

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
August 4, 2016  
Sutter Club, Sacramento

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M I N U T E S

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1. Roll Call

Richard Forster, President	Leonard Moty, Shasta
Dave Roberts, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. (audio)	Linda Seifert, Solano
Leticia Perez, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. (audio)	Hub Walsh, Merced, alternate (audio)
Vito Chiesa, Immed. Past. Pres.	David Finigan, Del Norte
Keith Carson, Alameda	Ed Valenzuela, Siskiyou
John Gioia, Contra Costa (audio)	Virginia Bass, Humboldt, alternate
Carole Groom, San Mateo	Judy Morris, Trinity, Treasurer (audio)
Kathy Long, Ventura (audio)	Pat Blacklock, CAOAC Advisor
Greg Cox, San Diego, alternate	Charles McKee, Co. Counsel Advisor
Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo	

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 7, 2016 were approved as previously mailed.

3. CSAC Corporate Partner

Joe Wilson from Pacific Gas and Electric Company addressed the Board of Directors regarding PG&E's partnership with counties. They are helping to raise awareness on tree mortality by offering helicopter tours to county supervisors of affected areas. He reported that PG&E just completed the single largest gas line project in Shasta County.

4. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Seifert, President of the CSAC Finance Corporation Board, reported that CSAC will receive an additional \$300,000 contribution from the Finance Corp. for FY 2015-16. A large part of the increase in net revenue was attributable to the success of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA). A strategic planning session is scheduled for August to brainstorm ideas to increase revenues by developing new programs.

5. November 2016 Ballot Initiatives

***Proposition 53: Revenue Bonds, Statewide Vote Approval.*** This measure requires statewide voter approval for the state to issue revenue bonds exceeding \$2 billion for any single project. The proponent's intent is to bring greater accountability and transparency to state financed infrastructure projects through mandatory voter-approved action. The full text of Proposition 53 and a fiscal analysis by the Legislative Analyst Office were included in the briefing materials. The CSAC Revenue Taxation and Administration policy committee

recommended an 'Oppose' position due to potential impacts on local projects, local control threat, and unclear definitions for terms including "revenue bond" and "project."

Kurt Oneto, a partner at Nielsen, Merksamer, Parinello, Gross & Leoni, spoke in favor of the initiative. Brandon Castillo, a partner at Bicker, Castillo & Fairbanks, spoke against it.

Motion and second to OPPOSE Proposition 53. Motion carried (9/5).

***Proposition 55: Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare.*** This measure would extend the personal income tax on high-income earners from 2018 to 2030 and would affect approximately the 1.5% of taxpayers with the highest incomes. It would provide ongoing revenue for K-12 schools and community colleges. It would also create a new state budget formula for supplemental Medi-Cal spending, some of which could be allocated to county public hospitals. The full text of Proposition 55 and a fiscal analysis by the Legislative Analyst's Office were included in the briefing materials. The CSAC Health and Human Services policy committee recommended a 'Support' position.

Anne McLeod, Senior Vice President, California Hospital Association, spoke in favor of the initiative. David Wolfe, Legislative Director, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association spoke against it.

Motion and second to SUPPORT Proposition 55. Motion carried with 1 'no' vote.

***Proposition 56: Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research and Law Enforcement.*** This measure would raise the state excise taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products, including cigars and electronic cigarettes by \$2. The revenues raised from these increased taxes would be predominantly used for additional spending on Medi-Cal, and to backfill any losses to state and local First 5 Commissions. The full text of Proposition 56 and a fiscal analysis by the Legislative Analyst's Office were included in the briefing materials. The CSAC Health and Human Services policy committee recommended a 'Support' position.

Anthony Wright, Executive Director, Health Access California spoke in favor of the measure and David Wolfe, Legislative Director, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association spoke against it.

Motion and second to take a SUPPORT position on Proposition 56. Motion carried unanimously.

**Proposition 57: Criminal Sentences, Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing.** This measure would amend the California Constitution to give parole consideration to individuals sent to prison for a non-violent felony once they have completed the full term of their primary offense. In addition, Proposition 57 amends the Constitution to specify that the CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has the authority to award credits to inmates for good behavior and approved rehabilitative and educational achievements. The proponent's intent is to give the offenders an incentive to participate in rehabilitative programs in prison and earn an opportunity to go before the Board of Parole Hearings. The measure would also eliminate the ability for a district attorney to direct file to adult court on juvenile cases. Juveniles alleged to have committed a felony can be tried in adult court only if the court, after a hearing determines the minor should be tried in adult court. The full text of Proposition 57 and a fiscal analysis by the Legislative Analyst's Office were contained in the briefing materials. The CSAC Administration of Justice policy committee recommended 'No Position.'

Dana Williamson, President, Grace Public Affairs, spoke in favor of the measure and Mark Zahner, CEO, California District Attorneys Association spoke against it.

Motion and second to take NO POSITION on Proposition 57. Motion carried (10/4).

**Proposition 64: Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA).** This measure would allow adults age 21 and older to possess, transport, purchase, consume and share up to one ounce of marijuana and eight grams of non-medical marijuana. The AUMA has six major components, including: adult use of non-medical marijuana; adult use of medical marijuana; regulation of non-medical marijuana; taxation, local control provisions; and criminal penalties. The Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources policy committee recommended at 'Oppose' position.

Rich Miadich of Olson, Hagel & Fishburn and Jason Kinney of California Strategies spoke in favor of the initiative. Cory Salzillo of CA State Sheriffs' Assoc. and Andrew Acosta of Acosta Consulting spoke against it.

Motion and second to OPPOSE Proposition 64. Motion failed (4/7).

Motion and second to take NO POSITION on Proposition 64. Motion carried.

**Proposition 65: Carry Out Bags: Charges.** This measure would redirect money collected by grocery and other retail stores through the sale of carryout bags, whenever any state law bans free distribution of a particular kind of carryout bag and mandates the sale of any other kind of carryout bag. Stores

would be required to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund administered by the Wildlife Conservation Board to support specified categories of environmental projects. The CSAC Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources policy committee recommended 'No Position' on Proposition 65.

Motion and second to take NO POSITION on Proposition 65. Motion failed.

Motion and second to OPPOSE Proposition 65. Motion carried unanimously.

***Proposition 67: Plastic Bag Ban Referendum.*** The measure would uphold the ban on single-use plastic bags, as established by SB 270 which requires that stores distribute reusable bags and recycled paper bags for at least 10 cents per bag. The CSAC Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources policy committee recommended 'No Position' on Proposition 67.

Roger Dickinson, Shareholder, Greenburg, Traurig, LLP, spoke in favor of the initiative. No opponent was present.

Motion and second to take NO POSITION on Proposition 67. Motion failed.

Motion and second to SUPPORT Proposition 67. Motion carried with 1 'no' vote.

6. Homelessness Issues

CSAC and the League of Cities have formed a joint Task Force on Homelessness, as approved by the CSAC Board of Directors in May. The first meeting is expected to take place in the fall. Staff distributed a roster of participants.

The CSAC Health and Human Services policy committee considered a request by Los Angeles County to support their efforts urging the Governor to issue a statewide emergency declaration on the issue of homelessness. The policy committee expressed concerns about the timing and took action to forward the discussion to the Executive Committee for further review.

Motion and second to support Los Angeles County's action to urge Governor Brown to declare a state of emergency on homelessness. Motion carried unanimously.

7. CSAC Legislative Report

Staff reported that AB 2835 (Cooper), which would have required in-person union orientations to public employees, died on the Senate floor during the last day of

the legislative session. CSAC strongly opposed this bill, along with a large coalition of local agency and school employers.

Staff reported that the financing portion of the new “No Place Like Home” program was passed by the Legislature.

SB 879 (Beall) would provide \$3 billion to fund affordable housing programs via a statewide general obligation bond that would be implemented over five years. Additional details of the bill were contained in the briefing materials. Staff recommended that the Executive Committee take a ‘Support’ position on this bill.

Motion and second to SUPPORT SB 879. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff distributed CSAC’s proposed amendments to the Governor’s “Affordable Housing By-Right” proposal. The Legislature has not yet acted on legislation that provides the revenue needed to start addressing the backlog of work on local transportation systems and also makes reforms to the permitting process and project delivery. Senator Beall and Assemblyman Frazier, Chairs of the Transportation Committees in their respective houses, have both been working on bills that achieve most of those goals.

8. CSAC Annual Meeting Site Selection for 2018

Contracts are currently in place for CSAC annual meetings through 2017. Staff requested that the Executive Committee approve a location for the 2018 annual meeting. Since the meetings alternate between Northern and Southern California and 2018 would be held in the Southern part of the state, staff requested proposals from numerous venues in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Diego counties. After reviewing the proposals received, staff is recommending the Marriott Marquis Hotel in San Diego County. This is due to its good location, ability to accommodate all meeting and sleeping room needs, and reasonable room rates.

Motion and second to approve the Marriott Marquis Hotel in San Diego County as the site for the 2018 CSAC Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

9. CSAC Operations and Member Services Update

Staff reported that the California Counties Foundation, the non-profit foundation of CSAC, has been restructured to include the CSAC Institute and better serve counties. This will allow for new opportunities for partnerships, grant-seeking, and services to members. The Institute fees will be increased for the first time in four years, effective July 2017.

Entries in this year's Challenge Awards program received a record number of entries this year – 279 from 40 counties. The CSAC communications team recently received six awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The CSAC Corporate Partnership Program continues to do well. The next regional meeting will be held in Orange County on September 22, with a focus on the economy, county budgets, and homelessness. All Executive Committee members are invited to attend.

**10. Information Items**

The briefing materials contained an informational report on the CSAC Litigation Program and a CSAC Institute class schedule.

Supervisor Greg Cox thanked CSAC officers and staff for their assistance during the NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President campaign.

Meeting adjourned.