

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, February 15, 2018
Capitol Event Center, Sacramento

M I N U T E S

Presiding: Leticia Perez, President

1. ROLL CALL

Alameda	Carson/Haggerty	Placer	Jim Holmes
Alpine	Terry Woodrow	Plumas	Lori Simpson (audio)
Amador	Richard Forster	Riverside	Chuck Washington
Butte	Bill Connelly	Sacramento	absent
Calaveras	Michael Oliveira	San Benito	absent
Colusa	Denise Carter	San Bernardino	James Ramos
Contra Costa	John Gioia (audio)	San Diego	Greg Cox
Del Norte	Chris Howard	San Francisco	Malia Cohen (audio)
El Dorado	John Hidahl	San Joaquin	absent
Fresno	absent	San Luis Obispo	absent
Glenn	John Viegas (audio)	San Mateo	Carole Groom
Humboldt	Bass/Fennell (audio-Fennell)	Santa Barbara	Das Williams (audio)
Imperial	absent	Santa Clara	Ken Yeager
Inyo	Jeff Griffiths	Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson (audio)
Kern	Leticia Perez	Shasta	Leonard Moty
Kings	Doug Verboon (audio)	Sierra	Lee Adams
Lake	absent	Siskiyou	Ed Valenzuela
Lassen	Chris Gallagher	Solano	Erin Hannigan (audio)
Los Angeles	absent	Sonoma	James Gore
Madera	Tom Wheeler (audio)	Stanislaus	Vito Chiesa (audio)
Marin	Damon Connolly	Sutter	Dan Flores
Mariposa	Marshall Long (audio)	Tehama	Robert Williams
Mendocino	Carre Brown	Trinity	Judy Morris (audio)
Merced	absent	Tulare	Kuyler Crocker
Modoc	Patricia Cullins (audio)	Tuolumne	Hanvelt/Brennan (audio-Brennan)
Mono	John Peters	Ventura	Kelly Long
Monterey	Luis Alejo	Yolo	Jim Provenza
Napa	Diane Dillon	Yuba	Doug Lofton
Nevada	Ed Scofield	Advisors:	Bruce Goldstein and Larry Lees
Orange	Lisa Bartlett		

The presence of a quorum was noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Some minor grammatical corrections were made to the minutes of January 18, 2018.

Motion and second to approve minutes of November 30, 2017 and January 18, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

3. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S BUDGET FOR 2018-19

Diane Cummins, Special Advisor to the Governor, presented an overview of the Governor's January 2018 Budget. The \$190b budget proposal maintains fiscal prudence and focuses on funding the implementation of major initiatives and reforms that counties are responsible for implementing. She indicated the Governor's rainy day fund is now full, with a reserve of \$2.3b. In Home Supportive Services (IHSS), Continuum of Care Reform for foster care youth, and addressing the growing mental health crisis in jails and communities all remain a priority. Ms. Cummins also noted that the budget provides \$23.7m in backfill to counties and other local jurisdictions for lost property taxes in 2017-18 and 2018-19 resulting from the October 2017 fires.

4. STATE BUDGET IMPACTS ON COUNTIES

Staff reported that the Governor included \$4.6b for SB 1 transportation infrastructure, and noted that if SB 1 is repealed it could have a devastating impact to California's economy. Staff also noted that a significant portion of the operational reserves in the proposed 2018-19 state budget is dedicated to disaster recovery following the October 2017 fires that devastated communities throughout California. The Administration changed the age of jurisdiction for youths sent to the Division of Juvenile Justice from 23 to 25 years of age. A detailed analysis of state budget provisions affecting counties is contained in the CSAC Budget Action Bulletin.

Additionally, CSAC is working with the Administration on proposals for homelessness resource funding, and also partnering with the League of Cities to ensure that any funding to local government is dispersed fairly among cities and counties. The Joint CSAC/League Homelessness Task Force will be releasing a report in late February.

5. FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN ACA 5 (PROP. 69) AND SB1 REPEAL CAMPAIGN

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor in April 2017. The Legislature also passed an accompanying constitutional protection measure (ACA 5) to ensure the 33% of revenues generated by SB 1 are dedicated to transportation. ACA 5 will appear before the voters on the June 2018 ballot. Efforts are underway to repeal SB1. The campaign is currently raising money and collecting signatures on an initiative that would require the Legislature to put before the electorate approval of any gas, diesel, or vehicle-related tax or fee increase. Since the initiative has a retroactive effective date of January 1, 2017, it would repeal SB 1. If the measure qualifies, it will be on the November 2018 ballot.

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors voted to oppose the SB 1 repeal initiative and support ACA 5 (Prop. 69). Additionally, the Executive Committee approved financial support for the campaign against the SB 1 repeal and in support of ACA 5 in January, and recommended that the Board of Directors approve financial support.

Motion and second to authorize CSAC to spend up to \$500,000 in non-dues revenue on the campaign to oppose SB 1 repeal and support ACA 5 (Prop. 69). Kings, Mariposa, Orange and Tehama opposed the motion. Butte, Del Norte and Ventura abstained. Motion carried with 41 votes in favor.

6. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2018

Staff presented draft CSAC Legislative Priorities as contained in the briefing materials. The state priorities are divided into three categories: Defending County Interests in Fiscal Health; Resiliency and Preparedness; and Innovation. The federal priorities included legislative and budget policy issues that staff and CSAC's federal advocates, Paragon Government Relations, will lobby, as well as Executive and Administration actions that CSAC will be monitoring during the year.

Motion and second to approve 2018 legislative priorities as presented. Orange County abstained. Motion carried.

Staff announced that CSAC will be convening a Cannabis roundtable meeting and a Congressional reception during the March NACo Legislative Conference, in Washington, DC.

7. RURAL CAUCUS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALTERNATE

Mono County Supervisor Larry Johnston has been serving as a member of the CSAC Board of Directors and the Rural Caucus alternate on the Executive Committee. Due to his declining health, the Mono County Board of Supervisors replaced him on the Board of Directors. Therefore, he is no longer eligible to serve on the Executive Committee.

The CSAC Rural Caucus held a conference call on February 8 to nominate a replacement to serve on the Executive Committee for the remainder of 2018. However, since a number of supervisors expressed interest, President Bass announced that a vote will take place at the May meeting of the Rural Caucus.

8. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT AND CSCDA APPOINTMENT

Staff provided an update on the California Cannabis Authority (CCA), which is a Joint Powers Authority created to assist counties in obtaining important information about the cannabis industry's regulatory process. Specifically, the CCA will develop and manage one statewide data platform that will gather, collect, and analyze information from a myriad of data sources, to help local governments ensure cannabis regulatory compliance and also provide necessary information to financial institutions that wish to work with the cannabis industry.

The CSAC Finance Corporation is working with the 211 California organization to explore a partnership to assist in expanding the 211 network to the 23 counties currently without that service.

CSAC Finance Corporation President Leonard Moty announced that there is currently a vacancy on the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) for an alternate Commissioner due to the retirement of Ron Holly, Monterey County Chief Deputy Auditor Controller). The CSCDA was created in 1988 to provide local governments with an effective tool for the timely financing of community-based public benefit projects. The Commission meets twice a month. It was recommended that Michael Cooper, Solano County Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector/County Clerk, be appointed to replace Mr. Holly.

Motion and second to appoint Michael Cooper as CSCDA alternate commissioner. Motion carried unanimously.

9. CSAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Staff provided a status report on the 2018 statewide ballot initiatives. There are currently 42 initiatives in the circulation stage; 6 initiatives have self-certified, obtaining 25% of the required signatures; 1 initiative reached signature completion and awaiting verification; 4 initiatives are awaiting title and summary; and 5 measures are qualified for either the June or November ballot. The Legislature has placed 6 measures on the ballot. The briefing materials contained a summary chart of initiatives that are of importance to counties.

Staff also alerted the Board to an initiative that seeks to change the current parameters for base year value property transfers by expanding the program in several ways. For counties, this could dramatically change residential property reassessments, creating annual revenue losses in the tens of millions of

dollars. The lead proponent of the initiative is the California Association of Realtors. It has not yet qualified.

10. OPERATIONS AND MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE

Staff presented an update on activities occurring within CSAC operations and member services. The CSAC Institute opened a satellite campus on January 11, in Shasta County, and the Merced County campus will be moving to Tulare County in 2018. The CA Counties Foundation Board is developing new educational opportunities to maximize the success of current and future county leaders. The first seminar will occur in March. The CSAC Premier Leadership Forum will be held Jan. 31-Feb. 1, in San Diego County.

The communications team has produced “power minute” videos to spotlight the work of the advocacy team. CSAC’s new External Affairs Coordinator has been working closely with county public information officers (PIOs) and is planning to conduct regional PIO meetings throughout the state.

11. OTHER ITEMS

The briefing materials contained reports on the Institute for Local Government (ILG), the CSAC Litigation Coordination Program, a financial statement, and a CSAC Institute Course guide.

Meeting adjourned.