

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.  
Capitol Event Center  
1020 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Self Introductions**

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present:

<b><u>Supervisor</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>
David Griffith	Alpine
Brian Oneto	Amador
Jack Garamendi	Calaveras
Denise Carter	Colusa
Gerry Hemmingsen	Del Norte
Lori Parlin	El Dorado
John Viegas	Glenn
Rex Bohn	Humboldt
Michael Kelley	Imperial
Matt Kingsley	Inyo
Aaron Albaugh	Lassen
David Rogers	Madera
Kevin Cann	Mariposa
Carre Brown	Mendocino
Daron McDaniel	Merced
Geri Byrne	Modoc
Stacy Corless	Mono
Diane Dillon	Napa
Dan Miller	Nevada
Jim Holmes	Placer
Kevin Goss	Plumas
John Peschong	San Luis Obispo
Les Baugh	Shasta
Lee Adams	Sierra
Michael Kobseff	Siskiyou
James Gore	Sonoma
Mat Conant	Sutter
Bob Williams	Tehama
Jeremy Brown	Trinity
Kuyler Crocker	Tulare
Sherri Brennan	Tuolumne
Randy Fletcher	Yuba

**Absent**

Doug Teeter	Butte
Eddie Crandell	Lake
Anthony Botelho	San Benito
Gary Sandy	Yolo

**Others in Attendance**

Supervisor Frank Axe, Amador County  
Supervisor Terry Woodrow, Amador County  
Supervisor Jesus Escobar, Imperial County  
Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County  
Supervisor Kathie Rhoads, Modoc County  
Supervisor Bobbi Chadwick, Trinity County  
Jim Brown, Merced County  
Connie Stewart, California Center for Rural Policy  
Sheryl Cohen, American Continental Group  
Ed Horton, Placer County Water Agency  
Ajay Goyal, PE, SE, California Department of Water Resources  
Rick Brush, CSAC EIA  
Jolena Voorhis, Urban Counties of California  
Robert Bendorf Jr., Ygrene Energy Fund  
Crystal Crawford, Ygrene Energy Fund  
Connie Conway  
Mary Pitto  
John Kennedy  
Leigh Kammerich

**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  
Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate  
Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate  
Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate  
Arthur Wylene, General Counsel  
Barbara Hayes, Chief Economic Development Officer  
Michael Likosky, Director of Infrastructure  
Maggie Chui, Governmental Affairs Coordinator  
Santinia Pasquini, External Affairs Coordinator  
Sarah Bolnik, Economic Development Specialist  
Milena De Melo, Controller  
Layne Frederickson, IT Director

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Immediate Past Chair, Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, asked for a moment of silence to honor the fallen Davis Police Officer, Natalie Corona.

### **Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2018**

Chair, Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, called for approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.

**Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, motioned to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, seconded the motion. Motion passes.**

**Abstaining: Supervisor Jim Holmes, Placer County; Supervisor Kevin Goss, Plumas County**

### **RCRC Outgoing Chair Remarks**

Immediate Past Chair, Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, thanked fellow supervisors and RCRC staff for placing their trust in him to represent RCRC in 2018. Supervisor Bohn provided a summary of accomplishments and achievements during his tenure as Chair of the RCRC Board of Directors.

### **RCRC Incoming Chair Remarks**

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, welcomed fellow Supervisors to the January Board of Directors Meeting. Supervisor Kingsley provided a brief overview of goals for 2019, and his hope to serve as a good representative for rural California.

Supervisor Kingsley allowed Supervisor and RCRC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Daron McDaniel, Merced County, and Supervisor and RCRC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Stacy Corless, Mono County, a moment to speak regarding their recent election as 2019 officers for RCRC.

### **Member County Concerns and Issues**

Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, spoke about Napa County's interest in legislation that Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa) is crafting that would allow cities and counties to enter into agreements as it relates to entitlement permits and certificates of occupancy under housing element requirements.

Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County, shared that Shasta County was inadvertently left out of the 2019-20 proposed State Budget's waiver for local share of debris removal costs. Supervisor Baugh also shared that the 2019-20 proposed State Budget included tax gap financing.

Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County, voiced his concern regarding the California Prison Industries Authority's recent decision to deny local businesses the waiver to supply milk and eggs to Lassen County's prisons. This would have an adverse impact to Lassen County's milk and egg producers.

Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, shared that the Alpine County Sheriff is working with the California State Sheriffs' Association on crafting legislation that would allow Utility Task Vehicles to be licensed for use on streets and roads.

Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County, requested that the RCRC Executive Committee have discussions on changing the RCRC Board of Directors Sacramento meetings to occur on Thursdays.

Supervisor Kelley also introduced newly-elected Imperial County Supervisor Jesus Escobar (RCRC Alternate) to fellow Supervisors.

Supervisor Brian Oneto, Amador County, voiced his concern about the need of equipment and people on-the-ground to deal with tree removal in high-risk wildfire areas. Supervisor Oneto also shared his concern about homeowners' insurance affordability due to cancelations and non-renewals.

Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County, noted that this is the year to push for wildfire and emergency management hearings and other issues with Governor Gavin Newsom's Administration. Supervisor Gore also offered his assistance to RCRC.

Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County, shared his interest for an ad hoc committee on insurance.

Supervisor Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County, spoke about funding for Tuolumne County's tree mortality program and State Responsibility Area vegetation management.

Supervisor Brennan also voiced her concern regarding the federal government shutdown and the impact it has had on Tuolumne County's workforce.

Supervisor Bobbi Chadwick, Trinity County, introduced newly-elected Trinity County Supervisor Jeremy Brown (RCRC Delegate) to fellow supervisors.

In response to Supervisor Oneto's comment regarding homeowners' insurance cancelations and non-renewals, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, noted that these insurance issues also have an impact on the creation of new housing structures.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **President's Report**

Greg Norton, President & CEO, welcomed new RCRC Board Members to the RCRC Board of Directors. Mr. Norton thanked Supervisor Rex Bohn for serving as the 2018 Chair, and provided a summary of accomplishments, including: the creation of the Cannabis Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee; Sonoma County and San Luis Obispo County joining RCRC; the increased amount of ballot measures considered by the RCRC Board of Directors; and, many productive advocacy trips. Mr. Norton and Paul A. Smith, Vice

President Governmental Affairs, presented Supervisor Bohn with a gift as a token of appreciation.

Mr. Norton introduced four new RCRC employees: Milena De Melo, Controller; John Kennedy, Legislative Advocate; Leigh Kammerich, Regulatory Affairs Specialist; and, Michael Likosky, Director of Infrastructure. Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, will become the Program Manager for the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA).

Mr. Norton allowed Mr. Smith the opportunity to present Jolena Voorhis, Executive Director, Urban Counties of California (UCC), a gift in honor of her work and dedication to California's counties as she departs from UCC to pursue other endeavors.

Mr. Norton provided an update on recent county visits by RCRC staff. Counties visited in recent weeks included Butte, Merced, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Tuolumne, Yolo, and others. RCRC staff have also participated in other activities, including Arthur Wylene, General Counsel, being invited to assist in candidate interviews for Glenn County's County Counsel position, and RCRC staff's attendance at various economic development meetings.

Mr. Norton noted that the California State University at Chico's Center for Economic Development has finalized RCRC member counties' economic profiles and demographics reports, which will be made available soon on the RCRC website.

### **WIR Report**

Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, and the National Association of Counties' Western Interstate Region (WIR) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, provided an overview of WIR's lobbying efforts, and distributed a handout on priorities and efforts to lobby for public lands issues on behalf of 15 western states.

In May 2019, Supervisor Cann will be ascended from serving as WIR's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President to President. As such, Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, selected Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, to serve as RCRC's designee to serve as the WIR representative.

### **RCRC Resolution 19-01: RCRC Board Travel Policy**

Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the proposed revisions to Resolution 19-01, Travel Expense Policy for RCRC Delegates and Alternates.

Based on discussion from RCRC Board Members as it relates to toll charges under section VII. Expense Documentation, Ms. McCargar agreed to amend the toll charges in excess of \$6.00 to \$7.00 for reimbursement.

### **Recommendation**

It was recommended that the RCRC Board of Directors review and approve the proposed Board Travel Expense Policy, Resolution 19-01, as amended.

**Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, motioned to approve the RCRC Resolution 19-01: RCRC Board Travel Policy, as amended. Supervisor Jim Holmes, Placer County, seconded the motion. Motion passes with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”**

#### **RCRC Resolution 19-02: Board of Directors Code of Conduct**

Paul A. Smith provided an overview of the proposed revisions to Resolution 19-02, RCRC Board Code of Conduct. Mr. Smith explained that the Code of Conduct is approved annually at the first RCRC Board of Directors meeting of the year.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommended that the RCRC Board of Directors review and approve RCRC Resolution 19-02: Board of Directors Code of Conduct.

**Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County, motioned to approve the RCRC Resolution 19-02: RCRC Board Travel Policy. Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, seconded the motion. Motion passes with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”**

#### **RCRC 2019 Investment Policy Renewal**

Lisa McCargar provided a brief overview of the 2019 Investment Policy Renewal. The 2019 Investment Policy Renewal has been reviewed by the Investment Committee, which consists of the RCRC President, Chief Financial Officer, and Vice President, and presented to the RCRC Board of Directors for annual review. Ms. McCargar noted that the Investment Committee does not have any suggested revisions for 2019 other than applicable dates and update to RCRC Staff titles. The Investment Policy was last revised and approved on December 6, 2017.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

It is recommended that the RCRC Board of Directors review and approve the attached draft RCRC 2019 Investment Policy for adoption.

**Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County, motioned to approve the RCRC 2019 Investment Policy Renewal. Supervisor Brian Oneto, Amador County, seconded the motion. Motion passes with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”**

#### **Services of Mary Pitto as a Retired Annuitant**

Paul A. Smith presented on the issue to have Mary Pitto provide services to RCRC and the Rural Counties' ESJPA as a retired annuitant. Ms. Pitto retired from her position as Regulatory Affairs Advocate at the end of 2018.

Mr. Smith noted that while existing law allows individuals who have retired with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to continue providing services as a “retired annuitant,” there are limitations and requirements a CalPERS employer must adhere to. As such, Mr. Smith outlined RCRC Resolution 19-03, which

would approve an exception to the 180-day wait period for employing “retired annuitant” Ms. Pitto. Resolution 19-03 would allow Ms. Pitto to provide services commencing on January 16, 2019, and allow for the waiver of the six-month sit-out.

Mr. Smith presented Ms. Pitto with a photobook gift as a memento from RCRC staff.

### **Recommendation**

It was recommended that RCRC offer Ms. Pitto an agreement to provide services of at least two months commencing on January 16, 2019, the day of the RCRC Board of Directors approving the findings and declarations to allow for the waiver of the six-month sit-out.

In this agreement, Ms. Pitto would dedicate up to 20 hours per week to monitoring and addressing key regulatory proposals regarding, but not limited to, solid waste, land-use planning, and the Community Development Block Grant Program review process. Ms. Pitto would advise the Vice President Governmental Affairs on developments on these issues. In addition, Ms. Pitto would assist both the Legislative Advocate and the Regulatory Affairs Specialist in getting up-to-speed on issues affecting their respective portfolios.

Ms. Pitto would be asked to come to RCRC’s offices in Sacramento on a limited basis. The agreement could be extended if both RCRC and Ms. Pitto believe is necessary.

**Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, motioned to approve the Services of Mary Pitto as a Retired Annuitant. Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, seconded the motion. Motion passes with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”**

### **Guest Speaker**

Ajay Goyal, PE, SE, Manager of the Statewide Infrastructure Investigations Branch, California Department of Water Resources, provided an overview of the Floor-Managed Aquifer Recharge.

Following Mr. Goyal’s presentation, supervisors and Mr. Goyal engaged in a question and answer period.

### **Executive Committee Vacancies**

Greg Norton addressed the RCRC Board of the Directors about the two recent vacancies on the RCRC Executive Committee (EC) due to Supervisor Daron McDaniel being selected to serve as the 2019 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and Supervisor Stacy Corless being selected to serve as the 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Mr. Norton addressed the need to fill the second year of the two-year EC positions for Region 4 and Region 5, and noted that these selections will be serving the balance of the two-year term.

Mr. Norton noted that RCRC Board Members from the counties of El Dorado and Tuolumne are ineligible to serve as a member of the RCRC EC as they have not yet fulfilled the requirement of at least one year of service on the RCRC Board of Directors. RCRC Board Members from Region 4 and Region 5 convened to caucus and selected a representative to serve on the 2019 RCRC EC. Following this time, the RCRC Board of Directors reconvened and Region 4 and Region 5 reported the following selections for the 2019 EC:

Region 4: Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County  
Region 5: Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County

### **Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Cannabis Regulation Enforcement**

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, and Paul A. Smith provided a report of findings from the RCRC Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Cannabis Enforcement (Committee). The Committee requested that the RCRC Board of Directors adopt and approve the following recommendations:

- 1) Communicate the following list of local best practices to member counties for their consideration:
  - “Carrot-and-stick” enforcement policies that differentiate between those operators who demonstrate willingness and ability to comply with local ordinances and state law, and those who do not.
  - Provide operators who do demonstrate willingness to comply with state and local laws/regulations and standards with modest penalties to encourage a pathway to licensure and compliance.
  - Impose substantial civil or administrative penalties upon operators who do not demonstrate willingness to comply, in amounts sufficient to remove the financial incentives for non-compliance.
  - Develop and maintain relationships with the local offices of those state agencies responsible for regulating cannabis operators (e.g., *California Department of Fish and Wildlife* and *Regional Water Quality Control Board*), to ensure consistent communications and facilitate compliance by willing operators.
  - Establish regional cooperation between neighboring counties and cities to promote consistent and effective compliance and avoid jurisdiction-shopping.
  - Build enforcement costs into the county’s commercial cannabis permit fees, and ensure that these amounts are sufficient for effective enforcement.
  
- 2) Instruct RCRC’s advocacy team to pursue the following state legislative priorities:
  - Support legislative proposals to increase state agency enforcement resources and capacity specifically dedicated to cannabis, similar to Governor Brown’s 2018 budget proposal.
  - Support proposals to provide grant funding to local agencies for cannabis enforcement, including funding from the General Fund and other sources



available to counties that do not permit commercial cannabis activities or outdoor cannabis cultivation.

- Support legislation to increase the legal tools available to counties to enforce cannabis ordinances, including administrative penalties, liens, and abatement remedies, and oppose any proposals to remove existing enforcement tools or render them less effective.

### **Committee Recommendation**

The Committee requested that the RCRC Board of Directors adopt and approve the outlined recommendations for the RCRC Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Cannabis Enforcement.

**Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, motioned to approve the Committee's recommendation. Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, seconded the motion. Motion passes with all Supervisors present voting "Aye."**

### **Adoption of RCRC's 2019 Policy Principles**

Paul A. Smith provided an overview of the proposed RCRC 2019 Policy Principles, and explained that the December 2018 RCRC Board Packet contained the draft RCRC 2019 Policy Principles.

RCRC staff received recommended changes from a handful of RCRC member counties. The edits and amendments recommended by RCRC member counties and staff was presented in the January 2019 RCRC Board Packet.

### **Staff Recommendation**

RCRC staff recommended that the RCRC Board of Directors approve the draft 2019 Policy Principles as proposed, including the amendments and edits proposed by RCRC member counties and staff.

**Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, motioned to approve the Adoption of RCRC's 2019 Policy Principles. Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County, seconded the motion. Motion passes with all Supervisors present voting "Aye."**

### **Overview of the State Budget/State Legislative Crystal Ball**

Paul A. Smith provided an overview of the Governor's 2019-20 proposed State Budget, which was released on January 10, 2019, and a brief look into key issues RCRC staff will be working on during the 2019 State Legislative Session.

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate, spoke about the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the reboot of last year's Senate Bill 623 (Monning). Ms. Warmerdam shared it appears that water issues were not of top priority in the 2019-20 proposed Budget as the "twin tunnels" project was not mentioned. Ms. Warmerdam indicated this project may be discussed in the Governor's May Revise.

Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate, spoke about the In-Home Supportive Services, housing and housing production, homelessness, redevelopment agencies, and land-use restrictions/fire.

Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, spoke on Senate Bill 901 (Dodd) implementation and other forestry-related issues. Ms. Heaton noted that the 2019-20 proposed Budget included several allocations and creates new programs in response to the ongoing wildfire crisis. As it relates to property tax backfill, Ms. Heaton will be drafting a letter to the California Department of Finance to request additional property tax backfill for Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma Counties due to the 2017 Northern California wildfires and the Mendocino Complex Fire.

### **Forest Management and Wildfire Update**

Staci Heaton and Mary-Ann Warmerdam provided an update on the Forest Management Task Force and recent wildfire events. Ms. Heaton also reported on Governor Newsom's Wildfire Prevention and Emergency Response Plan, and the California Public Utilities Commission's Investor-Owned Utilities De-Energization Rulemaking.

Ms. Heaton shared that Wade Crowfoot was recently appointed to serve as Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency. Ms. Heaton also shared that Thom Porter was recently appointed to serve as the Chief of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The RCRC Board of Directors discussed recent wildfire events as they pertain to RCRC member counties. RCRC will continue to update the RCRC Board of Directors on the state's activities on forest health and wildfire prevention.

### **Guest Speaker**

Rick Brush, Chief Member Services Officer, CSAC EIA, provided a brief overview of the Crisis Incident Management Program to the RCRC Board of Directors.

Following Mr. Brush's presentation, supervisors and Mr. Brush engaged in a question and answer period.

### **The Forest Management for Rural Stability Act**

Paul A. Smith provided an analysis of the Forest Management for Rural Stability Act (Act), authored by Senator Ron Wyden (D-Oregon), Senator Larry Crapo (R-Idaho), Senator Jeff Merkley (D-Oregon), and Senator James Risch (R-Idaho), relating to the Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) program.

While SRS initially expired in 2006, it has been reauthorized multiple times but not without funding reductions. In March 2018, Congress enacted a 2018 federal spending bill which contained a reauthorization of SRS payments for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018. Though, the unpredictable funding of SRS payments continues to be a problem for California's forested counties. The Act would create an endowment to permanently fund the SRS program. Mr. Smith noted that the Act would abolish Title II in the SRS program.

Over the past year, RCRC leadership and staff have met with key Congressional members and staff on the importance of the SRS program. The reauthorization and funding of the SRS program has, and will continue to be, a high priority for RCRC. As such, RCRC staff recommended adopting a “Support” position on the Act.

### **Staff Recommendation**

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Board of Directors adopt a “Support” position for the Forest Management for Rural Stability Act (or its successor) as a way to gain a permanent, stable revenue stream for California’s forested counties.

**Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County, motioned to approve the Forest Management for Rural Stability Act. Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, seconded the motion. Motion passes with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”**

### **Federal Issues Update**

Sheryl Cohen, Partner, American Continental Group (ACG), provided a brief update on a number of issues at the federal level, including the federal government shutdown. Ms. Cohen provided an overview on a number of issues both currently being addressed, and expected to be addressed at the federal level that are of importance to RCRC member counties, including: 2018 Farm Bill, forestry and wildfire funding, rural infrastructure, water, rural broadband, Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes, Secure Rural Schools Program, and Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Ms. Cohen also shared that RCRC staff and ACG are also working on Native American and cannabis banking related issues.

RCRC staff will continue to pursue a robust federal affairs program to address RCRC’s federal priorities. Furthermore, senior members of the RCRC Board of Directors will be traveling to Washington D.C. in February to spend several days on Capitol Hill to advocate on the federal priorities.

### **State Legislation**

Paul A. Smith provided a brief overview, and shared that the California Legislature recently reconvened for the 2019 Legislative Session. As such, a number of bills have been introduced, and will continue to be introduced in the coming weeks. RCRC staff will review each bill to assess its impact on RCRC member counties.

Mr. Smith requested that supervisors anticipate that during the March RCRC Board of Directors Meeting a number of legislative items will require further review after the bill introduction deadline in late-February.

### **Waters of the United States**

Staci Heaton provided an overview of the regulatory actions as it relates to the Waters of the United States (WOTUS). Ms. Heaton stated that the Trump Administration has begun redrafting the WOTUS rule, while the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has released a final draft of its Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Materials to

Waters of the State (Procedures) regulations that incorporate some of the restrictions of the 2015 federal rule altering the definition of what constitutes a “water of the United States.”

Ms. Heaton encouraged supervisors to review the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ pre-publication version of the redrafted WOTUS. Ms. Heaton noted that the federal government shutdown has impacted the rulemaking on the redrafted WOTUS rule, and so it is not yet available for public comments.

Ms. Heaton also shared that the SWRCB’s Procedures has not been without issues. RCRC has been opposed to the implementation of the Procedures, and continues to work with a broad coalition of stakeholders to address the problems with the final draft. RCRC staff will continue to update the RCRC Board of Directors on the progress of both regulatory proposals.

### **Other Regulatory Committee Issues**

Mary-Ann Warmerdam shared that Felicia Marcus, Chair of SWRCB’s term has expired, and it is unclear if Governor Newsom will reappoint Ms. Marcus to another term.

Staci Heaton spoke briefly about the implementation of the Senate Bill 1383 (Lara) short-lived climate pollutant reduction requirements.

### **Water Issues Update**

Mary-Ann Warmerdam provided a brief update on issues involving California water policy at the state and federal levels, including the Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Siskiyou County Groundwater Litigation, and California WaterFix.

As it relates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan, Ms. Warmerdam noted that SWRCB recently adopted amendments is not self-implementing and still would require SWRCB adoption.

Ms. Warmerdam shared that Governor Gavin Newsom has named the new California Environmental Protection Agency’s Secretary as Jared Blumenfeld.

Ms. Warmerdam conveyed that it has been relatively quiet in the water arena, and requested supervisors to stay tune for future developments. RCRC staff will continue to engage on these issues as necessary to ensure the policy concerns of RCRC member counties are addressed.

### **Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, adjourned the RCRC Board of Directors Meeting at 2:03 p.m.