

Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2017 Meeting

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

Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County, motioned to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment

None

Government Affairs Update

Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs, reported to the Executive Committee that in the coming days, the 2018 RCRC Officers along with Governmental Affairs staff will be heading to Washington D.C. for the NACo Legislative Conference. Mr. Smith indicated the Conference as well as the visits will be organized in a slightly different manner than in previous years. The top legislative priorities remain: the 2018 Farm Bill, the Infrastructure Plan, federal forestry reform, and funding for the federal Payment In lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. Mr. Smith commented that these federal issues are some of RCRC's Governmental Affairs top priorities.

Mr. Smith reported on Federal issues to the Executive Committee. Mr. Smith stated that the Farm Bill and the Infrastructure Package are currently in-flux and it is unclear how these issues will unfold over the next several months. Meetings during the NACo Legislative Conference will be scheduled to better inform RCRC's senior leadership on RCRC's federal priorities.

Mr. Smith reported that RCRC staff have been back to Washington D.C. four different times in the past six months to discuss the 2018 Farm Bill. There is likely going to be a short-term extension of the Farm Bill which is currently set to expire on October 1st, 2018. RCRC is focusing on the rural economic development title as well as efforts to boost rural broadband deployment. It is expected the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program title (better known as food stamps) will likely hold-up the passage of the Farm Bill.

Mr. Smith reported that the President's proposed Infrastructure Plan is lacking a clear funding stream to pay for its cost. Similarly, RCRC's goal is that funds destined for rural areas are not channeled through individual gubernatorial offices or each legislature.

Mr. Smith briefly discussed State Legislative issues, noting that the deadline to introduce new bills for the 2018 portion of the Legislative Session was on Friday February 16th. Over 1,500 bills were introduced in the past seven days leading-up to the deadline, and RCRC staff have been diligently reviewing them.

Mr. Smith informed the Executive Committee that RCRC will be sponsoring two different bills, and he provided an overview of both of them:

Assembly Bill 2727 (Flora) would provide a tax credit for up to \$1,500 for the purchase of equipment/training for volunteer firefighters. This bill is intended to start a conversation that highlights the financial issues of maintaining volunteer fire services.

Assembly Bill 2717 (Lackey) would define the roles and responsibilities of municipalities in regulating commercial cannabis licensees.

Mr. Smith reported that Senator Feinstein's staff will be in Willows for a conversation in the coming weeks. Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, and Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, will be in attendance. Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate will also be taking Senator Feinstein's staff on a tree mortality tour in Placer County.

RCRC Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports

Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Quarterly Investment Report, the Budget Report, and the Liquidity Report for period ending December 31, 2017.

April Board of Directors Meeting

Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs, provided a brief overview of the annual County of the Chair Board Meeting, scheduled for April. This year's meeting will be held in Ferndale (Humboldt County), and include tours of The Humboldt Creamery, and a local cannabis farm. The Board of Directors dinner will be held at the Ivanhoe Restaurant and Saloon, and the Board of Directors meeting will be held at Ferndale City Hall the following morning.

RCRC Closed Session: Initiation of Litigation, Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d)(4). Once Case.

The RCRC Executive Committee convened a closed session at 12:35 p.m. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d)(4).

The Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 1:12 p.m.

Report Any Action Taken During Closed Session Pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, reported that No Action was taken by the Executive Committee.

President/CEO Goals and Objectives Update

Mr. Norton met with the Executive Committee to discuss progress on his goals and objectives to date.

Adjournment

Chair, Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee at 1:42 p.m.