

UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary August 4, 2021

Alameda:
 Contra Costa: Supervisor Federal Glover
 Fresno: Supervisor Buddy Mendes
 Los Angeles: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Donna Seitz
 Orange: Peter DeMarco (Alternate)
 Riverside: Supervisor Manuel Perez
 Sacramento: Supervisor Sue Frost
 San Bernardino: Supervisor Curt Hagman, Jeff Sorenson
 San Diego: Supervisor Joel Anderson (Alternate), Nerea Urtasun, Matthew Parr, Erin Gilbert
 San Francisco:
 San Joaquin: Supervisor Tom Patti
 San Mateo: Connie Juarez-Diroll (Alternate)
 Santa Clara: Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Michael Rattigan
 Ventura: Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes

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 9 supervisors, 3 alternates, and 12 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of June 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the June 23, 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 (Alternate)	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		9		2	3

IV. Association Matters

IV-A: Discussion of UCC Water Policy – Potential Action Item – APPROVED

In follow-up to Supervisor Patti’s June request to increase the association’s involvement in water policy, Supervisors Mendes (Fresno), Patti (San Joaquin), Frost (Sacramento) and Long (Ventura) met in August to possibly discuss next steps. They agreed it would be appropriate to explore a more detailed UCC-specific water policy. Supervisor Mendes made a motion to create a UCC Ad Hoc Water Policy Committee formed for the specific purpose of considering amendments to UCC’s current water policy. The ad hoc committee will consider the issue, make proposed changes to the water policy, and bring back recommendations to the Board for a vote.

A motion was made and approved to form the UCC Water Policy Ad Hoc Committee; and 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 (Alternate)	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		12		2	

V. UCC Advocacy – *Information only*

V-A: The Bob Report

Bob Giroux with LHGK provided updates on the Governor’s recall campaign; the 2021-22 state budget, including late-session budget and trailer bills; recent special election results; and the mid-August return of members to Sacramento for the final month of the 2021 legislative year.

V-B: Update on 2021-22 State Budget

UCC Advocacy staff briefed the Board on the following elements of the state budget and items of interest to urban counties: technical changes and clean-up on budget bills sent to the Governor; the status of the Drought Relief Package; Broadband advocacy efforts; the latest developments on the proposed IHSS Penalty; an update on negotiations related to the LPS/IST proposal; a compromise to address the elimination of out-of-state placements; likely late-session action on a second round of criminal justice administrative fee elimination and expected revenue backfill; and homelessness programs and funding. Staff fielded questions and indicated that a detailed summary of the final round of trailer bills would be provided once language is released.

V-C: Update on Pandemic Response

Staff briefed the Board on latest pandemic developments, including changes in masking requirements and an update on vaccinations.

V-D: UCC Priority Bills and Associated Advocacy

UCC Advocacy staff provided the board with real-time updates on two priority measures.

AB 339 (Lee) Local Government; local and public meetings – This bill awaits a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee; staff continues to be engaged with the local government coalition on this measure. Additional amendments may be forthcoming.

SB 586 (Bradford): Court Fines and Fees – This bill is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Staff continues to engage with county partners on this measure; the author’s office remains committed to providing a backfill to counties (although the bill contains no such provisions at the time of the update). Staff is also working with the author’s office, CSAC, and a number of individual counties to attempt to quantify fiscal impacts of the proposed changes.

V-E: Redistricting Update

Staff has confirmed that the U.S. Census Bureau will submit data to the state in mid-August for initial review (also called Legacy Data) which will eventually be used for the map drawing process. It is anticipated the first run of the data will be available end of September. The Statewide Citizens Redistricting Commission indicated they would petition the Supreme Court for an extension to complete the legislatures maps to January 14, 2022, which may be challenging for elected officials due to time constraints. Staff is confident however that the Senate and Assembly leadership understands UCC’s concerns about running a fair and effective election. Staff will continue to keep the Board updated.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- State Budget
- Final wrap-up – 2021 Legislative Session
- Report from UCC Ad-Hoc Committee on Water Policy

VIII. Supervisor Roundtable

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

Fresno – The County discussed its masking policy and efforts to ensure schools can comply with state directives.

Los Angeles – The County currently is averaging 2,500 new COVID cases per day; an indoor masking policy has been reinstated. On the upside, 60% of their population is vaccinated, and vaccination uptake continues to increase.

San Joaquin – Supervisor Patti noted that in a local meeting with SEIU representative they talked about a Universal Basic Income program and whether it could be beneficial to IHSS providers.

Santa Clara – The County also is seeing an uptick in cases and has a mask mandate in place. Efforts are being undertaken to determine vaccination status for those who are hospitalized, identify to what extent COVID is the cause for increased hospitalization, and assess whether positive cases are symptomatic or asymptomatic. Supervisor Ellenberg noted that transparency about these items is critically important.

Ventura – The vaccination rate in the County is about 70%. There are concerns about any potential state changes that could affect local businesses. A continued focus remains on partnering with schools and parents to understand the importance in wearing masks.

IX. Adjournment

Our next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held on **November 3** via Zoom.