

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 5, 2011
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento

MINUTES

Presiding: John Tavaglione, President

1. ROLL CALL

John Tavaglione, President	Valerie Brown, Sonoma
Mike McGowan, 1 st Vice Pres.	Henry Perea, Fresno
David Finigan, 2 nd Vice Pres.	Joni Gray, Santa Barbara, alternate
Greg Cox, San Diego	John Viegas, Glenn
Liz Kniss, Santa Clara (via audio)	Terry Woodrow, Alpine
John Moorlach, Orange	Marshall Rudolph, Co. Counsel Advisor
Susan Peters, Sacramento	

The presence of a quorum was noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 20, 2011 meeting and the summary of the March 16 conference call were approved as previously mailed.

3. REPORT ON STATE BUDGET

Diane Cummins, Special Advisor to the Governor, addressed the Executive Committee regarding the state budget. The Governor's May Revision will be released soon and will include revised revenue projections and cut proposals. Cummins indicated that there are still some outstanding issues being negotiated such as redevelopment agencies and enterprise zones. She further indicated that the Governor remains committed to realignment, tax revenues and constitutional protections for counties. However, it is unknown at this time when or if a special election on tax extensions will occur.

Cummins was asked about AB 109, the legislation that authorizes the state to move low-level offenders to the county jails, which was recently passed by the Legislature. She indicated that the bill was done in advance of the state budget so that target populations could be defined. She stated that working groups are now working on implementation issues.

4. PROPOSED CSAC BUDGET FOR FY 2011-12

Paul McIntosh presented the draft CSAC budget for FY 2011-12 as contained in the briefing materials.

Questions were raised regarding employee retirement plans. Staff was directed to contact the San Bernardino County Employees Retirement Association (SBCERA) to see what options are available for future CSAC employees as far as a lower tier for retirement benefits.

Staff was further directed to survey other associations such as the League of California Cities and California School Boards Association regarding retirement benefits offered to their employees.

McIntosh indicated that a thorough discussion regarding employee salaries and benefits will take place at the Executive Committee retreat in October.

Regarding the layout of the proposed budget, staff was directed to include information regarding CSAC reserves as well as explanations as to where the Corporate Associates revenues are placed within the overall budget.

Motion and second to approve proposed CSAC Budget for FY 2011-12 including the staff direction related to retirement benefits and budget layout mentioned above, and recommend adoption by the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

5. PROPOSED LITIGATION COORDINATION PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2011-12

Jennifer Henning, CSAC Litigation Coordinator, presented the proposed CSAC Litigation Coordination Program budget for FY 2011-12 as contained in the briefing materials. She noted that the budget includes a 5% increase to cover increases in rent, employee benefits costs and other costs associated with operating the program.

Motion and second to approve the draft CSAC Litigation Coordination Program budget for FY 2011-12 and recommend adoption by the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CSAC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Staff presented "*Communication Tactics for Supporting Constitutional Amendment*" as contained in the briefing materials. The report contains key messages pertaining to support for the Governor's budget plan that CSAC members can use when communicating with the media, legislators and general public. Staff also distributed talking points on the Governor's Realignment proposal. The overall message is that any realigned programs must be accompanied by dedicated revenues and constitutional protections.

In recognition of April's National County Government Month, CSAC produced videos of various successful county programs and highlighted them on the CSAC web site.

It was noted that CSAC Blog readership is increasing. Supervisors were encouraged to contribute to the CSAC blog.

Staff was directed to develop draft opinion-editorials that could be used by supervisors locally and would coincide with the release of the Governor's May Revise.

7. CSAC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff presented a spreadsheet of Health Care Reform legislation currently being considered in the Legislature. This list of bills was discussed by the CSAC Health & Human Services policy committee during its recent meeting.

Staff announced that the Federal Health Reform legislation includes a program called *Health Exchange* which will allow individuals to purchase health insurance and compare products all in one place. Much work remains to be done on the implementation of this program.

8. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Staff provided reports on several pieces of legislation.

AB 109 will not become effective until funding becomes available to implement it. The policy ramifications are significant. The State Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections is organizing a two-day summit regarding the bill.

State funding for local public safety services through a portion of the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) will expire on June 30. Staff distributed a memo that outlines the specific local public safety programs that will be affected by the expiring VLF as well as options for exercising local booking fee authority.

CSAC is sponsoring AB 1053 (Gordon) which would increase fees for four programs related to vital records, juvenile public defender registration, and laboratory analyses for various drug and driving offenses. The bill passed out of Assembly Local Government Committee yesterday.

AB 1220 (Alejo) would expand the statute of limitations to sue a city or county challenging the adoption of a housing element or a number of related ordinances, from one year to five years. The bill passed out of Assembly Local Government Committee and is awaiting action on the Assembly Floor. Executive Committee members were urged to express opposition to this bill.

SB 653 (Steinberg) would allow counties and school districts to impose the following taxes: personal income, transactions and use, vehicle license fee, oil severance, and excise taxes on products such as cigarettes, alcohol and sweetened drinks. The bill passed out of Senate Governance and Finance Committee and will be considered by Senate Appropriations Committee on May 16. Executive Committee members were urged to express support for this bill.

AB 506 (Wieckowski) would impose a mandatory mediation requirement for local agencies prior to seeking bankruptcy protection in federal court. The bill passed out of Assembly Local Government Committee. Executive Committee members were urged to express opposition to this bill.

AB 646 (Atkins) would authorize an employee organization, if a mediator is unable to effect settlement of a contract impasse within 15 days of his or her appointment, to request that the matter be submitted to a fact-finding panel. It would prohibit a public agency from implementing its last, best and final offer until at least ten days after the fact finders' written findings of fact and recommended terms of settlement have been submitted to the parties and the agency has held a public hearing regarding the impasse. This bill is scheduled to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee on May 18 and Executive Committee members were urged to express opposition.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Supervisors Kniss and Brown discussed a meeting they both recently attended in Washington, DC that included President Obama, Vice President Biden and several cabinet members. NACo organized the meeting so that counties could express concerns and get information from major federal agencies regarding developing or current policies affecting local government. The five-hour meeting was divided into three sessions: 1) *Breaking the Cycle of Jail and Poverty*; 2) *Infrastructure and Sustainable Communities*; and 3) *Health Reform Implementation and Medicaid*.

The briefing materials contained updates on the CSAC Finance Corporation and CSAC Litigation Coordination Program.

Meeting adjourned.