

**Rural County Representatives of California
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 – Board Room
Sacramento, CA 95814**

In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, the December 9, 2020
RCRC Board of Directors meeting was held virtually.

MINUTES

Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Self Introductions

Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present:

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>County</u>
David Griffith	Alpine
Brian Oneto	Amador
Doug Teeter	Butte
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
E.J. Crandell	Lake
Aaron Albaugh	Lassen
Kevin Cann	Mariposa
Carre Brown	Mendocino
Daron McDaniel	Merced
Geri Byrne	Modoc
Stacy Corless	Mono
Diane Dillon	Napa
Dan Miller	Nevada
Jim Holmes	Placer
Anthony Botelho	San Benito
Lynn Compton	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

David Rogers	Madera
Chris Lopez	Monterey
Kevin Goss	Plumas
Gary Sandy	Yolo

Others in Attendance

Supervisor Terry Woodrow, Alpine County
Supervisor Ed Valenzuela, Siskiyou County
Supervisor John Peters, Mono County
Supervisor Sue Hoek, Nevada County
Supervisor Lloyd Pareira, Merced County
Supervisor-Elect Kathleen Haff, Tuolumne County
Supervisor-Elect Glenn McGourty, Mendocino County
Crystal Crawford, Ygrene Energy Fund
Connie Stewart, California Center for Rural Policy
Ed Horton, Placer County Water Agency
Marissa Montenegro, Sonoma County
Randy Hanvelt, Associated California Loggers
Julie Hart, Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Justin Caporusso, Caporusso Communications
Robbie Bendorf

Staff in Attendance

Lisa McCargar, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer
Craig Ferguson, Senior Vice President
Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs
Barbara Hayes, Chief Economic Development Officer
John Kennedy, Legislative Advocate
Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate
Staci Heaton, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advocate
Arthur Wylene, General Counsel
Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator/Clerk of the Board
Leigh Kammerich, Regulatory Affairs Specialist
Milena De Melo, Controller
Dorothy Poole, External Affairs Coordinator
Layne Frederickson, IT Director
Elizabeth Jensen, Assistant Controller
Sanjay Lee, Financial Analyst
Anthony Rahill, Data and Program Development Manager
Sarah Bolnik, Economic Development Specialist
Mary Pitto, Consultant

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2020

Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, called for approval of the minutes from the September 16, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.

Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, motioned to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye,” except as follows:

Abstaining: Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County

Not Voting: Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County; Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County; Supervisor Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County

RCRC Chair’s Report

Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, welcomed fellow supervisors to the RCRC Board of Directors meeting held via Zoom. Supervisor McDaniel shared that the RCRC Executive Committee/Search Committee are continuing to work with Russell Reynolds Associates (RRA) to lead the process. Supervisor McDaniel also provided an update on Merced County’s coronavirus (COVID-19) response.

Member County Concerns and Issues

Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, shared that Alpine County was recognized by the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development for streamlining their electric vehicle charging permitting process.

Supervisor Brian Oneto, Amador County, voiced his concern regarding the state’s COVID-19 closures, and asked RCRC to weigh-in.

Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, indicated that the state has started logging operations for debris removal for the 2018 Camp Fire, as well as other fires.

Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County, shared that work is continuing in the California State Association of Counties’ (CSAC) Rural Caucus Working Group for COVID-19 response. Since she is an active member of the Working Group, she will convey many of the concerns outlines to the Newsom Administration.

Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County, voiced his concern about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County, shared her frustration with the state’s COVID-19 response, including the lack of clarity in the state’s path.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, voiced his appreciation for the RCRC Board of Directors on doing their best during this difficult time.

Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County, shared his concern about the COVID-19 pandemic in Imperial County, but is remaining optimistic.

Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, shared his concern about the COVID-19 pandemic, but noted that it has allowed him more opportunities to engage and discuss with his constituents.

Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County, spoke about Lake County's pilot program to support businesses by permitting micro-enterprise home kitchen operations beginning January 2021. This will be helpful during the pandemic.

Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County, voiced his concerns about COVID-19 impact on Lassen County's prison system and school system.

Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, praised the Mariposa County's Health Officer for his COVID-19 response as well as serving as a resource and advisor to other nearby counties. Supervisor Cann shared that Supervisor Miles Menetrey will serve as Mariposa's RCRC Delegate in 2021. Lastly, Supervisor Cann shared his appreciation for RCRC.

Supervisor Carre Brown, Mendocino County, spoke about drought conditions and the State Water Resources Control Board's curtailment of diversion. Supervisor Brown shared that Supervisor-Elect Glenn McGourty will serve as Mendocino's RCRC Delegate in 2021.

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, discussed the posting of COVID-19 outbreak information on the Merced County website, and emphasized the need to educate the public about COVID-19. Supervisor McDaniel would like the state to prioritize food production industry staff for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, shared that a letter to the Governor regarding Modoc County's inability to have the public fully participate in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act discussion due to poor internet access throughout the area has gone answered.

Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, encouraged RCRC Member Counties to continue to work together during this difficult time to ensure there is a united voice. Supervisor Corless shared her appreciation for Mariposa County's Health Officer for his support and guidance. Lastly, Supervisor Corless shared that the Governor's Office of Emergency Services has yet to respond to Mono County's request for assistance after a fire occurred in a community where many residents are uninsured.

Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, explained that everyone is experiencing the consequences of COVID-19 together, and encouraged the RCRC Board of Directors to not inappropriately criticize the Newsom Administration for its COVID-19 response.

Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, recognized several residents that were honored during Nevada County's Pearl Harbor Day event. Supervisor Miller also shared that a group of restaurants have formed a coalition to sue Nevada County regarding COVID-19 restrictions.

Supervisor Jim Holmes, Placer County, shared that Placer County has introduced a program with funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act monies to help small businesses.

Supervisor Anthony Botelho, San Benito County, shared his concern about the COVID-19 pandemic, and inquired why San Benito County was grouped together with the San Joaquin Valley, which triggered San Benito County to close as part of the Regional Stay At Home Order. Lastly, Supervisor Botelho shared his appreciation for RCRC.

Supervisor Lynn Compton, San Luis Obispo County, shared that she is pleased with San Luis Obispo County's COVID-19 response, and does not believe San Luis Obispo County fits under the new Regional Stay At Home Order imposed for Southern California. Supervisor Compton shared that San Luis Obispo County has joined San Bernardino and Ventura Counties in petitioning the closure.

Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County, echoed Supervisor Dillon's comment about the Newsom Administration's response of the COVID-19 pandemic; however, would like more communication between counties and the Newsom Administration. Supervisor Baugh also shared his concern regarding how intensive care unit (ICU) capacity numbers are calculated.

Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, echoed Supervisor Dillon's comment regarding the state's COVID-19 response, and encouraged RCRC Member Counties to refrain from utilizing RCRC in critical comments of the Newsom Administration.

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, shared that Siskiyou County has had successful communication with the Governor's Office Northern California representative regarding COVID-19. Supervisor Kobseff also shared his concerns regarding the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's (BOF) State Fire Safe regulations.

Supervisor Mat Conant, Sutter County, shared that Sutter County currently has the highest number of individuals testing positive for COVID-19. Supervisor Conant noted that there has been dialogue with the Governor's Office.

Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County, recognized RCRC staff for their assistance earlier this year regarding the BOF State Fire Safe regulations. Supervisor Gore shared

his concern regarding how ICU capacity numbers are derived. Supervisor Gore also noted that CSAC shares the same frustration regarding COVID-19.

Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, wished Supervisors who are attending their last RCRC Board of Directors meetings well, and looks forward to working with the incoming RCRC Delegates.

Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County, shared his concern regarding rumors surrounding individuals with COVID-19 being denied access due to capacity issues. Supervisor Brown also shared his concerns regarding the BOF State Fire Safe regulations.

Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County, encouraged Supervisors to reach out to him as this will be his last RCRC Board of Directors meeting.

Supervisor Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County, shared that Supervisor-Elect Kathleen Haff will serve as Tuolumne's RCRC Delegate in 2021. Supervisor Brennan thanked the Yosemite Gateway group for their support during this difficult time. Supervisor Brennan also discussed Tuolumne County's attempt to report COVID-19 cases by zip codes, but may encounter issues for areas with less than 20,000 in population. Lastly, Supervisor Brennan shared her appreciation for RCRC.

Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County, shared his concern about the COVID-19 pandemic, and emphasized that Supervisors are also engaged on a wide array of issues. Supervisor Fletcher shared that Supervisor Gary Bradford will serve as the Yuba's RCRC Delegate in 2021. Supervisor Fletched thanked RCRC for the experience throughout the years.

Public Comments

None

President's Report

In the absence of President and CEO Greg Norton, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs Paul A. Smith recognized the following outgoing Supervisors for their years of service to RCRC: Supervisor Bobbi Chadwick (Trinity County); Supervisor Sherri Brennan (Tuolumne County); Supervisor Kuyler Crocker (Tulare County); Supervisor Carre Brown (Mendocino County); Supervisor Anthony Botelho (San Benito County); Supervisor John Viegas (Glenn County); and Supervisor Kevin Cann (Mariposa County). The outgoing RCRC Supervisors will receive a commemorative plaque in the mail.

Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Recruitment for RCRC President

Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel (Merced), and First Vice Chair, Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono), provided an update on the RCRC President recruitment progress. The RCRC Executive Committee/Search Committee have been meeting bi-monthly with RRA to conduct the RCRC President recruitment. Due to coronavirus-related challenges, the

new CEO is expected to be announced in March 2021. Greg Norton, President and CEO, will continue to serve as President until a replacement is selected.

Election of 2021 RCRC Officers and Corporate Officers

Paul A. Smith explained the election process for the 2021 RCRC Officers, and shared that Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, expressed his interest in the Second Vice Chair position.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County moved to elect Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County as the 2021 Second Vice Chair. Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County seconded the motion.

The vote was conducted by secret ballot in accordance with Section 6.11.1.2 of the RCRC Bylaws. Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator/Clerk of the Board, distributed one electronic officer ballot for each member county present. Ms. Chui and Arthur Wylene, General Counsel, tabulated the votes for the Second Vice Chair position, and announced that Supervisor Teeter was elected with 27 Supervisors voting “Aye”; 6 Supervisors not voting; and, 4 Supervisors absent.

Staff further recommended that the RCRC Board of Directors take action to elect the remaining 2021 RCRC Board Officers and confirm the RCRC Corporate Officers as follows:

2021 Chair	Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County
2021 First Vice Chair	Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County
2021 Immediate Past Chair	Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County
Greg Norton	RCRC President
Lisa McCargar	RCRC Treasurer
Craig Ferguson	RCRC Secretary

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, motioned to approve the Election of the 2021 Chair and 2021 First Vice Chair, recognize the accession of the 2021 Immediate Past Chair, and confirm 2021 RCRC Corporate Officers, as noted above. Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.” Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County; Supervisor Lynn Compton, San Luis Obispo County; Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County, absent.

RCRC Rural Leadership Awards

Paul A. Smith informed the RCRC Board of Directors that RCRC has selected Assembly Member Laura Friedman (D-Glendale) and former U.S. Representative Paul Cook (R-Yucca Valley) current member of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, as the two recipients of the 2020 RCRC Rural Leadership Award.

Mr. Smith explained that Assembly Member Friedman was an influential figure in the forestry and fire prevention discussion. Mr. Smith explained that Representative Cook was instrumental in advocating for an additional coronavirus federal relief funding to small, rural counties by ensuring that every county can directly access assistance. Additionally, Representative Cook assisted Inyo County on an issue relating to the Bureau of Land Management's administration of the Alabama Hills project in Inyo County. Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, spoke in support of Representative Paul Cook as one of the recipients of the 2020 RCRC Rural Leadership Award. The Awards will be presented on January 13, 2021 at a virtual reception.

Installation of Officers Reception/Ceremony Update

Paul A. Smith provided a brief update on the RCRC 2021 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception which will take place at 5:30 p.m. on January 13, 2021 at a virtual reception. The event will include incoming RCRC Chair and Immediate Past Chair, presentation of two Rural Leadership Awards, presentation of the RCRC Officers of 2021, and a panel presentation on the pursuit of holistic wildfire solutions for 2021. In order to secure a gift, Mr. Smith encouraged RCRC Delegates to register early.

RCRC 2021 Proposed Budget

Lisa McCargar outlined the proposed 2021 RCRC Operating Budget to the RCRC Board of Directors. Ms. McCargar provided an overall summary, highlighting revenue and expenditures, and outlining the key differences between the 2021 and 2020 Expenditure Budgets.

Staff Recommendations

Staff recommended that the RCRC Board of Directors approve the following staff recommendations:

1. Approve the attached proposed 2021 RCRC Operating Budget.
2. Approve the RCRC contract service fees at the following amounts:
GSFA - \$5,508,000; ESJPA - \$96,000; and NHF - \$2,058,000.
3. Approve the RCRC Contract Performance Fee from GSFA based on projected GSFA housing and energy program net revenues generated in 2021 in the amount of \$2,215,000.
4. Approve receipt of excess 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 2021.
5. Approve 2021 member county dues calculation at the levels approved by the Board on June 13, 2012.
6. Approve the attached proposed 2021 pay rate schedule.

Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, motioned to approve the RCRC 2021 Proposed Budget. Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye." Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County, not voting.

Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Staci Heaton, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advocate, provided an update on efforts in the Legislature and various state and federal agencies to address California's persistent and catastrophic wildfire events. The following items were highlighted: forest health funding allocations from the Cap-and-Trade Auction proceeds are expected to be approved when the Legislature reconvenes in January 2021; the Forest Management Task Force Action Plan is expected to be released by the end of the year; and, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's recent actions to address homeowners insurance in high-fire areas, including moratoriums on nonrenewals and an investigatory hearing on wildfire insurance.

Based on RCRC Board of Directors' interest, Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate, discussed the BOF's State Fire Safe regulations, which would set basic wildfire protection standards for development in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones of both the State Responsibility Area and the Local Responsibility Area beginning July 1, 2021. RCRC staff has conveyed concerns to the draft rulemaking which would impact housing production across the state. RCRC staff will provide letters to the RCRC Board of Directors when the RCRC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights document is released. The RCRC Board of Directors engaged in a discussion regarding their concerns as it pertains to the BOF Fire Safe regulations.

Comprehensive Fire Prevention and Response Proposal

Paul A. Smith, Staci Heaton, Tracy Rhine, and John Kennedy, Legislative Advocate, outlined and explained the comprehensive fire prevention and response proposal that RCRC could sponsor for the 2021 Legislative Session. RCRC staff reviewed each individual component contained in the proposal, which includes: a general obligation resources bond; redirecting all Cap-and-Trade auction revenues from High Speed Rail to Senate Bill 901 projects; establishing watershed restoration and fire mitigation projects; establishing an insurance surcharge; providing regulatory relief for forest improvement and wildfire risk reduction activities; introducing various federal government solutions; presenting various home hardening and defensible space solutions; and, enacting a scaled-down version of Senate Bill 182 for future developments.

Mr. Smith shared that Legislative Counsel language for each part of the proposal have also been established, and encouraged interested RCRC Board Members to contact RCRC staff if they would like to review. Once the proposal is approved by the RCRC Board of Directors, RCRC staff will begin advocacy efforts and launch a marketing strategy for public consumption.

The RCRC Board of Directors discussed at length the pros and cons of each component contained in the proposal. The RCRC Board of Directors spent much time discussing the "watershed mandate" section of the proposal, with several RCRC Board Members expressing their concern that a water surcharge and or mandate on water purveyors and the agriculture community would be particularly difficult to support.

Staff Recommendation

It was recommended that the RCRC Board of Directors review and approve the comprehensive fire prevention and response proposal as presented.

Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, motioned to approve the Comprehensive Fire Prevention and Response Proposal. Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, seconded the motion.

A substitute motion was presented: Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County, moved to substitute an amended motion to approve the Comprehensive Fire Prevention and Response Proposal with the removal of the “watershed mandate” section from the RCRC Wildfire Prevention and Relief Package. Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, seconded the motion. The motion to substitute passed by the following roll call vote taken:

“Aye”: Supervisor Brian Oneto, Amador County; Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County; Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County; Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County; Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County; Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County; Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County; Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County; Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County; Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County; Supervisor Anthony Botelho, San Benito County; Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County; Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County; Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County; Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County; Supervisor Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County

“No”: Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County; Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County; Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County; Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County; Supervisor Carre Brown, Mendocino County; Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County; Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County; Supervisor Jim Holmes, Placer County; Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County

Abstaining: None

Not Voting: Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County; Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County; Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County; Supervisor Lynn Compton, San Luis Obispo County; Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County; Supervisor Mat Conant, Sutter County; Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County; Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County

The main motion, as amended by the motion to substitute, to approve the Comprehensive Fire Prevention and Response Proposal with the “watershed mandate” section removed, then passed by the following roll call vote taken:

“Aye”: Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County; Supervisor Brian Oneto, Amador County; Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County; Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County; Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County; Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County; Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County; Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County; Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County; Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County; Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County; Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County; Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County; Supervisor Carre Brown, Mendocino County; Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County; Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County; Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County; Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County; Supervisor Jim Holmes, Placer County; Supervisor Anthony Botelho, San Benito County; Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County; Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County; Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County; Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County; Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County; Supervisor Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County

“No”: None

Abstaining: None

Not Voting: Michael Kelley, Imperial County; Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County; Supervisor Lynn Compton, San Luis Obispo County; Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County; Supervisor Mat Conant, Sutter County; Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County; Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County

District Agricultural Association/Fairs Governance Solution

Paul A. Smith provided an overview of a potential governance solution for the District Agricultural Associations/fairs. Mr. Smith outlined the recent focus to have fairs overseen by a joint powers authority (JPA) instead of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The current effort being formulated would have each individual fair ran by a non-profit entity, but involve a statewide JPA for various cost-reducing services. The statewide JPA would consist of a Board of Directors composed of fair representatives, CDFA, Department of Finance, and local government.

Staff Recommendation

RCRC staff recommended the endorsement of the JPA model.

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, motioned to approve the above-mentioned recommendation. Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, seconded the motion. Motion passed by the following roll call vote taken:

“Aye”: Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County; Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County; Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County; Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County; Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte

County; Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County; Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County; Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County; Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County; Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County; Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County; Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County; Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County; Supervisor Carre Brown, Mendocino County; Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County; Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County; Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County; Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County; Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County; Supervisor Jim Holmes, Placer County; Supervisor Anthony Botelho, San Benito County; Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County; Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County; Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County; Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County; Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County; Supervisor Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County

“No”: None

Abstaining: None

Not Voting: Supervisor Brian Oneto, Amador County; Supervisor Lynn Compton, San Luis Obispo County; Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County; Supervisor Mat Conant, Sutter County; Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County; Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County

County Elected Officials: Top-Two Advance

Paul A. Smith provided an overview of a recent legislation regarding elections to non-partisan county offices, which would have required the top-two voter-getters in a Primary Election to advance to a General Election. Mr. Smith explained that legislation similar to Senate Bill 1450 (Umberg; 2020) would prolong an already lengthy campaign for seats on the County Boards of Supervisors. County officers' elections have operated under the existing election model for several decades, and it is generally agreed that county government has worked well under this model. Mr. Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation on the March 2020 Primary Election and the November 2020 General Election under the SB 1450 scheme. RCRC staff will provide the PowerPoint presentation to the RCRC Board of Directors when the RCRC Board of Directors *Board Meeting Highlights* document is released.

Staff Recommendation

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Board of Directors adopt an “Oppose” position for expected legislation similar to SB 1450.

Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, motioned to approve the above-mentioned recommendation. Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, seconded the motion. Motion passed by the following roll call vote taken:

“Aye”: Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County; Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County; Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County; Supervisor

Denise Carter, Colusa County; Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County; Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County; Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County; Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County; Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County; Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County; Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County; Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County; Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County; Supervisor Carre Brown, Mendocino County; Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County; Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County; Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County; Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County; Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County; Supervisor Jim Holmes, Placer County; Supervisor Anthony Botelho, San Benito County; Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County; Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County; Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County; Supervisor Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County

“No”: None

Abstaining: None

Not Voting: Supervisor Brian Oneto, Amador County; Supervisor Lynn Compton, San Luis Obispo County; Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County; Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County; Supervisor James Gore, Sonoma County; Supervisor Mat Conant, Sutter County; Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County; Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County

State & Federal Legislative Update

Paul A. Smith provided an update on issues being addressed at the state and federal level. At the state level, Mr. Smith discussed the uncertainty of how the Legislature will conduct business during the 2021-22 Legislative Session due to COVID-19 restrictions.

At the federal level, Mr. Smith focused the discussion on efforts by RCRC to enact another round of federal relief package, and the importance of direct funding to low-population counties. Mr. Smith also discussed the Congress’s task to pass a short-term funding bill to avert a government shutdown.

Proposed 2021 Policy Principles

Paul A. Smith presented the 2021 proposed Policy Principles to the RCRC Board of Directors for review. These principles help guide staff when they review proposed legislation or regulations in order to determine the appropriate RCRC position. RCRC Board Members were requested to review the draft Policy Principles, which contain a number of modifications. Edits, amendments, and comments are to be submitted to Maggie Chui no later than January 4, 2021 so they can be included in the Board Packet and considered at the January 2021 RCRC Board of Directors meeting.

Adjournment

Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, adjourned the RCRC Board of Directors Meeting at 3:13 p.m.