

UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary January 12, 2022

Alameda:	Supervisor Keith Carson, Amy Shrago, Laura Lloyd
Contra Costa:	Supervisor Karen Mitchoff (Alternate), Lara DeLaney
Fresno:	Supervisor Buddy Mendes
Los Angeles:	Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Orange:	Peter DeMarco (Alternate), Nicole Wordelman
Riverside:	Supervisor Manuel Perez
Sacramento:	Supervisor Sue Frost
San Bernardino:	Supervisor Curt Hagman, Nicole Wordelman
San Diego:	Caroline Smith (Alternate)
San Francisco:	
San Joaquin:	Supervisor Chuck Winn
San Mateo:	Supervisor Carole Groom, Connie Juarez-Diroll
Santa Clara:	Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Danielle Christian, 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 10 supervisors, three alternates, and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of December 1, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the December 1, 2021, minutes, 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 (Alternate)	Contra Costa			X	
Supervisor Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles	X			
Supervisor Bartlett (Alternate)	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside	X			



Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Frost	Sacramento				X
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino			X	
Supervisor Vargas (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Winn	San Joaquin				X
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		9		3	2

IV. Association Matters

IV-A: 2022 Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations – Action Item - APPROVED

Nominations for 2022 UCC Vice-Chair were opened during the December 2021 Board meeting. At that time, Supervisor Ellenberg nominated Supervisor Mendes of Fresno County for Chair and Supervisor Keith Carson of Alameda County for Vice-Chair. Nominations remained open until today’s board meeting, although no additional names were put forward beyond those offered during the December Board meeting.

A roll call was opened to confirm Supervisor Buddy Mendes, Fresno County, as UCC’s 2022 Chair, 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 (Alternate)	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 Winn	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		11		3	

Before turning the meeting over to Supervisor Mendes as UCC’s Chair, Supervisor Ellenberg reiterated her motion to nominate Supervisor Keith Carson, Alameda County, as UCC’s Vice-Chair.

Supervisor Buddy Mendes, as the newly elected UCC Chair, began presiding over the meeting. Subsequently, a roll call was opened to nominate Supervisor Keith Carson, Alameda County, as UCC's 2022 Vice-Chair, and below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Mendes, Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Carson	Alameda				X
Supervisor Glover (Alternate)	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 Winn	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		10		3	1

IV-B: 2022 Conflict of Interest – Action Item – APPROVED

Staff presented the 2022 UCC Conflict of Interest Policy to the board for adoption, noting the language in the policy had not changed from previous years. A motion was made to approve the 2022 UCC Conflict of Interest Policy, and below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Mendes, Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson, Vice-Chair	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover (Alternate)	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 Winn	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		13		1	

IV-C: 2022-23 Meeting Dates – Information only

Staff provided a draft UCC Meeting Schedule for 2022, indicating the months in which the UCC Board plans to convene. The Board will continue to meet via Zoom in 2022 with exception of the two in-person meetings, which will be held in April and November. Now that the 2022 leadership is in place, staff will reach out to the offices of the chair and vice-chair to confirm specific meeting dates. Once the schedule is confirmed, staff will distribute it to the UCC Board and other interested parties.

IV-D: Ballot Measure Update and Information – Information only

Staff provided an overview on the process, as outlined in the UCC by-laws, for the association to take positions on ballot measures. The agenda packet included a chart detailing various active ballot measures at various points in the qualification process for the November 2022 ballot. As the various milestone activities associated with qualifying measures advances, staff will work to identify those that secure a spot on the November ballot and that directly impact urban counties.

V. UCC Advocacy

V-A: The Bob Report

Bob Giroux with LHGK provided a high-level overview on the latest with the redistricting process and outcomes. He will provide the Board with a statewide map once details are settled that identifies district demographics, among other details.

V-B: Proposed 2022 UCC Advocacy Priorities – Action Item -- APPROVED

Staff presented to the Board the additional revisions of the 2022 UCC Advocacy Priorities that were discussed during the December 2021 board meeting. Staff noted that these priorities tie directly to the Board's values, interests, and issues that are most consequential to urban counties. These priorities do not limit UCC's ability to weigh in on other issues, given the extensive existing UCC policy platform.

The priorities this year are built around four different planks:

- Taking Next Steps: Implementing Investments and Initiatives
- Building the State's Critical Workforce
- Investing in the Next Generation
- Improving Safety and Accessibility of Public Meetings

A question was raised regarding the fiscal interaction between the Medi-Cal Rx program and the loss of the federal 340B drug pricing program. Staff indicated that they are tracking this issue, noting the concern that some counties operating pharmacies and federal qualified health centers (FQHCs) would be impacted by this proposal. The 2019-20 state budget included \$105 million in supplemental funding to address the loss of 340B funding to clinics. The Department of Health Care Services recently submitted a state plan amendment to the federal government to allow the supplemental payments to be disbursed. There will be likely be an advocacy effort

to increase the size of the supplemental payment pool available to clinics. Staff will keep the board updated as the work continues.

A motion was made to take final action on the 2022 UCC Advocacy Priorities, and below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Mendes, Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson, Vice-Chair	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover (Alternate)	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 Winn	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		13		1	

V-C: 2022-23 January Budget Proposal – Information only

Staff provided an overview on Governor Newsom’s 2022-23 Proposed Budget, which was released on January 10. Notably, revenues continue to be at historically high levels, with an estimated \$31 billion multi-year surplus forecasted. To view HBE’s summary of the 2022-23 January Budget Proposal click [here](#).

As a component of the Proposed Budget, Governor Newsom released the [California Blueprint](#), his plan to address the state’s five most significant challenges: COVID-19, climate change, homelessness, increasing cost of living, and public safety.

V-D: Report and recommendations of the UCC Ad Hoc Water Committee – Action Item – APPROVED

Staff provided an overview of the formation of the UCC Ad Hoc Water Committee, the Board’s initial review of the committee’s proposed principles and policy statements, the committee’s efforts to revise the initial draft, and its outreach seeking additional review and input prior to bringing a revised document to the Board for review and action. The draft provided in the January agenda packet incorporates several amendments since the Board’s initial review at the October 2021 meeting. As outlined below, the Committee’s proposed policy contains three foundational principles as well as more specific policy statements organized under three policy areas:

Principles

The UCC Water Policy should:

1. represent a consensus-based work product that acknowledges and/or mitigates differences among member counties.
2. reflect a uniquely urban perspective that differentiates and elevates the urban voice in state water policy conversations and advocacy.
3. acknowledge where and to what extent we can have substantive influence in the policymaking arena.

Policies

- Funding
- Drought Response and Mitigation
- Clean and Safe Drinking Water

After engaging in a robust discussion, the Board adopted the principles and policies with one amendment to ensure that the association's engagement on specific water projects would be limited to those on which the Board gives specific direction or for which the Board has previously given approval. The Board concluded that the new water policy will provide important opportunities for UCC to engage on water policy moving forward.

A motion was made to approve the UCC Water Policies and Principles, as amended, and below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Mendes, Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson, Vice-Chair	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover (Alternate)	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 Winn	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		9		1	4

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- Update on early state budget action
- Major 2022 bill proposals of interest
- UCC year-to-date budget update

VIII. Supervisor Roundtable

This agenda item presents an opportunity for Supervisors to discuss current issues of impact and/or importance in their communities. There were several similar comments regarding continued local response efforts associated with the COVID omicron surge. Additionally:

- Fresno County noted that a major storm could move us directly from drought season to flood season.
- San Mateo County reported that they are in the final stages of purchasing motels to house those who are unsheltered; wrap-around services will be provided on site.
- Santa Clara County announced that the Board of Supervisors, the day prior, had declared that the urgent and expansive behavioral health challenges in the community constitute a major public health crisis. The County also is focused on building secure mental health facilities and alternates to incarceration and welcomes feedback/input from any other jurisdictions that are taking similar steps.
- Ventura County is engaged in a broadband strategy but is concerned about the time it may take to get the project underway. Any suggestions/solutions on expediting implementation and funding approval are welcome.

IX. Adjournment

The next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held **on March 2nd at 4:00PM**, via Zoom.