

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 7, 2014
Maya Hotel, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, CA

MINUTES

Presiding: John Gioia, President

1. Roll Call

John Gioia, President	Susan Adams, Marin
Vito Chiesa, 1 st Vice Pres.	Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo
Richard Forster, 2 nd Vice Pres.	Henry Perea, Fresno
David Finigan, Immed. Past Pres.	Linda Seifert, Solano
Federal Glover, Contra Costa	Virginia Bass, Humboldt
Don Knabe, Los Angeles	Robert Williams, Tehama (via audio)
Kathy Long, Ventura	Kim Vann, Colusa, CSAC Treasurer
John Moorlach, Orange	David Twa, CAOAC Advisor
John Tavaglione, Riverside	James Fincher, County Counsel Advisor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 17, 2014 were approved as previously mailed.

3. CORPORATE PARTNERS REPORT

Staff reported that there are currently sixty CSAC corporate members. CSAC will be hosting a mini-summit in San Francisco on October 2, hosted by Hanson Bridgett, one of CSAC's Premier corporate partners. The mini-summits are an opportunity to bring county officials, CSAC staff and corporate partners together to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Shawn McKenzie and Jef Williams from Ascendian Healthcare Consulting addressed the Executive Committee regarding the services they provide to counties. Ascendian is a Premier corporate partner.

4. NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOT INITIATIVES

Proposition 43: The Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act. Since the time the Executive Committee agenda went to print, the Legislature failed to negotiate a deal to put this measure on the ballot. Therefore, staff requested that the Executive Committee approve the proposed CSAC 2014 Water Bond Policy Statement to guide future action by the CSAC Agriculture, Environment and natural Resources Policy Committee and the CSAC Board of Directors on a 2014 Water Bond. As follows:

CSAC believes that a 2014 Water Bond should include the following elements:

- *Continuous appropriation of funding for surface and groundwater storage projects.*
- *Funding for groundwater clean-up and groundwater management planning.*
- *Funding for watershed management activities, including forest management and fuel treatment projects that reduce wildfire risks, promote watershed health.*
- *Funding and assistance to help disadvantaged and small communities build and upgrade wastewater treatment systems and finance urgent actions to provide safe drinking water.*
- *Funding for projects needed to maintain the character and vitality of communities within the Delta.*
- *Funding for Integrated Regional Water Management programs, local stormwater management and flood protection improvements.*
- *Protections for area of origin and other water rights to ensure that these existing rights are not diminished, impaired, or otherwise affected by the provisions of the bond.*

Motion and second to approve the CSAC 2014 Water Bond Policy Statements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff was directed to provide a financial analysis to the Board of Directors when the item is brought to them in September.

Proposition 44: California Rainy Day Budget Stabilization Fund Act. The CSAC Government Finance and Operations Policy Committee recommended that the Executive Committee ‘Support’ Proposition 44, a measure that amends the California Constitution to change the provisions of the state’s existing budget reserve requirements. Those changes were detailed in the briefing materials and include the following elements: reserve fund deposits, diversion for debt payments, revenues in excess balance requirement, reserve withdrawals and deposit suspensions, and a Proposition 98 reserve.

Motion and second to support Proposition 44. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposition 46: Drug & Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits. The CSAC Health & Human Services Policy Committee recommended that the Executive Committee ‘Oppose’ Proposition 46, a measure that would enact changes to the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA) limit on

non-economic medical malpractice awards. This initiative has the potential to significantly increase county costs due to their unique role as operators of public hospitals and clinics, providers of health care, and employers who purchase health care insurance for both county employees and retirees.

Motion and second to oppose Proposition 46. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposition 47: The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act. The CSAC Administration of Justice Policy Committee recommended that the Executive Committee take 'No Position' and the CSAC Health & Human Services Committee recommended a 'Neutral' position on Proposition 47, a sentencing reform initiative which would reduce penalties for specified crimes. It would also reinvest assumed savings into three categories of treatment and intervention.

Executive Committee members expressed concern that, while it is a good idea, this initiative is the wrong mechanism. Existing treatment programs should be enhanced rather than creating new programs. It was suggested that a legislative solution should be reached instead of an initiative.

Motion and second to oppose Proposition 47. Motion carried. Supervisors Gioia and Seifert voted 'no.'

5. REALIGNMENT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

David Twa, President of the County Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC), presented a status report on the work of the Realignment Allocation Committee (RAC). The committee has been meeting over the last several months to develop a recommended distribution methodology for AB 109 funds. The RAC developed a tentative approach that would offer means to address the overall funding decrease (approximately 10%) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 and phase in a new allocation methodology over several years. However, the RAC has determined that additional time is needed to explore revisions to this approach. The committee has scheduled two meetings to finalize the recommendations and will report them to the full Board of Directors in September.

6. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo) REPORT

Staff reported that Brian Desloge from Florida was elected 2nd Vice President during the recent NACo Annual Meeting in New Orleans. California had voted to support him. A list of California officials that were appointed to NACo committees by current NACo President Riki Hokama, was included in the briefing materials.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Staff outlined the list of CSAC high-priority bills that are still outstanding during this final month of the legislative session, as contained in the briefing materials. Staff also provided an update on the groundwater legislation being negotiated in the Legislature. The primary bill would set up statewide framework for groundwater. CSAC's concerns are focused on the governance side of the issue.

Staff reported that CSAC is working with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) as the state pursues a federal waiver to create a more organized delivery system for the Drug Medi-Cal program. The state is seeking an amendment to the current Section 1115 "Bridge to Reform" waiver, and released a draft of the special terms and conditions. The proposed waiver seeks to create a model that counties may opt into that will improve the continuum of care for substance use services, among other things. CSAC has been working closely with the state and other stakeholders to identify the current problems within the Drug Medi-Cal program, and will be providing input to the draft special terms and conditions.

Supervisor Knabe distributed information regarding SB 1365 (Padilla), a bill that allows a superior court judge, seeking ways to increase minority representation, can issue an order increasing the size of the governing body. It applies to the entire state, but is particularly relevant to Los Angeles County. Supervisor Knabe urged CSAC and all Executive Committee members to oppose the bill.

8. FPPC REPORTING

Staff outlined the "Guidelines for Political Reform Act Compliance", as contained in the briefing materials. These guidelines were developed by CSAC's legal counsel in an effort to address questions and concerns related to reporting gift and income, as the laws have recently changed regarding this issue.

9. CSAC REVENUE & CAPITAL ADVISORY GROUP REPORT

This item was tabled until closed session.

10. REVIEW OF IRS FORM 990

Staff distributed IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, as required under CSAC's adopted policies, for review by the Executive Committee. Staff was directed to review the section listing the amount of time that CSAC officers and directors spend on CSAC business to ensure accuracy.

The Executive Committee adjourned to a closed session with legal counsel.

Meeting adjourned.