



CEAC Board of Directors

January 12, 2021|12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

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12:30 pm

Call to Order (Porter)

1. **Approval of Minutes** (Balbas)
November 18, 2020 - **Attachment 1 - Action Item**
2. **Correspondence** (Porter)
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection letter - **Attachment 2**
3. **CLODS Report** (CLODS)
4. **NACE Report** (Machado)
5. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff)
6. **Regional Directors Reports** - *No Action this meeting*
7. **Treasurer's Report** (Crump) - *No Action this meeting*
8. **Committee Reports:** - *No Action this meeting*
 - a) Administrative
 - b) Flood Control and Water Resources
 - c) Infrastructure and Development
 - d) Resource Recovery and Waste Management
 - e) Surveyor
 - f) Transportation
 - g) Fellowship
 - h) Oversight
 - i) Scholarship
9. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) Affiliate dues and charging convenience fees for credit card payments (Crump) - *No Action this meeting*
 - b) Committee Vice Chair Eligibility, Special Districts, By Law Modification (Tippett) - *No Action this meeting*
 - c) CEAC online posting forum/website update (Tippett) - *No Action this meeting*
 - d) 2020 Buffalo Bull Award Presentation (Tippett/DeChellis)
10. **NACE 2021**
 - a) NACE 2021 Committee Update (Porter/Machado)
 - b) NACE 2021 Program Agenda Establishment (Dashiell)

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11. **New Business**
12. **Life Membership**
13. **Announcements**
 - a) None

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CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- a) Spring, date TBD
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- c) CSAC 127th Annual Meeting, Monterey, California, December 3, 2021

1:30 pm

Adjourn

Meeting Roster

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Pattie McNamee

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Aleks Jevremovic

Dave Fleisch

Committee

Administrative

Fellowship

Flood Control/Water Resources

Infrastructure and Development

Oversight

Resource Recovery & Waste Mgmt.

Scholarship

Surveyor

Transportation

County

Contra Costa

Contra Costa (Retired)

Santa Cruz

Nevada

San Mateo

Santa Cruz

Lake

Santa Barbara

Ventura

CSAC/CEAC Staff

Chris Lee

Catherine Freeman

Nick Cronenwett

Marina Espinoza

Merrin Gerety

Title

Legislative Representative

Legislative Representative

Legislative Analyst

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment One.....November 18, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Attachment Two.....Board of Forestry and Fire Protection letter, December 24,
2020

Attachment One

November 18, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



CEAC Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes CSAC 126th Annual Meeting

November 18, 2020 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Zoom meeting and Telephone Call-in

DRAFT
MINUTES

1:35 pm

Call to Order by CEAC President Jim Porter

Roll Call requested – Officers present: 10 of 10, Regional Directors: 5 of 6:

Quorum present

1. **Approval of Minutes** (Porter)
Special Meeting, October 2, 2020, **Motion** to approve minutes – (DeChellis), 2nd (Khan); **Approved**.
2. **Correspondence** (Porter) – Acknowledged letter from R. Tippet to Caltrans
3. **CLODS Report** (Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi)
CLODS met with the Board of Directors regarding the vacant Vice President position and decided to leave the position vacant until now. Past President Jim Porter agreed to be the CEAC President this year. Howard Dashiell will be Vice President and Brian Balbas, Secretary.
The NACE planning for April 2021 continues with the expectation that the NACE Conference will take place as scheduled.
George Johnson will be honored upon the occasion of his retirement at NACE, details are still being worked on related to this item.
CLODS will plan to BBQ at the conference, more planning to take place.
4. **NACE Report** (Machado)
This last month, met with NACO Transportation Policy Steering Committee about in-coming Biden Administration and the proposed Build Back Better initiatives, including climate change, NEPA, and funding items.
New NACE Dues adopted - \$275 per vote per County proposal adopted. For California this was the lower cost proposal.
More information will come next year regarding NACE Connect – Professional Development Program.
5. **CSAC Report** (CSAC staff)
Chris Lee reported that new CSAC Officers were selected for the coming year: President, Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County; 1st Vice President, Supervisor Ed Valenzuela, Siskiyou County; 2nd Vice President, Chuck Washington, Riverside County and Past President, Lisa A. Bartlett, Orange County.
This was our second virtual conference and by all indications they have both been successful. While we miss getting together in person, these forums have worked well to communicate and coordinate CEAC business.
CSAC will be calling for legislative proposals in spring 2021, following up as part of the policy conference around August to finalize action plans. CSAC staff will work with CEAC Policy Committees on these items throughout the year.
6. **Regional Directors Reports**

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- Bay Area – Steve Lederer: met virtually last month, good meeting, will be meeting again virtually in December. Plan to select a new Regional Director.
- Central Coast – Kent Edler: met November 12th, 23 attendees, good meeting. Discussed COVID pandemic issues around region.
- Northern California – Bob Bronkall: met Monday. 8 of 15 counties in attendance. **Discussed CT's requiring counties to apply for permits on behalf of others doing work in CT R/W.**
- Sacramento/Motherlode – Josh Pack: good meeting last month. Touched on a variety of topics effecting region. Josh will be taking a position in Butte County, leaving Calaveras County. NEW 2021 CEAC Regional Director will be Matt Randall from Placer County.
- San Joaquin Valley – no report.
- Southern California – Nardy Khan: met at the end of September. Good meeting. No meeting scheduled until January 2021, LA County to host virtual meeting.

7. **Treasurer's Report** (Crump)

- 2020 Income – local streets and roads revenue – League of Cities still have not paid. Dave Leamon and Mike Crump are following up and have been told the cost share will be sent. Mike anticipates we will receive invoicing from NCE in the amount of \$182,000 before the end of the year.
- As previously identified, CEAC has a structural deficit issue that will need to be addressed soon. Mike Crump will work with President Jim Porter in putting together a plan to address this item, likely including others in discussions to identify proposals to address this issue. This will be among the first items in the new year.
- Conferences – the revenue from sponsors is helpful and makes up the revenue for these virtual conferences. Some CSAC expenditures have and will continue to trickle in related to conferences.
- **Mike Crump is moving reserves from CD's to money market accounts to increase potential interest income.**

Motion to accept Treasurers Report – (Sadjadi), 2nd (Machado);
Approved.

- Mike Crump also discussed the 2021 CEAC Budget – the final budget will be approved in April, 2021, but several key items were discussed, including the NACE dues increase and the structural deficit issue. However, the framework of the proposed budget was approved.

Motion to approve tentative budget with items discussed to be incorporated in final budget, April 2021 – (Machado), 2nd (DeChellis); **Approved.**

8. **Committee Reports**

- a. Administrative Committee (Brian Balbas)-
Good meeting. Discussed COVID impacts on agencies, succession planning and recruitment/retention issues and reviewing ways to provide a resource for all of us to find info we all share. Josh Pack, Brian Balbas and Merrin Gerety will review this and report back.

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- b. Flood Control (Mark Strudley)-
Good meeting. Much of the meeting was centered on the wildfires and the potential debris flow concerns that may follow this winter. The same chairs will be on the committee next year.
- c. Infrastructure and Development (Warren Lai)-
Good meeting. Good discussion about residential development impact fees, on-going Rule 20A issues and status of PUC process/comments, VMT changes for CEQA and traffic studies/impacts.
- d. Resource Recovery and Waste Management (Tim Goncharoff)-
Good meeting. Several presentations and discussions about: disaster debris and how to deal with it, CA Supreme Court case in Oakland about franchise fees classified as a tax and need to be voter approved.
- e. Surveyor (Aleks Jevremovic)-
Good meeting. Discussed the completion of a new guide for corner records and records of survey. Also discussed the need for monument preservation in the event of disasters.
- f. Transportation (Dave Fleisch)-
Good meeting. New Caltrans local assistance chief made a presentation about her thoughts on moving forward. Dave will follow-up to make sure it is more focused in up-coming meetings. The Highway Bridge Program (HBP) issues were discussed, we need to follow-up. Dave Leamon presented on the current status of the local streets and roads effort.
- g. Fellowship (Pattie McNamee)-
We are all disappointed **that we can't meet in person. The virtual** meetings seem to go well and the raffles went very well. Pattie will send out the prizes after the conference.
- h. Oversight (Jim Porter)-
Will be looking at issues going into next year, including the budget concerns raised as part of the Treasurers Report.
- i. Scholarship (Scott Deleon)-
Scott had to leave the meeting early for an emergency. Merrin Gerety indicated no scholarships were given this year and they will review for next year.

9. **Unfinished Business**

- a) Affiliate dues and charging convenience fees for credit card payments – No report on this for this meeting.
- b) Committee Vice Chair Eligibility, Special Districts, By Law Modification – This item is being deferred. Rick Tippet and Mike Penrose will discuss for future agenda item. NO ACTION TAKEN, No report provided.
- c) CEAC online posting forum/website update – No report provided, Rick Tippet stated his desire for this item to move forward.

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Matt Machado reported that the planning committee is working with the expectation that the NACE 2021 conference will take place in Palm Springs as planned. However, there was some discussion about the potential for a hybrid in-person/virtual conference depending on the status of COVID. Work continues with Stacie Morgan, the NACE contact for this conference.

Howard Dashiell discussed the keynote speaker work taking place. After some discussion, the committee will reach out to both the **Governor's** office and the US Congress representative from Santa Barbara, Carbajal. The general consensus was the Governor is first choice, but either would be a welcome addition to the NACE Conference.

11. **New Business**

- Mike Crump presented a proposal to increase the job posting fees charged by CEAC to post recruitments. The proposal is to match what CSAC charges: increase from \$50 to \$75 for CEAC members and from \$125 to \$150 for non-members.

Motion to increase CEAC Web page job posting fees to \$75 and \$150 (members/non-members, respectively) – (DeChellis), 2nd (Machado);
Approved.

12. **Life Membership**

After some discussion about “voting rights” and life membership, it was proposed to make George Johnson a CEAC Life Member.

ACTION ITEM – George Johnson be a life member of CEAC; Motion, Pat Dechellis, Second, Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi, **Approved.**

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TIME: 3:10 pm **Adjourn by Jim Porter**

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Josh Pack - P
Steve White - NP
Nardy Khan - P

Region

Bay Area
Central Coast
Northern California
Sacramento Mother Lode
San Joaquin Valley
Southern California

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Napa
Santa Cruz
Humboldt
Placer
Fresno
Orange

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Scott DeLeon- NP
Aleks Jevremovic- P
Patty Romo- P
David Fleisch - P

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Fellowship
Resource Rec and Waste Mgmt.
Flood Control/Water Resources
Scholarship
Surveyor
Transportation (out-going)
Transportation (in-coming)

County

Contra Costa
Nevada
Contra Costa (Retired)
Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz
Lake
Santa Barbara
Riverside
Ventura

CSAC/CEAC staff

Chris Lee- P
Catherine Freeman- P
Nick Cronenwett- P
Marina Espinoza- P
Merrin Gerety- P

Title

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Legislative Representative
Legislative Analyst
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CEAC Program Manager

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P –indicates Present, NP – Not Present

Attachment Two

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection letter, December 24, 2020



COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

Board of Directors 2020-2021

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Trinity County

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Via email: publiccomments@bof.ca.gov

December 24, 2020

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

RE: DRAFT FIRE SAFE REGULATIONS

The County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) represents all 58 counties in the state. CEAC has substantive concerns regarding the draft Fire Safe Regulations. The association has established a committee to research and review the draft regulations. This committee is in the process of formalizing our comments and concerns. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide this important information to your Board for consideration prior to the January 2021 Board of Forestry meeting where the Board will consider acting on opening a 45-day public review of the draft Fire Safe Regulations.

CEAC encourages the Board of Forestry to delay the opening of public comment period for the proposed revisions to Fire Safe Regulations for an additional 90 days minimum. The extension is requested to allow CEAC and our member counties along with other stakeholders to meet and discuss the proposed revisions with Department of Forestry staff. CEAC is encouraging our membership to request this extension as well.

Counties and cities are responsible for ensuring that these regulations are implemented "on the ground" and therefore are key stakeholders in the process. Moving this process forward without fully engaging key stakeholders will result in regulations that have not been fully vetted to address county and city concerns and may not provide an optimum result for all parties. Extending the informal comment period an additional 90 to 180 days would provide time for Board of Forestry staff and stakeholders to develop and review iterative drafts based upon discussions. Thank you for your consideration to this request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at jporter@smcgov.org or at (650) 363-4100.

Respectfully,

Jim Porter
CEAC President
Director of Public Works, San Mateo County