

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 8, 2020

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

OFFICERS

Lisa Bartlett | *President*

James Gore | *1st Vice President*

Ed Valenzuela | *2nd Vice President*

Virginia Bass | *Immediate Past President*

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | *Executive Director*

Manuel Rivas, Jr. | *Deputy Executive Director,
Operations & Member Services*

Darby Kernan | *Deputy Executive Director,
Legislative Services*

ADVISORS

John Beiers | *County Counsels' Association,
San Mateo County (absent)*

Carmel Angelo | *Mendocino County CEO, California
Association of County Executives, President*

SUPERVISORS

Keith Carson | *Alameda County*

Greg Cox | *San Diego County*

Carole Groom | *San Mateo County (absent)*

Kelly Long | *Ventura County*

Mark Ridley-Thomas | *Los Angeles County (absent)*

Chuck Washington | *Riverside County*

Bob Elliott | *San Joaquin County*

Luis Alejo | *Monterey County*

Erin Hannigan | *Solano County*

Leonard Moty | *Shasta County*

Diane Dillon | *Napa County*

Craig Pedersen | *Kings County*

Terry Woodrow | *Alpine County*

Jeff Griffiths | *Inyo County*

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

Ed Scofield | *Treasurer, Nevada County*

2. Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2020

A motion to approve the Minutes from August 6, 2020 was made by Supervisor Washington; second by Supervisor Long. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of the 2020-2021 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 the 2020-2021 nominations received to date.

A motion to approve the 2020-2021 Board of Directors Nominations was made by Supervisor Long; second by Supervisor Hannigan. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the 2019-20 Audited Financial Statements

In consultation with the Treasurer, CSAC staff worked closely and collaborated with Moss Adams LLP to complete the review of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020. Moss Adams LLP presented the complete audit review to the CSAC Audit Committee, which approved the FY 2019-20 Financial Statements on September 24, 2020. The CSAC Audit Committee has recommended approval of the FY 2019-20 Audited Financial Statements.

A motion to approve the FY 2019-20 Audited Financial Statements was made by Supervisor Washington; second by Supervisor Woodrow. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration of Distinguished Service Award Nominees

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to the individuals who have made the greatest contribution to the improvement of government in California, particularly as it relates to county government. Examples include constitutional Officers, legislators, senior administration staff, and county officials. CSAC staff recommended Dr. Mark Ghaly for the Executive Committee's consideration.

A motion to approve the Distinguished Service Award Nominee was made by Supervisor Washington; second by Supervisor Valenzuela. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consideration of Circle of Service Award Nominees

The Circle of Service Award is presented to recognize county officials, employees and other members whose service to the county family, CSAC membership and the advancement of our goals is substantially above and beyond the norm. Examples include Policy Committee chairs, task force members, affiliate presidents, special legislative advocacy efforts, Corporate Associate members, and department officials whose service to CSAC or another county, not their own, sets them apart. CSAC staff recommended the following individuals for the Executive Committee's consideration:

- Judy Morris, Trinity County Supervisor
- Carre Brown, Mendocino County Supervisor
- Chuck Washington, Riverside County Supervisor
- Sachi Hamai, Los Angeles County Executive Officer (Retired)
- George Johnson, Riverside County Executive Officer
- Robert Bendorf, Yuba County Administrator (Retired)
- Veronica A. Kelley, DSW, LCSW, San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Director
- Kristin Weivoda, Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Administrator
- Leighann Moffitt, Sacramento County Planning Director
- Amy Bodek, Los Angeles County Director of Regional Planning
- Peter Maurer, Calaveras County Planning Director
- Darby Kernan, CSAC Deputy Executive Director of Legislative Affairs
- Farrah McDaid Ting, CSAC Legislative Representative for Health Policy
- Jennifer Henning, Executive Director, County Counsels' Association

A motion to approve the Circle of Service Award Nominees was made by Supervisor Cox; second by Supervisor Long. Motion carried unanimously.

7. CSAC Finance Corporation Program Report

Supervisor Leonard Moty, CSAC Finance Corporation President, and Alan Fernandes, CSAC Finance Corporation Chief Executive Officer, presented the Easy Smart Pay program to the Executive Committee. This platform gives taxpayers more flexibility in paying property taxes by allowing them to pay with a credit card and make monthly payments. Easy Smart Pay was first rolled out in San Luis Obispo County and then implemented in both Yolo County and Kings County.

8. Legislative Achievements Report

Advocacy Achievements

Graham Knaus and Darby Kernan highlighted CSAC's 2020 Advocacy Achievements to the Executive Committee. Throughout 2020, CSAC has coordinated numerous meetings with the Administration, Officers and the Executive Committee, in addition to creating the CSAC "Kitchen Cabinet" and Rural County Working groups. With regards to the budget, CSAC was successful in achieving positive outcomes on many key priorities including:

- \$1 billion as a Realignment backfill to help prevent devastating cuts to safety net programs due to declining Realignment revenues
- \$1.3 billion from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to help pay for the costs of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$100 million for the increased costs of the November election due to the new requirements in response to the pandemic
- \$900 million for various homelessness efforts for counties, cities and continuums of care from both federal and state General fund
- \$65 million annually for five years to counties to backfill the repeal of the authority to collect various criminal justice administrative fees upon conviction or arrest
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) reform & additional flexibility with MHSA funding
- Funding for Payments-In-Lieu of Taxes (PILT) to offset annual county tax revenue lost from land acquired and managed by the state as a wildlife area;
- \$85.6 million for early ramp-up of 2020 fire season surge capacity
- Increase of the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funds to \$100.8 million

Operational Achievements

With regards to communications, CSAC significantly increased its media presence over the last year through enhanced relationships with key journalists. CSAC also increased its use of social media and produced a variety of videos and infographics, in addition to producing 50 blog posts and 49 bulletins. During the first few months of the pandemic, the communications team created an interactive COVID-19 map on the CSAC website with comprehensive COVID-19 resources and provided nightly COVID-19 updates.

To spotlight its members, CSAC continued with Profiles in Leadership, Membership Monday, the County Voice and Letters for our Friends. Though delayed by the pandemic, CSAC continued with its Challenge Awards program to highlight county innovation and best practices.

The Foundation also saw tremendous change with the sudden loss of Dean, Bill Chiat. In 2020, the Foundation moved its entire curriculum to a virtual format, established the Education Committee, adopted updated bylaws and continued with institute campus rotation.

Operationally, CSAC completed their audit ahead of schedule and was determined to be in a sound financial condition. The Association will be able to maintain member dues at the same level as in the past seven years. Additionally, the Association completed several capital improvements, including replacing the boiler system and resurfacing the roof.

9. Roundtable Discussion

The Executive Committee and CSAC Staff discussed CSAC's 2021 Initial Priorities.

Meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on January 14, 2021.