

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 2, 2012  
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento

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MINUTES

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Presiding: Mike McGowan, President

1. ROLL CALL

Mike McGowan, President	Greg Cox, San Diego, alternate
David Finigan, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	Valerie Brown, Sonoma
John Gioia, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.	Joni Gray, Santa Barbara
John Tavaglione, Immed. Past Pres.	Henry Perea, Fresno
Keith Carson, Alameda	Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo, alternate
Federal Glover, Contra Costa	John Viegas, Glenn (via audio)
Don Knabe, Los Angeles	Terry Woodrow, Alpine
John Moorlach, Orange	Susan Cash, Inyo, alternate
Kathy Long, Ventura	Charles McKee, Co. Counsel advisor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 19, 2012 were approved as previously mailed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF NOVEMBER 2012 BALLOT INITIATIVES

*Proposition 30. Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding, Initiative Constitutional Amendment.* This measure is very similar to the *Schools and Public Safety Protection Act of 2012*, except that the sales and use tax increase is ¼ cent instead of ½ cent and the income tax rate for the top two brackets is raised by an additional .5 and 1 percent respectively. The income tax rate increases would remain in effect for 7 years instead of 5 years. A chart outlining the differences between the Governor's original measure and Proposition 30 was contained in the briefing materials.

Three CSAC policy committees – Administration of Justice, Government Finance and Operations, and Health & Human Services – each recommended a 'Support' position on Proposition 30.

Motion and second to support Proposition 30 and recommend that the CSAC Board of Directors adopt a 'Support' position. Motion carried (3 'no' votes).

*Proposition 31. State Budget. State and Local Government.* This measure establishes a two-year state budget cycle; prohibits the Legislature from creating expenditures of more than \$25 million unless offsetting revenues or spending cuts are identified; and permits the Governor to cut the state budget unilaterally during declared fiscal emergencies if Legislature fails to act.

An organization called *California Forward* is promoting the initiative. They have been working on far-reaching reforms to state and local governance for a number of years. CSAC's Government Finance & Operations policy committee recommended a 'Support' position on Proposition 31.

Motion and second to support Proposition 31 and recommend that the CSAC Board of Directors adopt a 'Support' position. Motion carried (5 'no' votes).

4. REQUEST FOR POSITION ON SB 703: BASIC HEALTH PLAN

Staff requested Executive Committee consideration of a position on SB 703: Basic Health Plan (BHP), which is currently in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

The Federal Affordable Care Act allows states to create a health care benefit program for individuals with income between 134% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Level that is outside of the Health Benefits Exchange. By enrolling these low income adults in health care coverage, supporters of SB 703 anticipate gains in overall health and reductions in uninsured and uncompensated care costs for county health systems and hospitals. Staff recommended a 'Support' position on the bill.

Motion and second to 'Support' SB 703. Motion carried (1 'no' vote and 1 abstention).

Staff was directed to make every effort to ensure that CSAC remains "at the table" during negotiations on this bill.

5. CSAC HIGH SPEED RAIL WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

The CSAC Board of Directors established a Task Force on High-Speed Rail under the purview of the CSAC Housing, Land Use & Transportation Committee to review CSAC's position on High Speed Rail (HSR). In light of the Governor's recent signing of SB 1029, the bill that appropriates state and federal funds to begin construction of the initial operating segment through the Central Valley, the Task Force focused on issues related to implementation of the California HSR project.

Supervisor Efren Carrillo, Chair of the CSAC Housing, Land Use & Transportation policy committee, presented draft policies and priority issues as contained in the briefing materials. They address the following areas:

- Openness, Transparency & Accountability
- Robust Environmental Review
- Public Comment
- Conflicts with General Plans & Other Local Plans
- Direct and Indirect Economic Impacts
- Mitigation of Local Impacts
- Ongoing Funding for Capital, Operations & Maintenance

It was suggested that stronger language be included regarding communication between the HSR Authority and counties. In addition, the Executive Committee requested language related to utilizing existing regional rail systems and the need for the state to continue to maintain those existing rail systems be included.

Motion and second to support the recommendations of the CSAC High Speed Rail Task Force and recommend adoption by the Board of Directors.  
Motion carried (1 'no' vote).

6. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo) REPORT

Supervisor Valerie Brown presented a report regarding the recent NACo annual conference held in Pittsburgh, PA. She noted that NACo President Chris Rodgers appointed several California supervisors to leadership positions including: Salud Carbajal from Santa Barbara as Chair of the Environment, Energy & Land Use Steering Committee; Hub Walsh from Merced County as Chair of the Human Services & Education Steering Committee; Scott Haggerty from Alameda County as Vice Chair of the Large Urban County Caucus; Efren Carrillo as a member of the NACo Board of Directors and the New Generation Task Force; and Keith Carson from Alameda as a member of the NACo Finance Committee.

Matt Chase has been named as the new NACo Executive Director. He will replace Larry Naake who recently announced his retirement. Supervisor Brown indicated that she was one of 20 candidates who applied for the position and was one of 3 finalists.

Los Angeles County recently submitted a proposal to host the 2016 NACo Annual Conference in Long Beach.

7. STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Staff reported that there are four weeks left in the legislative session. Senator Steinberg has indicated that pension reform is a priority to be addressed before the end of the session. A summary of the Governor's 2012-13 budget, which was signed into law on June 27, was contained in the briefing materials. The State Department of Finance recently hired former CSAC Executive Director Steve Szalay to direct their Redevelopment Dissolution Unit.

Before recessing in August, Congress took action on federal legislation important to counties. Highlights include: a new long-term transportation reauthorization bill (MAP-21) which authorizes federal transportation investment through 2014; a dedicated federal funding stream for off-system bridges; reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act; and extension of funding for the PILT program through FY 2013.

Thirty-five members of the California congressional delegation sent a letter to the assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works urging the Army Corps of Engineers to undertake a number of key revisions to its levee vegetation management

standards. In addition, Representative Matsui has introduced legislation that would require the secretary of the Army to undertake a comprehensive review of the Corps' policy guidelines on vegetation management for levees.

8. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT

Nancy Parrish reported that Yuba CAO Robert Bendorf has been appointed to fill the vacant CAO position on the CSAC Finance Corporation Board of Directors. The Board's next meeting will be held on September 13 – 14, in San Diego County.

The Finance Corporation recently issued an RFP for a program to offer more affordable healthcare options for Medicare eligible county retirees. By partnering with a provider who offers one or more individual plans, the CSAC Finance Corporation seeks to offer significant savings to employers and/or retirees.

The State Auditor's Office has released the draft audit report of CSCDA which was requested by the State Treasurer. Initial findings are favorable. The final report will be issued in late August.

Staff was directed to provide detailed program descriptions and budget information related to the Finance Corporation. It was noted that the Finance Corp. would be providing an in-depth report during the CSAC Executive Committee Retreat in October. In addition, staff was directed to provide details on which companies have paid dues to the CSAC Corporate Associates program this year.

Meeting adjourned.