

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 19, 2015
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento

MINUTES

Presiding: Vito Chiesa, President

1. ROLL CALL

Alameda	Keith Carson	Placer	absent
Alpine	Terry Woodrow	Plumas	Terry Swofford (audio)
Amador	Forster/Boitano	Riverside	absent
Butte	Maureen Kirk	Sacramento	Susan Peters
Calaveras	Michael Oliveira	San Benito	Margie Barrios (audio)
Colusa	Kim Dolbow Vann	San Bernardino	James Ramos (audio)
Contra Costa	Federal Glover (audio)	San Diego	Roberts/Cox
Del Norte	David Finigan	San Francisco	vacant
El Dorado	absent	San Joaquin	Bob Elliott (audio)
Fresno	Henry Perea	San Luis Obispo	Bruce Gibson (audio)
Glenn	John Viegas (audio)	San Mateo	absent
Humboldt	Virginia Bass (audio)	Santa Barbara	Doreen Farr (audio)
Imperial	absent	Santa Clara	Ken Yeager
Inyo	Jeff Griffiths (audio)	Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson
Kern	absent	Shasta	Leonard Moty (audio)
Kings	Doug Verboon (audio)	Sierra	Lee Adams (audio)
Lake	Anthony Farrington (audio)	Siskiyou	Ed Valenzuela
Lassen	absent	Solano	Linda Seifert
Los Angeles	absent	Sonoma	Efren Carrillo
Madera	absent	Stanislaus	Vito Chiesa
Marin	Damon Connolly	Sutter	Larry Munger
Mariposa	John Carrier	Tehama	Robert Williams
Mendocino	Carre Brown (audio)	Trinity	Judy Morris (audio)
Merced	Hubert "Hub" Walsh (audio)	Tulare	Steve Worthley
Modoc	Jim Wills (audio)	Tuolumne	Evan Royce
Mono	Stacy Corless (audio)	Ventura	absent
Monterey	Fernando Armenta (audio)	Yolo	Jim Provenza
Napa	Diane Dillon (audio)	Yuba	Roger Abe
Nevada	Ed Scofield	Advisors: Rick Haffey and Charles McKee	
Orange	Lisa Bartlett (audio)		

The presence of a quorum was noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 20, 2014 were corrected to reflect that Supervisor Roger Abe was not in attendance.

Motion and second to approve minutes of November 20, 2104 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Senator Lois Wolk received the 2014 CSAC Distinguished Service Award for her role as key negotiator during the water bond negotiations and helped ensure that protections for Delta communities and funding for levee improvements, water supplies and ecosystem restoration was included.

Assemblyman Rich Gordon received the 2014 CSAC Distinguished Service Award for authoring legislation to direct cap and trade revenue towards local governments to fund greenhouse gas reduction projects at the local level. He also continues to highlight the importance of climate adaptation and preparedness as chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Sea Level Rise.

President Chiesa presented both awards during the Board of Directors meeting since neither recipient was able to attend the 2014 CSAC annual meeting.

4. COPORATE PARTNER PRESENTATION

Brianna Lierman with California Health & Wellness, addressed the Board of Directors regarding services they provide to counties. They are a Medi-Cal plan established in 2013 and serve Medi-Cal beneficiaries in 19 counties, primarily rural. They administer most Medi-Cal benefits and offer a variety of education, outreach and care coordination programs.

5. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S BUDGET FOR 2015-16

Michael Cohen, Director of State Department of Finance and Diane Cummins, Special Advisor to the Governor, provided an overview of the Governor's proposed budget for 2015-16. The majority of funds will go to K-12 schools. Implementing Propositions 1 and 2, the water bond and rainy day fund initiatives, is a major component of the budget. Also included is \$533m in accelerated pre-2004 mandate repayment, \$150m for Medi-Cal county administrative costs, \$10m to fund county fair operations. The budget also includes a proposal to reduce state costs for retiree health benefits. Details of the Governor's proposed budget were also contained in the January 9, edition of the CSAC Budget Action Bulletin.

6. STATE BUDGET CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

As directed by the Executive Committee at its January meeting, staff presented a report regarding the pressing need for additional funding for the maintenance and preservation of the existing state and local transportation system. The presentation included a forecast and options for new revenue. Some short-term solutions proposed are: Increase the base gas tax; increase vehicle license fee; increase vehicle registration fee; redirect weight fees back to transportation; and reduce the voter threshold for local sales tax measures. Additional details were contained in the briefing materials.

As directed by President Chiesa, CSAC has created a Poverty Working Group, which will be co-chaired by Supervisors Kathy Long, Leticia Perez and Lee Adams. Staff asked for volunteers to serve on the working group. The first meeting will be held in early March.

7. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2015

Staff presented draft CSAC State and Federal Legislative Priorities for 2015 as contained in the briefing materials. The CSAC Executive Committee previously considered the priorities and recommended approval by the Board of Directors.

Motion and second to approve the CSAC State and Federal Legislative Priorities for 2015, with the caveat that CSAC will consider proposals from the various policy committees throughout the year. Motion carried unanimously.

8. AMENDMENTS TO CSAC COUNTY PLATFORM

Administration of Justice. Supervisor Keith Carson, Vice-chair of the CSAC Administration of Justice policy committee, indicated that the committee would be looking at several issues during the year, including Proposition 47, housing for re-entry population, and striker credit earnings, among other things. Proposed amendments to Chapter Two of the CSAC County Platform were presented as contained in the briefing materials.

Motion and second to adopt proposed amendments to Chapter Two of the CSAC County Platform as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources. Supervisor Diane Dillon, Chair of the CSAC Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources policy committee, presented proposed amendments to Chapters Three and Fourteen of the CSAC County Platform as contained in the briefing materials.

Motion and second to adopt proposed amendments to Chapters Three and Fourteen of the CSAC County Platform as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Health & Human Services. Supervisor Ken Yeager, Chair of the CSAC Health & Human Services policy committee, presented proposed changes to Chapters Six and Twelve of the CSAC County Platform as contained in the briefing materials.

Motion and second to adopt proposed changes to Chapters Six and Twelve of the CSAC County Platform as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Housing, Land Use & Transportation. In addition to proposed amendments to Chapters Seven, Eleven and Sixteen contained in the briefing materials, additional language related to tribal-gaming compacts was distributed.

Motion and second to adopt proposed amendments to Chapters Seven, Eleven and Sixteen as contained in the briefing materials and distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

9. STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Matt Cate indicated the CSAC strategic planning process will begin in four to six weeks and encouraged Board members to get involved in the process.

10. SECTION 115 MEDICAID WAIVER UPDATE

California's existing Medicaid Section 1115 "Bridge to Reform" waiver expires in October 2015. The Department of Health Services (DHCS) has begun work on developing a five-year extension. CSAC has been convening county affiliate stakeholders to discuss content, strategy and fiscal issues. A detailed memo including an update on the process to renew the waiver, background on major components of the waiver, update on the work groups that DHCS created to assist with waiver development, and an overview of the DHCS financial proposal, was contained in the briefing materials.

11. "HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN CSAC" VIDEO

CSAC recently produced a video featuring President Chiesa discussing ways that counties can become more involved in CSAC. The video was shown to the Board of Directors.

12. INFORMATION REPORTS

The following informational reports were contained in the briefing materials: CSAC Corporate Partnership Update, CSAC Finance Corporation Update, Institute for Local Government (ILG) Update, and CSAC Litigation Coordination Program Update.

13. OTHER ITEMS

President Chiesa announced that he and Matt Cate recently visited Father Boyle and Homeboy Industries to present a donation for his presentation during the CSAC annual meeting.

Matt Cate announced that former CSAC employee Jean Jordan was recently hired as the Sutter County Counsel.

Meeting adjourned to closed session.