

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County
Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County
Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County
Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County
Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County (*Ex-Officio*)

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County
Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County
Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County
Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County
Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County

MINUTES

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Chair, Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, presided. Present were President and CEO Patrick Blacklock, General Counsel Arthur J. Wylene, and Director of Board Operations Maggie Chui, clerk. Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those members present:

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>County</u>
Dan Miller	Nevada
Doug Teeter	Butte
Chris Lopez*	Monterey
Stacy Corless*	Mono
Rex Bohn	Humboldt
Aaron Albaugh	Lassen
Denise Carter*	Colusa
Miles Menetrey	Mariposa
Daron McDaniel	Merced
Bob Williams	Tehama (Ex-Officio)

Absent

None

*Attendance via Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Arthur J. Wylene, General Counsel, announced that the current flexibility to conduct public meetings through remote participation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic will end on February 28, 2023 when the state of emergency is terminated. RCRC staff will provide a presentation regarding this topic at the December RCRC Board of Directors meeting.

Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, inquired about RCRC's plans to recognize outgoing Supervisors.

Consent Agenda

- a. **July 13, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**
- b. **RCRC Resolution TC010-22: Authorizing Remote and Hybrid Teleconference Meetings of the RCRC Executive Committee Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361**

Chair, Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, called for approval of the above-listed consent agenda items.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye," except:

Not Voting: Monterey County

RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet (September 30, 2022)

Milena De Melo, Interim Finance Director, presented the RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2022, 2021, and 2020.

RCRC Investment Report (Period Ended September 30, 2022)

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Quarterly Investment Report which provided a summary of investment transactions from December 31, 2021, to September 30, 2022.

RCRC Budget v. Actual Report (September 30, 2022)

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Statement of Revenues and Expenses which provided a summary of budget to actual comparison for quarter ended September 30, 2022.

RCRC 2023 Proposed Budget

Milena De Melo, RCRC Finance Director, reviewed the proposed 2023 Operating Budget for RCRC.

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 proposed 2023 RCRC Operating Budget.
2. Approve the RCRC contract service fees at the following amounts:
 - GSFA - \$4,956,100
 - NHF - \$2,549,600
 - ESJPA - \$415,600

- GSNR - \$568,200
 - RAI – \$116,700
 - GSCA - \$1,287,100
3. Approve the RCRC Contract Performance Fee from GSFA based on projected GSFA housing and energy program net revenues generated in 2023 in the amount of \$1,062,960.
 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 2023.
 5. Approve the contributions to affiliated entities ESJPA and GSCA in the amounts of \$200,000 and \$945,900, respectively. These amounts must also be approved by the respective boards.
 6. Approve the in-kind expense of \$718,200, which must also be approved by the GSNR board.
 7. Approve the in-kind expenses of \$100,000, which must also be approved by the RAI board.
 8. Approve the 2023 member county dues calculation at the levels approved by the Board on June 13, 2012.
 9. Approve the proposed 2023 pay rate schedule.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the 2023 RCRC Operating Budget. Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

RCRC Governance Policies Update

Patrick Blacklock presented on RCRC’s efforts to develop written policies to formalize many of RCRC’s existing governance practices. This is anticipated to be an ongoing process, with new policies and proposed Bylaws amendments brought to the RCRC Executive Committee in groups. Mr. Blacklock discussed the Ad Hoc Committees, Statewide Ballot Propositions, and Reserve Policies. The new policy documents were presented for the RCRC Executive Committee’s information, and do not require action.

Arthur J. Wylene discussed the RCRC 2022 Omnibus Bylaws Amendments (Positions and Endorsements, and Payment Signature Authority).

Recommendation

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee review the forgoing policies and proposed RCRC Bylaws amendments:

- Recommend adoption of the Bylaws amendments to the full RCRC Board; and,
- Provide feedback to staff on the administrative Ad Hoc Committees, Statewide Ballot Propositions, and Reserve Policies.

Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County, motioned to approve the above-listed recommendation. Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

Draft Conflict of Interest Codes for RCRC, GSFA, GSCA, and ESJPA

Arthur J. Wylene presented the draft conflict of interest codes for RCRC, GSFA, GSCA, and ESJPA, based on an up-to-date assessment of the organizational functions and job duties for each entity. The draft conflict of interest codes are pending review and approval by the Fair Political Practices Commission. The draft conflict of interest will be presented to each entity’s Boards of Directors for formal once feedback has been received and incorporated.

Staff Recommendation

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee review the draft conflict of interest codes for RCRC, GSFA, GSCA, and ESJPA, and recommend approval of these codes – with any changes requested by the FPPC – to the Board of Directors of each entity.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the above-listed recommendation. Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

Approval of Kings County Membership and Direction Regarding Recommended Region Assignments

Patrick Blacklock discussed Kings County’s application to become a member of RCRC. Mr. Blacklock reviewed the approval of Kings County as a member, membership dues for 2022-23 county fiscal 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 Kings 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 Kings County as an RCRC member county;
2. Set Kings County’s annual membership dues at \$6,000 for 2022-2023 fiscal year; and,
3. Approve a proposed revision to the RCRC Bylaws to assign Kings County to Region 5.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the above-mentioned recommendations. Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

2023 Appointments and Elections Update

Patrick Blacklock provided an update on the 2023 appointments and elections. The following Supervisors have submitted their interest for the RCRC Second Vice Chair position: Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, and Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County.

On a different note, Arthur J. Wylene announced that RCRC’s appointee to the Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. (GSNR) Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, as outlined under GSNR Bylaws Section 5(e)(ii)(A), has been selected by lot for his term to expire on January 31, 2023. Therefore, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, term will expire on January 31, 2024.

Rural Leadership Awards

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, reviewed the process for selecting recipients for the annual Rural Leadership Awards. RCRC staff is proposing that Assembly Member Jim Patterson and Director of California Department of Cannabis Control Nicole Elliott receive the awards on January 18, 2023 for their work.

Staff Recommendation

RCRC 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 Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the selection of Assembly Member Jim Patterson and Nicole Elliott, Director, California Department of Cannabis Control, to receive the 2022 Rural Leadership Awards. Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, seconded the motion.

Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County, voiced his concern regarding RCRC’s support of the California Department of Cannabis Control. Supervisors Bohn and McDaniel modified the main motion to bifurcate the motion on the table.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the selection of Assembly Member Jim Patterson to receive a 2022 Rural Leadership Award. Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the selection of Nicole Elliott, Director, California Department of Cannabis Control to receive a 2022 Rural Leadership Award. Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced

County, seconded the motion. Motion failed by the following roll call vote taken:

“Aye”: Monterey County; Mono County; Humboldt County

“No”: Nevada County; Butte County; Lassen County; Colusa County; Mariposa County; Merced County

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Following the vote, Supervisor Bohn suggested the possibility of an alternate recipient for consideration. At the request of Chair Miller, the RCRC Executive Committee took a brief recess to allow RCRC staff the opportunity to evaluate the suggestion and report back. When the Executive Committee reconvened, RCRC staff explained the selection process, and recommended that the suggested recipient be considered for an award next year.

Subsequent discussions by the RCRC Executive Committee were held in selecting another recipient. Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, suggested Sierra Nevada Conservancy Executive Officer Angela Avery for consideration.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to authorize the RCRC Officers to select a second recipient, or none, for a 2022 Rural Leadership Award. No second was obtained.

Further discussion was held by RCRC Executive Committee Members.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, revised the motion to authorize the RCRC Officers to select Angela Avery, Executive Officer, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, or someone else of their choosing, or no one, as the second recipient of a 2022 Rural Leadership Award. Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

State Legislative Update

Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate, provided an update on issues being addressed at the state level. Topics covered include the new 2023-24 Legislative Session, an update on active proceedings at the California Public Utilities Commission, and the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment Court framework.

Adjournment

Chair, Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 1:27 p.m.