

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, November 21, 2024

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

OFFICERS

Bruce Gibson | President
Jeff Griffiths | 1st Vice President
Susan Ellenberg | 2nd Vice President
Chuck Washington | Immediate Past President

ADVISORS

Brian Washington | County Counsel, Marin County
Jeff Van Wageningen | CEO, Riverside County (*absent*)

CSAC STAFF

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

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

Belia Ramos | Treasurer, Napa County

Alameda	–	Keith Carson	Orange	–	Doug Chaffee
Alpine	–	Terry Woodrow	Placer	–	Bonnie Gore
Amador	–	Richard Forster	Plumas	–	Tom McGowan
Butte	–	Tod Kimmelshue	Riverside	–	V. Manuel Perez
Calaveras	–	Benjamin Stopper	Sacramento	–	Rich Desmond
Colusa	–	Kent Boes	San Benito	–	Angela Curro
Contra Costa	–	John Gioia	San Bernardino	–	Jesse Armendarez
Del Norte	–	Chris Howard	San Diego	–	<i>Absent</i>
El Dorado	–	<i>Absent</i>	San Francisco	–	Rafael Mandelman
Fresno	–	<i>Absent</i>	San Joaquin	–	Robert Rickman
Glenn	–	Grant Carmon	San Luis Obispo	–	Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	–	Michelle Bushnell	San Mateo	–	Noelia Corzo
Imperial	–	<i>Absent</i>	Santa Barbara	–	<i>Absent</i>
Inyo	–	Trina Orrill	Santa Clara	–	Susan Ellenberg
Kern	–	Leticia Perez	Santa Cruz	–	Manu Koenig
Kings	–	Rusty Robinson	Shasta	–	Kevin Crye
Lake	–	Bruno Sabatier	Sierra	–	Lee Adams
Lassen	–	Gary Bridges	Siskiyou	–	Ed Valenzuela
Los Angeles	–	Kathryn Barger	Solano	–	Erin Hannigan
Madera	–	Leticia Gonzalez	Sonoma	–	James Gore
Marin	–	Mary Sackett	Stanislaus	–	Mani Grewal
Mariposa	–	Rosemarie Smallcombe	Sutter	–	Dan Flores
Mendocino	–	John Haschak	Tehama	–	Candy Carlson
Merced	–	Scott Silveira	Trinity	–	Ric Leutwyler
Modoc	–	Ned Coe	Tulare	–	<i>Absent</i>
Mono	–	Jennifer Kreitz (alternate)	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, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the Association.

3. **Gubernatorial Candidate Presentations**

Three of the 2026 gubernatorial candidates presented to the CSAC Board of Directors:

- Michael Younger
- Betty Yee
- Antonio Villaraigosa

4. **Approval of Minutes from August 29, 2024**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 29, 2024, was made by Supervisor Scott Silveira and seconded by Supervisor Bruno Sabatier. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Election of 2025 Executive Committee & Caucus Report Outs**

Rural

Supervisor Jeff Griffiths, Rural Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Rural Caucus Meeting, which included the election of CSAC's 2025 Rural Caucus Executive Committee members:

- Kent Boes, Colusa County
- Ned Coe, Modoc County
- Ryan Campbell, Tuolumne County (alternate)

Urban

Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Urban Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Urban Caucus Meeting, which included the election of CSAC's 2025 Urban Caucus Executive Committee members:

- Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County
- Rich Desmond, Sacramento County
- John Gioia, Contra Costa County
- Kelly Long, Ventura County
- V. Manuel Perez, Riverside County
- Nora Vargas, San Diego County
- Noelia Corzo, San Mateo County (alternate)

Suburban

Supervisor Bruce Gibson, Suburban Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Suburban Caucus Meeting, which included the election of CSAC's new 2nd Vice President, Monterey County Supervisor Luis Alejo, and the election of CSAC's 2025 Suburban Caucus Executive Committee members:

- Bonnie Gore, Placer County
- Manu Koenig, Santa Cruz County
- Scott Silveira, Merced County
- Lucas Frerichs, Yolo County (alternate)

A motion to approve the election of CSAC's 2025 Executive Committee was made by Supervisor Scott Silveira and seconded by Supervisor Mary Sackett. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Resolution Authorizing Conduct of CSAC Business**

A motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Conduct of CSAC Business was made by Supervisor Luis Alejo and was seconded by Supervisor Ned Coe. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Adoption of Policy Priorities and Platform

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, provided a brief legislative update and referenced that CSAC will be creating a Tribal Working Group to support the restructuring of CSAC's tribal platform.

Each of CSAC's 5 Policy Committees convened as part of the 130th Annual Meeting. The following chairs/vice chairs provided a report to the board, which included an update on each committee's adopted priorities and platform changes:

- Administration of Justice: Chair Rich Desmond, Sacramento County
- Agriculture, Environment, & Natural Resources: Chair Heidi Hall, Nevada County
- Government Finance & Administration: Chair Mani Grewal, Stanislaus County
- Health & Human Services: Vice Chair Rosemarie Smallcombe, Mariposa County
- Housing, Land Use, & Transportation: Chair Jennifer Kreitz, Mono County

A motion to approve the 2025 CSAC Policy Priorities and Platform was made by Supervisor Rich Desmond and was seconded by Supervisor Kelly Long. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Federal Priorities Issues Update

Joe Krahn, Tom Joseph, and Hasan Sarsour of Paragon Government Relations provided a Federal Priorities and Issues update to the Board.

9. Conflict of Interest Policy Form

Jennifer Henning, Litigation Counsel, provided a brief overview of the CSAC Conflict of Interest Policy and asked each Board Member to sign and return CSAC'S Conflict of Interest form.

10. CSAC Litigation Coordination Program Report

Jennifer Henning, Litigation Counsel, provided an update on CSAC's Litigation Coordination Program highlighting the Grants Pass case and several cases related to the Public Records Act.

11. Operations and Member Services Report

Chastity Benson, Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief update on CSAC Operations. Sarah Hodge, Senior Member Engagement Manager, and Rachael Serrao, Public Affairs Manager, unveiled the prototype of CSAC's new website and highlighted several key pages and new features.

12. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Oscar Villegas, CSAC Finance Corp. President, provided a brief update on recent Finance Corp. Board activities. Supervisor Villegas thanked two retiring Board members, Supervisor Richard Forester and Leonard Moty, and highlighted the Finance Corp. partnerships with Enterprise Mobility and Public Square Real Estate Inc. Jim Manker, Director of Business Development, presented on the Corporate Partners Program and introduced Ryan Napier from Chorus Innovations.

13. California Counties Foundation Report

Paul Danczyk, California Counties Foundation Chief Operating Officer, and Veronica Smith, Programs and Grants Director, provided an update on Institute programs and the CSAC Grants Initiative.

The meeting was adjourned in honor of El Dorado County Supervisor John Hidahl.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on February 13, 2025, in Sacramento County.