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UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary June 23, 2021

- Alameda: Amy Shrago, Madison Dwelley
- Contra Costa: Lara DeLaney
- Fresno: Supervisor Buddy Mendes, Paul Nerland
- Los Angeles: Jason Maruca
- Orange: Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Peter DeMarco, Megan Dutra, Nicole Wordelman, Amy Jenkins
- Riverside: Supervisor Manuel Perez
- Sacramento: Supervisor Sue Frost, Steve Cruz, Audrey Ratajczak
- San Bernardino: Supervisor Curt Hagman, Maral Hernandez, Jeff Sorenson, Nicole Wordelman, Amy Jenkins
- San Diego: Caroline Smith (Alternate), Madeline Shute, Nerea Urtasun, Mabi Castro, Matthew Parr, Erin Gilbert, Jonathan Clay
- San Francisco:
- San Joaquin: Supervisor Tom Patti, Jolena Voorhis
- San Mateo: Connie Juarez-Diroll (Alternate)
- Santa Clara: Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Angelica Ramos, Danielle Christian, Michael Rattigan
- Ventura: Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes
- UCC Advocacy Team: Jean Hurst, Elizabeth Espinosa, Kelly Brooks, Bob Giroux

I. Call to Order

UCC Chair Supervisor Susan Ellenberg convened the meeting and called the members to order.

II. Roll Call of Counties

There were 8 supervisors, 2 alternates, and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of May 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the May 19, 2021 minutes; below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Ellenberg, Chair	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Mendes, Vice-Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson	Alameda			X	
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa			X	

Supervisor Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Frost	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Vargas (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		10		4	

IV. Association Matters – Information only

IV-A: Discussion on UCC Water Policy

Supervisor Ellenberg provided a brief overview of the history of UCC’s Water Policy, including UCC’s previous adoption of CSAC’s Water Policy and the Board’s subsequent amendment to the policy in April 2019. At the request of Supervisor Patti at the May meeting, the Board discussed options for re-looking at the UCC water policy and considering ways the association could more actively engage in water conversations especially in light of the current drought situation.

Several supervisors volunteered to participate in this effort and plan to meet prior to the next Board meeting.

V. UCC Advocacy – Information only

V-A: The Bob Report

Bob Giroux provided a brief update on high-profile state issues, including, in particular, the gubernatorial recall election. He also discussed the Legislature’s plans for reopening and expanded access to members and staff in the Capitol, as well as the timing of expected Census data needed to complete the redistricting process.

V-B: Update on 2021-22 Budget

Staff provided an update on the 2021-22 state budget, major aspects of which – despite a placeholder budget bill being passed by the Legislature prior to the June 15 deadline – continue to be negotiated. UCC advocacy staff briefed the Board on the following elements of the budget architecture, as well as specific items of interest to urban counties: changes to the Gann Limit, the status of the homelessness package, a proposed IHSS penalty, and the latest developments in negotiations on the LPS/IST proposal, among others. Staff will prepare and share with the Board a detailed summary of the overall 2021-22 budget package as more information on a final deal is announced. Staff responded to questions from the Board and also noted that – given the considerable resources available as well as the complexity and number of newly proposed initiatives in the May Revision – budget discussions and actions on implementing trailer bills likely will extend through the end of the 2021 legislative session.

V-C: Update on Re-opening and vaccination efforts

Staff provided an update on activities around the June 15 reopening date, including the Newsom Administration’s release of details related to winding down various provisions in the state’s COVID-related executive orders. Conversations with the state continue to ensure that there is appropriate coordination and consideration of local impacts particularly related to remote participation in

meetings of local agency governing bodies. In follow-up to Supervisor Patti's inquiry on workplace protections, staff shared a link following the meeting regarding CalOSHA standards found [here](#).

V-D: UCC Priority Bills and Associated Advocacy

AB 339 (Lee) – Open Public Meetings Brown Act - This measure has been scaled back since being amended. The Department of Finance has proposed trailer bill language to amend their open meetings act and allow remote participation by appointed officials on an on-going basis. This proposal will likely be handled in the policy process, if at all. Staff will continue to advocate for additional flexibilities that allow local elected officials to participate in some remote capacity.

AB 152/SB 152 (Budget Committee) – Recall Election- This measure would speed up the recall calendar and allow counties to conduct the recall with in-person polling places and mail-in ballots. DOF will be conducting a fiscal analysis of state and county costs of the recall under the provisions of AB 152/SB 152. At this time, cost estimates are \$215 million. The bill on the Governor's desk includes the \$215 million cost along with \$35 million to cover costs for the work of the Secretary of State. UCC, CSAC, RCRC and the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials (CACEO) sent a letter to legislative leadership, budget and elections committees expressing strong concerns with counties' ability to conduct the recall under the timeframes proposed in these bills. Given the productive conversations with legislative staff, staff anticipates there will be amendments to these bills prior to their moving forward.

SB 586 (Bradford) – Criminal Justice Fines and Fees - This measure proposes to eliminate a second round of criminal justice system related fines and fees. A trailer bill in the 2020-21 budget (AB 1869), which becomes effective 7/1/2021, eliminated approximately two dozen criminal justice administrative fees and made a limited-term annual appropriation of \$65 million to recognize the loss of local revenue associated with eliminating those fees. A mechanism for distributing the \$65 million to counties will be specified in a 2021-22 trailer bill that was not yet in print at the time of this Board meeting. SB 586 continues to move, but it also should be noted that the Legislature's budget package reflects an intent to take additional action to eliminate fines and fees; whether the contents of SB 586 – or something different – emerges as the Legislature's preferred approach remains to be seen. UCC will continue to advocate for a local backfill regardless of the mechanism (budget or policy bill) used to effectuate the elimination of additional fine/fee authority.

SB 12 (McGuire) Planning and Zoning: Wildfires - Supervisor Long requested that SB 12 (McGuire), regarding planning and zoning in the context of wildfires be added to the UCC priority bill tracking list.

V-E: Redistricting Update

The Citizens Redistricting Commission has yet to set their calendar for redistricting, which creates a challenge regarding timing on getting maps done and out to election officials. The legacy data should be available in August/September for state and local redistricting. Staff continues to discuss timing challenges with legislative leadership on local redistricting.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting – August 4th @ 4:00 p.m.

- Update on 2021-22 State Budget
- Consideration of Further Action on Water Policy/Workgroup – **Action Item**

- UCC Priority Bills and Associated Advocacy
- Redistricting Update

VIII. Supervisor Roundtable

This agenda item allows for Supervisors to discuss current issues of impact and/or importance in their communities.

San Joaquin – Their Board is meeting in August to discuss opening up homeless shelters in partnership with their cities.

Santa Clara – Their County recently approved Assisted Outpatient Treatment (Laura’s Law) and has invested considerable resources into outreach on mental health, behavioral health, and permanent housing programs.

Ventura – In its 2021-22 budget, the County will be investing in an expansion of their Crisis Stabilization Unit, establishing a Mental Health Rehabilitation Center, and investing over \$60 million in business grants.

IX. Adjournment

Our next UCC Board of Directors’ meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 4th at 4:00 p.m.** via Zoom.