

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

OFFICERS

Chuck Washington | President
Bruce Gibson | 1st Vice President
Jeff Griffiths | 2nd Vice President
Ed Valenzuela | Immediate Past President

ADVISORS

Rita Neal County Counsels |
San Luis Obispo County (*absent*)
Wendy Tyler | California Association of County
Executives President (*absent*)

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | Chief Executive Officer
Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez | Chief Policy Officer
Chastity Benson | Chief Operating Officer

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

Vito Chiesa | Treasurer, Stanislaus County

Alameda	–	<i>Absent</i>	Orange	–	Doug Chaffee
Alpine	–	Terry Woodrow	Placer	–	Bonnie Gore
Amador	–	Richard Forster	Plumas	–	<i>Absent</i>
Butte	–	Tom Kimmelshue	Riverside	–	V. Manuel Perez
Calaveras	–	<i>Absent</i>	Sacramento	–	Rich Desmond
Colusa	–	Kent Boes	San Benito	–	Bea Gonzales
Contra Costa	–	John Gioia	San Bernardino	–	Jesse Armendarez
Del Norte	–	Chris Howard	San Diego	–	Nora Vargas
El Dorado	–	John Hidahl	San Francisco	–	Rafael Mandelman
Fresno	–	Buddy Mendes	San Joaquin	–	Robert Rickman
Glenn	–	Grant Carmon	San Luis Obispo	–	Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	–	Michelle Bushnell	San Mateo	–	<i>Absent</i>
Imperial	–	<i>Absent</i>	Santa Barbara	–	Das Williams
Inyo	–	Trina Orrill	Santa Clara	–	Susan Ellenberg
Kern	–	Zack Scrivner	Santa Cruz	–	Bruce McPherson
Kings	–	<i>Absent</i>	Shasta	–	Tim Garman
Lake	–	Bruno Sabatier	Sierra	–	Lee Adams
Lassen	–	Chris Gallagher	Siskiyou	–	Ed Valenzuela
Los Angeles	–	<i>Absent</i>	Solano	–	<i>Absent</i>
Madera	–	Leticia Gonzalez	Sonoma	–	James Gore
Marin	–	<i>Absent</i>	Stanislaus	–	Vito Chiesa
Mariposa	–	Miles Menetrey	Sutter	–	Dan Flores
Mendocino	–	John Haschak	Tehama	–	Candy Carlson
Merced	–	Scott Silveira	Trinity	–	Ric Leutwyler
Modoc	–	Ned Coe	Tulare	–	Amy Shuklian
Mono	–	John Peters	Tuolumne	–	Ryan Campbell
Monterey	–	Luis Alejo	Ventura	–	Kelly Long
Napa	–	Ryan Gregory	Yolo	–	Lucas Frerichs
Nevada	–	Heidi Hall	Yuba	–	Don Blaser

2. CEO's Report

Graham Knaus provided an update on the Association.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2023

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 13, 2023, was made by Supervisor Coe and seconded by Supervisor Alejo. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Amended CSAC Salary Schedule FY 2023 – 2024

A motion to approve the Amended CSAC Salary Schedule FY 2023 – 2024 was made by Supervisor Silveira and was seconded by Supervisor Peters. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Legislative Update

Graham Knaus, CEO, and Justin Garrett, Senior Legislative Advocate for Human Services, provided an update on the State Budget outcomes and next steps for AT HOME. Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, CPO, and Jolie Onodera, Senior Legislative Advocate for Health and Behavioral Health, provided an update on MHSA.

Administration of Justice (AOJ)

Ryan Morimune, Legislative Advocate, provided an update on AOJ advocacy and priorities, which included DJJ realignment and Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) programs.

Agriculture Environment and Natural Resources (AENR)

Catherine Freeman, Senior Legislative Advocate, Ada Waelder, Legislative Advocate, and Amber Rossow, Legislative Analyst, provided an update on AENR advocacy and priorities, which included groundwater, fire insurance and natural resources bonds.

Government, Finance and Administration (GFA)

Kalyn Dean, Legislative Advocate, Eric Lawyer, Legislative Advocate, and Jessica Sankus, Legislative Analyst, provided an update on GFA advocacy and priorities. The GFA team presented on several bills pertaining to labor, elections, The Brown Act, and the Government Transparency Act. They also discussed proposed Constitutional Amendment ACA 13 and the California Business Roundtable Initiative.

Health & Human Services (HHS)

Justin Garrett, Senior Legislative Advocate, Jolie Onodera, Senior Legislative Advocate, and Danielle Bradley, Legislative Analyst provided a brief update on HHS advocacy and priorities, including collective bargaining, SB 35 and SB 43.

Housing, Land Use & Transportation (HLT)

Mark Neuberger, Legislative Advocate, and Kristina Gallagher, Legislative Analyst, provided a brief update on HLT advocacy and priorities, which included bills that aligned with AT HOME, several transportation bills, the Surplus Land Act, AB 400 and SB 706.

6. Federal Priorities Issues Update

Hasan Sarsour of Paragon Government Relations provided a Federal Priorities and Issues update to the Board. Mr. Sarsour highlighted FY 2023 spending measures, a potential government shutdown, the FAA Reauthorization Bill and Farm Bill Reauthorization.

7. Operations and Member Services Report

Chastity Benson, Chief Operating Officer, and Farrah McDaid Ting, Director of Public Affairs, provided a report on the work of the Operations and Member services team. Ms. Benson highlighted CSAC's 129th Annual Meeting, which will be held in Alameda County in November.

8. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Villegas, CSAC FC President, and Rob Pierce, CSAC FC Vice President, provided a brief report to the Board on the status of the Finance Corporation. Supervisor Villegas presented highlights from the FC's Spring meeting, which included adoption of their budget, election of their Officers, and expansion of their Corporate Partner program.

Jim Manker, CSAC FC Director of Business Development, introduced Platinum Partner Cathy Reheis-Boyd from the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA). Ms. Reheis-Boyd provided a brief report about WSPA to the Board.

9. California Counties Foundation Report

Paul Danczyk, Chief Operating Officer of the California Counties Foundation, updated the board on the work of the Foundation and the Institute. Mr. Danczyk highlighted their recent Foundation Board Retreat and the work they are doing to enhance education and expand Foundation programs.

10. Minute Mics: Board of Directors Roundtable

Supervisor Forster / Amador County

Supervisor Forster updated the board on the county's current jail construction project.

Supervisor Kimmelshue / Butte County

Supervisor Kimmelshue provided an update on Butte County's jail expansion and the growth of the City of Paradise.

Supervisor Boes / Colusa County

Supervisor Boes shared progress on the county's groundbreaking permanent supportive housing project, which is nearing completion. They are set to inaugurate the county's first domestic violence shelter.

Supervisor Gioia / Contra Costa County

Supervisor Gioia provided an update on the county's renewable energy initiatives and the ongoing transformations at its two largest oil refineries, along with the progress of the "Just Transition" stakeholder group. Additionally, Supervisor Gioia emphasized the near completion of the county's permanent supportive housing project, which will offer onsite mental health and supportive services.

Supervisor Howard / Del Norte County

Supervisor Howard briefed the Board on the county's ongoing fires. Many of the county's residents are relying on gas generators for power, a situation that may continue for the next two months due to damage to the county's primary power lines.

Supervisor Hidahl / El Dorado County

Supervisor Hidahl reported that the county has successfully filled their vacant CAO position. Additionally, Supervisor Hidahl offered an update on the county's forthcoming strategic plan and emphasized the ongoing design phase of the new homeless navigation center.

Supervisor Carmon / Glenn County

Supervisor Carmon announced the county's recent partnership with Habitat for Humanity under Project Homekey, which recently completed a 33-unit permanent housing facility with onsite services. Supervisor Carmon also underscored the county's ongoing drought challenges and the far-reaching impacts on county resources.

Supervisor Bushnell / Humboldt County

Supervisor Bushnell provided an update on the county's new short-term rental ordinance, along with the news of the volunteer fire department's acquisition of ten new engines to bolster their services.

Supervisor Orrill / Inyo County

Supervisor Orrill shared that the county experienced water damage from the aftermath of a recent tropical storm. Supervisor Orrill also highlighted ongoing efforts to foster regional collaboration, including initiatives to stabilize and expand air services within the community.

Supervisor Sabatier / Lake County

Supervisor Sabatier shared that the county has successfully transitioned its second homelessness shelter to Adventist Health. Additionally, they are looking at a three-year contract to continue using their juvenile hall as a homeless shelter. Lake County has finally hired a new Public Health Officer.

Supervisor Gallagher / Lassen County

Supervisor Gallagher unveiled the county's progressive efforts toward supportive housing and Project Homekey development. He also highlighted the county's strategic partnership with Washoe County in the "395 Coalition" aimed at addressing critical concerns along the 395 highway.

Supervisor Smallcombe / Mariposa County

Supervisor Smallcombe shared that the county is taking steps to shut down the existing homeless encampment in Mariposa County. She also informed the Board that the County has secured funding to acquire pallet homes for unhoused individuals. Furthermore, Supervisor Smallcombe noted that the county is in the process of recovering from the impacts of the fires and floods earlier this year, while also embarking on an update to their strategic plans.

Supervisor Haschak / Mendocino County

Supervisor Haschak announced that Mendocino County has achieved a balanced budget, featuring a one-time surplus of \$7 million. Additionally, he discussed the county's exploration of transitioning its fleet to electric vehicles and its initiation of plans for a new mental health center.

Supervisor Alejo / Monterey County

Supervisor Alejo provided an update on the county's young supervisors program and a brief overview on the program's curriculum.

Supervisor Peters / Mono County

Supervisor Peters reminded the Board of the National Center for Public Lands Counties, demonstrating how these counties create a prosperous U.S. He also highlighted California's involvement with The Center.

Supervisor Gregory / Napa County

Supervisor Gregory delivered news about the appointment of a new Chief Administrative Officer for the county. He also offered an informative update on the county's program for affordable ADUs.

Supervisor Hall / Nevada County

Supervisor Hall provided a brief update on an incident involving PG&E and the county's response to seek resolution. Meanwhile, the county is actively engaged in the decision-making process regarding the potential reopening of a gold mine in Grass Valley, with final determinations expected by year's end. Additionally, Supervisor Hall announced the county's upcoming second annual Sustainability Summit.

Supervisor Gore / Placer County

Supervisor Gore reiterated Supervisor Alejo's emphasis on the importance of educating the next generation of leaders and fostering an understanding of local government. She also informed the Board that Placer County has been actively instilling these values through its internship program for college students.

Supervisor Desmond / Sacramento County

Supervisor Desmond delivered an informative update on the county's collaborative efforts to address homelessness in partnership with the City of Sacramento and various organizations. Supervisor Desmond also highlighted the recent opening and future planned openings of safe space tiny home facilities within the County of Sacramento.

Supervisor Gonzales / San Benito County

Supervisor Gonzales shared that their county has made significant county staff appointments, welcoming a new Behavioral Health Director and County Counsel. Additionally, the county has been addressing ongoing issues related to FEMA and storm recovery challenges. Supervisor Gonzales also emphasized the county's enthusiasm for hosting the California Transportation Commission in September, marking a historic first for San Benito County.

Supervisor Vargas / San Diego County

Supervisor Vargas provided an update on the most recent tropical storm to impact the county and their emergency operations response. The county is preparing for its special election for the most recent vacant board of supervisor's seat which is expected to commence on Nov 7th, 2023.

Supervisor Mandelman / San Francisco County

Supervisor Mandelman announced that San Francisco will host the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders' Summit in mid-November, welcoming significant international figures. He acknowledged ongoing challenges in the downtown economy with low business occupancy rates. Supervisor Mandelman also provided an update on the Ninth Circuit Federal Judiciary ruling concerning encampments.

Supervisor Gibson / San Luis Obispo County

Supervisor Gibson provided an update on the city and county collaborative approach to addressing homelessness.

Supervisor Williams / Santa Barbara County

Supervisor Williams announced the commencement of construction on the county's projects involving tiny homes and hotel conversions to address homelessness. Additionally, Supervisor Williams offered an update on the Electric Vehicle mandate for the county's general services fleet.

Supervisor Ellenberg / Santa Clara County

Supervisor Ellenberg shared that she recently presented the county's homelessness prevention program to the National Academy of Public Administrations. She also highlighted the county's acceptance of a CDC grant to tackle opioid and stimulant overdose crisis.

Supervisor McPherson / Santa Cruz County

Supervisor McPherson discussed the county's concerns regarding their electric grid and its capacity to meet future demands. He also noted the county's upcoming full integration into CARE Court next year and the anticipated impacts on county resources.

Supervisor Garman / Shasta County

Supervisor Garman shared the county's concerns regarding the recent increase in fentanyl overdoses. He also reported that many residents are struggling with homeowners' insurance cancellations. Additionally, the County is experiencing staffing shortages in their county jail.

Supervisor Valenzuela / Siskiyou County

Supervisor Valenzuela provided insights into the impact of recent fires and floods and the county's concerted response to drive recovery efforts.

Supervisor Chiesa / Stanislaus County

Supervisor Chiesa reported that Stanislaus County has set aside roughly 50% of its ARPA funds to deal with legacy issues and the projects commencing from those funds.

Supervisor Carlson / Tehama County

Supervisor Carlson shared that internet access and communication connectivity remain significant challenges for both the county and its residents. Supervisor Carlson expressed the county's ongoing commitment to its 10-year homelessness plan and offered a succinct update on its progress, along with the forthcoming establishment of a new shelter and navigation center.

Supervisor Leutwyler / Trinity County

Supervisor Leutwyler reported that the county is contending with a 4,500-acre wildfire, which is currently at 60% containment. The county is actively engaged in the process of re-consultation concerning water management, with an optimistic outlook for potential improvements. Supervisor Leutwyler also provided updates on the county's progress regarding the Good Neighbor Agreement with the Forest Service and the collaborative efforts to unite organizations and boost tourism within the county.

Supervisor Shuklian / Tulare County

Supervisor Shuklian announced the county's participation in the Easy Smart Pay program. She also presented on the ongoing recovery efforts following the floods earlier this year. Supervisor Shuklian shared that Tulare County has made significant progress in addressing homelessness, which includes the development of a 100-bed navigation center and a 52-unit community village.

Supervisor Long / Ventura County

Supervisor Long delivered an update on the county's response to recent storms, including ongoing recovery efforts. Supervisor Long highlighted the county's exploration of strategies to expedite infrastructure reconstruction in preparation for future storms.

Supervisor Griffiths / Inyo County

Supervisor Griffiths offered a comprehensive update on the aftermath of Hurricane Hillary, noting the damages it has inflicted upon county infrastructure. Griffiths also expressed concerns about positive test results for the West Nile virus in the water. Additionally, he announced the county's plans to construct a new animal shelter facility.

Supervisor Washington / Riverside County

Supervisor Washington addressed the significant impact of short-term rentals within the county and the ongoing efforts to refine related ordinances.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on November 16, 2023, in Alameda County.