

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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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
Frank Kim, California Association of County
Executives President, Orange County

Alameda	– Keith Carson	Orange	– Lisa Bartlett
Alpine	– Terry Woodrow	Placer	– Bonnie Gore
Amador	– Jeff Brown (<i>alternate</i>)	Plumas	– Lori Simpson
Butte	– Debra Lucero	Riverside	– Chuck Washington
Calaveras	– Merita Callaway	Sacramento	– <i>Absent</i>
Colusa	– Kent Boes	San Benito	– <i>Absent</i>
Contra Costa	– Karen Mitchoff (<i>alternate</i>)	San Bernardino	– Janice Rutherford
Del Norte	– Chris Howard	San Diego	– Greg Cox
El Dorado	– Sue Novasel	San Francisco	– Rafael Mandelman
Fresno	– <i>Absent</i>	San Joaquin	– Chuck Winn
Glenn	– Keith Corum	San Luis Obispo	– Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	– Virginia Bass	San Mateo	– Carole Groom
Imperial	– <i>Absent</i>	Santa Barbara	– Das Williams
Inyo	– Jeff Griffiths	Santa Clara	– Susan Ellenberg
Kern	– Zack Scrivner	Santa Cruz	– Bruce McPherson
Kings	– <i>Absent</i>	Shasta	– Leonard Moty
Lake	– Bruno Sabatier	Sierra	– Lee Adams
Lassen	– <i>Absent</i>	Siskiyou	– Brandon Criss (<i>alternate</i>)
Los Angeles	– Mark Ridley-Thomas	Solano	– Erin Hannigan
Madera	– <i>Absent</i>	Sonoma	– Lynda Hopkins
Marin	– Damon Connolly	Stanislaus	– <i>Absent</i>
Mariposa	– Miles Menetrey	Sutter	– Dan Flores
Mendocino	– John Haschak	Tehama	– Robert Williams
Merced	– Lee Lor	Trinity	– Judy Morris
Modoc	– Patricia Cullins	Tulare	– Amy Shuklian
Mono	– John Peters	Tuolumne	– Ryan Campbell
Monterey	– Luis Alejo	Ventura	– Kelly Long
Napa	– Diane Dillon	Yolo	– <i>Absent</i>
Nevada	– Ed Scofield	Yuba	– Gary Bradford

2. Special Presentations

President Lisa Bartlett presented the 2020 CSAC President's Award to Los Angeles County Supervisor, Mark Ridley-Thomas and the 2020 CSAC Distinguished Service Award to Health and Human Services Secretary, Dr. Mark Ghaly. President Bartlett also acknowledged the fourteen 2020 Circle of Service Award Recipients.

3. CalOES Partnership & Discussion

Tina Curry, CalOES Chief Deputy Director and Ryan Buras, CalOES Deputy Director briefed the Board on their planning and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. They noted that CalOES will also play an active role in vaccination planning. 2020 was an unprecedented year for wildfires and recovery management with over 4 million acres burned and 10,000 structures lost. CalOES is currently working on Phase 2 of debris removal from recent fires and coordinating with FEMA to get housing approved for wildfire victims. They have significant watershed concerns with the coming rains.

4. Federal Priority Issues Update

Joe Krahn from Paragon Government Relations provided a federal update to the Board. Congress is working to get the budget passed by Dec. 11th in order to avoid another government shutdown and the National Defense Authorization Act must be passed along with the budget. The house passed an emergency disaster bill that would provide 100% federal cost share for emergency COVID-19 expenses incurred during 2020. This bill would also increase the federal cost share from 75% to 100% for other disasters in the 2020 calendar year so it would cover the California wildfires. The expectation is for a new administration to come in and reverse many executive orders. Climate change and immigration will continue to be hot topics.

5. Approval of Minutes from September 3, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes from September 3, 2020, was made by Supervisor Ellenberg; second by Supervisor Carson. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Election of 2021 Executive Committee

A motion to approve the Election of the 2021 Executive Committee was made by Supervisor Hannigan; second by Supervisor Lucero. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Renaming of Institute to: The CSAC William "Bill" Chiat Institute for Excellence in County Government

A motion to approve the Renaming of the Institute to: The CSAC William "Bill" Chiat Institute for Excellence in County Government was made by Supervisor Washington; second by Supervisor Woodrow. Motion carried unanimously.

8. CSAC Policy Committee Reports

Josh Gauger, Legislative Representative for Administration of Justice (AOJ), presented that the committee met on Monday as part of the Annual Meeting. The committee approved several changes to the Platform and adopted AOJ's 2021 Priorities.

Supervisor Vito Chiesa, Chair of the Agriculture, Environmental & Natural Resources Policy Committee (AENR), presented that the committee approved several key changes to the Platform, adopted AENR's 2021 Priorities and also adopted the Joint Statement on Adaptation Planning from the Sea Level Rise Working Group. Supervisor Bruce Gibson presented the details of the statement, and asked for the Board's endorsement based on the recommendation of AENR Policy Committee.

A motion to approve the Joint Statement on Adaptation Planning from the Sea Level Rise Working Group was made by Supervisor Gibson; second by Supervisor Chiesa. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bruce Gibson, Chair of the Government Finance & Administration Policy Committee (GF&A), presented that the committee met last week and approved two action items: updates to the Platform and the GF&A's 2021 Priorities.

Supervisor Jeff Griffiths, Chair of the Health and Human Services Policy Committee (HHS), presented that the committee met last week and had a very well-attended meeting. The committee reviewed and approved updates to the Platform and HHS 2021 Priorities.

Supervisor Denise Carter presented on behalf of the Housing, Land Use & Transportation Policy Committee (HLT) which also met last week. The committee approved updates to the Platform chapters along with the HLT 2021 Priorities.

9. Consideration of CSAC Initial 2021 Legislative Priorities

Graham Knaus addressed the Board to discuss the early adoption of CSAC's Initial 2021 Legislative Priorities. Traditionally the Board is presented with CSAC's annual priorities at the February meeting, but this can create problems as the legislature begins their work in January. The priorities are being presented today so that we can hit the ground running in the beginning of 2021. Any changes or adjustments needed can be presented through the Executive Committee and then go to the Board for approval at the February meeting.

Darby Kernan discussed CSAC's Initial 2021 Priorities and highlighted that this new, aggressive approach will enable our advocacy team to be ready in December/January to start proactively working on these issues. The 2021 priorities include:

- COVID-19 Response and Recovery
- County Fiscal Stability
- Broadband Infrastructure and Funding
- Homelessness
- Resiliency
- Behavioral Health Services
- Juvenile Justice
- Affordable Housing

A motion to approve Platform Updates and the CSAC Initial 2021 Legislative Priorities was made by Supervisor Peters; second by Supervisor Groom. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CSAC Executive Director's Report and Resolution Authorizing Conduct of CSAC Business

Graham Knaus reported that the Association has charged forward with the goals of increasing engagement, building relationships with Governor and administration, being relevant and at the table and telling the county story. Graham thanked the Officers, Executive Committee and Board for their leadership and CSAC staff for their hard work throughout the year. He then presented the resolution to the Board that authorizes the Executive Director and staff to conduct the business of the Association for the next 12 months.

A motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Conduct of CSAC Business was made by Supervisor Moty; second by Supervisor Lucero. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CSAC Conflict of Interest Policy

Jennifer Henning, Litigation Counsel, presented that the Association is a 501(c)(4) Corporation and like all corporations, the Board of Directors owes a fiduciary obligation with the organization. CSAC will be submitting an electronic version of the Conflict of Interest Policy to all Board members for signature.

A motion to approve the CSAC Conflict of Interest Policy was made by Supervisor Lucero; second by Supervisor Woodrow. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Caucus Reports

Urban Caucus – President Bartlett informed the Board that the Urban Caucus elected Supervisor Chuck Washington as the new 2nd Vice President of the Association. She also welcomed Supervisor Kathryn Barger from Los Angeles County to the Executive Committee and Supervisor Buddy Mendes from Fresno County as alternate.

Supervisor Janice Rutherford presented that San Bernardino County voters approved a ballot measure that amended their county charter to make the role of county supervisor a part time position, limiting them to one term of office and capping their compensation at \$5,000 per month. The ballot measure group, Red Brennan Group, is soliciting other counties looking for support.

Suburban – Supervisor James Gore thanked Supervisor Leonard Moty for his time served on the Executive Committee and noted that Supervisor Diane Dillon from Napa County would fill his seat by unanimous vote. Supervisor Bruce Gibson from San Luis Obispo County will be the alternate.

Rural – Supervisor Ed Valenzuela thanked his colleagues from the Rural Caucus COVID-19 Working Group for all their efforts during the pandemic. The Rural Caucus elected Supervisor Sue Novasel from El Dorado County to be on the Executive Committee. Supervisor Valenzuela thanked Supervisor Terry Woodrow of Alpine County for all her years of service.

13. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Leonard Moty, Finance Corporation President, presented that the Finance Corporation's revenues were slightly under projections, but that this could be partly due to the timing with monthly income from some partners. The Finance Corporation sponsored the California Clerks quiz and will be notifying winners this week. Supervisor Moty also highlighted one of their partners, the

California Statewide Community Development Authority (CSCDA), which provides financing for community based public benefit projects.

14. Operations & Member Services Report

Manuel Rivas, Jr. thanked the Board for their participation and engagement. The CSAC Virtual Annual Meeting had 363 registrants, with 57 out of 58 counties participating. 113 Supervisors were registered, including 35 newly elected supervisors. The Association completed its financial audit on time and it was recently approved by the Executive Committee. CSAC will maintain dues at the same level as it has for the last seven years.

David Liebler, Communications Director, discussed two of the Association's main communications goals: supporting advocacy and telling the county story. Social media has been an important communication tool for the Association throughout the pandemic, in addition to weekly bulletin, the county voice blog, the website and email updates to our membership. The communications team also created two new platforms to highlight county leaders in our association: Profiles in Leadership and Membership Monday. CSAC plans to continue with the Challenge Awards, though they started later in the year due to the pandemic.

15. California Counties Foundation Report

Manuel Rivas, Jr. provided a brief update and explained that the Foundation team has moved all of their programming from in-person to virtual. The Institute rolled out 6 different webinars over the summer and the fall and has moved the entire winter schedule online. Chastity Benson, Director of Operations & Education Programs, informed the Board that they offered 25 courses this semester with an average participation rate of 45 participants. The Foundation Board approved the formation of an Education Committee and they are looking at doing courses in cultural competency as well as crisis leadership and diversity, equity and inclusion. The second New Supervisors Institute courses will take place on March 4th and 5th.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Directors meeting will be on February 11th, 2021.