

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 24, 2007  
Sheraton Grand Hotel, 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	Mike McGowan, Yolo
Richard Gordon, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Mike Nelson, Merced
Gary Wyatt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Valerie Brown, Sonoma (alternate)
John Tavaglione, Riverside	Terry Woodrow, Alpine
Roger Dickinson, Sacramento	Jeff Morris, Trinity
Greg Cox, San Diego (alternate)	Tony Oliveira, Kings (alternate)
Joni Gray, Santa Barbara	Larry Combs, CAO advisor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 15, 2007 were approved as previously mailed.

3. EMINENT DOMAIN EFFORTS/CAMPAIGN

CSAC has been working with a broad range of stakeholders to develop an eminent domain measure that would go to the voters in 2008. The coalition, which includes the League of California Cities, California Redevelopment Association and the California League of Conservation Voters, among others, has been working on a number of fronts to avoid another expensive defense of legitimate government regulation. Staff announced that Assembly Member De La Torre has agreed to author two bills that comprise the eminent domain reform package – ACA 8 and AB 887.

Since January, the coalition has been advised by a team of legal and political advisors, all of which were involved in the “No on Prop. 90” campaign. Staff outlined the expenditure plan for CSAC’s share of funding the consultants’ fees through August of 2007. CSAC’s share will be \$180,000, plus forgiveness of a \$9,935 loan to the “No on Prop. 90” campaign account. Other coalition partners will also be sharing in the costs. Staff pointed out that there will be additional costs as the campaign moves forward. However, those costs are unknown at this time since it is not yet clear whether the coalition will be supporting a legislative initiative or one that requires voters’ signatures to put on the ballot.

Motion and second to approve expenditure plan and recommend approval by the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORT ON MAY REVISION OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

Staff distributed copies of an analysis of the Governor's May Revision prepared by CSAC. The May Revision contains a reversion of the \$39 million for Williamson Act funds originally included in the Governor's January budget. Executive Committee members were urged to contact legislators to express their opposition to the Williamson Act proposal.

Staff outlined a proposal being proposed by Assembly Democratic leadership to capture the transit/spillover revenues under Proposition 42 and change the formula between the state (STIP), cities, counties and transit beginning in 2008-09. CSAC's current position is that any statutory change to bring spillover under Proposition 42 must protect the existing formula passed by the voters of 40% STIP, 20% cities, 20% counties and 20% transit through a hold harmless or other mechanism. The Executive Committee directed staff to continue with this position.

Staff distributed a chart that outlines the Health and Human Services programs contained in the Governor's Budget and how they would be impacted by current legislative proposals. The California Health Care Foundation has developed a website regarding health reform issues. It can be found at [www.calhealthreform.org](http://www.calhealthreform.org). CSAC's Budget Action Bulletin, which will include summaries of health reform and other State Budget issues, will be sent to all counties this week.

5. CORRECTIONS REFORM UPDATE

Staff provided an update on AB 900, the Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services Act of 2007, which was signed into law in May. This measure addresses overcrowding and recidivism issues in the state and local adult corrections systems and provides \$1.2 million for jail construction. It also gives the state authority to transfer up to 8,000 inmates out-of-state. The measure does not include two of the more controversial elements of the Governor's initial reform plan – a sentencing commission structure and significant changes to the parole system. The bill addresses the adult corrections system only. The Governor's juvenile justice realignment proposal is still being discussed and will proceed on a separate track as part of the budget process. Details of that proposal were contained in the briefing materials.

Staff has been meeting regularly with an Executive Steering Committee on Corrections Reform, a group of county supervisors and CAOs convened to give policy guidance on a broad range of corrections issues, and will consult frequently with this group in the coming weeks and months.

Contra Costa County has requested CSAC's support for the creation of the "California Sentencing Commission" which was eliminated from AB 900. Staff distributed a letter from the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and recommended that this issue go before the Administration of Justice policy committee for consideration prior to CSAC taking a position.

Motion and second to refer the Contra Costa County proposal to the Administration of Justice policy committee for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CSAC CORPORATE ASSOCIATES REPORT

Norma Lammers, CSAC's Interim Deputy Director, reported that the CSAC Officers recently approved a contract to hire Brent Wallace to assist the Corporate Associates program. Mr. Wallace also currently serves as Executive Director of the County Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC) and will be focusing on opportunities for bringing county officials and corporate members together, such as inviting corporate members to make presentations at regional CAOAC meetings.

Meeting adjourned to closed session to conduct Executive Director interviews.