

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
September 5, 2019  
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MINUTES

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**1. Roll Call**

OFFICERS

Virginia Bass | President  
Lisa Bartlett | 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
James Gore | 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (*absent*)  
Leticia Perez | Past President (*remote*)

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | Executive Director  
Manuel Rivas, Jr. | Deputy Executive Director,  
Operations & Member Services  
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	– <i>Absent</i>	Plumas	– Lori Simpson ( <i>remote</i> )
Butte	– Debra Lucero	Riverside	– Chuck Washington
Calaveras	– Merita Callaway	Sacramento	– <i>Absent</i>
Colusa	– Denise Carter	San Benito	– Jaime De La Cruz
Contra Costa	– John Gioia	San Bernardino	– <i>Absent</i>
Del Norte	– Chris Howard	San Diego	– Greg Cox ( <i>remote</i> )
El Dorado	– John Hidahl	San Francisco	– N/A
Fresno	– Buddy Mendes	San Joaquin	– Bob Elliott
Glenn	– John Viegas ( <i>remote</i> )	San Luis Obispo	– Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	– <i>Absent</i>	San Mateo	– <i>Absent</i>
Imperial	– <i>Absent</i>	Santa Barbara	– Das Williams ( <i>remote</i> )
Inyo	– Jeff Griffiths	Santa Clara	– <i>Absent</i>
Kern	– Zack Scrivner	Santa Cruz	– Bruce McPherson ( <i>remote</i> )
Kings	– Craig Pedersen	Shasta	– Leonard Moty
Lake	– Moke Simon	Sierra	– Lee Adams
Lassen	– <i>Absent</i>	Siskiyou	– Ed Valenzuela
Los Angeles	– Mark Ridley-Thomas	Solano	– Erin Hannigan
Madera	– <i>Absent</i>	Sonoma	– <i>Absent</i>
Marin	– Damon Connolly	Stanislaus	– Vito Chiesa
Mariposa	– Miles Menetrey	Sutter	– Dan Flores
Mendocino	– Carre Brown ( <i>remote</i> )	Tehama	– Robert Williams
Merced	– Lee Lor	Trinity	– Judy Morris ( <i>remote</i> )
Modoc	– Patricia Cullins	Tulare	– Amy Shuklian
Mono	– John Peters	Tuolumne	– Karl Rodefer
Monterey	– Luis Alejo	Ventura	– Kelly Long
Napa	– <i>Absent</i>	Yolo	– Jim Provenza
Nevada	– Ed Scofield	Yuba	– Doug Lofton

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 25, 2019**

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting made by Supervisor Williams; second by Supervisor Gibson. Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF POLICY PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL**

Staff addressed the Board of Directors with a recommendation to approve policy priorities for reauthorization of the federal surface transportation bill, which expires in September 2020. CSAC is focused on a federal transportation funding fix to create stability for the bill. California has joined with cities and counties across the country to increase infrastructure funding. There has not been a change to highway funding since 1993. CSAC is prioritizing the pursuit of funding bridge and safety projects, but the revenue shortfall of the Highway Trust fund needs to be addressed first. The transportation needs in California can only happen with a long-term funding fix for the federal Highway Trust Fund. The priorities addressed for recommendation are to restore the Highway Bridge Program, ensure eligibility for emergency relief projects, and focus on safety. The Executive Committee has approved the policy priorities and the Housing, Land Use and Transportation policy committee recommends an approval of the priorities by the Board of Directors.

Subsequent motion to table this issue until the December Board meeting made by Supervisor Williams; second by Supervisor Rodefer. Motion failed with a majority vote.

A motion to approve the policy priorities as presented by staff with a modification to language in the first sentence of the fourth paragraph to read "CSAC's policy supports a variety of new revenues sources, including exploring ways to reduce costs" made by Supervisor Alejo; second by Supervisor De La Cruz. Motion carried with a majority vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF POLICY PRINCIPLES FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE LEGISLATION  
(58 MINS)**

Staff presented the Board of Directors with a recommendation to approve policy principles for housing development impact fee legislation being considered in the 2019-20 legislative session. Housing production and affordability is a large focus of the Governor and the Legislature. A study was conducted in partnership by the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley, evaluating the reasonableness of fees charged for new developments. AB 1484 (Grayson) looks to amend AB 879 to include the recommendations outlined in the release report of the study, including fee transparency, fee structure fee design, and alternative funding options. The Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Policy Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the policy principles as presented for housing development impact fee legislation under consideration in the 2019-20 legislative session.

A motion to approve the policy priorities as presented by staff made by Supervisor Alejo; second by Supervisor Gibson. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. FINANCE CORPORATION UPDATE**

Supervisor Leonard Moty, CSAC FC President, and Alan Fernandes, CSAC FC CEO, updated the Board of Directors on all new items pertaining to the Finance Corporation. The corporation will have their

Fall meeting in Orange County later this month in collaboration with the National Association of Counties Financial Services Corporation. Discussions will include collaboration on programs and projects between the two organizations, as well reviewing and discussing new proposed programs for consideration. The annual budget will also be reviewed. The current financial position of the CSAC FC remains strong.

Jim Manker, Director of Business Development, addressed the board to highlight the strong corporate sponsor partnerships that the CSAC FC has brought in. The program currently has 64 partners across three levels and the Board was provided with information on all partners in their packet of materials.

## **6. CALIFORNIA COUNTIES FOUNDATION UPDATE**

Chastity Benson, Program Manager at the California Counties Foundation addressed the board with updates on the California Counties Foundation and the CSAC Institute. The Foundation has been using a new association management system system called iMIS to track analytics and data for events and institute classes, and will be using the information to tailor future programs. The CSAC Institute hosts campuses throughout California's counties, with the next program starting in Lake and Mendocino counties in January 2020. With the large demand for Institute Campuses, the program will implement pop-up campuses, starting with 1 – 2 classes in Mariposa and Solano Counties. The Foundation had its Board of Directors retreat with great attendance and productive and robust discussions. Staff will provide program proposals for the next Foundation Board meeting in December.

## **7. GOVERNOR'S HOMELESS TASKFORCE UPDATE**

Sacramento Mayor, Darrell Steinberg, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, addressed the Board of Directors as the Co-Chairs of the Governor's Homeless Taskforce. Jason Elliott, Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary in Governor Newsom's administration, also addressed the Board and thanked CSAC for its partnership in the Taskforce.

There has been a deep commitment in the Governor's office and statewide to the issue of homelessness and behavioral health. The Governor convened a council of homeless advisors, representing different regions of California. The council will do a state-wide tour over the coming months to lead the effort on making progress on the issue of homelessness and behavioral health. The task force will focus on looking at best practices and supporting various regions in presenting regional plans to access the second round of funding to tackle homelessness. Counties are to show the committee how they will work across/inter-county/city to face the crisis and the task force will engage with leaders and help put those plans into effect. Counties are uniquely positioned to help the state tackle the homeless crisis.

The first meeting is scheduled for September 6 in Stanislaus County, with planning underway for a second meeting on September 27 in Southern California. The Governor will appoint working groups with individuals from different areas to work in collaboration with the advisors on the taskforce. The defining issue at the core of the taskforce is to provide dignity and a way to move forward in this crisis. The collaboration between the broad groups will allow for an agreed-upon way to fairly work on homelessness and behavioral health related issues together to tackle the issue.

## **8. COURT SECURITY**

Trial court security was realigned to counties in 2011. The amount of funding that was provided to counties has not kept up with increased personnel and security costs in many counties. CSAC staff has worked closely with the California State Sheriffs Association (CSSA) to make Trial Court Security more functional. CSAC has heard from various counties that funding provided through realignment to support trial court security operations has been inadequate. Stanislaus County Assistant Executive Officer, Patrice Dietrich and Assistant County Counsel Rob Taro, addressed the Board with the legal battle they are currently facing in regards to trial court security. The county made a request to the court for the county to pay for one position through its general fund and the court to work with the county to reduce court security needs. The court declined the request, and when the county attempted to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding, the court filed a lawsuit against the county. CSSA has requested enhanced assistance from CSAC on the issue of trial court security. CSAC has partnered with CSSA to propose a cohort of county supervisors and sheriffs to meet with the Chief Justice and Judicial Council leadership to request additional funding. CSAC will select members from each caucus, along with officers, to join the cohort and inform on trial court security discussions.

## **9. IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

Mono County Supervisor, John Peters, and staff presented an update on the In-Home Supportive Services Maintenance of Effort (MOE). The new MOE, signed into law in Senate Bill 80, creates a more sustainable fiscal structure for counties to manage IHSS costs to continue delivering vital services on behalf of the state. Staff discussed the steps taken to create the IHSS MOE methodology. CSAC partnered with counties and the Department of Finance to determine the individual county MOE amounts. CSAC formed a subcommittee of the existing IHSS Working Group to ensure county input in developing the recommended MOE amounts were secure. The subcommittee presented recommendations, which were approved by CSAC officers and CAOs, and presented them to the Departments of Finance and Social Services, which have both confirmed they will move forward with implementing the recommended amounts. The final methodology accomplishes a number of outcomes, including: adding the full annualized MOE adjustment amount to any county that increased wages or benefits in 2018-18 or 2018-19; ensuring that any county that did not increase wages or benefits in 2018-19 will have a 2019-20 MOE amount that is lower than the county's 2018-19 MOE after General Fund offset; and, any county that did increase wages or benefits in 2018-19 will have a 2019-20 MOE amount that is lower than the sum of the county's 2018-19 MOE after General Fund offset and the annualized MOE adjustment for that wage or benefit increase.

## **10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### Resiliency Bond Measures

A number of measures have been introduced at the end of the session and are moving through the process, sending across all categories for a broad array of programs and policies in terms of disaster preparedness. All authors of the bills have committed to working together over the fall to develop a comprehensive package in which CSAC staff will be participating in. CSAC will be calling on AENR and Resiliency policy committees to provide insight and will be bringing the discussion to the AENR policy committee in December. Staff will be pulling together a group to discuss the critical issue of the public safety power shut off. CSAC is speaking with OES and CPUC

leadership as well as other county stake holders to increase communication and seeking additional information regarding infrastructure and other concerns.

### Waivers

Counties partner with the state to administer Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program, which provides health care coverage to low-income residents. Counties depend on the state to request federal waivers to continue financing county safety net health services. Two of the state's main Medicaid waivers, section 1115 Medicaid 2020 Waiver and the 1915b Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Waiver will expire in 2020. CSAC is urging counties to prepare by identifying and developing priorities for new waivers. Preserving the federal financial participation is critical for county public hospitals. The federal government has indicated that they do not want California to have a waiver and that funding has to be cost neutral to the federal government. Governor Newsom has created a Homeless Action Committee Task Force and CSAC is taking a number of immediate steps to advocate for counties on waivers in 2019 and 2020 to provide cohesiveness between counties for the Governor's task force and broader geographic caucus.

## **11. OPERATIONS & MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE**

Staff updated the Board of Directors on all matters relating to the Operations & Member Services team. Registration has opened for CSAC's 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in December, Connecting California Counties, and staff is working hard to finalize workshops and speakers. CSAC hosted a Summer Regional Meeting in Fresno which focused on Opportunity Zones and had over 70 county representatives. The Fall Regional Meeting will take place on October 9-10 in Sonoma County and will cover Resiliency. CSAC continues to work with Mariposa County and RCRC to host the 2020 NACo Western Interstate Region (WIR) conference. The Communications team remains diligent in providing updates across media platforms on all things relating to county news.

## **12. CHALLENGE AWARDS**

CSAC's annual challenge awards program works to highlight innovation in counties. The judges reviewed 284 submissions this year. The California Counties Innovation Award will be presented to Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Challenge Awards will be received by the following 13 counties: El Dorado (2), Humboldt (2), Marin, Mariposa, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo (2), Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Solano.

The following counties will receive Merit Awards: Alameda (3), Contra Costa, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles (4), Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Orange (2), Riverside (3), Sacramento, San Bernardino (2), San Diego (3), San Joaquin, Santa Barbara (2), Santa Cruz (2), Shasta, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Ventura.

## **13. 2019 CACE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Each year, the California Association of County Executives honors a member of the county executives that has gone above and beyond. A call for nominations has been provided to all county supervisors to select a member they think deserves to be recognized at the CSAC Annual Meeting.

**14. INFORMATION ITEMS WITHOUT PRESENTATION**

The Board of Directors received materials in their briefing packets, which included the CSAC Litigation Coordination Report, the CSAC Institute Course Schedule and the 2019 CSAC Board of Directors Calendar of Events.

Meeting Adjourned. The next Board of Directors meeting will take place in conjunction with the CSAC Annual Meeting on December 5, 2019 in San Francisco City and County.