

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Executive Committee Meeting  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**February 19, 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 RCRC Executive Committee to order at 10:10 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
Kevin Cann	Mariposa (Ex-Officio)

**Absent Members**

Kuyler Crocker	Tulare
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**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  
Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs  
Arthur Wylene, General Counsel  
Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator  
Milena De Melo, Controller  
Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate  
Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate

## **Approval of Minutes of the November 13, 2019 Meeting**

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

**Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, motioned to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye,” except as follows:**

**Abstaining: Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County; Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County; Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County; Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Appointment to the California High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee**

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, discussed the recommendation of RCRC supporting Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, to serve on the California High-Cost Fund-A (CHCF-A) Administrative Committee (the Administrative Committee). The Administrative Committee functions as an advisory board to advise the California Public Utilities Commission regarding the development, implementation, and administration of the CHCF-A program. If approved, RCRC would convey its support of Supervisor Kingsley to serve on the Administrative Committee. And, if successfully appointed, Supervisor Kingsley will serve in a representative capacity on behalf of RCRC.

## **Staff Recommendation**

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Executive Committee support the appointment of Supervisor Matt Kingsley to serve on the California High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee.

**Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County, motioned to approve the minutes of the support the appointment of Supervisor Matt Kingsley to serve on the California High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee Administrative Committee. Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”**

## **RCRC Supporting the Confirmation of Sean Maguire, Member of the State Water Resources Control Board – ACTION**

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate, and Paul A. Smith discussed the recommendation of RCRC supporting Sean Maguire, Governor Gavin Newsom’s reappointment to serve as a Member of the State Water Resources Control Board. If approved, RCRC would convey its support when the opportunity arises.

### **Staff Recommendation**

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Executive Committee support the gubernatorial reappointment of Mr. Maguire during the confirmation process in the State Senate.

**Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, motioned to support the re-appointment of Sean Maguire, Governor Gavin Newsom's appointee to serve as a Member of the State Water Resources Control Board. Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye."**

### **Governor's Homelessness Budget Proposal Update**

Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate, provided an overview on the Governor's homelessness budget proposal to the RCRC Executive Committee.

Ms. Rhine outlined the three main aspects which include: the Governor's Executive Order which explored utilizing excess state land for short term homeless shelters, navigation centers and housing; the Governor's 2020-21 proposed Budget which provides \$750 million in funding to address the homelessness crisis; and, the Governor's Council of Regional Homeless Advisors homelessness recommendations.

Ms. Rhine also spoke about the letter RCRC staff penned to the Governor that expressed RCRC's appreciation for the Newsom Administration's strategy to include a variety of tools to end the homelessness crisis throughout the state.

RCRC staff will update the RCRC Board of Directors on the Governor's homelessness budget proposal at the March RCRC Board of Directors meeting. The RCRC Executive Committee discussed at length the Governor's efforts to combat homelessness.

### **NACo Legislative Conference**

Paul A. Smith discussed the upcoming trip to Washington D.C. when the RCRC Officers and staff will be traveling to the National Association of Counties' (NACo) 2020 Legislative Conference. Prior to the convening of the NACo Legislative Conference, RCRC's senior leadership will hear from a number of political analysts on the upcoming election contests that are occurring throughout the nation which will help RCRC navigate its priorities next year. The RCRC Officers and staff will also hold meetings with key personnel and staff, including the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service Vicki Christiansen. Mr. Smith noted that the RCRC Officers will be receiving a preliminary agenda ahead of the trip.

### **Other Governmental Affairs Matters**

Paul A. Smith shared that February 21<sup>st</sup> marks the deadline for the introduction of bills for the 2020 portion of the Legislative Session. RCRC staff is analyzing each legislative proposal, and will be considering positions on a number of recently-introduced bills over the next few weeks. Mr. Smith noted that RCRC staff will ask the RCRC Board of Directors to consider a number of legislative proposals for a formal position at the March RCRC Board of Directors meeting. The RCRC Board of Directors will also receive an update on the status of key bills of interest.

### **RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet**

Lisa McCargar, Chief Operating Officer/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 December 31, 2019).

### **RCRC Budget Report (December 31, 2019)**

Lisa McCargar and Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Quarterly Budget Report which provided a summary of budget to actual comparison for the year ended December 31, 2019.

### **RCRC Investment Report (December 31, 2019)**

Lisa McCargar and Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Quarterly Investment Report which provided a summary of investment transactions from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

### **April Board of Directors Meeting**

Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs, provided a brief overview of the 2020 County of the Chair Board Meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Merced County on April 22–23, 2020. Planning is well underway with a full day of activities and a RCRC Board of Directors dinner on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The RCRC Board of Directors meeting will be held the following morning on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Other External Affairs Matters**

Justin Caporusso provided a brief update on the following: the 2020 Western Interstate Region Conference that is slated to take place May 13-15, 2020 at Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite; the California Forest Watershed Alliance's recent activities; and, RCRC's expanded social media presence.

Mr. Caporusso distributed RCRC's 2019 Annual Report which highlights the significant actions taken on issues impacting California's rural counties, and outlines the advocacy efforts RCRC staff engaged in on behalf of its members. Lastly, Mr. Caporusso announced to the RCRC Executive Committee that he will be leaving RCRC.

### **RCRC Revised Pay Rate Schedule**

Greg Norton, President and CEO, discussed the pay rate schedule for all positions that participate in the California Public Employees' Retirement System. The most recent pay rate schedule was approved by the RCRC Executive Committee and RCRC Board of Directors in conjunction with the approval of the 2020 annual budget. As a result of recent promotions, approval of the revised pay rate schedule is required. Once approved, the revised pay rate schedule will be forwarded to the RCRC Board of Directors for discussion and formal adoption.

### **Recommendation**

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee approve the revised pay rate schedule.

**Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, motioned to approve the RCRC Revised Pay Rate Schedule. Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye."**

## **RCRC Closed Session**

### **Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation**

The RCRC Executive Committee convened a closed session at 11:57 a.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d)(4) regarding *San Francisco Bay Area Renters Federation et al. v. City of San Mateo et al.*, California Court of Appeal, First District, Case No. A159320 – RCRC Participation as Amicus Curiae.

**At 12:13 a.m., the closed session of the RCRC Executive Committee was adjourned and the RCRC Executive Committee reconvened the open session.**

Upon direction of the Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Arthur Wylene, General Counsel, reported that the RCRC Executive Committee of the RCRC Board of Directors in closed session, February 19, 2020, authorized Mr. Wylene to represent RCRC as amicus curiae in California Court of Appeal, First District, Case No. A159320, *San Francisco Bay Area Renters Federation et al. v. City of San Mateo et al.* Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

### **President/CEO Goals and Objectives Update**

The RCRC Executive Committee elected to waive receiving the President/CEO Goals and Objectives Update.

### **Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 2:22 p.m.