

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, August 29, 2024
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828 I Street, Sacramento

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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

Sarah Carrillo | County Counsel, Tuolumne County
Jeff Van Wagenen | 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	–	<i>Absent</i>	Orange	–	<i>Absent</i>
Alpine	–	Terry Woodrow	Placer	–	Bonnie Gore
Amador	–	Richard Forster	Plumas	–	<i>Absent</i>
Butte	–	<i>Absent</i>	Riverside	–	<i>Absent</i>
Calaveras	–	Benjamin Stopper	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	–	Monica Rossman (alternate)	San Luis Obispo	–	Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	–	Michelle Bushnell	San Mateo	–	Noelia Corzo
Imperial	–	Jesus Eduardo Escobar	Santa Barbara	–	Das Williams
Inyo	–	Trina Orrill	Santa Clara	–	Susan Ellenberg
Kern	–	<i>Absent</i>	Santa Cruz	–	Manu Koenig
Kings	–	Rusty Robinson	Shasta	–	Kevin Crye
Lake	–	Bruno Sabatier	Sierra	–	Lee Adams
Lassen	–	Gary Bridges	Siskiyou	–	Ed Valenzuela
Los Angeles	–	<i>Absent</i>	Solano	–	<i>Absent</i>
Madera	–	Robert Poythress (alternate)	Sonoma	–	<i>Absent</i>
Marin	–	Mary Sackett	Stanislaus	–	Vito Chiesa
Mariposa	–	Rosemarie Smallcombe	Sutter	–	Dan Flores
Mendocino	–	Maureen Mulheren (alternate)	Tehama	–	<i>Absent</i>
Merced	–	Scott Silveira	Trinity	–	Ric Leutwyler
Modoc	–	Ned Coe	Tulare	–	<i>Absent</i>
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. Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2024

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 19, 2024, was made by Supervisor Scott Silveira and seconded by Supervisor Kelly Long. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of 2028 & 2029 Annual Meeting Site Selection

Deb Kurtti, Meeting Planner, presented the Executive Committee’s recommendation that the Association holds its 2028 Annual Meeting in Riverside County on November 27 – December 1, 2028, and the 2029 CSAC Annual Meeting in Monterey County, November 26 – November 30, 2029.

A motion to approve the 2028 & 2029 Annual Meeting sites was made by Supervisor Kelly Long and seconded by Supervisor Chuck Washington. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CEO’s Report

Graham Knaus, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the Association.

5. Presentation from League of California Community Foundations

Laura Seaman, Chief Executive Officer, League of California Community Foundations (LCCF), presented on the services provided by the LCCF.

Proposition 5: “Local Government Financing” (ACA 1 & ACA 10)

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, and Eric Lawyer, Legislative Advocate, provided a brief description of Proposition 5 (ACA 1 & ACA 10), presented the Executive Committee’s SUPPORT position, and introduced the proponent and opponent speakers.

- Sandra Lowe, Outreach Coordinator, YES on Prop 5, spoke in support
- Susan Shelley, Vice President of Communications, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, spoke in opposition

A motion to SUPPORT Proposition 5 was made by Supervisor Lucas Frerichs and seconded by Supervisor Luis Alejo. The motion carried.

6. Proposition 35: “Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services” (MCO Tax)

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, and Jolie Onodera, Senior Legislative Advocate, provided a brief description of Proposition 35, presented the Executive Committee’s SUPPORT position, and introduced the proponent and opponent speakers.

- Jennifer Kent, Chief Executive Officer, The Kent Group, spoke in support
- Mayra E. Alvarez, President, The Children’s Partnership, spoke in opposition

A motion to SUPPORT Proposition 35 was made by Supervisor Luis Alejo and seconded by Supervisor Jesus Eduardo Escobar. The motion was not carried. As an alternate motion was not made, the Association adopted **NO POSITION**.

7. Proposition 36: “The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act” (Prop. 47 Reforms)

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, and Ryan Morimune, Senior Legislative Advocate, provided a brief description of Proposition 36, presented the Executive Committee’s SUPPORT position, and introduced the proponent and opponent speakers.

- Thien Ho, District Attorney, County of Sacramento, spoke in support
- Tracie Olson, Chief Public Defender, County of Yolo, spoke in opposition

A motion to SUPPORT Proposition 36 was made by Supervisor Jesus Eduardo Escobar and seconded by Supervisor Ned Coe. The motion carried.

8. Proposition 4: “Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024” (Climate Bond)

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, Catherine Freeman, Senior Legislative Advocate, and Ada Waelder, Legislative Advocate, provided a brief description of Proposition 4, presented the Executive Committee’s SUPPORT position, and introduced the proponent and opponent speakers.

- Reed Addis, Principal, Environmental & Energy Consulting, spoke in support
- Susan Shelley, Vice President of Communications, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, spoke in opposition

A motion to SUPPORT Proposition 4 was made by Supervisor Luis Alejo and seconded by Supervisor Heidi Hall. The motion carried.

9. Legislative Update

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, provided a legislative update and highlighted three bills of concern: AB 2489, AB 2557, and AB 2561. CSAC’s Legislative Advocates presented on their policy areas.

Administration of Justice (AOJ)

Ryan Morimune, Senior Legislative Advocate, provided an update on AB 2882 and SB 1057.

Agriculture Environment and Natural Resources (AENR)

Catherine Freeman, Senior Legislative Advocate, and Ada Waelder, Legislative Advocate, provided an update on SB 366, AB 2643, and AB 2902.

Government, Finance and Administration (GFA)

Eric Lawyer, Legislative Advocate, provided an update on AB 2557, SB 1164, and AB 2561.

Health & Human Services (HHS)

Justin Garrett, Senior Legislative Advocate, and Jolie Onodera, Senior Legislative Advocate, provided an update on AB 2496, AB 1168, SB 1238, and SB 1400.

Housing, Land Use & Transportation (HLT)

Mark Neuberger, Legislative Advocate, provided an update on SB 937, AB 98, and SB 1032.

10. Operations and Member Services Report

Chastity Benson, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on CSAC Operations, staffing changes, recent county visits, and the upcoming Annual Meeting.

11. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Oscar Villegas, CSAC Finance Corp. President, Rob Pierce, Chief Operating Officer, and Stacie Frerichs, Director of Business Programs, provided a brief update on recent Finance Corp. Board activities. They also introduced representatives from Enterprise Mobility, who presented their services to the Board.

12. California Counties Foundation Report.

Supervisor Jeff Griffiths, California Counties Foundation President, and Paul Danczyk, California Counties Foundation Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on Institute programs and the CSAC Grants Initiative.

13. Minute Mics

Each member of the Board spent one minute discussing pressing issues in their county.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on November 21, 2024, in Los Angeles County.