ILG), presented to the Board.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on March 7, 2024, in Sacramento, California