

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 3, 2022

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

OFFICERS

Ed Valenzuela | President
Chuck Washington | 1st Vice President
Bruce Gibson | 2nd Vice President
James Gore | Immediate Past President

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | Executive Director
Manuel Rivas, Jr. | Deputy Executive Director,
Operations & Member Services
Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez | Deputy
Executive Director, Legislative Affairs

ADVISORS

Rita Neal, County Counsels, San Luis Obispo
Minh Tran, California Association of County
Executives President, Napa County

Alameda	– Keith Carson	Orange	– Lisa Bartlett
Alpine	– Terry Woodrow	Placer	– Bonnie Gore
Amador	– Jeff Brown (alternate)	Plumas	– <i>Absent</i>
Butte	– Debra Lucero	Riverside	– Chuck Washington
Calaveras	– Merita Callaway	Sacramento	– Sue Frost
Colusa	– Kent Boes	San Benito	– Bea Gonzalez
Contra Costa	– John Gioia	San Bernardino	– <i>Absent</i>
Del Norte	– Chris Howard	San Diego	– Nora Vargas
El Dorado	– Sue Novasel	San Francisco	– Rafael Mandelman
Fresno	– Buddy Mendes	San Joaquin	– Chuck Winn
Glenn	– Keith Corum	San Luis Obispo	– Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	– Virginia Bass	San Mateo	– Carole Groom
Imperial	– <i>Absent</i>	Santa Barbara	– Das Williams
Inyo	– Jeff Griffiths	Santa Clara	– Susan Ellenberg
Kern	– Zack Scrivner	Santa Cruz	– Bruce McPherson
Kings	– Craig Pedersen	Shasta	– <i>Absent</i>
Lake	– Bruno Sabatier	Sierra	– Lee Adams
Lassen	– Chris Gallagher	Siskiyou	– Ed Valenzuela
Los Angeles	– <i>Absent</i>	Solano	– Erin Hannigan
Madera	– <i>Absent</i>	Sonoma	– Lynda Hopkins
Marin	– <i>Absent</i>	Stanislaus	– Vito Chiesa
Mariposa	– Miles Menetrey	Sutter	– Dan Flores
Mendocino	– John Haschak	Tehama	– Robert Williams
Merced	– Scott Silveira	Trinity	– Keith Groves
Modoc	– Ned Coe	Tulare	– Amy Shuklian
Mono	– John Peters	Tuolumne	– Ryan Campbell
Monterey	– Luis Alejo	Ventura	– Kelly Long
Napa	– Diane Dillon	Yolo	– Oscar Villegas (alternate)
Nevada	– Heidi Hall	Yuba	– Gary Bradford

2. Executive Director's Report

Graham Knaus, CSAC Executive Director, provided a brief update on the state of the Association and introduced new CSAC staff members:

- Kanisha Golden, Communications Manager
- Madison Burton, Administrative Assistant
- Glenda Higgins, Administrative Assistant

3. Distinguished Service Award Presentation

President Valenzuela presented Senator Lena Gonzalez with the 2021 CSAC Distinguished Service Award for her work surrounding Broadband.

4. Budget and Legislative Landscape

Gabe Petek, Legislative Analyst, presented on the Governor's budget and the legislative landscape.

5. Approval of Minutes from December 2nd, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes from December 2nd, 2021, was made by Supervisor Long; second by Supervisor Coe. Motion carried unanimously.

6. The Taxpayer Protection & Government Accountability Act (Rec: Oppose)

A motion to support the GF&A Policy Committee's recommendation to oppose the Taxpayer Protection & Government Accountability Act was made by Supervisor Adams, second by Supervisor Ellenberg. The Board voted 39/2 in favor to support the Executive Committee's recommendation; Supervisors Frost and Williams abstained.

7. Appointment of CSAC Treasurer, NACo & WIR Board Representatives, California Counties Foundation Board, ILG Board and Policy Committee Chairs/Vice Chairs

President Valenzuela noted CSAC's 2022 appointments, as approved by the Executive Committee on January 27th, 2022.

8. Federal Priorities Issues Update

Joe Krahn and Tom Joseph, of Paragon Government Relations, provided a federal update to the Board.

9. Legislative Update

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez provided a legislative update to the board.

10. Minute Mics: Board of Directors Roundtable

Alpine County / Terry Woodrow – Alpine County is still working on Tamarack Fire recovery. The county is dealing with many employees who want to work remote.

Amador County / Jeff Brown – Supervisor Brown reported that Amador County is still recovering from their December storm and they are trying to determine how to dispose of all the materials.

Butte County / Debra Lucero – Butte County is still recovering from the many fires that have occurred over the past few years, which their assessor said amounts to 17,500 homes. This tremendously effects their tax base and housing stock. They recently partnered with the City of Chico to shelter their unhoused and they are providing behavioral and public health services. They are also looking at an arts component.

Calaveras County / Merita Callaway – Supervisor Callaway reported that they are using the historic investment of ARPA funds on infrastructure and that one of their unions is taking the county to mediation.

Colusa County / Kent Boes – Supervisor Boes reported that Colusa County's number one issue is lack of water. Many residents are getting only a 0-30% allocations of water.

Del Norte / Chris Howard – Del Norte County has measure to recall Measure R on the ballot. Yesterday they lost their fellow supervisor, Bob Berkowitz.

El Dorado / Sue Novasek – El Dorado County is still cleaning up from the Caldor Fire. During this fire, they lost over 250 cabins that were on forest service land. FEMA will not clean them up and there is no guarantee that the owners will be able to rebuild. Their Board recently discovered that they do not have power over the Opportunity Knocks group.

Glenn County / Keith Corum – Glenn County is still dealing with dry wells from the drought. They are working with the state water board and received a grant to put in water tanks near residents' homes. They also recently received a grant from the state water board to extend the water lines from the city of Orland.

Humboldt County / Virginia Bass – Humboldt County had their first in-person meeting this week. Humboldt State University is now Cal Poly Technic. The county is still experiencing issues with their auditor. Their cannabis community is struggling, and the county is giving back taxes and/or not charging for the future tax year.

Inyo County / Jeff Griffiths – Supervisor Griffiths reported that Inyo County had a large fire several weeks ago but luckily it didn't destroy any structures. They are expecting another big drought year. Inyo County is building a small business development center.

Kings County / Craig Pedersen – Kings County is experiencing major water issues with 0% allocations and some of the highest subsidence rates in the nation. Supervisor Pedersen reported that SB 1340 provides preferential treatment to large solar facilities, which will impact the county's ability to re-assess them. Kings County is home to a 26,000-acre solar facility.

Lake County / Bruno Sabatier – Lake County is struggling to attract housing development. They are still struggling with the public reaction to COVID rules and mandates. They are trying to figure out what to do at the local level for cannabis taxes. Drought and drinking water are a major concern.

Lassen County / Chris Gallagher – Lassen County is trying to recover from the four fires they've had in the last three years. They would like to see more replanting done on land that's not private. They are also struggling with lack of water and lots of fires.

Mariposa County / Miles Menetrey – Supervisor Menetrey reported that Mariposa County is being overrun with aggressive work by PG&E contractors removing trees. Yosemite National Park will be implementing a reservation system again this year. Self Help Enterprises is scheduled to complete their 42-unit housing complex, the first one in 28 years for their county.

Modoc County / Ned Coe – Supervisor Coe reported that the state continues to push to conserve land and they continue to overlook the Williamson Act. This is an excellent opportunity for counties to help the state with their budget surplus.

Mono County / John Peters – Supervisor Peters reported that Mono County completed their Civic Center and is now embarking on their jail project. The Yosemite reservation system will impact their county as well.

Monterey County / Luis Alejo – Supervisor Alejo thanked former supervisor Leonard Moty for his many years of service to CSAC and Shasta county. Supervisor Alejo is trying to bring another veteran's home to his county. Last Friday their county suffered the tragic loss of a young officer.

Napa County / Diane Dillon – Supervisor Dillon reported that Napa County is looking to expand their worker proximity program with the use of ARPA funds to build ADUs.

Nevada County / Heidi Hall – Supervisor Hall reported that their county is excited to add a new priority objective: recreation and trail building. They are also dealing with massive amounts of green waste from their January snow storm before it becomes fuel for the next fire. There is a recall effort against their entire board of supervisors.

Orange County / Lisa Bartlett – San Diego and Orange County have formed a coalition along with other stakeholders to get the spent fuel from the SONGS Nuclear Power Plant moved offsite. Orange County has put together a plan for Afghan refugees resettling in their county.

Placer County / Bonnie Gore – Supervisor Gore reminded counties to advocate for bond dollars to be used for water storage. The Placer County board went through a long process on their short-term rental ordinance, which allows for more people to come into the county and mitigated an initiative from residents to stop short term rentals. They are moving forward with a biomass facility in North Lake Tahoe.

Riverside County / Chuck Washington – Supervisor Washington reported that they have an amazing director of behavioral health, Dr. Matt Chang. He has opened up recovery villages and brought counselors to school campuses. Their new challenge for counties is addressing behavioral health.

San Benito County / Bea Gonzalez – Supervisor Gonzalez thanked the county board for their support over the last several months. San Benito County is losing employees at a rapid pace and looking for qualified staff. San Diego County / Nora Vargas – Supervisor Vargas reported that San Diego County is advancing implementation of their department of sustainability plans. The county unanimously passed their employment engagement board letter.

San Mateo County / Carole Groom – San Mateo County sometimes turns their hall of justice into an art gallery and just introduced a show featuring women artists.

Santa Clara County / Susan Ellenberg – Santa Clara County has been busy settling Afghan refugees and is thinking Ukrainian refugees may be the next to arrive. They have passed a children's roadmap to recovery. The county is also working hard with partners to build up their workforce.

Santa Cruz / Bruce McPherson – Watsonville Hospital Corporation filed chapter 11 bankruptcy. The county has commitments to keep it open but needs additional funds. Fire recovery is huge as they lost almost 1,000 structures in their recent fires. Supervisor McPherson thanked everyone for their work on Broadband. Sierra County / Lee Adams – The threat of wildfire and forest health remains the greatest concern for Sierra County. Broadband and short-term rentals are also high on their priority list.

Siskiyou County / Brandon Criss – Water is a huge issue in Siskiyou County, particularly for the agricultural community.

Tehama County / Bob Williams – Supervisor Williams reported that they hired a new county administrator. Tehama County currently has 200 job openings.

Tuolumne County / Ryan Campbell – Supervisor Campbell reported that Tuolumne is ranked last in the latest local roads and needs assessment, and they are working to increase advocacy for local jurisdictions that need funding in this area.

Yuba County / Gary Bradford – Yuba County is also struggling to fill county positions. They worked with Sutter County and all the cities in both counties to pass a no camping ordinance that was consistent between all the jurisdictions. There is a lot of residential construction occurring in their county.

12. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Alan Fernandes, Finance Corporation CEO, reported on behalf of the CSAC Finance Corporation.

Jim Manker, Director of Business Development, introduced CSAC Platinum Partner, Jeff Snow, CA Regional Manager for DRC Emergency Services. Jeff provided an update on the services that DRC offers to counties.

13. Communications & Member Services Report

Manuel Rivas, Deputy Executive Director, Operations & Member Services, and Jenny Tan, Senior Manager of Public Affairs and Member Services reported on CSAC communications.

14. California Counties Foundation Report

Manuel Rivas and Chastity Benson, Director of Operations and Educational Services, reported on the Foundation. Ryan Souza, Program Director for the CSAC Support Hub for Criminal Justice Programming, reported on the Support Hub.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on April 21st, 2022, in Sacramento.