

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 21, 2025 | 10:30am – 1:30pm

[Sutter Club](#) – California Room | 1220 9th St, Sacramento

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

OFFICERS

Jeff Griffiths | *President*

Susan Ellenberg | *1st Vice President*

Luis Alejo | *2nd Vice President*

Bruce Gibson | *Immediate Past President*

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | *Chief Executive Officer*

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez | *Chief Policy Officer*

Chastity Benson | *Chief Operating Officer*

ADVISORS

Jason Britt | *Tulare County CAO & CACE President*

Brian E. Washington | *Marin County Counsel, County
Counsels' Association Past President (absent)*

SUPERVISORS

Kathryn Barger | *Los Angeles County (absent)*

Rich Desmond | *Sacramento County*

John Gioia | *Contra Costa County*

Kelly Long | *Ventura County*

V. Manuel Perez | *Riverside County*

Buddy Mendes | *Fresno County (absent)*

Noelia Corzo | *San Mateo County*

Bonnie Gore | *Placer County*

Manu Koenig | *Santa Cruz County*

Scott Silveira | *Merced County*

Lucas Frerichs | *Yolo County*

Kent Boes | *Colusa County*

Ned Coe | *Modoc County*

Ryan Campbell | *Tuolumne County*

Treasurer

Belia Ramos, *Napa County*

2. Approval of Minutes from April 3 & May 29, 2025

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 3 & May 29, 2025, was made by Supervisor Kelly Long and seconded by Supervisor Ned Coe. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Updated 2024-2025 Board of Directors Nominations

The CSAC Constitution indicates that each county board shall nominate one or more directors to serve on the CSAC Board of Directors for a one-year term commencing with the Annual Meeting. The CSAC Executive Committee appoints one director for each member county from the nominations received and was presented with additional 2024-2025 nominations received to date.

A motion to approve the updated 2024-2025 Board of Directors Nominations was made by Supervisor Scott Silveira and seconded by Supervisor Luis Alejo. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CEO's Report

Graham Knaus, CEO, provided several staff updates, discussed CSAC's ongoing work with the USDA, reported on CSAC's advocacy efforts related to election funding, and reminded the Committee of the upcoming deadline to apply for NACo Policy Steering Committee Appointments.

President Griffiths presented a resolution honoring Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez for her distinguished public service.

A motion to approve the Resolution honoring Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez for her Distinguished Public Service was made by Supervisor Ned Coe and seconded by Supervisor Luis Alejo. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Cap and Trade

Catherine Freeman, Senior Legislative Advocate, and Jordan Wells, Legislative Advocate, provided a Cap and Trade report.

6. Legislative Update

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, CPO, provided a brief legislative report and referenced the Association's work to update the Meeting the Mandate booklet.

The Executive Committee received reports from the lobbyists in each of CSAC's five Policy Areas:

Health and Human Services

- Justin Garrett, Interim Chief Policy Officer and Senior Legislative Advocate
- Jolie Onodera, Senior Legislative Advocate

Government Finance and Administration

- Eric Lawyer, Senior Legislative Advocate
- Emma Jungwirth, Senior Legislative Advocate

Administration of Justice

- Ryan Morimune, Senior Legislative Advocate

Housing, Land Use and Transportation

- Mark Neuburger, Legislative Advocate

Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources

- Catherine Freeman, Senior Legislative Advocate
- Jordan Wells, Legislative Advocate

7. Executive Committee Minute Mics

Each Executive Committee member provided a brief update on their county.

8. Operations & Member Services Report

Chastity Benson, COO, reported that registration has opened for CSAC's 131st Annual Meeting and that the final module of the 2024-25 New Supervisors Institute recently concluded in July. Ms. Benson also reported on the Association's public affairs efforts surrounding the May Revision.

9. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Oscar Villgas, Finance Corp. President, and Alan Fernandes, CSAC Finance Corp. CEO, announced the Finance Corporation's new business partner, Amazon Business Prime, and the appointment of the new California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) Executive Director, Felicia Williams. Supervisor Villegas provided an update on Public Square Real Estate (PSRE) and highlighted the continued success of the Corporate Associates program. Mr. Fernandes highlighted the Innovation Summit that will be occurring at the CSAC Annual Meeting.

10. California Counties Foundation Report

Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Foundation President, reported that the Institute will have five Fall campuses and that the CSAC Grants Initiative (CGI) continues to evolve as it reacts to the changing federal grants landscape. Paul Danczyk, Foundation COO, reported on the CEO Executive Institute launch in the Fall.

11. California Association of County Executives (CACE) Report

Jason Britt, CACE President and Tulare County CAO, referenced CACE's upcoming Annual Conference on October 22-24, 2025. CAO Britt also discussed the ongoing impacts of HR-1.

12. County Counsels' Association of California (CoCo) Report

A written report was included in the meeting materials; no verbal report was provided.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on October 8-10, 2025, in Inyo County.