

**Rural County Representatives of California
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 2, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.
The Oasis at Death Valley (The Inn)
Gold Rush Room
Highway 190
Death Valley, CA 92328**

MINUTES

Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Self Introductions

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present:

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>County</u>
David Griffith	Alpine
Doug Teeter	Butte
Jack Garamendi	Calaveras
Denise Carter	Colusa
Gerry Hemmingsen	Del Norte
Rex Bohn	Humboldt
Michael Kelley	Imperial
Matt Kingsley	Inyo
E.J. Crandell	Lake
Aaron Albaugh	Lassen
David Rogers	Madera
Kevin Cann	Mariposa
Daron McDaniel	Merced
Geri Byrne	Modoc
Stacy Corless	Mono
Diane Dillon	Napa
Dan Miller	Nevada
Anthony Botelho	San Benito
John Peschong	San Luis Obispo
Les Baugh	Shasta
Lee Adams	Sierra
Michael Kobseff	Siskiyou
Bob Williams	Tehama
Jeremy Brown	Trinity
Kuyler Crocker	Tulare
Sherri Brennan	Tuolumne
Jim Provenza	Yolo
Randy Fletcher	Yuba

Absent

Brian Oneto	Amador
Lori Parlin	El Dorado
John Viegas	Glenn
Carre Brown	Mendocino
Jim Holmes	Placer
Kevin Goss	Plumas
Mat Conant	Sutter
Lynda Hopkins	Sonoma

Others in Attendance

Supervisor Rick Pucci, Inyo County
Supervisor Jeff Griffiths, Inyo County
Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County
Supervisor Ted Williams, Mendocino County
Supervisor John Peters, Mono County
Supervisor Lloyd Pareira, Merced County
Supervisor Bobbi Chadwick, Trinity County
Randy Hanvelt
Gloria Hanvelt

Staff in Attendance

Greg Norton, President and CEO
Craig Ferguson, Vice President
Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer
Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs
Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs
Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate
Arthur Wylene, General Counsel
Santinia Pasquini, External Affairs Coordinator

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2019

Chair, Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, called for approval of the minutes from the March 13, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Abstaining: Supervisor E.J. Crandell, Lake County; Supervisor Anthony Botelho, San Benito County; Jim Provenza, Yolo County; Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County; Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County

RCRC Chair's Report

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, welcomed fellow supervisors to Death Valley for the May 2019 County of the Chair RCRC Board of Directors meeting. Supervisor Kingsley also thanked staff for producing the events surrounding the gathering in Death Valley.

Member County Concerns and Issues

Supervisor Michael Kelly, Imperial County, shared that Imperial County was the victim of a hacking of its computer system. This resulted in a near four-week shutdown of its information technology system.

Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, expressed concerns on behalf of Napa County involving cyber security, and expressed a desire for RCRC to become engaged in this issue to help its member counties address the costs to protect counties from future hacking threats.

Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, expressed gratitude to RCRC staff in assistance with Assembly Bill 128 (Gloria) which deals with wild horses – a problem in the Modoc National Forest.

Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, expressed support for changes to the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) process within the Secure Rural Schools program. Supervisor Griffith was glad to see that the minimum number of RAC members was lowered from 15 to 9.

Supervisor Griffith also expressed that there has been a notable positive change within the Forest Mortality Task Force now that former Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery of Placer County now is now the Director of the Forest Management Task Force.

Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County, expressed his gratitude to RCRC staff for assisting with a visit to Sacramento attended by several young adult residents from Lassen County in conjunction with Ag Day.

Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County, shared his concerns regarding the loss of elderly residents of Butte County during the Camp Fire. This has prompted Yolo County to construct a plan to ensure that the county knows where seniors are during natural disasters.

Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County, shared his concern about counting displaced persons during the U.S. Census count.

Public Comments

Randy Hanvelt of Tuolumne County shared with the RCRC Board of Directors his concern with the long-term funding status of the University of California Extension Program.

President's Report

Greg Norton, President & CEO, thanked Inyo County staff for hosting RCRC and expressed that the event was a success.

Mr. Norton also explained to the RCRC Board of Directors that most of his comments pertain to the discussion in the Golden State Finance Authority, and that those remarks would be articulated during that time.

Mr. Norton provided a brief update on recent county visits by RCRC staff.

Guest Speaker

Mike Reynolds, Superintendent of Death Valley National Park, addressed the RCRC Board of Directors and welcomed RCRC to Death Valley. In his presentation, Superintendent Reynolds spoke of the benefits of the healthy working relationship between Inyo County and Death Valley National Park. Superintendent Reynolds also addressed questions from attending members of the RCRC Board of Directors.

Designate Two Members of the RCRC Board to Serve on the Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. Board of Directors

Greg Norton presented on the recommendation of designating two members from the RCRC Board of Directors to serve on the newly-created Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. (GSNR) Board of Directors.

Staff Recommendation

Due to the creation of GSNR as approved by the GSFA Board, RCRC staff recommended that the RCRC Board of Directors designate two members to serve on the GSNR Board of Directors for a one-year term.

Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, motioned to adopt a “Support” position on designating two members of the RCRC Board of Directors to serve on the Golden State Natural Resources Board of Directors. Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

In light of the passage of the motion, Supervisor Kingsley appointed himself and Supervisor Stacy Corless of Mono County to GSNR Board of Directors.

Assembly Bill 1049 (Grayson) – On-Call Volunteer Fire Departments

Paul A. Smith presented Assembly Bill 1049 to the RCRC Board of Directors and indicated that this bill would provide a sales tax exemption for equipment that is purchased for exclusive use by an on-call volunteer fire department. It was noted that the enactment of AB 1049 would erode, albeit in a de minimus manner, the sales tax base of a county; however, given that many rural volunteer firefighting department continue to financially struggle to provide services, AB 1049 could provide some relief.

Staff Recommendation

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Board of Directors adopt a “Support” position for AB 1049.

Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County, motioned to approve a support position for AB 1049. Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

Senate Bill 45 (Allen) – Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond of 2020

Paul A. Smith presented SB 45 to the RCRC Board of Directors and indicated that this bill would authorize, upon the approval of the state’s voters, the issuance of \$4.3 billion in general obligation bonds to finance a variety of natural resource investments. During the deliberations, Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, requested that the bill be amended to address his concerns regarding which entities could receive funding.

Staff Recommendation

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Board of Directors adopt a “Support” position for SB 45.

Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County, motioned to approve a support position for SB 45. Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, seconded the motion.

Motion passed with the following Supervisors voting “No”: Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County; Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County; Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County; Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County.

Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (Aguiar-Curry) – Affordable Housing

Paul A. Smith presented ACA 1 to the RCRC Board of Directors and indicated that this legislative measure would, upon approval by the state’s voters, lower the vote threshold to 55 percent for approval of local bonded-indebtedness and specially-dedicated taxes imposed for a variety of local capital projects (affordable housing, water, broadband, etc.) Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County, spoke passionately in support of the measure.

Staff Recommendation

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Board of Directors adopt a “Support” position for ACA 1.

Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County, motioned to approve a support position for ACA 1. Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, seconded the motion. Motion passed by the following roll call vote taken:

“Aye”: Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County, Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, Supervisor Michael Kelly, Imperial County, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County; Supervisor E.J. Crandell, Lake

County; Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County; Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County; Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County; Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County; Supervisor Anthony Botelho, San Benito County; Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County; Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County; Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County; Supervisor Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County; Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County; Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County

“No”: Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County; Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County; Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County; Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County; Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County; Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County; Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County; Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County; Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County; Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County; Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County.

Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County, abstained.

Senate Constitutional Amendment 1 (Allen) – Public Housing Projects

Paul A. Smith presented SCA 1 to the RCRC Board of Directors and indicated that this legislative measure would repeal Article 34 of the California State Constitution which voters added in 1950 to prohibit “low-rent housing projects” from being developed, constructed, or acquired by any local jurisdiction unless it has been approved by a majority of the voters in that local jurisdiction.

Staff Recommendation

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Board of Directors adopt a “Support” position for SCA 1.

Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, motioned to approve a support position for SCA 1. Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

California Public Utilities Commission Wildfire Proceedings Update

Ms. Staci Heaton provided an update on the status of the two CPUC wildfire proceedings that RCRC holds party status in as approved at the March RCRC Board of Directors meeting. RCRC filed comments on the de-energization proceeding while awaiting a Phase II ruling, and staff was preparing comments on IOU wildfire mitigation plans.

Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Staci Heaton provided an update on the Administration's recent implementation of projects related to the Governor's January emergency proclamations, activities at the Forest Management Task Force (FMTF) and recent wildfire events. Ms. Heaton also highlighted several efforts that are underway in the Legislature and various state and federal agencies to address California's persistent wildfire events, including: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Community Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation Report which includes immediate recommendations and long-term goals to prevent and

mitigate wildfires; the Governor's Strike Team report addressing forest health and utility wildfire mitigation actions, update on the FMTF's progress and recent appointment of Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery of Placer County to serve as the Director for FMTF; the progress of discussion regarding fire insurance; and, recent legislative hearings regarding impacts of wildfire on communities.

State Legislation

Paul A. Smith presented to the RCRC Board of Directors an update on Assembly Bill 1356 (Ting) which requires any city/county to allow a minimum number of cannabis retail facilities if the jurisdiction voted to support Proposition 64. RCRC has conveyed its strong opposition to the measure since it is a direct attack on counties' ability to adequately permit retail cannabis facilities.

Adjournment

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, adjourned the RCRC Board of Directors Meeting at 11:25 a.m.