

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 7-8, 2010
The Clement Hotel, Monterey, CA

M I N U T E S

Presiding: Tony Oliveira, President

1. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION PRESENTATION

CSAC Finance Corporation Board Members Greg Cox, Larry Spikes, Joni Gray, Les Brown and Paul McIntosh provided an in-depth report on the history of the Finance Corporation as well as current activities. A briefing booklet outlining mission and goals, CSCDA, US Communities, CalTRUST, and revenue history was distributed to Executive Committee members.

It was noted that Tom Ford retired as President of the Finance Corporation after serving on the Finance Corp. Board since 1996. A new program that was developed this year was the securitization of Proposition 1A monies.

2. ROLL CALL

Tony Oliveira, President
John Tavaglione, 1st Vice Pres.
Mike McGowan, 2nd Vice Pres.
Gary Wyatt, Immed. Past Pres.
Greg Cox, San Diego
Roger Dickinson, Sacramento
Liz Kniss, Santa Clara
Henry Perea, Fresno
Steve Worthley, Tulare
Joni Gray, Santa Barbara (alternate)

Merita Callaway, Calaveras
Robert Williams, Tehama
Lyle Turpin, Mariposa (alternate)

Finance Corp. Representatives
Larry Spikes, Kings CAO
Les Brown, Former CSAC Pres.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 5 and August 19, 2010 were approved as previously mailed.

4. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Staff requested direction from the Executive Committee in selecting the 2010 recipient(s) of the CSAC Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to persons who have made the greatest contribution to the improvement of government in California. Staff recommended the following four nominees for consideration:

- Dan Wall, Chief Legislative Advocate for the County of Los Angeles
- Tony Oliveira, CSAC President and member of the CalPERS Board

- Senator Roy Ashburn
- Assembly Member Juan Arambula

It was suggested that Sonoma County Supervisor Valerie Brown be added to the list of recipients for her work with the National Association of Counties (NACo), especially serving as NACo President this past year.

Motion and second to approve the four staff recommendations and additional Executive Committee nominee Valerie Brown to receive the 2010 Distinguished Service Award. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CIRCLE OF SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES

The Circle of Service award was created to recognize county officials, department directors, employees, corporate Associates and other CSAC members whose service to CSAC and counties sets them apart. The following nominees were submitted by staff for Executive Committee consideration:

Greg Cox, San Diego County Supervisor, and Helen Thomson, Yolo County Supervisor spearheaded the CSAC 2010 Realignment Working Group. They made themselves available over a 10-week period to provide staff direction and facilitation of CSAC's 2010 Realignment Working Group. Both supervisors were actively engaged in CSAC's efforts to determine how a realignment could be structured to benefit counties, resulting in revised Realignment Principles (recently adopted by CSAC's Board of Directors), as well as a framework for future realignment discussions from a programmatic and fiscal perspective.

Kathy Long, Ventura County Supervisor, and Matt Rexroad, Yolo County Supervisor served as the co-chairs of the CSAC Reform Task Force, which was convened in early 2010 to address the so-called "Year of Reform," in which CSAC would likely weigh in on the various reform efforts that were circulating at that time. The Task Force met to discuss the proposals that were to be on the November 2010 ballot from the League of California Cities, California Forward, and Rebuild California (that arose from the work of the Bay Area Council). When the Task Force convened in February, both California Forward's and Rebuild California's efforts had withered, with only the measure sponsored by the League slated for the November ballot. The Task Force then focused on the League's measure, which eventually became Proposition 22. Chairs Long and Rexroad led our policy discussion and analysis of Proposition 22, which was sent to four CSAC policy committees with an "oppose" recommendation from the Task Force.

Jane Dolan, Butte County Supervisor is retiring this year after serving eight terms on the Butte County Supervisor. Jane was first elected to office in 1978, which makes her current 32-year run as a county supervisor the longest in California. She has served as a board chair on seven different occasions. During this period, Jane worked tirelessly for the residents of her district, Butte County and all of California. She has epitomized what it means to be a public servant.

Liz Kniss, Santa Clara County Supervisor has travelled thousands of miles and logged many long-distance minutes as CSAC's representative on health and human services issues in 2010. She served as the chair of the CSAC Health and Human Services Policy Committee. Within CSAC, and as chair of the policy committee, Supervisor Kniss presided over monthly policy committee meetings regarding the state's Medicaid Waiver proposal and the implementation of federal health care reform. At the state level, she attended a state waiver stakeholder meeting and attended briefings by county affiliates on the major issues within the waiver. At the federal level, Supervisor Kniss served as co-chair of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Health Care Reform Subcommittee, and now serves as chair of the NACo Health Steering Committee.

She also presided over weekly health care reform meetings with county affiliates throughout the year. As a result of her advocacy efforts and technical knowledge of federal health care reform, Supervisor Kniss was invited by President Obama to attend the formal health care reform bill signing in March.

Tom Ford, CSAC Finance Corporation President has served dutifully on the Board of the Directors of the CSAC Finance Corporation since April 1996 and has served as President of the Board since November 2004. He retired from the Board of Directors on September 17 of this year. Tom made great contributions to counties through his term on the Board including helping form the Investment Trust of California (CalTRUST) and serving on both the National Association of Counties and CSAC Deferred Compensation Advisory Committees as Chair. Since he joined the CSAC Finance Corporation Board in 1996, he helped increase revenues from \$403,096 in FY 96/97 to \$4.2 million in FY 09/10. Tom previously served as Treasurer-Tax Collector of Sonoma County before his retirement from county service.

Michael Brown, Santa Barbara County Executive Officer will be retiring this year. He is a life-long public service professional. Michael also serves as Chairman of the Center for Performance Measurement of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), and holds a 30 years service award from this organization. During his tenure as Santa Barbara county administrator, Michael has been a strong and effective manager and assisted on numerous statewide issues.

John Sansone, San Diego County Counsel will retire at the end of 2010, marking 35 years in the San Diego County Counsel's Office, 14 as County Counsel. John has been an active member of the County Counsels' Association, serving on the Cost Shift Committee since its inception and is well-known for his knowledge of mandate law. Besides being an accessible and capable counsel, his legal advice and assistance to CSAC and its member counties in the Proposition 1A and post-Proposition 1A eras has been invaluable.

Steven Woodside, County Counsel, Sonoma County is being recommended for his active leadership role with respect to Native American issues of great concern to counties. Specifically, under Steven's leadership, Sonoma County has been a driving force behind pushing for comprehensive fee-land into trust reform at the federal level. Due to Steven's role significant progress was made to forward CSAC policy at the federal level including the formation of a multi-state coalition to develop fee-land into trust reform legislation and successful inclusion of CSAC policy into the NACo Platform.

Bruce Goldstein, Assistant County Counsel, Sonoma County is being recommended for his active leadership role with respect to Native American issues of great concern to counties. Bruce serves as the Chair of the County Counsel Committee on Native American Lands which has been instrumental in informing both CSAC state and federal policy on Native American issues. Most recently, under Bruce's leadership, Sonoma County has been a driving force behind pushing for comprehensive fee-land into trust reform at the federal level. CSAC has made much progress to this end over the past 18-months including the formation of a multi-state coalition for fee-land into trust reform and additional NACo platform and policy in line with CSAC's efforts – none of which would have been achievable without the help of Mr. Goldstein.

Graham Knaus, Director of Administrative Services, Placer County Health and Human Services provided significant input and analysis as a member of the 2010 Realignment Working Group and each of the RWG Technical Subcommittees: Administration of Justice, Health and Human Services, and Revenues. He was enormously helpful to CSAC staff as the groups analyzed each restructuring proposal and unfailingly provided a relevant and constructive perspective from the county trenches. He also invested considerable time into the mission. In short, Mr. Knaus proved to be a constructive and valuable member of the CSAC Realignment Working Group process.

William McIntosh, Retired Lassen County Public Works Director (In Memoriam, 1924 – 2010). He served as the President of the County Engineers Association of California in 1964 and as CEAC Treasurer for many years after his retirement from Lassen County. Bill is fondly referred to as the “County Engineer Extraordinaire” and the “Old Crow” as he created the California Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants or CLODS (CEAC Past Presidents) and was one of the founders of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE). Among his many honors, CEAC created the “William D. McIntosh Lifetime Achievement Award” and NACE named him “Rural County Engineer of the Year”. Bill was a true public servant and exemplified dedication and leadership deserving of recognition.

Verne Davis, Retired Merced County Public Works Director (In Memoriam, 1925 – 2010) retired as Merced County Public Works Director in 1985 after a distinguished 38-year career. He served as the President of the County Engineers Association of California in 1984 and as CEAC Newsletter Editor for twenty years after his retirement from Merced County. Verne’s given CLODS name was “Whooping Crane”, which he proudly embraced. Verne was a dedicated and committed public servant known for his creative and humorous style. Mr. Davis should also be recognized for his enduring public service to county government.

Kirk Kleinschmidt, Kaiser Permanente, Corporate Associates President is currently serving as the 2010 President of the CSAC Corporate Associates program. Kaiser Permanente has been a long-time supporter of CSAC and the corporate membership program, and Kirk has been an active member of the program and its steering committee since he began with Kaiser more than three years ago.

The Executive Committee added the following three nominees to the list:

Mike McGowan, Yolo County Supervisor for his tireless efforts and commitment to forward comprehensive federal fee-land into trust reform. He has been integral to CSAC in forming a multi-state coalition for fee-land into trust reform and our successful efforts to amend NACo policy and platform in support of CSAC’s policy objectives.

Roger Dickinson, Sacramento County Supervisor for his years of commitment and contributions to CSAC as a member of the Executive Committee as he moves on to the California State Assembly.

Rich Gordon, San Mateo County Supervisor, for his years of commitment and contributions to CSAC as President and a member of the Executive Committee as he moves on to the California State Assembly.

Motion and second to approve the staff recommendations and the three additional nominees. Motion carried unanimously.

6. REVIEW OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Staff distributed and outlined the audited financial statements for FY 2009-10. It was noted that rental income is down at the Ransohoff building due to an increased vacancy rate and some late tenant payments. Staff was directed to renegotiate the lease with Smith Gallery to a lower rate.

Staff also distributed a list indicating CSAC’s “Public vs. Non-Public Funds” as directed by the Executive Committee at its August meeting.

Motion and second to accept the audited financial statements for FY 2009-10. Motion carried unanimously.

7. ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT FOR 2009-10

Paul McIntosh presented the annual CSAC achievements report which outlines progress made during the past year on each policy area as well as federal issues, administration, Finance Corporation, Institute for Excellence in County Government, Corporate Associates, and communications.

8. 2010 CSAC ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Supervisor Tavaglione described plans that Riverside County is making for the 2010 CSAC annual meeting in Riverside next month. The Board of Directors dinner will be held at the Fender Center which houses a program that provides music lessons to disadvantaged youth. County Night will consist of a comedy show by Sinbad at the historic Fox Theater.

9. CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION GRANT UPDATE

Staff reported that CSAC received \$20,000 from the California Health Care Foundation for two projects: a scholarship program to allow county supervisors to travel to Washington, DC and national health events; and educational programs run through the CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government.

Supervisor Terry Woodrow, vice-chair of the CSAC Health and Human Services policy committee, was able to attend the NACo Legislative Conference this year and participate in health-related workshops and committees because of the scholarship program.

Health-related courses offered this year through the Institute for Excellence in County Government included:

County Health Care Systems – Responsibilities and Resources

Effective Partnerships with County-Funded CBOs

County Mental Health Obligations, Services and Funding

Realignment 101 – How Did We Get It? Where Did It Go?

10. OTHER ITEMS

Staff outlined details of a state budget compromise that is expected to be voted on by the Legislature today.

Meeting adjourned.