

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
February 8, 2007  
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento

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M I N U T E S

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Presiding: Frank Bigelow, President

1. ROLL CALL

Frank Bigelow, President	Joni Gray, Santa Barbara
Richard Gordon, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Mike McGowan, Yolo
Gary Wyatt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Mike Nelson, Merced
Connie Conway, Immed. Past President	Valerie Brown, Sonoma, alternate
Federal Glover, Contra Costa	Terry Woodrow, Alpine
John Tavaglione, Riverside	Jeff Morris, Trinity
Roger Dickinson, Sacramento (audio)	Tony Oliveira, Kings, alternate
Liz Kniss, Santa Clara	Larry Combs, advisor
Kathy Long, Ventura (audio)	Kathleen Bales-Lange, advisor
Greg Cox, San Diego, alternate	

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 28-29 and October 17, 2006 were approved as previously mailed.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CSAC TREASURER, NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (WIR) REPRESENTATIVES

The Executive Committee approved the following appointments:

- Tony Oliveira, Kings – CSAC Treasurer
- Keith Carson, Alameda – NACo Board of Directors
- Greg Cox, San Diego – NACo Board of Directors
- Connie Conway, Tulare – NACo Board of Directors
- Rose Comstock, Plumas – NACo WIR
- Brian Dahle, Lassen – NACo WIR

4. APPOINTMENT OF CSAC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS FOR 2007

The Executive Committee approved the following list of CSAC policy committee chairs and vice chairs for 2007:

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

John Silva, Solano, Chair  
Ronn Dominici, Madera, Vice Chair

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Jeff Morris, Trinity, Chair  
Mike Nelson, Merced, Vice Chair

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Liz Kniss, Santa Clara, Chair

Jon McQuiston, Kern, Vice Chair

## GOVERNMENT FINANCE & OPERATIONS

Kathy Long, Ventura, Chair

Mike Delbar, Mendocino, Vice Chair

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Helen Thomson, Yolo, Chair

Henry Perea, Fresno, Vice Chair

## HOUSING, LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mike McGowan, Yolo, Chair

Diane Dillon, Napa, Vice Chair

### 5. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2007

Staff reviewed the list of state and federal legislative priorities as contained in the briefing materials. State priorities include:

- State Budget
- Corrections Reform
- Emergency Management and Preparedness
- Eminent Domain
- Health Care Reform
- Infrastructure (transportation, housing and flood protection)
- Land Use & the Environment (countywide blueprints, special needs housing, land use/flood protection)

Federal priorities include:

- Telecommunication Reform
- Tribal Gaming,
- Federal Health Care Issues
- State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)
- Community Development Block Grants
- Deficit Reduction Act
- Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self Determination Act of 2000
- Flood Control
- Homeland Security

In addition, CSAC would continue to provide internal monitoring on the following federal issues:

- Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Reauthorization
- Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT)
- Remote Sales Tax
- Farm Bill Reauthorization

Some of the “self-help” transportation sales tax counties expressed concern regarding language contained in the State-Local Partnership Program (Proposition

1B) section. In response to that, the following compromise language was presented:

*CSAC recognizes that the counties that have successfully imposed sales taxes for transportation purposes are providing a significant contribution to the state's transportation system and should receive recognition through state contributions such as the \$1 billion State-Local Partnership Program pursuant to Government Code Section 8879.23(g). It is also recognized that counties have pursued other means for contributing to the state's transportation system through voter approved taxes and the imposition of uniform developer fees dedicated to transportation. CSAC recognizes that the State-Local Partnership Program was created to primarily benefit sales tax counties, but also supports the ability for counties to compete with eligible matches from other voter approved taxes and uniform developer fees. CSAC supports a dedicated amount from the \$1 billion State-Local Partnership for matching local sales taxes.*

Motion and second to approve State and Federal Legislative Priorities for 2007 as amended to include revised language on Proposition 1B. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CSAC CONSTITUTION REVISION TASK FORCE REPORT

Supervisor Rich Gordon, Chair of the Constitution Revision Task Force, presented a report from the task force's first meeting held on February 7. Task force members include: Supervisors John Tavaglione, Paul Biane, Judy Case, Jon McQuiston, Joni Gray, Mike Delbar, Jeff Morris and County Counsel's Association Executive Director Jennifer Henning.

The current CSAC Constitution and Policy Manual was separated into two documents and some proposed amendments were presented to the task force. The group will also be looking at large issues such as caucus definitions, voting thresholds and ballot initiative positions. The task force will continue meeting to develop recommendations which will ultimately be brought to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for consideration.

7. EMINENT DOMAIN REFORM PROPOSAL

CSAC has continued involvement with "No on Prop. 90" coalition members to address the issue of eminent domain abuse. Staff has been working to develop a concept to be put before voters at a future election which would include protection for owner-occupied residences and small businesses. The language has not yet been finalized. Staff noted that a measure sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers' Association has been submitted which would effectively eliminate all eminent domain takings for private use. However, they have indicated a preference for working through the Legislature rather than going directly to voters.

The Executive Committee authorized staff to convene a small working group of supervisors to provide guidance as this effort moves forward.

8. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff reported that the Governor's Corrections Reform Proposal contains two issues of particular concern to counties. They are the transfer of prisoners from state prisons to county jails and the transfer of some juveniles from the California Youth

Authority to local facilities. Jim Tilton, Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, will be addressing the Board of Directors on February 22.

The Governor's Task Force on High-Risk Sex Offenders and Sexually Violent Predators will be sponsoring a summit on March 19. CSAC will be participating in this event and all county supervisors are invited to attend.

The CSAC Administration of Justice Policy Committee met on January 31, and brought forward an action item for consideration. The Executive Committee was asked to adopt a policy statement regarding counties' commitment to seeking collaborative solutions to housing high-risk sex offenders (HRSO) and sexually violent predators (SVPs), as follows:

*Counties commit to fully engaging in a collaborative process to define issues and seek solutions related to appropriate placement and housing of HRSOs and SVPs. This effort, in counties' view, must be founded in a committed partnership between state and local governments, must contain a local or regional planning process, and must consider the needs, capacity, and availability of resources in local communities.*

*To advance this collaborative effort, CSAC intends to sustain a leadership role in planning the March 2007 statewide summit on HRSO/SVP housing and will seek active and engaged involvement of county supervisors and a range of key county partners – both for purposes of the summit and in the broader context of future policy discussions and intergovernmental decision making processes.*

Motion and second to approve policy statement regarding High-Risk Sex Offenders and Sexually Violent Predators. Motion carried unanimously.

9. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HIGH SPEED RAIL

The CSAC Housing, Land Use and Transportation Policy Committee recommended support for a resolution relating to support for High-Speed Rail (attached).

Motion and second to approve resolution in support of High-Speed Rail and recommend adoption by CSAC Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

10. STATE BUDGET/LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Staff provided a report on the Governor's Health Care Reform proposal and distributed a chart outlining elements contained in each of the current legislative health care proposals. The Housing, Land Use & Transportation Policy Committee will be meeting to discuss CSAC's role in the infrastructure bonds implementation. Staff provided an update on funding of Property Tax Administration program and announced that the Governor has formed a Commission on Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBs), but no members have been appointed yet.

11. CCS PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Connie Busse, Director of the Cities, Counties, Schools (CCS) Partnership announced that this year marks the Partnership's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A celebration is being planned for May. She indicated that the CCS Partnership has been focusing on the issue of childhood obesity and produced two reports which were contained in

the briefing materials. During 2007, the Partnership will be forming a task force to address the issue of transitioning foster youth out of the foster care system.

12. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT

Two new programs were recently introduced. The Go-Solar program will benefit counties by offering access to solar facilities at a price that is competitive with current utility rates, but will save significantly over time. The U.S. Communities Purchasing Program has begun offering “green” products such as Energy Star certified products, biodegradable cleaning supplies, energy saving lighting and technology products and playground equipment using recycled materials. A complete list of green products was contained in the briefing materials.

13. CSAC CORPORATE ASSOCIATES REPORT

Jim Keene reported on the Corporate Associates meeting held on January 25-26 in Carmel. The group discussed funding level structure, developing targeted communications for corporate members and staffing. Norma Lammers will be overseeing the program upon Jim Keene’s departure from CSAC and Supervisor Connie Conway was appointed liaison to the group.

The Executive Committee adjourned to a closed session to discuss staff transition issues and receive an update on the CSAC Executive Director recruitment process.