

CSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BRIEFING MATERIALS

Wednesday, June 17 2026

12:30pm - 1:00pm



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AGENDA

Presiding: Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, President

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

12:30 PM **PROCEDURAL ITEM**

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 ➤ Susan Ellenberg | President

DISCUSSION ITEM

3. State Budget Discussion *Page 3-7*
 ➤ Graham Knaus | Chief Executive Officer
 ➤ Kimberly Rodriguez | Chief Legislative Advocate

CLOSED SESSION

4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(4),
(1 case – consideration of intervention)

1:00 PM **ADJOURN**

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June 17, 2026

TO: CSAC Executive Committee

FROM: Susan Ellenberg | President, Santa Clara County
Luis Alejo | 1st Vice President, Monterey County
Kent Boes | 2nd Vice President, Colusa County
Jeff Griffiths | Immediate Past President, Inyo County

SUBJECT: Appointment of CSAC's Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors Representative

Recommendation: The Officers recommend appointing Lassen County Supervisor Gary Bridges as CSAC's 2026 WIR Board of Directors Representative.

Each January, the CSAC Executive Committee considers appointments as recommended by the CSAC President and Officers. The appointments include a County Supervisor to serve on the Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors. For 2026, Modoc County Supervisor Ned Coe was appointed to this seat.

With Supervisor Coe's recent election as WIR's 2nd Vice President, the CSAC WIR Board seat is now vacant. To ensure continued representation on the WIR Board, the CSAC Officers are interested in filling this vacancy prior to the [2026 NACo Annual Conference](#), which is occurring July 17-20 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

CSAC surveyed all County Supervisors to determine their interest and the following Supervisors responded:

Mike Ziegenmeyer	Sutter County
Tony Arendt	Glenn County
Trina Orrill	Inyo County
Miles Menetrey	Mariposa County
Josh Pedrozo	Merced County
Renick House	Yuba County
Jen Roeser	Inyo County
Gary Bridges	Lassen County

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CSAC ADVOCACY UPDATE

Highlights of the 2026-27 Legislative Budget Plan

Friday, June 12, 2026

To: CSAC Board of Directors
County Administrative Officers and County Executive Officers

From: Graham Knaus, CSAC Chief Executive Officer
Kimberly Rodriguez, CSAC Chief Legislative Advocate

RE: **Highlights of the 2026-27 Legislative Budget Plan**

Last night, the [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) released their “two-party” budget plan for the 2026-27 state budget. The [Legislature’s Budget Plan](#) reflects the Legislature’s response to the [Governor’s 2026-27 May Revision budget proposal](#) and outlines their priorities for the final state budget.

Below is a brief summary on the status of CSAC’s Priorities. The Legislature is scheduled to vote on this plan on Monday, June 15 to meet the state’s constitutional deadline to pass a balanced budget. The Legislative Plan is reflected in [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 109](#).

County Health and Human Services (HHS) H.R. 1 Impacts

The chart below summarizes the funding proposed for H.R. 1 implementation at different points in time in the budget process.

H.R. 1 Legislative Plan					
	May Revision	Updated Coalition Budget Request	Assembly Version	Senate Version	Legislative Budget Agreement
	2026-27	2026-27	2026-27	2026-27	2026-27
Indigent Care/PATH Program	N/A	\$50 million	\$250 million	0	\$125 million
Public Hospital Systems	0	\$500 million	\$250 million	0	\$250 million
County Eligibility ¹	\$87 million	\$300 million	\$300 million	\$286 million	\$442 million
County Behavioral Health	0	\$224 million	0	0	0
Total	\$87 million	\$1.1 billion	\$800 million	\$286 million	\$816 million
Note:					
¹ State General Fund, does not include federal matching funds.					

- Indigent Care/Emergency Only Medi-Cal Program—\$125 million General Fund in 2026-27 to establish an emergency services-only program for people who lose full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility due to H.R. 1 work requirements.
- Funding for Public Hospitals—\$250 million General Fund in 2026-27 to support public hospitals.
- Medi-Cal and CalFresh County Eligibility—A total of \$442 million General Fund for county eligibility related to H.R. 1 implementation, including:
 - \$87 million General Fund for CalFresh and Medi-Cal related county eligibility workload as proposed in the Governor’s May Revision and adopted by the Legislature.
 - \$215 million General Fund one-time, available for expenditure until June 30, 2029, for CalFresh county eligibility and administration as proposed by the Legislature.
 - \$140 million General Fund for Medi-Cal county eligibility workload related to H.R. 1 implementation as proposed by the Legislature.

Funding for Distressed Hospitals

- Authorizes up to \$190 million General Fund, upon the approval of the Department of Finance, for additional loans through the existing Distressed Hospital Loan Program.

Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Benefit

- Rejects the Administration’s proposal to make Mobile Crisis a county-optional Medi-Cal benefit. Provides \$125 million from the 988 special fund and \$53 million in Proposition 35 (MCO Tax) funding for Mobile Crisis Services.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

- Rejects the Administration’s proposal to shift costs of growth in IHSS assessed hours to counties, which would have increased county costs by an estimated \$360.6 million starting in 2027-28 and growing each year.

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program

- Provides a total of \$900 million for this program, which includes an additional \$400 million more than the \$500 million included in the 2025 Budget. However, the Legislative Plan does not include the Senate’s initial statement of intent to fund a HHAP Round 8 at \$1 billion in 2027-28.

Proposition 36

- \$50 million one-time General Fund to support Proposition 36 implementation and language that indicates the allocation will be determined in future legislation. While we appreciate inclusion of this funding in the Legislature's Budget Plan, it is still woefully inadequate, and it remains unclear how it will have a meaningful impact statewide.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

- \$50 million one-time General Fund for VOCA, an increase of the \$25 million proposed in the May Revision, to support counties and other service providers in maintaining critical victim services for thousands of survivors statewide.

Indigent Defense Pilot

- \$5 million one-time General Fund for the counties of Del Norte, Mariposa, Mono, and San Benito to improve the provision of their local indigent defense systems, allocated as follows:
 - \$4 million for the four counties:
 - Del Norte: \$897,945
 - Mariposa: \$700,000
 - Mono: \$700,000
 - San Benito: \$1,702,055
 - \$1 million for the Office of the State Public Defender to provide additional grants to these four counties if they demonstrate the need for additional funds to implement indigent defense systems.
- Includes language requiring these counties to provide proposed budget plans, allowable uses of funds, and conditions of receiving funds (data reporting).

Development Impact Fees

- Defers action on the Development Impact Fee trailer bill, indicating the proposal will be part of additional budget negotiations between the Legislature and the Governor during the summer.

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Tax Credit

- Adopts the Administration's proposal (as placeholder trailer bill language) to incentivize production of SAF by providing a credit against diesel excise tax liability of \$1 to \$2 for every gallon of SAF sold for use in California from 2026 through 2035, resulting in an annual reduction of between \$25 million to \$90 million in state funds counties receive through the Local Streets and Roads program.

In-lieu Vehicle License Fee (VLF) Payment Shortfall

- \$80 million to backfill San Mateo, Mono, and Alpine Counties, with language allowing the Department of Finance to appropriate up to an additional \$80 million for this purpose. The total amount needed to backfill these counties is \$160 million in 2026-27, including \$37.7 million to fully fund the backfill for San Mateo County following the reduction made in 2025 Budget Act.

Workers' Compensation – Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund (SIBTF)

- Adopts placeholder TBL for comprehensive SIBTF reform, a workers' compensation program that has ballooned in costs since a 2020 court decision. While this is a positive step, is not yet clear if the agreement will adopt the [SIBTF reform trailer bill](#) in full. CSAC is actively engaging on SIBTF reform efforts, [supporting](#) the trailer bill and [opposing](#) a competing measure for not doing enough, AB 1567 (Ortega). For more information on the issue and CSAC's involvement, please see our [bulletin article](#) from March 2026.

Summary of Key Revenues and Expenditures in the Legislative Plan

- Total General Fund expenditures are \$253 billion in 2026-27, which is about \$6.4 billion higher than what the Administration proposed in the May Revision.
- Assumes General Fund revenues will be \$5 billion higher than was included in the May Revision due to updated revenue projections from the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released in early May. These increased revenues will fund most of the higher spending proposed by the Legislature.
- Adopts the Governor's May Revision revenue proposals for the permanent credit limitation for business tax credits and sales tax on digital software products and includes supplemental reporting language requiring the Administration to report back within a few years on the economic impacts of these two proposals.
- Adopts the Governor's May Revision revenue proposal to revise and extend the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax due to new requirements of H.R. 1 effective January 1, 2027.
- The Legislature also plans to move forward with the Fair Share from Big Corporations Program proposal, which is intended to hold large employers accountable for employees on Medi-Cal. Options on how to implement the program would be considered during next year's budget process.

Next Steps

- Legislature will vote on their budget plan on Monday, June 15. The Governor has 12 days to act on this measure.
- Over the next 12 days – roughly week of June 23 (depending on when the bill is delivered to the Governor), the Legislature and the Governor will negotiate a final budget agreement, which will include subsequent legislation reflecting a future “three-party” budget deal.

Over the coming days, CSAC will provide additional updates on the Legislature’s Joint Budget Plan as details become available, along with advocacy opportunities for county leaders to make their voices heard. CSAC is here to support you throughout this process—together, we can make a meaningful difference for California’s counties.

Please do not hesitate to contact [CSAC legislative affairs staff](#) with questions about specific policy areas.