



CEAC Board of Directors

Policy Conference 2021

Thursday, September 16, 2021|1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Zoom Meeting and Telephone call-in

DRAFT
MINUTES

1:30 p.m.

Call to Order (Dashiell)

Officers present: 7 of 10: Regional Directors: 4 of 6

Quorum Present

1. **Approval of Minutes** (Balbas)

May 21, 2021 - *Attachment 1* – **Motion** to approve minutes; Sadjadi, 2nd; Machado; **Approved**

2. **Correspondence** (Dashiell)

a) None

3. **CLODS Report** (Sadjadi)

COVID has made it a difficult year for the CLODS. It has impacted the ability to conduct meetings. Mehdi also asked for a moment of silence for two CLODS that passed away this year, Maurice Shiu and Clay Castleberry. The CLODS received two letters from Vice President Dashiell, one regarding potential 2021/22 CEAC Secretary nominees and the other inviting the CLODS to the Fall Conference. Mehdi has replied to both of these letters for the CLODS. The CLODS will have an in-person meeting between now and the Fall Conference, if COVID allows.

4. **NACE Report** (Machado)

With Jim Porters retirement from San Mateo County a new Western Regional Vice President has been named. Tom Fellows (Oregon) has been selected to replace Mr. Porter in that role. NACE Board meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2021, Matt will be attending in St Louis. NACE is launching a new website on October 4, 2021. NACE Spring Conference in Erie County, Buffalo NY April 25-27, 2022. Related to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which incorporates federal transportation reauthorization legislation, NACO has a fantastic summary and breakdown of the Bill on their website. The infrastructure bill should be taken up and voted upon in Washington on September 27, 2021, or shortly thereafter.

Scott McGolpin made a brief statement as part of the NACE Report. He understands CEAC is looking for budget savings opportunities and one suggestion to possibly save approximately \$2,000 might be to reduce the amount allocated for the NACE President to visit our state as part of our CEAC conference. The suggestion is to pay for registration costs and request NACE to pay for all other costs for the NACE President to come to California and join us at our annual fall conference.

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5. **CSAC Report** (Chris Lee)

Chris officially introduced Ada Waelder and she was welcomed by everyone. She started with CSAC in January 2020. Her previous experience included work with the US Senate, Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Chris also stated that part of the Policy Conference is to get our policy and priorities set and he will discuss later on this agenda. Last week was end of legislative session.

6. **Regional Directors Reports**

Johannes Hoevertsz – Bay Area – Not a lot to report on BA region, except nominating Jim Porter as a CEAC life member. Discussion took place on this item and is reported as part of item 12 later in these minutes. Mehdi recognized Jim for stepping into the role as President again for part of this year.

Kent Elder – Central Coast – had two regional meetings since Spring Conference, June 1, 2021, and September 8, 2021. Good technical discussion and legislative updates at the June meeting. September field meeting at Rat Creek Slide Repair project was very interesting. Good discussion on dealing with debris issues from fires.

Bob Bronkall – NorCal – Sad news to share about Camp Connery. It was destroyed by wildfire. Bedroll will need to be relocated. They will look for alternate site.

Matt Randall – Sac/Mother Lode – (not in attendance, Howard read into record)- Has been struggling to get enthusiasm to hold meetings given zoom overload. Also Matt is interested in getting together with Regional Directors to discuss ways to increase attendance.

Steve White – San Joaquin – not in attendance, but Kris Balaji mentioned that they have had 3 meetings this year with good attendance, and they have provided good opportunities to share information.

Nardy Khan – SoCal – Would be interested in gathering Regional Directors to compare notes. Their last meeting was April; next meeting is next week. They generally meet quarterly. Next meeting will cover permitting system, getting customer feedback, encroachments, showcase recent projects and create standards for water quality basins.

7. **Treasurer's Report** (Crump) - *Attachment 2*

Mike Crump summarized the attached treasurer's report. Also referred to the notes he attached to help summarize the report. PWSS hasn't met in two years, but will when COVID allows. LSR income still waiting on RTPA and RPO share of approx. \$190,000. Mike's estimates for the report are based on some assumptions with the year-end balance of \$105,000. COVID and virtual vs. in-person conferences make it a little more difficult to estimate. Mehdi asked about \$13k in outstanding dues to CEAC. There are two counties that will need to pay. Mike will follow-up on this item.

8. **Committee Reports:**

a) Administrative – Brian Balbas – Good meeting, attendance between 35-40. Talked about Legislative Proposal from Orange County to eliminate the sunset date on at risk CM projects, COVID-19 roundtable discussion, CARB Fleet ZEV regulations and future topics for Admin Committee. Disaster recovery, SB1383, and equity in project construction were some topics mentioned.

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- b) Flood Control and Water Resources – Catherine Freeman – Great presentation from River Partners on multi-benefit flood control projects. Proposal to support BAFFAA priorities and comparing with CEAC priorities. Looking at next year’s priorities in relation to this years. No “test case” for storm fees yet.
- c) Infrastructure and Development – Trisha Tillotson (could not make the meeting – Howard read notes provided by Trisha) – Monitoring AB602 regarding development impact fees, minor updates to legislative priorities, Rule 20 guidelines and Phase II CPUC changes, future discussions related to SB1383, disaster recovery and rebuilding.
- d) Resource Recovery and Waste Management – Catherine Freeman – SB1383 is topic of the day. USDA food waste presentation. Reviewed proposals forwarded by agencies. No changes to priorities. \$170 million in budget for SB1383. Lots more information coming at Fall Conference on that topic.
- e) Surveyor – Aleks Jevremovic – Presentation of CEAC web forum (note, this will be developed further and likely discussed at the Fall Conference. It is intended to be used by all committees for information sharing). Legislative priorities with no substantial changes. Impacts on monuments and surveying from wildfires. Surveyor of the Year nominations due November 1, 2021. Ron Garton has left Humboldt County. John Canas passed away. John was active in CEAC for many years.
- f) Transportation – Dave Fleisch – 60+ attended. Legislative priorities remained essentially unchanged. LSR report was given. Bridges were discussed for funding opportunities, HBP reported electronic bridge reports now.
- g) Fellowship – Pattie McNamee – Thanks for all the participation on raffle/games. Looking forward to in-person meetings.
- h) Oversight – Howard Dashiell- bulk of work has been to deal with budget deficit. Jim Porter remains involved for transitions.
- i) Scholarship – Scott DeLeon not able to attend. Howard mentioned Engineer of Year nominations due November 1st.

9. **Unfinished Business** (Dashiell – Tabled)

10. **New Business**

- a) Anticipated Member Dues Increase (Dashiell) - 2022 Budget (Crump) - *Attachment 3* - \$100,000 dues increase with CPI and Dues By Laws Revision.

Howard and Mike briefly summarized the proposal, the memorandum attached to the agenda and the need for an increase to address the structural budget deficit for the CEAC budget. Howard acknowledged the discussion from Scott McGolpin on NACE savings potential of approximately \$2,000 and the need to follow-up with Fellowship on ensuring break-even goal for conference activities. Also highlighted the need for the CPI to address this for future expense increases. Some discussion took place on the original allocation basis the dues were calculated on. The concern was that 5 counties seem to carry a heavier load based on population. After some discussion and a motion to review the cost allocation basis more closely, the motion to review the cost allocation basis was not passed as summarized below. It was suggested that if individual agencies want to review this for future discussion they can pursue that and potentially bring it before the CEAC Board in the future.

Motion to approve the \$100,000 dues increase with CPI as described in Attachment 3; **Machado, 2nd; Bronkall, 10 – Yes, 1 – Abstain (Khan), APPROVED.**

Motion to review the cost allocation basis for CEAC dues; **Khan, 2nd; Bronkall, Failed: 10 – No, 1 – Yes** (after significant discussion after the original motion).

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11. **2022 CEAC Priorities and Legislative Proposals** – Chris Lee
Very few changes to the policies and priorities. Staff will bring those minor changes back to committees and Board at the Annual Fall Conference.
 - a) Updates to 2021-22 CEAC Policy and Legislative Priorities - *Attachment 4*- Minor edit to the liability aspect for autonomous vehicles.
 - b) Updates to 2021-22 CEAC Legislative and Administrative Policy Guidelines - *Attachment 5* – No substantial changes at this time. **Motion** to move the Priorities and Policy Guidelines; Machado, 2nd; Khan; **Approved**.
 - c) Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Legislative Proposal - *Attachment 6* – **Motion**; Khan, 2nd; Machado; **Approved**
12. **Life Membership**
 - a) Jim Porter (Hoevertsz) – *Attachment 7* – **Motion**; Sadjadi, 2nd Balbas; **Approved**
 - b) Rick Tippett (Bronkall) - *Attachment 8* – **Motion**; Bronkall, 2nd; Machado, **Approved**
13. **Announcements**
 - a) None

Scheduled Conferences – Merrin Gerety highlighted the up-coming conferences.

- a) CSAC 127th Annual Meeting, Monterey, California, November 30 –December 3, 2021
- b) CEAC Spring Conference, Monterey, California, March 23-25, 2022
- c) NACE Annual Conference, Erie County (Buffalo), New York, April 24-27, 2022
- d) CEAC Policy Conference, date TBD, 2022

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- a) CSAC 127th Annual Meeting, Monterey, California, December 3, 2021
- b) CEAC Spring Conference, Monterey, California, March 25, 2022
- c) CEAC Policy Conference, date TBD, 2022

3:03 pm

Adjourn – **Motion**; Balbas, 2nd; Hoevertsz

Meeting Roster

Voting Board Members: Officers & Regional Directors

Officer	Office	County/Organization
Vacant		
Howard Dashiell P	President	Mendocino
Brian Balbas P	Vice President Secretary	Contra Costa
Rick Tippett P	Immediate Past President Treasurer	Trinity
Mike Crump P	Treasurer-Emeritus	Butte (Retired)
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi P	Parliamentarian	Marin (Retired)
Mike Penrose	Newsletter Editor	Sacramento (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	NACE Representative	Los Angeles (Retired)
Matt Machado P	Historian	Santa Cruz
Dave Gravenkamp P		Siskiyou (Retired)

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Regional Directors

Johannes Hoevertsz **P**
Kent Edler **P**
Bob Bronkall **P**
Matt Randall
Steve White
Nardy Khan **P**

Region

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

County

Sonoma
Santa Cruz
Humboldt
Placer
Fresno
Orange

Non-Voting Members: Committee Chairs and CSAC Staff

Committee Chairs

Brian Balbas **P**
Pattie McNamee **P**
Mark Strudley
Trisha Tillotson
Howard Dashiell **P**
Coby Skye
Scott DeLeon
Aleks Jevremovic **P**
Dave Fleisch **P**

Committee

Administrative
Fellowship
Flood Control/Water Resources
Infrastructure & Development
Oversight
Resource Recovery & Waste Mgmt.
Scholarship
Surveyor
Transportation

County

Contra Costa
Contra Costa (Retired)
Santa Cruz
Nevada
Mendocino
Los Angeles
Lake
Santa Barbara
Ventura

CSAC/CEAC Staff

Chris Lee **P**
Catherine Freeman **P**
Ada Waelder **P**
Marina Espinoza **P**
Merrin Gerety **P**

Title

Legislative Representative
Legislative Representative
Legislative Analyst
Legislative Analyst
CEAC Program Manager

Agency/County

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P indicates present at the meeting