

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Board Room
Sacramento, CA 95814
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November 13, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County
Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County
Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County
Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County
Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County (*Ex-Officio*)

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County
Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County
Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County
Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County
Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County

Minutes

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, called the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee to order at 10:22 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present were as follows:

<u>Supervisors in Attendance</u>	<u>County</u>
Matt Kingsley	Inyo
Daron McDaniel	Merced
Stacy Corless	Mono
Rex Bohn	Humboldt
Michael Kobseff	Siskiyou
Aaron Albaugh	Lassen
Diane Dillon	Napa
Jack Garamendi	Calaveras
Kuyler Crocker	Tulare
Kevin Cann	Mariposa (Ex-Officio)

Absent Members

None

Staff in Attendance

Greg Norton, President and CEO
Craig Ferguson, Vice President
Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer
Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs
Barbara Hayes, Chief Economic Development Officer
Terrance Rodgers, Economic Development Officer
Sarah Bolnik, Economic Development Specialist
Arthur Wylene, General Counsel
Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator

Milena De Melo, Controller
Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate
Staci Heaton, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advocate
John Kennedy, Legislative Advocate
Sanjay Lee, Financial Analyst

Others in Attendance

Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County

Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2019 Meeting

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

Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, motioned to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting as corrected. Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye,” except as follows:

Abstaining: Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County; Supervisor Kuyler Crocker; Tulare County

Public Comment

None.

Governmental Affairs Matter

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate, provided a brief update on recent activities. Ms. Warmerdam discussed a number of issues RCRC staff will work on in 2020, including wildfire, alcoholic beverage licenses in Mariposa County, interstate cannabis, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources funding, and efforts to upgrade fairgrounds.

Staci Heaton, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advocate, and John Kennedy, Legislative Advocate, provided an update on the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events. Recently, RCRC submitted a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regarding improvements needed during PSPS events. RCRC has also filed PSPS-related proceedings to CPUC. On the legislative front, RCRC submitted a letter to the Legislature on revisions to PSPS.

Rural Leadership Awards

Mary-Ann Warmerdam reviewed the process for selecting a recipient for the 2019 Rural Leadership Awards. RCRC staff suggested Assembly Member Jay Obernolte (R - San Bernardino) and Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D - Santa Barbara) to receive the awards at the RCRC 2020 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception.

Senator Jackson has been helpful to the State’s rural counties, particularly for her work on wildfire-related issues. Assembly Member Obernolte has been helpful particularly for

his work on California Environmental Quality Act-related issues. The RCRC Executive Committee was in support of the staff recommendations.

Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, motioned to approve the selection. Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet Report (September 30, 2019)

Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer, and Milena De Melo, Controller, presented the RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet Report which provided a balance sheet summary for 2017, 2018, and 2019 (as of September 30, 2019).

RCRC Quarterly Investment Report (September 30, 2019)

Lisa McCargar and Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Quarterly Investment Report which provided a summary of investment transactions from December 31, 2018 to September 30, 2019

RCRC Quarterly Budget Report (September 30, 2019)

Lisa McCargar and Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Quarterly Budget Report which provided a summary of budget to actual comparison for the nine months ended September 30, 2019.

External Affairs Update

Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs, shared that RCRC staff are considering locations in Monterey and Sonoma Counties for the 2021 RCRC Annual Meeting.

RCRC 2020 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception

Justin Caporusso provided an update on the upcoming RCRC 2020 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception which will take place on January 15, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. In an effort to have a more streamlined program, the official Oath of Office and outgoing Chair remarks will take place during the RCRC Board of Directors meeting.

Consideration of Revising the RCRC Bylaws to Reassign Mariposa County from Region 5 to Region 4

At the October RCRC Executive Committee meeting, Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, requested reassignment from Region 5 to Region 4. Greg Norton, President and CEO, addressed the RCRC Executive Committee on the reassignment request, which if such a reassignment is made, Region 5 would consist of 7 counties and Region 4 would consist of 8. The reassignment would attach Mariposa County to Sierra Mountains-oriented counties, which may be more appropriate with their political culture and policy focus.

Staff Recommendations

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee approve Mariposa County's request and forward such a recommendation for the RCRC Board of Directors to consider at the December 11th meeting. It was also recommended that consideration by the RCRC

Board of Directors of this request occur prior to elections for the RCRC Executive Committee which are slated during the December 11th meeting.

Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, motioned to approve the Revising of the RCRC Bylaws to Reassign Mariposa County from Region 5 to Region 4. Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

Consideration of New Membership Criteria

The RCRC Executive Committee continued their discussion from their October meeting. Greg Norton outlined the list of discussion items that the RCRC Executive Committee may wish to consider for non-incumbent counties that may be interested in becoming a member of RCRC. Mr. Norton encouraged the RCRC Executive Committee to explore other options that could impose conditions/restrictions on interested counties.

The RCRC Executive Committee discussed at length possible criteria for non-incumbent counties that may be interested in joining RCRC.

Recommendations

The RCRC Executive Committee recommended a number of conditions/restrictions for presentation to the RCRC Board of Directors for adoption at the December 11th meeting. The following:

1. Require all new county members seeking membership in RCRC to adopt a resolution seeking membership by a minimum 4-1 vote of the county board of supervisors;
2. New member counties include in their adoption resolution a commitment to the annually-adopted RCRC Policy Principles which focuses on rural county matters; and,
3. Limit future new members to counties with populations of less than 600,000 residents on the date of admission to RCRC. Populations growing in excess of 600,000 residents following admission to RCRC will not affect membership in RCRC.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the proposed recommendations. Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, seconded the motion. Motion passes with all Supervisors present voting “Aye,” except as follows:

Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County, voting “No.”

Give Back Proposal: Human Trafficking Prevention

Greg Norton provided an overview of the RCRC and the National Homebuyers Fund (NHF) give back proposal to prevent human trafficking. In 2016, RCRC and NHF provided funding to 3Strands Global’s PROTECT program, a human trafficking prevention and awareness education program through RCRC Member County public schools. Recently, 3Strands Global has submitted a request for additional funding to further their efforts. The

request calls for a total of \$194,148 over the three fiscal years of 2020-2021 through 2022-2023.

If the RCRC Executive Committee determines to continue support of the PROTECT program, and the RCRC Board of Directors approves, RCRC and NHF will each provide 50 percent of the annual request of \$32,358 beginning in 2020-2021. A separate request was made to the NHF Board.

The RCRC Executive Committee discussed the program's effectiveness in their respective counties. Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, shared what he had to do to implement the program in his county. Based on the discussions, RCRC staff will provide more tailored marketing for each counties to market in their respective counties.

Staff Recommendations

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee consider and discuss the request and, if desired, recommended approval of a three-year commitment to the RCRC Board of Directors of \$32,358 annually beginning in the 2020 RCRC budget.

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, motioned to approve the proposed recommendations. Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye."

RCRC 2020 Proposed Budget

Lisa McCargar reviewed the 2020 proposed budget for RCRC with the RCRC Executive Committee.

Staff Recommendations

It was 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 2020 RCRC Operating Budget.
2. Approve the RCRC contract service fees at the following amounts:
GSFA - \$5,548,000; ESJPA - \$89,000; and NHF - \$1,930,000
3. Approve the RCRC contract Performance Fee from GSFA based on projected GSFA housing and energy program net revenues generated in 2020 in the amount of \$1,629,000.
4. Approve receipt of excess resources/revenues transferred from NHF, per the NHF Bylaws, in the amount of \$1,000,000, to be transferred in equal quarterly amounts of \$250,000 during 2020.
5. Approve 2020-member county dues calculation at the levels approved by the Board on June 13, 2012.
6. Approve the proposed 2020 pay rate schedule.
7. Approve the proposed outlay for capitalized expenditures in the amount of \$265,500.

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, motioned to approve the 2020 RCRC Proposed Budget, and recommendations listed above. Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

Election of 2020 Officers Update

Greg Norton, President and CEO, reminded the RCRC Executive Committee that the 2020 RCRC Officers will be elected at the December RCRC Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Norton briefly discussed the election process and noted that Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County, has submitted his interest for the Second Vice Chair position.

Adjournment

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 1:47 p.m.