

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

OFFICERS

Ed Valenzuela | *President*
Chuck Washington | *1st Vice President*
Bruce Gibson | *2nd Vice President*
James Gore | *Immediate Past President*

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | *Executive Director*
Manuel Rivas, Jr. | *Deputy Executive Director,
Operations & Member Services*
Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez | *Deputy Executive
Director, Legislative Affairs*

ADVISORS

Rita Neal | *County Counsels' Association,
San Luis Obispo County*
Minh Tran | *Napa County CEO, California
Association of County Executives, President*

SUPERVISORS

Kathryn Barger | *Los Angeles County*
Lisa Bartlett | *Orange County*
Keith Carson | *Alameda County*
Susan Ellenberg | *Santa Clara County*
John Gioia | *Contra Costa County*
Buddy Mendes | *Fresno County*
Kelly Long | *Ventura County*
Luis Alejo | *Monterey County*
Diane Dillon | *Napa County*
Erin Hannigan | *Solano County*
Scott Silveira | *Merced County*
Jeff Griffiths | *Inyo County*
Sue Novasel | *El Dorado County*
Bob Williams | *Tehama County*

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

Ed Scofield | *Nevada County*

2. Approval of Minutes from January 27th and March 3rd, 2022

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 27 and March 3, was made by Supervisor Valenzuela; second by Supervisor Bartlett. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Updated 2021-2022 Board of Directors Nominations

A motion to approve Updated 2021-2022 Board of Directors Nominations, was made by Supervisor Long; second by Supervisor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CSAC Finance Corporation Appointment of Board Members

A motion to approve CSAC Finance Corporation Appointment of Board Members, was made by Supervisor Gibson; second by Supervisor Hannigan. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CSAC Proposed Budget and Salary Schedule for FY 2022-23

A motion to approve CSAC Proposed Budget and Salary Schedule for FY 2022-23, was made by Supervisor Barger; second by Supervisor Bartlett. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Executive Directors' Report

CSAC's Executive Director, Graham Knaus, discussed the state of the Association and core priorities as well as refining the strategic approach to advocacy and communications through Executive Committee input.

7. Legislative Conference COVID Protocol

Manuel Rivas, Jr., Deputy Director of Operations and Member Services, presented the 2022 Legislative Conference COVID protocols.

8. Multi-Year Policy Priorities Discussion

Geoff Neill, Legislative Representative, and Danielle Bradley, Legislative Analyst, presented the priorities for the Government, Finance, and Administration team. The top three priorities for GFA: broadband investment, Brown Act reform and modernization, and Public Records Act reform.

Farrah McDaid Ting, Legislative Representative and Director of Public Affairs & Member Services, and Roshena Duree, Associate Legislative Analyst, presented the priorities for the Health and Human Services team. HHS's top priorities are continual COVID-19 relief funding, CARE Court and mental health, homelessness, childcare, and aging.

9. Minute Mics: Executive Committee Roundtable

Supervisor Barger / Los Angeles County – Los Angeles County is currently struggling with the potential effects of CARE Court and is pushing to have a seat at the table. Supervisor Barger intends to go back to the county CEO and mention that CSAC will be a great resource. She has concerns about the funding being cut off for COVID-19 relief and is looking at how non-profits are going to fund their services.

Supervisor Bartlett / Orange County – Orange County recently had a board meeting to discuss how to protect their communities from sexually violent predators (SVP). The county sent a letter to the state opposing the placement of the SVP's and emphasized that changes need to happen in the state legislature to ensure counties have a say in the process.

Supervisor Ellenberg / Santa Clara County – Santa Clara County is focusing on workforce development in all departments that were impacted by COVID-19. The county started a new initiative that focuses on returnship of women and care givers who have left the workforce due to the pandemic.

Supervisor Gioia / Contra Costa County – Contra Costa County recently allocated funds from a half cent sales tax that was passed by voters. The sales tax raises \$12 million a year for an affordable housing fund. Part of this is going to a new project that is converting an abandoned office building into 54 units of permanent housing with supportive services. The county is also using \$20 million to create a county wide mental health crisis response team. The planning commission will be voting on converting two oil refineries into the world’s largest renewable fuel facilities.

Supervisor Long / Ventura County – Dr. Johnson has been named the interim CEO for Ventura County and the county is currently doing an open recruitment to fill that position.

Supervisor Alejo / Monterey County – Monterey County is currently working on the Broadband bill that will have a city or county representative that would be appointed by the Speaker of the House (AB 2256 Quirk-Silva). It was on the consent calendar for its first policy committee hearing. Supervisor Alejo asks the Executive Committee to submit letters of support for this bill. The county was successful in acquiring funds for Project Home Key and has completed its first project in southern Monterey County.

Supervisor Dillon / Napa County – The county is currently engaged in community outreach for fire mitigation and preparedness. Napa County has both a Defensible Space ordinance and a Home Hardening ordinance that are very strong.

Supervisor Hannigan / Solano County – AARPA funding is a top priority for Solano County. The county received \$2 million to create a new First Five center and would like to have the Executive Committee come up with a sustainable funding model that would partner with First Five. Solano County is taking over an abandoned elementary school and converting it into an early learning center that will have 18 classrooms. Head Start and several other childhood learning programs are partnering with the county to create this center. The county is raising the number of childcare spots to 298, which is a significant number for Solano County. The county will also have a new CAO starting soon.

Supervisor Silvera / Merced County – Merced County’s unsheltered homeless count went down by 2% overall. Supervisor Silvera believes this is due to the limited number of arrests and a more flexible budget. During this election cycle, there is only one contested race in Merced County which is the District Attorney’s race between Supervisor Silvera and his opponent.

Supervisor Griffiths / Inyo County – Supervisor Griffiths and his colleagues are worried about the impact that water will have on the agricultural community. Inyo county will start building a small business center in the summer. The county has also partnered with several public and private entities to create an adult education program.

Supervisor Novasel / El Dorado County – El Dorado County is moving forward with their Broadband Program in partnership with the City of South Lake Tahoe that will provide middle-mile broadband. Supervisor Novasel has worked on a homeless program in her district that has housed 58 vulnerable people by purchasing three old hotels and converted them into housing. This program has helped cut the homeless population nearly in half in South Lake Tahoe.

Supervisor Scofield / Nevada County – The county has received grants to help educate and mitigate wildfires. It has also received fuel breaks through CalFire. To continue this progress, the county is considering a sales tax increase. Nevada County has moved forward with several affordable housing projects and will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for a building that has 60 units which includes 14 units of transitional housing. The county has also purchased a small hotel in Grass Valley by using funds from Project Home Key and Room Key to create additional housing.

Supervisor Gibson / San Luis Obispo County – The Board of Supervisors set aside \$3 million to stabilize existing childcare centers, create more centers, and assist in workforce development as it relates to childcare.

Supervisor Washington / Riverside County – Recently, a blog was published that mentioned how Riverside County set aside \$15 million for childcare and early childhood education. The county CEO is creating a program called RivCo Leads which is a social media campaign that will showcase how many leadership roles there are throughout the state and county, and how those roles are being filled by Riverside County employees.

Supervisor Valenzuela / Siskiyou County – Water is a major concern for Siskiyou County - Shasta Lake is very low. What has attributed to the water levels has been the increasing number of wildfires that have been happening in the county.

10. California Counties Foundation Report

Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Member Services, Manuel Rivas, Jr., and the Director of Operations and Educational Programs for the California Counties Foundation, Chastity Benson, presented the report for the Foundation. Chastity elaborated on the So You Want to be a CAO? program and the low initial participation that has occurred. She discussed the opening of new institute campuses throughout the state and asked if any counties would be willing to host a campus in Southern California. Chastity also asks the Executive Committee to provide feedback on any additional programs that the Foundation could create that would be beneficial for counties and support the Supervisors.

Meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on August 11th, 2022.