

# Rural County Representatives of California Executive Committee Meeting

1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814

October 14, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

## Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County  
Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County  
Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County  
Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County  
Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa 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 Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County

## Minutes

### **Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, called the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present were as follows:

<b><u>Supervisors in Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>
Daron McDaniel	Merced
Stacy Corless	Mono
Dan Miller	Nevada
Matt Kingsley	Inyo
Gerry Hemmingsen	Del Norte
Lee Adams	Sierra
Denise Carter	Colusa
Jack Garamendi	Calaveras
Kuyler Crocker	Tulare
Kevin Cann	Mariposa (Ex-Officio)

### **Absent Members**

None

### **Staff in Attendance**

Greg Norton, President and CEO  
Craig Ferguson, Senior Vice President  
Lisa McCargar, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer  
Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs  
Barbara Hayes, Chief Economic Development Officer  
Arthur Wylene, General Counsel  
Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator/Clerk of the Board  
Milena De Melo, Controller

Staci Heaton, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advocate  
Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate  
Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate  
Terrance Rodgers, Economic Development Officer  
Sarah Bolnik, Economic Development Specialist  
Liz Jensen, Assistant Controller

**Others in Attendance**

Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County  
Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, Search Committee Member  
Trevor Hooper, Russell Reynolds Associates  
Stephanie Tomasso, Russell Reynolds Associates  
Annie Pope, Russell Reynolds Associates

**Approval of Minutes of the September 16, 2020 Meeting**

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

**Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, motioned to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye,” except as follows:**

**Absent: Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County**

**Public Comment**

None

**Discussion and possible direction regarding the recruitment for RCRC President**

Trevor Hooper and Stephanie Tomasso from Russell Reynolds Associates (RRA), the executive search firm selected to conduct the RCRC President recruitment, presented the draft President and Chief Executive Officer Position Specification document. RRA and the RCRC Executive Committee engaged in a discussion regarding needed revisions to the document, including emphasis needed on other RCRC-affiliated entities and responsibilities. However, citing a short timeline, some members of the RCRC Executive Committee were in favor of the broad approach. Mr. Hooper and Ms. Tomasso anticipates revising the document and finalizing the document next week.

**Closed Session: Personnel/Employee Appointment or Employment**

**Title: RCRC President**

The RCRC Executive Committee convened a closed session at 10:25 a.m. per Section 54957 of the Government Code.

The RCRC Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 11:17 a.m.

## **Report any Action Taken Under Item VI. pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the Government Code**

Arthur Wylene, General Counsel, stated that no reportable action had been taken in closed session.

### **Comprehensive Fire Prevention and Response Proposal**

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, and Staci Heaton, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advocate, outlined the draft comprehensive fire prevention and response proposal, which attempts to address wildfire prevention and relief. The draft proposal includes: presenting a resources bond; redirecting all Cap-and-Trade auction revenues from High Speed Rail to Senate Bill 901 projects; establishing a statewide water surcharge to fund watershed restoration; establishing an insurance surcharge; formulating forest management/environmental solutions/regulatory relief efforts; introducing various federal government solutions; presenting various home hardening and defensible space solutions; and, initiating various land use solutions.

The RCRC Executive Committee discussed the pros and cons of the outlined draft proposal, largely voicing their support while at the same time recognizing that not all the items are suitable for rural communities. Some of the RCRC Executive Committee members voiced their support with the redirection of funds from High Speed Rail to SB 901 projects. On the other hand, some RCRC Executive Committee members voiced their concern regarding the establishment of a water surcharge.

Mr. Smith emphasized that while some of the proposals outlined are difficult to support, it may be the only way to get the conversation started. Mr. Smith also acknowledged that the fire prevention and response solutions pertaining to the federal government are not as extensive due to “fire borrowing” implementation.

Following the discussion, Mr. Smith shared that RCRC staff will strengthen the draft proposal and present a more substantive document at the November RCRC Executive Committee meeting. At that meeting, the RCRC Executive Committee can expect a more robust discussion, as well as provide next step directions to RCRC staff.

### **Election of 2021 Officers Update**

Greg Norton, President and CEO, reminded the RCRC Executive Committee that the 2021 RCRC Officers will be elected at the December RCRC Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Norton shared that Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, has submitted his interest for the Second Vice Chair position. Mr. Norton will provide an update on those that have submitted their interest for the Second Vice Chair position at the November RCRC Executive Committee meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 3:27 p.m.