

RCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



January 12, 2022

ACTION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the 2022 RCRC Board Travel Policy.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the 2022 RCRC Board of Directors Code of Conduct.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the 2022 RCRC Investment Policy Renewal.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved RCRC's 2022 Policy Principles.

The RCRC Board of Directors meeting took place on Wednesday, January 12th. The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed many issues, and the following are highlights:

2022 Officers Swearing-In

Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) conducted the swearing-in of the 2022 Officers:

Chair - Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County

First Vice Chair - Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County

Second Vice Chair - Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County

Immediate Past Chair - Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County

RCRC Chair's Report

Chair, Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, announced his committee appointments which are as follows:

Legislative Committee:

Chair – Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County

Vice Chair – Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County

Regulatory Committee:

Chair – Supervisor Kathleen Haff, Tuolumne County

Vice Chair – Supervisor Eddie Crandell, Lake County

Water and Natural Resources Committee:

Chair – Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County

Vice Chair – Supervisor Dennis Townsend, Tulare County

President's Report

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO, provided a report on recent activities the organization is engaged on that align with the RCRC Strategic Plan. The PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#).

MESSAGE BOARD

The 2022 Travel Expense Claim can be accessed [here](#). Please complete and submit your claim to Milena De Melo at mdemelo@rcrcnet.org.

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The **RCRC Membership Handbook** can be accessed [here](#). To receive a hard copy, please contact Maggie Chui at mchui@rcrcnet.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

RCRC Resolution 22-01: RCRC Board Travel Policy - APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the proposed RCRC Board Travel Expense Policy, 22-01. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The Resolution can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC Resolution 22-02: Board of Directors Code of Conduct - APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the proposed Board of Directors Code of Conduct, 22-02. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The Resolution can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC 2022 Investment Policy Renewal - APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the RCRC 2022 Investment Policy. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The Policy can be accessed [here](#).

Informational Presentation Regarding Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. Board of Directors Composition

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO, GSNR Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley (Inyo County), and GSNR Vice Chair, Supervisor Bob Williams (Tehama County), provided an update on the Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. (GSNR) Board of Directors' consideration and initial response to the request by the RCRC Board of Directors to consider adding one or more additional RCRC Delegates to the GSNR Board of Directors. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Governmental Affairs Department's PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Update

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, and ESJPA Chair, Supervisor Michael Kobseff (Siskiyou County), provided an overview of the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority's (ESJPA) and the benefits of joining, as well as discussed ESJPA's development of a business plan. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Adoption of RCRC's 2022 Policy Principles – APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted RCRC's 2022 Policy Principles. The 2022 Policy Principles can be accessed [here](#).

Overview of State Budget

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, provided an overview of the Governor's 2022-23 proposed Budget and its implications for California's rural counties. *The Rural Rundown*, RCRC's overview on specific issue items of the proposal, can be accessed [here](#).

Water Issues Update

Sidd Nag, Policy Advocate, provided an update on current issues involving California water policy, including: state agencies' push forward with water use restrictions; water programs as outlined in the proposed Budget; and, Proposition 1 projects status. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Guest Speaker – University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources

Glenda Humiston, Vice President, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) addressed the RCRC Board of Directors. The PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#). UC ANR's 2020 Annual Report can be accessed [here](#). UC ANR's *California's Working Landscape: A Key Contributor to the State's Economic Vitality* can be accessed [here](#). UC ANR's document regarding budget and staffing analysis to meet the needs of all Californians can be accessed [here](#). Ms. Humiston can be contacted at glenda.humiston@ucop.edu or (510) 987-0716.

Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, provided an update on efforts in the Legislature and various state and federal agencies, including: recent meetings of the RCRC Wildfire and Forest Stewardship Ad Hoc Committee; and, introduction of federal wildfire legislation that enhance preparedness and improve federal aid to communities hit hardest by catastrophic wildfires. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Pathways to 30x30: Accelerating Conservation of California's Nature

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, discussed the recent release of the Newsom Administration's draft *Pathways to 30x30: Accelerating Conservation of California's Nature*. The document represents California's strategy to conserve 30 percent of the state's land and coastal waters by 2030. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The document can be accessed [here](#).

State and Federal Legislative Update

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, and American Continental Group's (ACG) Senior Partner Sheryl Cohen provided an update on issues being addressed at the state and federal level. Ms. Warmerdam discussed potential priority topics for the 2022 Legislative Session in the midst of a year with an election, redistricting, and state revenue surplus. Ms. Cohen provided an update on the continuing resolution, debt ceiling, Bipartisan Infrastructure Act implementation, Build Back Better Act, FY 2023 appropriations, Farm Bill reauthorization strategic plan, and the final rule for

the American Rescue Plan Act. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The PowerPoint presentation from ACG can be accessed [here](#).

Board of Forestry State Fire Safe Regulations Update

Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate, provided an update on the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's (BOF) Fire Safe Regulations. On January 3rd, the BOF released another revised draft thereby triggering a 15-day modified text public comment period which will close on January 19, 2022. RCRC, along with a local government working group, will be submitting comments and will share with the RCRC Board of Directors once it has been filed. The memo can be accessed [here](#). Based on RCRC Board Member interest, Monterey County's letter to the BOF can be accessed [here](#).

California Air Resources Board's Amendments to Small Off-Road Engine Regulations Update

Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate, provided an overview of the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) recently adopted revisions to Small Off-Road Engine (SORE) regulations. Beginning in 2024, manufacturers of SORE will be required to produce zero-emission equipment. Portable generators and pressure washers will have a delayed phase-in to allow for the development of zero-emission technology. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

California Public Utilities Commission Update

John Kennedy, Policy Advocate, and Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate, provided an update on RCRC's involvement at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), including: Wildfire Mitigations Plan Proceeding closure; 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan update schedule; and, CPUC's proposal of requiring investor-owned utilities to procure biogas from landfills. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Please refer to the RCRC Board Packet and Supplemental Packet for further details related to the items above, as well as other items covered during the meeting. The RCRC Board Packet and Supplemental Packet can be accessed [here](#).





GSFA BOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The GSFA Board of Directors meeting took place on Wednesday, January 12th, following the adjournment of the RCRC Board of Directors meeting. Here are some of the highlights:

- The GSFA Board of Directors approved the 2022 RCRC Board Travel Policy. The Resolution can be accessed [here](#).
- The GSFA Board of Directors approved the 2022 RCRC Investment Policy Renewal. The Policy can be accessed [here](#).
- The GSFA Board of Directors approved the 2022 GSFA appointment of Supervisor Bob Williams (Tehama County) as Chair and Supervisor Daron McDaniel (Merced County) as Vice Chair. Additionally, the GSFA Board of Directors approved the 2022 GSFA Executive Committee, which will consist of the GSFA Chair and GSFA Vice Chair along with nine members of the RCRC Executive Committee. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- Craig Ferguson, Deputy Director, provided a brief program update of the GSFA down payment assistance programs. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- Barbara Hayes, RCRC Chief Economic Development Officer, invited interested GSFA Board Members to participate in the informational webinar on the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Program. Ms. Hayes provided a brief update on GSFA's economic development and infrastructure initiative. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- Kevin Cann, GSNR Vice President, provided an update on the latest GSNR activities, including the completion of escrow on the Lassen site, feedstock assessment, offtake opportunities, finance and funding, transportation, workforce development, and a communication plan. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#).

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There is good government when those who are near are happy, and when those who are far away desire to come.

– Confucius