

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 16, 2006  
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento

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*MINUTES*

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Presiding: Connie Conway, President

1. ROLL CALL

Connie Conway, President	Joni Gray, Santa Barbara
Frank Bigelow, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Valerie Brown, Sonoma, alternate
Richard Gordon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Bill Dennison, Plumas
Greg Cox, Immed. Past President	Tony Oliveira, Kings, alternate
Keith Carson, Alameda	Ann Miller-Ravel, advisor
Federal Glover, Contra Costa (audio)	
Roger Dickinson, Sacramento	
Judy Case, Fresno (audio)	

The presence of a quorum was noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 19, 2006 were approved as previously mailed.

3. PROPOSED CSAC BUDGET FOR FY 2007

Staff reviewed highlights of the proposed FY 2007 CSAC Budget which included the following:

- Increase in contributions from the CSAC Finance Corporation;
- Reduction in rental and parking income due CSAC's need to take over previously-leased space;
- Salaries line item includes new Deputy Executive Director position and two legislative analysts, replacing the lobbyist position vacated earlier this year;
- Retirement and benefits costs increased with added staff and inflationary factors;
- Repair & Maintenance/Purchases line item includes \$100,000 for remodeling lobby area of 1100 K building, and replacing air conditioning units at 1020 K building;
- Mortgage principal and interest expense increased partially due to increased interest rates on the two variable rate mortgages
- Increase in staff travel costs for county outreach program.

Supervisor Cox noted that while contributions to CSAC from the Finance Corporation have increased, counties have increased their participation in the cost-saving services that the Finance Corporation offers to all counties.

Jim Keene requested that CSAC contribute \$80,000 to the Institute for Local Government (ILG) in this fiscal year and again in FY 2008. The Institute was formed by the League of California Cities to conduct research, and provide education and advocacy services for local agencies. Supervisor Cox and Jim Keene both sit on the ILG Board of Directors.

Supervisor Cox requested that the NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President campaign fund be increased by \$20,000 over what is contained in the proposed budget in order to ensure that funds are available to complete the campaign which ends in August 2006.

Motion and second to approve CSAC Budget for FY 2007 as amended to include a contribution to the Institute for Local Government and additional funds for NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President campaign. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff was directed to create a separate line item for video-conferencing expenses rather than include them in the Communications line item before presenting the proposed CSAC Budget to the Board of Directors in March.

4. PROPOSED LITIGATION COORDINATION PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2006-07  
Jennifer Henning, CSAC's Litigation Coordinator, presented the proposed Litigation Coordination Program budget for FY 2006-07 as contained in the briefing materials. The proposed budget contains a 10% increase in program dues. The increase is primarily due to an increase in employee retirement and benefit costs.

Motion and second to approve the Litigation Coordination Program budget for FY 2006-07. Motion carried unanimously.

Following a discussion on the process for approving amicus briefs, staff was directed to communicate with Executive Committee members prior to approving amicus briefs.

5. JUNE 2006 BALLOT INITIATIVES  
At the CSAC Government Finance and Operations policy committee meeting on February 16, the committee voted to recommend a 'SUPPORT' position to the Executive Committee on Proposition 81, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond

Act of 2006. This measure would authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$600,000,000 for the purpose of financing library construction and renovation.

Motion and second to approve policy committee recommendation to 'Support' Proposition 81. Motion carried unanimously.

The CSAC Health and Human Services policy committee met on March 2, to consider Proposition 82, the Preschool for All Act. This initiative would establish a voluntary public preschool for all four-year old California children in the year prior to kindergarten. Funding would come from an increase of 1.7% on personal income taxes on individuals with taxable incomes over \$400,000, and married couples with taxable incomes over \$800,000 beginning in 2007. The policy committee recommended a 'SUPPORT' position on Proposition 82, primarily because of the positive benefits a universal preschool would have on all California's children. It was noted that staff had previously recommended a 'NO POSITION' to the policy committee.

While many Executive Committee members were supportive of the concept of universal preschool, some members expressed concern about the funding source as well as recent controversies and politics now surrounding the Act.

Motion and second to refer Proposition 82 to the CSAC Board of Directors without a recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CSAC FLOOD MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

An updated draft of the CSAC Flood Protection Principles and Policy Guidelines was distributed to Executive Committee members for consideration. The principles were originally considered by the Executive Committee on January 19. During that meeting it was determined that further consideration was needed so action was taken to re-agendize for the March 16 meeting.

Supervisor Dickinson outlined the amendments contained in the revised draft.

Motion and second to approve revised CSAC Flood Protection Principles and Policy Guidelines as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES REPORT

Supervisor Brown reported that the recently held NACo Legislative Conference was a success. Her campaign for NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President is

going well and California is gaining support. The NACo Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference is scheduled for May 10 - 12 in Sacramento. All Executive Committee members were urged to attend.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Staff reported that the Governor and legislative leadership failed to reach agreement on a comprehensive infrastructure bond package prior to the March 15 deadline. Therefore, it will not appear on the June ballot. CSAC will continue to work with the California Infrastructure Coalition to keep the Legislature's attention on California's infrastructure systems.

The Senate did approve a special urgency bill, AB 135, to allocate \$1 billion for levee repairs. The Assembly must now hear the bill.

AB 1634 by Assembly Member McCarthy, would appropriate \$27 million from the State General Fund to reimburse counties for the state's share of the November 2005 statewide special election costs.

Two measures dealing with local cable franchise fees, AB 2987 and SB 850, are currently making their way through the Legislature. AB 2987 would allow telephone companies and cable operators to seek a franchise to provide video services on a statewide basis. SB 850 includes findings and declarations regarding franchising of telecommunications services. The CSAC Government Finance and Operations Policy Committee will have a panel discussion on this issue during the CSAC Legislative Conference.

Proposed redevelopment legislation, AB 2197, would require that any change to a redevelopment plan go to the Board of Supervisors for approval. CSAC has formed a working group to begin developing principles related to redevelopment issues.

The Commission on State Mandates has formed a subcommittee charged with developing recommendations on ways to reduce the amount of time it takes to process mandate claims. Tulare County Supervisor Steven Worthley is CSAC's representative on the Commission and has also been appointed to the subcommittee.

9. OTHER ITEMS

Jim Keene reported that Executive Committee counsel, Ann Ravel, has concluded that the CSAC Constitution should be edited and reformatted to make it easier to read. Recommendations will be brought back to the Executive Committee at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned.