



## **Recommendation**

Staff recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee approve the proposed Resolution Authorizing Remote and Hybrid Teleconference Meetings of the RCRC Executive Committee Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, as well as approve the minutes from the October 13, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, motioned to approve RCRC Resolution TC001-21 and the minutes of the October 13, 2021 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye,” except as follows:**

**Not Voting: Del Norte County**

### **Guest Speaker – California Water Commission**

Laura Jensen, Assistant Executive Officer, California Water Commission (Commission), provided an overview on the state’s Water Resilience Portfolio – Action 3.6 regarding groundwater trading. The Commission is currently conducting local outreach and public workshops, and the draft white paper is expected to be released in January-March 2022.

The RCRC Executive Committee engaged in a brief discussion with Ms. Jensen whereby the RCRC Executive Committee questioned the state’s involvement in groundwater trading.

### **Guest Speaker – California State Association of Counties**

Graham Knaus, Executive Director, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), provided an overview of RCRC’s and CSAC’s partnership, and covered the topics of advocacy, member services, and business services. Mr. Knaus spoke on RCRC and CSAC’s partnership on broadband, labor conflict, and Brown Act reform. Mr. Knaus thanked RCRC Senior Legislative Advocate Tracy Rhine for her advocacy work on broadband on behalf of California’s counties. Mr. Knaus discussed the upcoming National Association of Counties’ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President campaign, as well as the Easy Smart Pay program, and the California Statewide Communities Development Authority’s Community Improvement Authority.

### **RCRC Strategic Plan Update**

Carolyn Jhajj, Communications Director, provided an update of the strategic plan process. Ms. Jhajj drew attention to baseline metrics for select objective topics and updated strategies under Healthy Communities and Operational Excellence.

Following the presentation, the RCRC Executive Committee engaged in a brief feedback session. The RCRC Board of Directors are slated to adopt the RCRC Strategic Plan at their December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Rural Leadership Awards**

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, reviewed the process for selecting recipients for the annual Rural Leadership Awards. Ms. Warmerdam along with the Governmental Affairs Department suggested that Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Commissioner Martha Guzman-Aceves receive the awards on January 12, 2022 for their work on broadband connectivity in rural California.

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, shared his concern regarding the proposed recipients, including the lack of a Republican representation.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommended the RCRC Executive Committee support the two proposed recipients. If approved, RCRC would finalize its selection of the two recipients, and inform the RCRC Board of Directors of the selection at the RCRC December Board of Directors meeting.

**Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, motioned to approve the selection of Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and Commissioner Martha Guzman-Aceves to receive the Rural Leadership Awards. Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye,” except as follows:**

**“No”: Merced County**

**Not Voting: Del Norte County**

### **RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet (September 30, 2021)**

Milena De Melo, Controller, presented the RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet of the Net Position as of September 30, 2021, compared to the audited Net Position as of December 31, 2019 and 2020.

### **RCRC Quarterly Investment Report (September 30, 2021)**

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Quarterly Investment Report which provided a summary of investment transactions from December 31, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

### **RCRC Quarterly Budget Report (September 30, 2021)**

Milena De Melo presented the Statement of Revenues and Expenses which provided a summary of budget to actual comparison for period ended September 30, 2021.

### **RCRC 2022 Proposed Budget**

Lisa McCargar reviewed the 2022 proposed budget for RCRC with the RCRC Executive Committee.

Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County, shared his concern regarding the significant budget increase. Supervisor Garamendi also inquired the possibility of

having the Golden State Natural Resources (GSRN) remit payment for services rendered. Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO, acknowledged that the RCRC Executive Committee can discuss the GSRN payment question at a future meeting.

### **Staff Recommendations**

Staff recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee approve the following staff recommendations and direct the RCRC President to make the same recommendations to the RCRC Board of Directors:

1. Approve the attached proposed 2022 RCRC Operating Budget.
2. Approve the RCRC contract service fees at the following amounts:
  - GSFA - \$5,246,400
  - NHF - \$2,608,800
  - ESJPA - \$273,600
  - GSRN - \$1,399,500
  - GSCA - \$183,900
3. Approve the RCRC Contract Performance Fee from GSFA based on projected GSFA housing and energy program net revenues generated in 2022 in the amount of \$1,898,370.
4. Approve receipt of excess revenues transferred from NHF, per the NHF Bylaws, in the amount of \$750,000, to be transferred in equal quarterly amounts of \$187,500 during 2022.
5. Approve the contributions to affiliated entities ESJPA and GSCA in the amounts of \$150,000 and \$203,900, respectively. These amounts must also be approved by the respective boards.
6. Approve the in-kind revenue and in-kind expense of \$1,399,500, which must also be approved by the GSRN board.
7. Approve the 2022 member county dues calculation at the levels approved by the Board on June 13, 2012.
8. Approve the attached proposed 2022 pay rate schedule.

**Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, motioned to approve the RCRC 2022 Proposed Budget, and recommendations listed above. Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye,” except as follows:**

**Not Voting: Del Norte County**

### **Approval and Acceptance of San Barbara County Membership and Direction Regarding Recommended Region Assignments**

Patrick Blacklock discussed the potential of Santa Barbara County becoming a member of RCRC. Mr. Blacklock reviewed the acceptance of Santa Barbara County as a member, the pro rata membership fee amount for the remainder of the year, as well as assignment to Region 5 for the purposes of RCRC Executive Committee representation.

The RCRC Executive Committee discussed at length the notion of approving, and subsequently forwarding to the RCRC Board of Directors a recommendation to approve Santa Barbara County as a member of RCRC.

### **Recommendations**

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee recommend that the RCRC Board of Directors approve the following:

1. Accept Santa Barbara County as an RCRC member county;
2. Set Santa Barbara County's annual membership dues at \$7,500 for 2021-2022 fiscal year; and,
3. Approve a proposed revision to the RCRC Bylaws to assign Santa Barbara County to Region 5.

**Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, motioned to approve the above-mentioned recommendations. Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye," except as follows:**

**"No": Merced County**

### **RCRC Participation in the California Employers Retirement Benefit Trust (CERBT)**

Lisa McCargar reviewed RCRC participation in the California Employers Retirement Benefit Trust. Ms. McCargar reminded the RCRC Executive Committee that the RCRC Board of Directors approved RCRC to set aside resources for possible participation in the Other Post-Employment Benefits funding program in 2018 which are held in RCRC's Local Agency Investment Fund.

### **Recommendations**

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee consider recommending approval of the following to the RCRC Board of Directors:

- a) California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust Program Agreement And Election To Prefund Other Post-Employment Benefits Through CalPERS.
- b) RCRC Resolution 21-\_\_x\_\_: Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements from CERBT.
- c) Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to submit and periodically revise the CERBT Valuation Packet documents, and take such other actions as may be reasonably required to implement participation in CERBT.
- d) Authorize RCRC to make a one-time contribution of up to \$500,000 into CERBT.

**Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, motioned to approve the recommendations listed above. Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye."**

**Election of 2022 Officers Update**

Patrick Blacklock reminded the RCRC Executive Committee that the 2022 RCRC Officers will be elected at the December RCRC Board of Directors meeting. Since the October RCRC Executive Committee meeting, Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County, has submitted his interest for the Second Vice Chair position. As such, the following Supervisors have submitted their interest for the Second Vice Chair position: Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County, and Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County, Supervisor Aaron Albaugh.

**Closed Session: Employee Negotiations/Conference with Labor Negotiator**

Due to time constraints, the above-listed agenda item will be deliberated at a Special RCRC Executive Committee meeting to be scheduled.

**Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 2:38 p.m.