

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 23, 2023

Universal Studios | Building 1220, James Stewart Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91602  
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**1. Roll Call**

OFFICERS

Chuck Washington | *President*  
Bruce Gibson | *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*  
Jeff Griffiths | *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*  
Ed Valenzuela | *Immediate Past President*

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | *CEO*  
Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez | *Chief Policy Officer*

ADVISORS

Rubin Cruse | *County Counsels' Association, Shasta County (absent)*  
Wendy Tyler | *Colusa County, California Association of County Executives, President*

SUPERVISORS

Keith Carson | *Alameda County*  
Susan Ellenberg | *Santa Clara County*  
John Gioia | *Contra Costa County*  
Kelly Long | *Ventura County (absent)*  
Kathryn Barger | *Los Angeles County*  
Nora Vargas | *San Diego County*  
Buddy Mendes | *Fresno County*  
Luis Alejo | *Monterey County (absent)*  
Bonnie Gore | *Placer County*  
Erin Hannigan | *Solano County*  
Scott Silveira | *Merced County*  
Kent Boes | *Colusa County*  
Ned Coe | *Modoc County*  
Heidi Hall | *Nevada County*

Treasurer

Vito Chiesa, *Stanislaus County*

**2. CEO's Report**

Graham Knaus, CEO, provided an update on the Association.

**3. Housing, Land Use, and Transportation (HLT) Presentation**

Mark Neuburger, Legislative Advocate, and Kristina Gallagher, Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the HLT portfolio and highlighted several focus areas for 2023.

**4. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2023**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 26, 2023, was made by Supervisor Gibson, and seconded by Supervisor Hannigan. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Updated 2022 – 2023 Board of Director Nominations**

A motion to approve the Updated 2022-2023 Board of Director Nominations was made by Supervisor Gioia and seconded by Supervisor Hannigan. The motion was carried unanimously.

**6. Approval of IRS Tax Form 990 – Tax Year 2021**

A motion to approve the IRS Tax Form 990 for Tax Year 2021, was made by Supervisor Hannigan and seconded by Supervisor Gore. The motion was carried unanimously.

**7. Consideration of CSAC Proposed Budget and Salary Schedule for FY 2023-2024**

*A motion to approve the CSAC Proposed Budget and Salary Schedule FY 2023-2024, was made by Supervisor Vargas and Seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela. The motion was carried unanimously.*

**8. Minute Mics: Executive Committee Roundtable**

**Supervisor Chiesa / Stanislaus County**

Stanislaus County is facing issues with river flooding. The Irrigation District reported that the Tuolumne River is currently running at 10,000 cubic feet per second and the county expects the river to run 8,000 or more cubic feet per second until July 1st. They expect continuous issues and rivers to begin flooding.

**Supervisor Gioia / Contra Costa County**

Contra Costa County is focusing on its "Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan" away from fossil fuels due to their County's four oil refineries. Two have already shifted to renewable fuels. Efforts have continued on electrification, with the congressional earmark setting up a stakeholder roundtable to look at how to support new energy economy jobs. The county is still implementing programs out of their half-cent sales tax program. The county is rolling out 24/7 mental health crisis response and is currently in the hiring stage. Once this team is fully staffed and trained, they will respond to mental health calls for service in the county.

**Supervisor Vargas / San Diego County**

San Diego County is supporting the Governor's initiative to purchase tiny homes. San Diego will purchase 150 of these homes and put a plan together to execute it. In the last board meeting, the board advised authorization funding for a pilot program to work on data collection to provide shelter services to unhoused individuals. The county will also be providing \$4,000 to at risk seniors and families who were affected by COVID and are considered below the Federal poverty level. The money will be distributed to individuals in the program this week.

**Supervisor Coe / Modoc County**

The CSAC Finance Corp. presented Easy Smart Pay to the County Treasurer and Chief Administrative Officer last month and the county will be moving forward with using it. Supervisor Coe provided an update regarding their long-standing hospital debt, reporting that the county received 5 million dollars from the State of California to allocate towards the debt. They were able to use the funds provided by the state to reduce the hospital debt. Modoc County will continue to make progress towards eliminating the remaining debt.

**Supervisor Hall / Nevada County**

Supervisor Hall reported that Nevada County has been severely affected by the recent storms that have affected much of California. They are now having mounting challenges with PG&E, communications, and green waste leading to issues with wildfire and vegetation mitigation. On the topic of homelessness, Nevada County has made instrumental progress with its AT HOME Team, continued to build more housing and a navigation center, and has housed almost all the county's veterans. The county will continue to build off this progress and work to find more solutions. Supervisor Hall shared that she is looking to increase county IHSS workers' pay and is exploring different ways they can engage on how to move forward. The county also announced it has adopted a resilience objective to include climate change issues.

**Supervisor Ellenberg / Santa Clara County**

Supervisor Ellenberg reported that the county has also purchased 200 tiny homes in response to the Governor's Initiative. The Supervisor expressed her concern about the homes' ancillary expenses on the county. The county advised that they have used much of their 2016 Housing Bond Measure; they have spent \$700,000 on this bond and reported that they have successfully housed and supported over 20,000 individuals. A public/private partnership has developed in the county around excess food recovery. County officials are hoping this partnership will have an impact on local hunger.

**Supervisor Gore / Placer County**

The Placer County Board plans to put together a multi-agency model with CalOES to provide updates of all plans between OES and the County's emergency services. The plan will come before the county board next week.

**Supervisor Hannigan / Solano County**

The County of Solano is waiting on approval to purchase an elementary School to support the county's Early Learning Center Concept. The multipronged concept will aim to address early childcare and economic development. The project is estimated to cost 20 million dollars and will feature a community center which will allow childcare center providers the opportunity to expand their business. It is expected to be cost-neutral. Solano County is concerned with the Kaiser carve-out and the amount of money being offered to support the over 4000 mental health patients the county will be taking over. ARPA funding allocation has been completed, with a significant portion of the funding going toward addressing homelessness in the county.

**Supervisor Carson / Alameda County**

Alameda County continues working on its "East Bay Forward" flagship project. They are supporting the project by conducting a comprehensive review of data from the pandemic to clearly understand the community's needs and what present-day services need to be provided. The county is also focused on workforce development in all areas, not only on the county's current needs but understanding the community's workforce needs.

**Supervisor Mendes / Fresno County**

Fresno County is currently facing issues with river flooding and expects these issues to continue and impact emergency response until early July. Fresno County will continue to work on its river flood response with the county's emergency services. OES has been working with Fresno County on long term solutions to current and future river flooding.

**Supervisor Boes / Colusa County**

Supervisor Boes reported that Colusa County's jail project has gone through final approval allowing the county to start the project. The county has two housing projects moving forward, including permanent and subordinate housing. As budget season approaches, the county is facing challenges restructuring through county departments and overcoming how the county will be able to do more with less staff.

**Wendy Tyler / CACE President**

CACE is currently engaged in the conversation surrounding the Governors presentation on realigning of MHSA funds and issues with the Probation Consortium. They are engaged in the CSAC AT HOME platform.

**Supervisor Griffiths / Inyo County**

Inyo County has opened a joint Emergency Operations Center with Mono County to combine and provide resources to continue the response of the effects due to the storm. The State of California provided a type two instant management team. CalFire and State OES Services will continue responding to the storm damage through July.

**Supervisor Gibson / San Luis Obispo County**

Supervisor Gibson reported that they have a lake that is spilling into a levee creek. The county is concerned about this and will continue to monitor it. They are developing a behavioral health strategic plan and are working to address this plan and its mission to the public. The county is awaiting a draft budget proposal on homelessness based on a regional plan within the county and seven cities.

**Supervisor Washington / Riverside County**

Riverside County Supervisor Washington provided an update on the County of Riverside's Blue Zones project.

**Supervisor Valenzuela / Siskiyou County**

Supervisor Valenzuela reported that the county road department has recently purchased a new snowplow to help clear roadways during winter storms. The county is continuing recovery efforts to infrastructure affected by the most recent storm.

**9. California Counties Foundation Report**

Chastity Benson, Chief Operating Officer of the California Counties Foundation, gave a brief report on the Foundation and the Institute. She introduced Brian Rutledge, Grants Program Director, who participated via zoom. Brian provided an update on the CSAC Grants Initiative and what services it currently offers. Sunne Wright McPeak, CEO of the California Emerging Technology Fund, presented an update on the CETF'S partnership with the California Counties Foundation.

**10. CSAC Finance Corporation Report**

Rob Pierce, Vice President of CSAC Finance Corporation, gave a brief report on the CSAC Finance Corporation. Mason Smith from Hipcamp, a CSAC Corporate Partner, presented to the Executive Committee.

**11. SB 43 Conservatorship Reform**

Chief Policy Officer, Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, and Senior Legislative Advocate, Jolie Onodera discussed and presented Senate Bill 43 on Conservatorship Reform.

**12. Homelessness Strategy Session**

Chief Executive Officer, Graham Knaus introduced Senior Legislative Advocate, Justin Garrett, and Political & Policy Consultant, Keely Bosler to present and discuss AT HOME and next steps with the Executive Committee.

**Meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on August 10, 2023.**