

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 7, 2016
Hotel Maya, Long Beach, Los Angeles County

M I N U T E S

1. Roll Call

Richard Forster, President	Leonard Moty, Shasta
Dave Roberts, 1 st Vice Pres.	Linda Seifert, Solano
Vito Chiesa, Immed. Past Pres. (audio)	Hub Walsh, Merced (audio)
Keith Carson, Alameda	David Finigan, Del Norte (audio)
John Gioia, Contra Costa (audio)	Ed Valenzuela, Siskiyou
Carole Groom, San Mateo	Virginia Bass, Humboldt
Don Knabe, Los Angeles	Judy Morris, Trinity, Treasurer
Greg Cox, San Diego	Pat Blacklock, Advisor (audio)
Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo	

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 14, 2016, were corrected to reflect that Supervisor David Rabbitt was selected as Chair of the CSAC Housing, Land Use and Transportation policy committee, not Supervisor Phil Serna, as indicated in the minutes.

3. Welcoming Remarks

Supervisor Don Knabe thanked the Executive Committee members for coming to Long Beach and encouraged them to come back in July for the National Association of Counties annual conference.

4. Approval of IRS Form 990

Staff reported that CSAC is required to file a Form 990 with the IRS annually to ensure continued status as a tax-exempt entity. Once the form is completed, it is reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee before being filed with the IRS. It was noted that the sale of the Ransohoff building in November 2014 resulted in an adjustment to the tax basis that will likely eliminate CSAC's tax liability for a number of years. In addition to the tax components of the Form 990, CSAC is required to list the number of hours the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Officers devote to the organization. The following hours were reported for the 2015 tax year: President – 8 hours; Officers – 8 hours; Executive Committee – 1.5 hours; Board members - .5 hours.

Motion and second to approve IRS Form 990. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Proposed CSAC & Litigation Program Budget for FY 2016-17

Supervisor Judy Morris, CSAC Treasurer, outlined the draft CSAC budget for FY 2016-17, as contained in the briefing materials. She noted the following highlights: no dues increase; Finance Corporation contribution will be \$3.5 million; Corporate Associates revenue increased by 20%; and continuation of the CSAC Institute satellite programs. It was noted that CSAC has implemented an Operating Reserve Policy and a Procurement Policy to strengthen fiscal operations over the past year. In addition, CSAC will be paying off its building mortgage this year.

Motion and second to approve the CSAC and Litigation Budget as presented and recommend adoption by the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Broadband Platform Language

Staff presented draft CSAC Platform language related to Broadband policy for consideration by the Executive Committee. In the fall of 2015, CSAC began developing language to guide advocacy efforts following increased state and federal legislative actions related to broadband, or high speed internet. The draft language was brought to the CSAC Government Finance and Administration policy committee for review and amendments. The policy committee recommends approval of the language, as contained in the briefing materials.

Staff was directed to continue to work with other stakeholders such as Emerging Technology Fund to advance this cause. It was noted that CSAC is currently supporting AB 1758, related to increasing broadband to underserved communities.

Motion and second to approve the draft broadband policy language to include in the CSAC Platform, Chapter Five. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Reappointment of CSAC Finance Corporation Board Members

Supervisor Seifert, CSAC Finance Corporation President, requested reappointment of the current CSAC Finance Corporation Board members whose terms expire in April 2016. They are: Supervisor Greg Cox, Steve Juarez, and Jim Erb.

Motion and second to reappoint Greg Cox, Steve Juarez and Jim Erb to the CSAC Finance Corporation Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

8. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Seifert reported that the CSAC Finance Corporation will hold its annual meeting at the end of April. Some issues to be discussed are changes to the bylaws dealing with ex officio members, and nominees for the treasurer/tax collector Board position which is currently vacant. In addition, the Finance Corporation Board recently authorized the development of a new program in conjunction with the State Controller's Office to locate and apply for the collection of unclaimed property on behalf of property owners, including county and city government. In order for a county to participate, they must first adopt a resolution and agreement. Drafts of both of these documents were contained in the briefing materials. It was announced that HB Capitol, the program managers for the US Communities program, is currently in the process of dis-incorporating. CSAC is one of the program sponsors, along with the League of California Cities, NACo and the National League of Cities. Staff indicated that NACo is working closely with HB Capitol during this process and there may be financial opportunities for the program sponsors, depending on the outcome of the legal proceedings. CSAC will provide updates to the Executive Committee when available.

9. Greg Cox for NACo 2nd Vice President Report

Supervisor Cox provided an update on his campaign for 2nd Vice President of the National Association of Counties (NACo). There are two other candidates – Liz Archuleta from Arizona and Robert Steele from Illinois. Supervisor Cox has been contacting supervisors in other states to garner support and asked that any Executive Committee members who have relationships with supervisors outside of California do the same. CSAC is working on arrangements for a campaign booth and reception at the

NACo Western Interstate Region (WIR) conference taking place at the end of May. The election will take place in July at the NACo annual conference in Long Beach. All counties are encouraged to register for the conference in order for their vote to count.

10. CSAC Legislative & Ballot Initiatives Update

Staff reported that the 4400 bills were introduced this legislative session. There were a number of bills dealing with transportation funding. The Governor is supportive of increased transportation funding, but the Legislature has not been. Staff was directed to send a sample resolution regarding support for transportation funding to Executive Committee members.

The Governor recently signed SB 3, which incrementally increases the statewide minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2022 and provides IHSS workers with three days of paid sick leave per year. While the increase will have an impact on collective bargaining negotiations with county employees, the minimum wage provisions in SB 3 do not apply to counties because of the home rule provisions for compensation for all counties.

Staff reported that eight initiatives have qualified for the November ballot, but only one is of interest to counties. The CSAC officers referred to the Government Finance & Administration committee for consideration. Any initiatives that qualify and the officers deem are of concern to counties will go before the Executive Committee in August.

Last year, CSAC, the League of California Cities, and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) filed a proposed Constitutional amendment with the Attorney General (AG) titled "The California Water Conservation, Flood Control and Stormwater Management Act of 2016." The measure would have amended Article X of the California Constitution to create a new, optional funding method that local agencies could use to fund local stormwater services and flood control projects, and establish conservation-based water rates or lifeline rates to assist low-income customers. The Title and Summary issued by the AG was deemed detrimental due to the first sentence which describes the alternative procedure as one that allows local governments to impose fees "without voter approval." Follow-up polling was conducted and the results showed that the Title and Summary failed to get majority support. Given the polling consultants conclusion that passing the current measure would be exceedingly difficult, the coalition will not be moving forward with this proposal in 2016.

11. CSAC Operations and Member Services Update

Staff provided an update on CSAC operations and member services. April is National County Government month and CSAC is using this opportunity to spotlight county best practices with a series of 12 videos and accompanying blogs featuring the 2015 Challenge Award winning programs. The Call for Entries for the 2016 Challenge Awards is opening in April. The 2016 Corporate Partner Guide has been sent to all counties and was distributed to Executive Committee members. CSAC is considering moving the location of the 2017 annual conference from Sacramento to Napa County. The Executive Committee was supportive of this idea.

Meeting adjourned.