

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 May 17, 2018
 Sacramento Convention Center

M I N U T E S

Presiding: Leticia Perez, President

1. ROLL CALL

Alameda	Carson/Haggerty	Placer	absent
Alpine	Terry Woodrow	Plumas	Lori Simpson
Amador	Richard Forster	Riverside	Chuck Washington
Butte	Bill Connelly	Sacramento	Susan Peters
Calaveras	Michael Oliveira	San Benito	absent
Colusa	Denise Carter	San Bernardino	James Ramos
Contra Costa	absent	San Diego	Greg Cox
Del Norte	Chris Howard	San Francisco	absent
El Dorado	absent	San Joaquin	Bob Elliott
Fresno	absent	San Luis Obispo	Lynn Compton (audio)
Glenn	Keith Corum	San Mateo	Carole Groom
Humboldt	Bass/Fennell	Santa Barbara	Das Williams
Imperial	absent	Santa Clara	Ken Yeager
Inyo	Jeff Griffiths	Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson
Kern	Perez/Scrivner	Shasta	Leonard Moty
Kings	Craig Pedersen	Sierra	Lee Adams
Lake	Jim Steele	Siskiyou	Ed Valenzuela
Lassen	Chris Gallagher	Solano	Erin Hannigan (audio)
Los Angeles	Mark Ridley-Thomas (audio)	Sonoma	James Gore
Madera	Tom Wheeler	Stanislaus	Vito Chiesa (audio)
Marin	Damon Connolly (audio)	Sutter	Dan Flores
Mariposa	Marshall Long	Tehama	Robert Williams
Mendocino	Carre Brown	Trinity	absent
Merced	Lee Lor	Tulare	Steve Worthley
Modoc	Patricia Cullins	Tuolumne	Sherri Brennan
Mono	John Peters	Ventura	Kelly Long
Monterey	Luis Alejo	Yolo	Jim Provenza
Napa	Diane Dillon	Yuba	Doug Lofton
Nevada	Ed Scofield	Advisors:	Bruce Goldstein and Larry Lees
Orange	Lisa Bartlett		

The presence of a quorum was noted.

1B. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

President Perez requested approval to add "Election of Rural Caucus Executive Committee Alternate" as an action item on the agenda.

Motion and second to approve addition of action item to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 15, were approved as previously mailed.

3. CALIFORNIA CANNABIS AUTHORITY (CCA) UPDATE

Supervisor Estelle Fennell, President of the CCA, provided an update on the joint powers authority that was formed earlier this year. Current member counties are: Humboldt, Mendocino, Monterey and San Luis Obispo. The goal of the CCA is to develop and manage a statewide data platform to assist counties that are regulating commercial cannabis activity. It would consolidate data from different channels into one resource to help local governments ensure maximum regulatory and tax compliance. In addition, the platform will help to facilitate banking services to the cannabis industry by providing necessary information to financial institutions to help them fulfill necessary compliance requirements.

4. GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISION OF THE 2018-19 STATE BUDGET

Department of Finance Director Michael Cohen and Diane Cummins presented highlights of the Governor's May Revision for 2018-19. Most notably for counties, the May Revision includes: a commitment to paying down mandate debt for pre-2004 and post-2004 mandates that are no longer in effect; urgency to fund homelessness programs, recognizing the benefits of collaboration between local governments and across service areas; and acknowledgement of the importance of forest health and its impact on preventing future disasters.

5. CSAC REPORT ON THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISION

Staff reported that the Governor's May Revision includes an allocation of approximately \$360 million in one-time General Fund money and \$64 million in ongoing funding for homelessness services. CSAC will be working with the Administration and Legislature to negotiate on behalf of counties as the proposals move through the Legislature.

6. COUNTY PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bruce Saito, Director of the California Conservation Corps (CCC), presented a report about partnering with counties. The CCC is a state run program offering young adults opportunities to develop meaningful skills while enhancing and protecting California's environment and natural resources. He noted that CCC members assisted during the Santa Barbara County floods, and the Thomas Fire. They are continuing to assist with tree mortality by providing fuel and hazards removal services. Mr. Saito indicated that the CCC would like to partner with additional counties to provide valuable services.

7. CONSIDERATION OF JUNE/NOVEMBER BALLOT INITIATIVES

People's Initiative to Protect Proposition 13 Savings. Staff outlined the measure which seeks to change the parameters for base year value property tax transfers by expanding the program in several ways. For counties, this could dramatically change residential property reassessments, creating annual revenue losses for counties in the tens of millions of dollars. Christopher Carlisle from the California Realtors Association spoke in favor of the measure. The CSAC Government Finance and Administration Policy Committee and the Executive Committee recommended an 'Oppose' position.

Motion and second to 'Oppose' People's Initiative to Protect Proposition 13 Savings. San Bernardino County abstained. Calaveras, Mariposa and San Luis Obispo Counties opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018. Staff outlined the initiative that seeks to inhibit the ability of local governments to generate new revenues through taxes and fees. It does so by amending both Proposition 26 and Proposition 218, and requiring supermajority voter approval on any new fee or tax, or the extension of an existing tax. Eric Miethke from Capitol Law and Policy Inc. and Rob Lapsley from the California Business Roundtable spoke in favor of the initiative. Carolyn Coleman and Dan Carrigg from the League of California Cities spoke against it. The CSAC Government Finance and Administration Policy Committee and the Executive Committee recommended an 'Oppose' position.

Motion and second to 'Oppose' Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018. San Luis Obispo County opposed the motion. Motion carried.

SB 3: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018. Staff outlined the measure which would provide \$3 billion to provide funding to build new affordable rental units, support infill infrastructure, build farmworker housing, provide home ownership opportunities for both veterans and the general public, and allocate matching funds to local government that generate funding to address local housing challenges. David Koenig with the California Housing Consortium spoke in favor of the initiative and David Wolfe with Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association spoke against it. The CSAC Housing, Land Use and Transportation Policy Committee and the Executive Committee recommended a 'Support' position.

Motion and second to support the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018. Kern County opposed the motion. Motion carried.

8. CSAC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration of Justice. Supervisor Kelly Long, Vice-chair of the Administration of Justice policy committee, presented a report from the meeting held on May 16. The committee received reports on Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System; Managing Mentally Ill Offenders in the Criminal Justice System, Mental Health Courts in California, and a Legislative Update. No action items were brought forward for Board consideration.

Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources. Supervisor Bruce Gibson, Chair of the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources policy committee, presented a report from the meeting held on May 17. The committee received reports on California Cannabis Authority, SB 623 – Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, Wildfire Insurance, and the 2018 Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act. No action items were brought forward for Board consideration.

Government Finance and Administration. Supervisor Chuck Washington, Co-Vice chair of the Government Finance and Administration policy committee, presented a report from the meeting held on May 17. The committee received reports on State Budget and Fiscal Forecast, Board of Equalization Transition, CalPERS, In-Home Supportive Services, and Federal Policy. No action items were brought forward for Board consideration.

Health and Human Services. Supervisor Das Williams, Chair of the Health and Human Services policy committee, presented a report from the meeting held on May 17. The committee received reports on In-Home Supportive Services, County Homelessness Funding, and Single Payer insurance efforts. No action items were brought forward for Board consideration.

Housing, Land Use and Transportation. Supervisor James Ramos, Chair of the Housing, Land Use and Transportation policy committee, presented a report from the meeting held on May 17. The committee received reports on Transportation Funding, Reforming California's Regional Housing Needs Process, and Legislative issues. No action items were brought forward for Board consideration.

9. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CSAC BUDGET FOR FY 2018-19
Supervisor Ed Valenzuela, CSAC Treasurer, outlined the proposed CSAC Budget for FY 2018-19, as contained in the briefing materials. Highlights of the proposed budget include: no dues increase; Corporate Partners program revenue of \$525,000; salaries and benefits reflect increased retirement contribution rates and modest benefit cost increases; establishes professional development initiatives; funds a new internship program; increases the contribution to the California Counties Foundation; CSAC reserves of \$5.1m; and Capital Improvement Fund of \$750,000. The Executive Committee previously approved the proposed budget and recommended adoption by the Board of Directors.

Motion and second to adopt the FY 2018-19 CSAC Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. SELECTION OF 2021 ANNUAL MEETING SITE
Staff requested that the Board of Directors approve a recommendation to hold the 2021 CSAC Annual Meeting in Monterey County. CSAC solicited proposals from numerous Northern California venues including Alameda, Fresno, Monterey, Napa, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. After reviewing proposals from the six counties, staff determined that Monterey County met the parameters of the site selection policy and offered the best pricing.

Motion and second to approve recommendation to hold 2021 CSAC Annual Meeting in Monterey County. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT
Supervisor Leonard Moty, President of the CSAC Finance Corporation reported that the Finance Corporation Board held its annual meeting in April and have increased the allocation to CSAC to \$4.4 million for the coming year. The Finance Corporation has been named Administrator of the new 211 California program. As Administrator, the Finance Corporation will be providing all operations and staffing for 211 California. 211 systems serve county residents by providing trusted connectivity to community, health and social services.

Lisa Holmes from Enterprise Fleet Management spoke about services that Enterprise offers to counties. She noted that Yuba County is their longest-standing partner.

12. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Joe Krahn from Paragon Government Relations, presented a report on federal legislation. He noted that the centerpiece of the administration's budget is a plan to devote \$200 billion in federal funding over the next decade to improve the country's crumbling infrastructure. The administration is also proposing significant cuts to key county programs in FY 19, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, state and local law enforcement grants, FEMA grants, and renewable energy programs.

13. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS WITHOUT PRESENTATION
The briefing materials contained reports on the CSAC Litigation Coordination Program, Institute for Local Government (ILG), and IRS Form 990, and CSAC Financial Statement for July-March, 2017-18.

14. ELECTION OF RURAL CAUCUS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALTERNATE
Vice President Bass reported that the CSAC Rural Caucus met on May 17 to nominate a rural alternate to serve on the CSAC Executive Committee. The position became vacant with the passing of Supervisor Larry Johnston from Mono County. The Rural Caucus recommended that the Board of Directors elect Supervisor Craig Pedersen from Kings County to serve on the Executive Committee.

Motion and second to elect Craig Pedersen to serve as the rural alternate on the CSAC Executive Committee for the remainder of the 2018 term. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

