

**UCC Board of Directors' Meeting
Summary
April 24, 2019**

Alameda: Supervisor Keith Carson, Amy Costa, Susan Muranishi
Contra Costa: Supervisor John Gioia (Alternate), David Twa, Lara DeLaney
Fresno: Supervisor Buddy Mendes, Jeannie Figueroa
Los Angeles:
Orange: Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Peter DeMarco, Nicole Wordelman, Steve Wallauch
Riverside: Supervisor Chuck Washington, Douglas Ordonez
Sacramento: Supervisor Susan Peters, Natasha Karl
San Bernardino: Supervisor Susan Rutherford (Alternate), Josh Candelaria, Nicole Wordelman, Steve Wallauch
San Diego: Geoff Patnoe (Alternate), Helen Robbins Meyer, Tiffany Anderson, Denise Becerra
San Francisco:
San Joaquin: Supervisor Bob Elliott, Jolena Voorhis
San Mateo: Supervisor Carole Groom, Connie Juarez-Diroll
Santa Clara: Michael Rattigan, Danielle Christian
Ventura: Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes
UCC: Elizabeth Espinosa, Jean Hurst, Kelly Brooks, Grace Ferguson
Sponsors: Barclays: Ahmad Thomas, Jane Lephram
Citigroup: Chris Mukai, Alex Zaman, Debra Sanders
HdL: Tim Cromartie, LaShanda Smith
Kaiser Permanente: Kirk Kleinschmidt
PARS: Maureen Toal

I. Call to Order

UCC Chair Supervisor Carole Groom convened the meeting and called the members to order.

II. Roll Call of Counties

There were eight supervisors, three alternates and 12 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from the March 25, 2019 UCC Board Meeting – APPROVED

The March 25, 2019 minutes were approved and below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Groom, Chair	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Kelly Long, Vice-Chair	Ventura	X			
Supervisor Carson	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Gioia (Alternate)	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Ridley- Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Peters	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Rutherford (Alternate)	San Bernardino	X			
Geoff Patnoe (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Elliott	San Joaquin				X
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara			X	
Vote Total		10		3	1

IV. Recognition of UCC Sponsors

Supervisor Groom took a moment to recognize and thank our valued Sponsors whose generous contributions enable UCC to host such wonderful dinner receptions throughout the year. These events provide an opportunity and the space to network, mingle and get to know one another better.

V. Proposed Update on UCC Water Policy – Action Item -- APPROVED

V-A Memo and Background

At the UCC Board of Directors’ meeting in November 2018, San Joaquin County Supervisor Elliott requested a change to the Urban Counties of California water policy.

Background

At the UCC Key Staff Meeting in 2017, the County of Fresno requested that UCC consider adopting a water policy. It was recommended, and the Board subsequently approved, that UCC adopt the CSAC water policy, as that document was deemed to be appropriately thorough and vetted to meet the urban county association’s needs.

Proposed Amendment

At the request of Supervisor Bob Elliott, the UCC Board considered a proposed amendment to the water policy. In the section titled “Water Conservation” the proposed change would eliminate a single sentence regarding fallowing of agricultural land.

Staff noted they did reach out to counties with a particular interest in water issues, and no concerns were raised regarding the proposed change.

The Board voted and approved the change to the water policy as proposed and below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Groom, Chair	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Kelly Long, Vice-Chair	Ventura	X			
Supervisor Carson	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Gioia (Alternate)	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Ridley- Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Peters	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Rutherford (Alternate)	San Bernardino	X			
Geoff Patnoe (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Elliott	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara			X	
Vote Total		11		3	

VI. State Budget Update

Tax Day was April 15th and staff has been tracking state tax revenue daily. State revenues are looking good for the 2019-20 Budget. The May Revision is anticipated to be released on or near May 14th, and budget subcommittees will be complete in the next couple of weeks. The Budget Conference Committee will follow to reconcile differences between the two houses' versions of the budget.

VI-A. IHSS

Staff reported that both houses have heard the Governor's proposal. In addition, they heard a stakeholder proposal from the United Domestic Workers that would tie the Governor's budget proposal to reduce the annual IHSS inflator from 7% to 4% to whether or not a county has a bargaining agreement in place. There are a number of counties without agreements and a number of counties that pay minimum wage. Staff will be following this issue closely during the May/June budget negotiations. There is a decent likelihood the Administration pushes back this year; however, if counties do not bargain and come to an agreement this time next year, it will be a conversation to be had.

VI-B. Homelessness/Affordable Housing

Talks continue behind the scenes with the Legislature, legislative staff, and the Administration and the January proposals will likely be modified in the May Revision.

VI-C. Child Support

Both the Assembly and Senate houses have heard the Child Support item. The LAO had somewhat of a critical analysis on the proposal and pushed back on the new funding methodology as to whether or not it should be codified. They were also critical about a report that the Department of Child Support is required to provide to the Legislature by July 1 about further efficiencies in the child support program, essentially saying it might make sense to wait to give counties additional resources to see what the efficiencies will look like. The sense is that the Legislature wants to give funding to counties but we may see some Trailer Bill Language on reporting requirements.

VI-D. Property Tax Backfill

Staff reported that most urban counties have reported to the Department of Finance on estimated losses due to the impact of the fires, and we anticipate costs and reimbursement for debris removal to be included in the May Revision. UCC is on record supporting this proposal, and a hearing on this issue in subcommittee is up next week.

VII. Legislative Update

Wildfire Task Force Report: The Administration released a Wildfire Task Force report listing a number of items for the Legislature to consider. Governor Newsom has an ambitious timeframe, and wants the Legislature to send him proposals by this summer, so things will be moving rapidly.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA): There continues to be a lot of legislative interest on this issue, particularly the fact that counties have unspent reserve funds. Quiet conversations have been taking place on whether to go forward and put something on the ballot in 2020. Staff noted that Darrell Steinberg has suggested that the state should re-think how much money goes into prevention vs. intervention. Right now it's 20% towards prevention and 80% intervention services, and he suggested the percentages be flipped. This will be part of a longer conversation that takes place over the next year or so, as it will take some time to sort through.

VIII. *Focused Discussion: Next Steps for UCC – Executive Work Session for UCC Supervisors and Alternates Only

IX. Proposals for Next Month's Meeting Agenda

X. Public Comment

There were no public comments made.

XI. Adjournment

Our next meeting will be held on **June 6th at 3:00PM** via conference call.