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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES

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**1. Roll Call**

OFFICERS

Virginia Bass | President  
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James Gore | 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Leticia Perez | Past President

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Darby Kernan | Deputy Executive Director,  
Legislative Services

ADVISORS

Bruce Goldstein, County Counsels Association

Alameda	– Keith Carson	Orange	– Lisa Bartlett
Alpine	– Terry Woodrow	Placer	– Bonnie Gore
Amador	– Richard Forster (remote)	Plumas	– Lori Simpson
Butte	– Debra Lucero	Riverside	– Chuck Washington
Calaveras	– Merita Callaway	Sacramento	– Susan Peters
Colusa	– Denise Carter	San Benito	– Absent
Contra Costa	– Absent	San Bernardino	– Janice Rutherford
Del Norte	– Chris Howard	San Diego	– Greg Cox
El Dorado	– Absent	San Francisco	– N/A
Fresno	– Absent	San Joaquin	– Bob Elliott
Glenn	– Absent	San Luis Obispo	– Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	– Virginia Bass	San Mateo	– Carole Groom
Imperial	– Raymond Castillo	Santa Barbara	– Das Williams (remote)
Inyo	– Jeff Griffiths	Santa Clara	– Susan Ellenberg
Kern	– Leticia Perez	Santa Cruz	– Bruce McPherson
Kings	– Craig Pedersen	Shasta	– Leonard Moty
Lake	– Moke Simon	Sierra	– Lee Adams
Lassen	– Chris Gallagher	Siskiyou	– Ed Valenzuela
Los Angeles	– Absent	Solano	– Erin Hannigan
Madera	– Absent	Sonoma	– Susan Gorin
Marin	– Damon Connolly	Stanislaus	– Vito Chiesa (remote)
Mariposa	– Marshall Long (remote)	Sutter	– Dan Flores (remote)
Mendocino	– Carree Brown	Tehama	– Robert Williams
Merced	– Lee Lor (remote)	Trinity	– Judy Morris
Modoc	– Patricia Cullins	Tulare	– Amy Shuklian
Mono	– John Peters	Tuolumne	– Karl Rodefer
Monterey	– Luis Alejo	Ventura	– Kelly Long
Napa	– Belia Ramos	Yolo	– Jim Provenza
Nevada	– Ed Scofield	Yuba	– Absent

**2. Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2019**

*A motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2019 meeting made by Supervisor Rodefer; second by Supervisor Adams. Motion carried.*

**3. CSAC Institute Credentials and Fellows Program**

Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, California Counties Foundation Board President introduced the 2019 Institute Fellows and Institute Credential awards.

**4. Institute for Local Government**

CSAC introduced the new Executive Director for the Institute for Local Government (ILG), Erica Manuel. CSAC partners with ILG to do great work on behalf of counties and local governments to work hand in hand to make counties successful. Erica addressed the board and highlighted what ILG has been doing. She envisions an organization that focuses on collaboration and bringing value to partners in ways not seen before, as a convener and facilitator for productive dialogue that helps with solving tough issues in your communities. ILG wants to help counties capitalize on opportunities to connect counties to technical resources and programmatic support. ILG complements the great work of counties to tell the stories of success and get the support counties need.

**5. Nationwide Retirement Solutions**

Eric Stevenson, Senior Vice President of Retirement Plans Distribution at Nationwide Retirement Solutions addressed the board. Nationwide has a strong partnership with the members of the California counties.

**6. CSAC Policy Committee Reports**

**a. Administration of Justice**

Supervisor Kelly Long informed the board of the updates and communication that took place during the policy committee meeting. The committee discussed Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, juvenile justice, and pending legislation. They heard from the Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Ralph Diaz. He discussed his priorities as secretary and what some of the opportunities are for counties to partner with the department. A recommendation was made by Lassen County Supervisor, Chris Gallagher for counties with prisons to have an annual meeting with the secretary, which the committee plans to implement and facilitate. Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe updated the committee about the CSAC Juvenile Hall Work Group and CSAC staff provided a brief legislative overview.

**b. Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources**

Supervisor Carole Groom reported on the AENR policy committee meeting to the board. The committee heard from CSAC's utility liability coalition partners attorney, John Fiske, and Up from the Ashes President, Patrick McCallum. There was a robust discussion on wildfire and utility liability issues. Nicole Elliott, Senior Advisor for Cannabis from GO BIZ, and Hasan Sarsour of Paragon Government Relations, provided a state of cannabis update and discussed state and federal level issues and legislation. The committee hosted a recycling panel of senior legislative

staff that are working on source reduction for plastic packaging legislation to tackle California's growing recycling crisis. The panel included Legislative Director Tina Andolina from Senator Ben Allen's office and Legislative Director Katrina Robinson from Senator Nancy Skinner's office. Graphics such as charts and statistics showing global decline in plastics commodity pricing were provided to the committee. Cara Martinson provided a legislative update. No action was taken during the committee meeting.

**c. Government Finance and Administration**

Supervisor Judy Morris informed the board on the discussions at the GFA policy committee meeting. The committee heard from two panels, including topics on redistricting and sales tax reform. The redistricting panel included representatives from California Common Cause, the State Auditor's Office, and Supervisors Leticia Perez and Das Williams. AB 849 and SB 139 were the central focus of discussion. AB 849 would require all local agencies to undertake more public engagement during their redistricting process. SB 139 would require counties with an over 250,000 population to have an independent redistricting commission. The sales tax presentation by the executive chairman of HdL, Lloyd de Llamas included discussion on California's high sales tax rate in respect to the narrow base in the country. California has a large number of exemptions but only charges tax on tangible personal property, instead of digital property or services. Options for potential future reforms were presented.

**d. Health and Human Services**

Supervisor Das Williams addressed the board with an update on the Health and Human Services policy committee meeting. The committee discussed the Governor's IHSS MOE proposals and the UDW request to link the MOE proposal to county collective bargaining. The committee heard from three CSAC affiliate associations on budget efforts that CSAC has supported, including the County Health Executives Association of California, the California State Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians and Public Conservators, and the County Welfare Directors Association of California. The committee also welcomed updates from the Child Support Directors Association and the Contra Costa County Department of Child Support Services, who provided important background about the child support program and discussed the Associations' priorities and current legislation. Brendan McCarthy, the Assistant Secretary of California Health and Human Services Agency also addressed the committee.

**e. Housing, Land Use and Transportation**

Supervisor Denise Carter summarized the HLT policy committee meeting that took place during the legislative conference. The committee received a presentation from Lynn von Koch-Liebert, Deputy Secretary from the Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency. She discussed the Governor's housing-related budget proposals, which includes \$250 million for local and regional planning grants and \$500 million in incentives for housing production. The committee also discussed the Governor's proposal to reform the regional housing needs process and link transportation funding, including SB 1 local formula funds, with housing. Policy discussion on housing development impact fees took place. James Hamill, Managing Director for the

California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA), which manages the Statewide Community Infrastructure Program (SCIP), helping local government and developers defer impacts fees while still competing needed infrastructure improvements. The committee approved policy principles to help direct CSAC's advocacy on the numerous impact-fee related bills under consideration in the legislature. The Chair of the Assembly Housing Committee requested CSAC's support for the package. While there ultimately was not consensus to recommend positions to the Executive Committee, the group had a robust discussion of three tenant protection bills.

**f. Resilient Counties**

Supervisor James Gore updated the board about the resiliency advisory board meeting that took place during the legislative conference. The advisory board is focusing on resilience for all disasters, including wildfires, earthquakes, active shooter situations, and many more. The group came up with a policy platform and has confidence in the direction moving forward and a vehicle to put it toward. The committee has created working groups to conquer all the different corners that resiliency touches. A disaster emergency management summit with the Governor's office will take place in June and CSAC will be an important partner in that summit. The committee sees an opportunity to have inflow of work with this summit to come out with some announcements and collaboration with the Governor's office for a path forward with regards to resilience.

**7. Consideration of Proposed CSAC Budget for FY 2019-20**

The Board was presented CSAC's proposed budget for Fiscal year 2019-20 by Supervisor Ed Scofield, CSAC's Treasurer, which was approved by the Executive Committee. Highlights of the proposed budget include: no dues increases for the sixth consecutive year; An increase in the Finance Corporation Participation Program contribution to \$4.3 million; \$525,000 net revenue expected from the Corporate Associates Program; projected increase of \$125,000 in administrative revenue fees for staff and resources for county welfare data systems management support; Salaries and benefits reflect increased retirement contribution rates and benefit cost increases; \$40,000 increase in the budgeted contribution to the California Counties Foundation; \$250,000 contribution to the Capital improvement Fund; a projected \$5.7 million in the Operational reserve by the end of FY 2019-20. Supervisor Scofield and staff recommend moving forward with support for the proposed budget.

*A motion to approve the CSAC budget as presented made by Supervisor Peters; second by Supervisor Brown. Motion carried unanimously.*

**8. Caucus Report Outs**

**a. Rural**

Supervisor Virginia Bass briefed the board on the rural county caucus. The caucus had an action item to change the term rules for the Executive Committee. The caucus is working through ideas on how to provide continuity.

**b. Suburban**

Supervisor James Gore updated the board on the suburban caucus, which currently has 17 counties. The group discussed the voting structure and is getting back to basics about how the caucus is organized. Topics such as resiliency, cannabis and county best practices were deliberated.

**c. Urban**

Supervisor Lisa Bartlett reported a summary of the urban caucus meeting that took place during the legislative conference. Ten counties were in attendance and the caucus had good discussions. There were no action items.

**9. CSAC Finance Corporation Report**

Supervisor Leonard Moty, President of the CSAC Finance Corporation, addressed the board with an update on the CSAC FC. The Corporation recently welcomed their new board members, Elba Gonzales and David Twa. The bond with the FC and CSAC continues to remain strong with an ongoing commitment to collaboration. Alan Fernandes, CSAC FC CEO also touched on the partnerships that the corporation has built and maintained. Officers were elected at the recent Annual Meeting, with Supervisor Moty remaining as President, Graham Knaus as Vice President, and Jim Erb as the Treasurer. Highlights of all the partnerships that the CSAC FC works with were presented to the Board of Directors in the briefing materials.

Steven Bennett, Regional Sales Manager at Dominion Voting Systems addressed the board. Dominion focuses on providing secure and transparent voting technology to ensure confidence in communities to carry out local elections.

**10. Federal Legislative Update**

The Paragon Government Relations team addressed the board and provided a legislative update to the Board of Directors. The House and Senate Homelessness bills supplement California's efforts. Funding bills for disaster recovery and resiliency are delayed due to disagreements over Puerto Rico FHWA Emergency response extensions, which have not been extended despite past practices of doing so. FY 2020 application process for SCAAP will effectively deny money to sanctuary governments. Federal legislation is moving on the Safe Banking Act in regards to Cannabis.

**11. Operations and Member Services Update**

Staff briefed the board on updates on the Communications and Member Services teams. CSAC held a regional meeting in March in Monterey County that focused on housing affordability and homelessness. Approximately 80 county representatives, corporate partners and CSAC policy experts attended the event. The next Regional Meeting will take place sometime in June in the Central Valley and will focus on opportunity zones. CSAC is partnering with RCRC to host the 2020 Western Interstate Region (WIR) conference in Mariposa County. Staff is putting out a call for entries for the 2019 CSAC Challenge Awards, which spotlight the most innovative programs developed and implemented by California Counties. The National Association of Counties (NACo) sponsors National County Government Month in April. This month's theme is "Connecting the Unconnected", the

initiative sponsored by NACo President and San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox. CSAC is using various tools to promote the event to the 58 counties. Staff continues to utilize different media outlets such as traditional, social and video to get the county story out.

**12. California Counties Foundation Update**

Staff updated the board on the California Counties Foundation, which has welcomed a new Board member, Supervisor Amy Shuklian. The CSAC Support Hub for Criminal Justice Programming (formerly known as the Results First Program), which was a project intended to provide support to counties to understand their criminal justice programs, has received a \$900,000 Arnold Foundation grant to continue its work over the next two years. The team is engaging in an influx of strategic planning within counties. Supervisor Ed Scofield was welcomed to the Foundation Board as the new treasurer. CSAC staff acknowledged Amalia Mejia for her efforts and dedication to the Results First / Support Hub over the years. Amalia will be leaving the team to pursue a graduate degree. Diana Medina will be taking over the Support Hub project.

The meeting was adjourned. The Board will reconvene on September 5, 2019 in Sacramento, CA.