

**Rural County Representatives of California
Special Executive Committee Meeting**

**1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, the January 13, 2021 RCRC Special Executive Committee meeting was held virtually.

January 13, 2021 – 12:45 p.m.

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County
Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County
Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County
Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County
Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County (*Ex-Officio*)

Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County
Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County
Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County
Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County
Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County

Minutes

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, called the RCRC Executive Committee to order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present were as follows:

<u>Supervisors in Attendance</u>	<u>County</u>
Stacy Corless	Mono
Dan Miller	Nevada
Doug Teeter	Butte
Daron McDaniel	Merced
Lee Adams	Sierra
Denise Carter	Colusa
Jack Garamendi	Calaveras
Michael Kelley	Imperial
Bob Williams	Tehama (Ex-Officio)

Absent Members

Gerry Hemmingsen Del Norte

Staff in Attendance

Greg Norton, President and CEO
Arthur Wylene, General Counsel
Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs
Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator/Clerk of the Board
John Kennedy, Legislative Advocate

Others in Attendance

Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County

Review and Approval of January 4, 2021 Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

(Board Members absent from the meeting will be recorded as abstained unless the Board Member indicates otherwise)

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, motioned to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 RCRC Special Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye,” except as follows:

Abstaining: Imperial County

Public Comment

Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, expressed strong support for RCRC’s involvement on behalf of Inyo County in *City of Los Angeles v. County of Inyo, et al.*

Closed Session: Initiation of Litigation

- a. *Sierra Forest Legacy, et al. v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, et al.*, United States District Court, Northern District of California Case No. 5:20-cv-05800 - RCRC Participations as Intervenor.
- b. *City of Los Angeles v. County of Inyo, et al.*, California Court of Appeal, Fifth District, Case No. F081389 - RCRC Participation as Amicus Curiae.

The RCRC Executive Committee convened a closed session at 1:17 p.m. per Section 54957 and Section 54957.6 of the Government Code.

The RCRC Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 1:42 p.m.

Report of any Actions taken under Item VII. pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the Government Code

Arthur Wylene, General Counsel, reported the following:

The RCRC Executive Committee in closed session authorized RCRC to participate in a coalition that is seeking to intervene in *Sierra Forest Legacy, et al. v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, et al.*, United States District Court, Northern District of California Case No. 5:20-cv-05800. The substance of the litigation matter concerns a challenge the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s determination that listing of the California spotted owl under the Endangered Species Act is not warranted.

The vote was as follows:

“Aye”: Mono County; Nevada County; Butte County; Merced County; Sierra County; Colusa County; Calaveras County; Imperial County

“No”: None

Abstaining: None

Not Voting: None

The RCRC Executive Committee in closed session authorized the General Counsel to represent RCRC as amicus curiae in *City of Los Angeles v. County of Inyo, et al.*, California Court of Appeal, Fifth District, Case No. F081389. The substance of the litigation matter concerns a California Environmental Quality Act challenge to Inyo County's initiation of eminent domain proceedings to acquire three properties owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The vote was as follows:

“Aye”: Mono County; Nevada County; Butte County; Merced County; Sierra County; Colusa County; Calaveras County; Imperial County

“No”: None

Abstaining: None

Not Voting: None

Adjournment

Chair, Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Special Executive Committee at 1:44 p.m.