

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The Sutter Club

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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' Association,
San Luis Obispo County*

SUPERVISORS

Kathryn Barger | *Los Angeles County*

Lisa Bartlett | *Orange County*

Keith Carson | *Alameda County*

Susan Ellenberg | *Santa Clara County*

John Gioia | *Contra Costa County*

Buddy Mendes | *Fresno County*

Kelly Long | *Ventura County*

Luis Alejo | *Monterey County (absent)*

Diane Dillon | *Napa County*

Erin Hannigan | *Solano County*

Scott Silveira | *Merced County*

Jeff Griffiths | *Inyo County*

Sue Novasel | *El Dorado County*

Bob Williams | *Tehama County*

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

Ed Scofield | *Nevada County*

2. Approval of Minutes from March 23rd, 2022

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 23, was made by Supervisor Barqer; second by Supervisor Bartlett. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of 2025 CSAC Annual Meeting Venue

The Executive Committee approved the recommendation to hold the 2025 CSAC Annual Meeting in Santa Clara County at the San Jose Convention Center.

A motion to approve the 2025 CSAC Annual Meeting Venue, was made by Supervisor ; second by Supervisor . Motion carried unanimously.

4. Appointment of CSAC's NACo Board of Directors Suburban Representative

A motion to approve the appointment of Supervisor Zack Friend as CSAC's NACo Board of Directors Suburban Representative was made by Supervisor Gibson; second by Supervisor Valenzuela. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration of Homelessness Action Team (HAT) Guiding Principles

A motion to approve the Homelessness Action Team Guiding Principles, was made by Supervisor Hannigan; second by Supervisor Carson. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Proposition 31: Referendum on 2020 Law That Would Prohibit the Retail Sale of Certain Flavored Tobacco Products

A motion to approve a "SUPPORT" position on Proposition 31 was made by Supervisor Ellenberg; second by Supervisor Hannigan. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Executive Directors' Report

CSAC's Executive Director, Graham Knaus, discussed the state of the Association and introduced several new staff members to the Executive Committee.

8. CSAC Grant Support Initiative

Graham Knaus, Executive Director, introduced the CSAC Grant Support Initiative which would assist all counties in applying for historic federal and other funding that is available to counties. The Initiative would be rolled out in three phases: grant awareness and resources, grant tool kits and services, and grant writing, advocacy, and other add-on services.

9. Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources (AENR) Policy Briefing

Catherine Freeman, Senior Legislative Representative, gave a presentation on the current AENR portfolio. The portfolio consists of issues such as water, wildfires, agriculture, cannabis, and the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC). She briefly addressed the top issues for 2022, which are wildfires, energy, recycling, water, cannabis, and coastal issues. Catherine also gave a brief overview into what AENR will address in the next legislative session.

10. Minute Mics: Executive Committee Roundtable

Supervisor Hannigan / Solano County – Vallejo recently built a First 5 Center and the county received \$2 million from the State to build a First 5 Center in Fairfield. Vallejo is also taking over an abandoned elementary school to create an early learning center. The city is also creating a head start program and was able to provide increase the number of childcare providers.

Supervisor Long / Ventura County – Ventura County is using ARPA funding to develop community centers for disadvantaged and unincorporated areas. The county is currently focusing in helping unincorporated areas build water infrastructure that is needed to build wells and storage. Mental health is also a priority for Ventura County and they trying to ensure that the work force is adequate to assist those who need the resources.

Supervisor Bartlett / Orange County – Orange County built the first Be Well OC campus that provides 96 beds, crisis management, and substance abuse treatment. They are about to break ground on the second campus which will be substantially larger. Due to the ARPA funding the county received from the State, they can fund programs that they necessarily would not have been able to before, such as childcare and education.

Supervisor Dillon / Napa County – Napa County has been getting bids for a new jail. They are pleased to see how their county is strategically using ARPA funds, and they are using funds as creatively as possible in terms of infrastructure. Supervisor Dillon has been engaged with Lake County on tree mortality and will hopefully be receiving funding to deal with this problem.

Supervisor Carson / Alameda County – Alameda County is currently in the process of expanding hotel purchases for their unsheltered population. In the next two weeks they hope to break ground on a new residency for returning citizens who were previously imprisoned. Supervisor Carson recently met with higher education leaders and found that they are struggling to secure staff. Supervisor Carson chairs East Bay Forward, which is a partnership between Contra Costa County and Alameda County and is currently working on a pipeline for the future workforce.

Supervisor Ellenberg / Santa Clara County – The county is working on strategic plans in two areas: 1) expanding access to mental health and substances use treatment and 2) early childhood. Both areas need an expanded workforce and accessibility. Santa Clara County is working with schools and school districts to create wellness centers that will connect kids and families to county services. Supervisor Ellenberg is working with three different groups that provide an alternative to incarceration.

Supervisor Campbell / Tuolumne County – The county has approved a site for a 30-unit tiny home shelter for transitional housing for homeless. Tuolumne County has benefited from Project RoomKey but not from Project HomeKey. The county is close to passing a vegetation ordinance that will create a minimum standard for vegetation management on county land.

Supervisor Hannigan / Solano County – ARPA funding is a top priority for Solano County. The county received \$2 million to create a new First 5 center and would like to have the Executive Committee come up with a sustainable funding model that would partner with First 5. Solano County is taking over an abandoned elementary school and converting it into an early learning center that will have 18 classrooms. Head Start and several other childhood learning programs are partnering with the county to create this center. The county is raising the number of childcare spots to 298, which is a significant number for Solano County. The county will also have a new CAO starting soon.

Supervisor Williams / Tehama County – Tehama County was awarded \$20 million for a new jail re-entry facility and expansion but rising construction costs made it impossible to complete it. Through other funds, they were able to complete the project. However, they are encountering difficulty in staffing the facility. The county is also struggling with the time it takes to go through the merit system for social services positions.

Supervisor Silveira / Merced County – The county sold bonds to build a new jail. Supervisor Silveira recently flew with CalFire to see the Oak Fire damage and was able to see the good work that CalFire was doing in conjunction with homeowners creating defensible space.

Supervisor Mendes / Fresno County – Supervisor Mendes met with the Attorney General Bonta on Tuesday to discuss the issues within Fresno County. The Supervisor is currently working on putting a transportation initiative on the ballot.

Supervisor Griffiths / Inyo County – Inyo County is dealing with major flooding, which stranded tourists and took out roads. The county had a fire that swept through a residential area and destroyed nine homes. Their CAO is retiring and are working on a recruitment. The county is entertaining the idea of the Micro Enterprise Home Kitchen System and how it would impact Inyo County. They are working on putting a measure on the ballot that would implement a transient occupancy tax on campgrounds.

Supervisor Gioia / Contra Costa County – The county continues to have ongoing tensions with the cities regarding homelessness and best practices. The Governor came to Contra Costa County today to announce the water plans for the state. Governor Newsom chose Antioch because they're building a desalination plant near the delta. Revenue from a sales tax measure was given to a fire district to help reopen fire stations.

Supervisor Barger / Los Angeles County – Supervisor Barger offered Los Angeles County's assistance to those who are dealing with wildfires and flash floods. The county recently held a press conference with Congressman Cardenas to highlight the need for mental health services. Los Angeles County is also working on creating more beds and housing for those who suffer from mental health illness and substance abuse. The county just declared a state of emergency in regard to the Monkey Pox Virus and are working on distributing the vaccine to high-risk areas.

Supervisor Novasel / El Dorado County – The county is setting up its first navigation center to assist the homeless population. El Dorado County was denied Individual Assistance funding for the 750 homes that were lost in the fire last year.

Supervisor Gibson / San Luis Obispo County – Last Tuesday the county took action on their Regional Homeless Action Team, which consists of seven city managers, their CAO, and the newly appointed director of homelessness services. The team has directed staff to prepare a strategic plan for mental health services.

Supervisor Washington / Riverside County – The county is redrawing district boundaries. Supervisor Washington will be doing a State of the District presentation next month to highlight what his district has been working on over the last two years.

Supervisor Valenzuela / Siskiyou County – The county is currently recovering from the fire that happened last month.

11. Operations and Member Services Report

Manuel Rivas, Jr., Deputy Director of Operations and Member Services, and Farrah McDaid Ting, Director of Public Affairs and Member Services, provided an update to the Executive Committee. They discussed the upcoming initiatives for CSAC including the re-designing the website, helping create the CSAC Grant Support Initiative, reinvigorating the Driven to Serve communications strategy, and securing meeting contracts for upcoming meetings and conferences.

12. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Alan Fernandes, Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Corporation, and Jim Manker, Director of Business Development, provided an update on the Finance Corporation. Alan Fernandes delivered a report on the programs the Finance Corporation is working on developing with counties. These programs include the California Cannabis Authority, the California Coverage & Health Initiatives, Easy Smart Pay, and the Corporate Associates Program. Recently, fourteen of CSAC's corporate partners attended the National Association of Counties Annual Conference.

Jim Manker introduced CSAC's Platinum Partner, Moira Kenney, West Coast Regional Network Director of Unite Us. Moira described how Unite Us is an outcome-focused technology company that builds coordinated care networks to connect health and social service providers together. Unite Us interconnects providers around each patient, seamlessly integrating the social determinants of health into care delivery.

13. California Counties Foundation Report

Manuel Rivas, Jr. provided an update on the California Counties Foundation. The CSAC William "Bill Chiat" Institute will be continuing a hybrid of in-person and virtual classes. The class schedule has been updated and registration for the Summer-Fall courses is open. The Mendocino/Lake County cohort has completed their 10-month class series. The Fresno and Solano County cohorts will finish with their programs in October. The Institute is also preparing for opening additional campuses in Humboldt, Napa, and Ventura County. The So You Want to be the County CAO/CEO Seminar will wrap up in Sacramento on August 31-September 1. The New Supervisors Institute will begin in November with Supervisor Erin Hannigan continuing to serve as the lead facilitator. Counties gathered in San Luis Obispo County for the CSAC Regional Meeting that was led by the Foundation on June 23rd to gain deeper insight on workforce-related issues.

Ryan Souza, Program Director of the CSAC Support Hub for Criminal Justice Programming, gave a report on what is happening with the Support Hub. The Support Hub successfully closed two grants provided by The Laura and John Arnold Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts. The Support Hub also hosted a two-day summit of county partners on June 28-29. The summit included sessions focused on implementing evidence-based contracting, building data infrastructure, and conducting program evaluation.

Meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Oct. 12-14, 2022.