

UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary March 8, 2023

Alameda:	Amy Shrago, Monica Miller, Erin Taylor, Devon Anderson, Yarelle Magallon
Contra Costa:	Geoff Neill
Fresno:	Supervisor Buddy Mendes
Los Angeles:	David Dry (Alternate)
Orange:	Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Al Jabbar, Brandy Miller
Riverside:	Supervisor Manuel Perez, Carolina Herrera
Sacramento:	Supervisor Rich Desmond
San Bernardino:	Supervisor Jesse Armendarez, Megan Kidwell
San Diego:	Supervisor Nora Vargas, Caroline Smith, Mabi Castro, Nerea Urtasun, Denise Delgado, Stephen Fallica, Erin Gilbert
San Francisco:	
San Joaquin:	Supervisor Tom Patti
San Mateo:	Connie Juarez-Diroll (Alternate), Yarelle Magallon
Santa Clara:	Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Angelica Ramos, Michael Rattigan
Ventura:	Supervisor Kelly Long, Michele Guzman
UCC Staff/Advocates:	Elizabeth Espinosa, Jean Hurst, Kelly Brooks-Lindsey, Josh Gauger, Bob Giroux, Kiana Valentine, Chris Lee, Grace Ferguson

I. Call to Order

UCC Vice-Chair Supervisor Nora Vargas convened the meeting and called the members to order.

II. Roll Call of Counties

There were nine supervisors, two alternates, and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of January 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the January 25, 2023, minutes. Below is the vote count:



Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Carson, Chair	Alameda			X	
Supervisor Vargas, Vice-Chair	San Diego	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa			X	
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Barger (Alternate)	Los Angeles	X			
Supervisor Chaffee	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Desmond	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Armendarez	San Bernardino	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Canepa (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		11		3	

IV. UCC Association Matters

IV-A: 2023 Meeting Dates – Final Schedule

Staff provided the final UCC Board of Directors’ meeting calendar for 2023, noting that the Board would be notified in the event that changes to meeting dates or additional meetings are needed.

IV-B: Report on UCC’s Year-To-Date Budget – *Informational only*

Staff provided an update on the UCC 2022-23 budget-to-actual report for the first seven months of the fiscal year. The budget remains status quo. No questions were raised.

V. UCC Advocacy

V-A: The Bob Report

Bob Giroux provided a brief update on various factors that would affect policymaking during the legislative year, including the fact that the 2024 presidential primary will take place on March 5 next year. Additional changes in the makeup of the Legislature will continue, given the effects of term limits.

V-B: Updated 2023 UCC Advocacy Priorities – Action Item – APPROVED

Staff presented an updated 2023 UCC Advocacy Priorities that incorporate, at the Board’s request, an additional priority focused on infrastructure investments, including water. The Board approved the expanded advocacy priorities, giving the UCC Advocacy Team to give particular focus to five specific plans: (1) leading implementation of previously approved investments and policy initiatives, (2) building the state’s critical workforce, (3) investing in the next generation, a youth-focused priority;

(4) sustaining critical local services in the face of economic uncertainty; and (5) securing California’s future through infrastructure investments. Below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Carson, Chair	Alameda			X	
Supervisor Vargas, Vice-Chair	San Diego	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa			X	
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Barger (Alternate)	Los Angeles	X			
Supervisor Chaffee	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Desmond	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Armendarez	San Bernardino	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Canepa (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
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V-C: Highlights of 2023 Bill Introductions

Staff noted that the 2023 bill introduction deadline was Friday, February 17. The final tally of introduced bill proposals is approaching 3,000. The UCC Advocacy Team will focus its efforts in the near-term on analyzing bills, developing policy positions, seeking additional information on measures of interest, and engaging in direct advocacy. Staff noted several policy areas of particular interest in the Legislature that will be of interest to urban counties: the fentanyl and opioid crisis, proposals to amend and/or seek additional information on the impacts of 2011 Realignment, Brown Act, affordable housing and homelessness, land use and CEQA, transportation, and behavioral health.

Supervisors noted their appreciation for the work on urban counties’ behalf with respect to the Brown Act and emphasized the importance of having maximum flexibility for remote meetings.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- Update on UCC’s Legislative and Budget Advocacy
- Options for UCC Advocacy Contract Extension
- Policy Initiatives and Updates

VIII. Supervisor Roundtable

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

- Fresno County reported that they are transitioning from emergency storm response to a flood response, given anticipated snow melt in the lower elevations.
- San Diego County reported on their ongoing efforts to address homelessness, including the recent alignment of their Homeless Action Plan with the federal government’s “All In” Strategic Plan to End Homelessness. Additionally, the County has established the Child and Family Well-Being Department aimed at family strengthening efforts and child maltreatment prevention. The Department also has a new office dedicated to the Child Care System, which will permit the County to execute a long-term strategy to address childcare needs. Finally, the County continues to focus on enhancing EBT card technology to prevent scams and ensure that CalFresh benefits are secure and accessible.
- San Joaquin County reported about changes to their Board and their continued efforts address homelessness. Recent efforts include working to enhance and increase shelter bed capacities along with expanding county roles and collaborating across departments and levels of local government to create a cohesive response network.
- Santa Clara County reported on investments through its Office of Children and Families Policy to reopen childcare facilities closed during the pandemic. The grant program will prioritize facilities serving low-income families and will also support childcare workforce development.

IX. Adjournment

The next UCC Board of Directors’ meeting is scheduled for **April 12, at 4:45 p.m.** *This in-person meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSAC Legislative Conference in Sacramento; there will be no phone or video access for this meeting.*