



Terrance Rodgers, Economic Development Officer  
Layne Frederickson, IT Director  
Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator/Clerk of the Board  
Milena De Melo, Controller  
Elizabeth Jensen, Assistant Controller  
Sanjay Lee, Financial Analyst  
Tracy Rhine, Senior Legislative Advocate  
John Kennedy, Legislative Advocate  
Sidd Nag, Legislative Advocate  
Anthony Rahill, Data and Program Development Manager  
Carolyn Jhajj, Communications Director  
Mary Pitto, Contractor

### **Others in Attendance**

Supervisor Kathleen Haff, Tuolumne County  
Kate Jackson, Partner, Moss Adams LLP  
Arthur Ngo, Senior Manager, Moss Adams LLP  
Carolyn Gallagher  
Robbie Bendorf

### **Review and Approval of February 10, 2021 Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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

**Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, motioned to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 RCRC Special Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.**

### **RCRC Chair's Report**

Chair, Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, welcomed supervisors to the RCRC Executive Committee meeting.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Strategic Plan Development Timeline and Process**

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO, discussed the commencement of developing RCRC's strategic plan to be used by the RCRC Board of Directors to set policies and priorities for the organization. The development of the 2022 strategic plan will occur throughout 2021 with the goal for final adoption at the December 2021 RCRC Board of Directors meeting.

Carolyn Jhaji, Communications Director, provided an overview of the “RCRC Strategic Plan: Fundamentals and Engagement” PowerPoint. Ms. Jhaji explained the strategic plan’s terminology, timeline, and engagement process.

### **Approval of the Draft Audited Financial Statements – December 31, 2020**

Lisa McCargar, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer, and Milena De Melo, Controller, presented the draft audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020. The financial statements contain an unmodified audit opinion by Moss Adams LLP, independent auditors. The RCRC Executive Committee reviewed the financial statements and communication letters. Ms. McCargar and Ms. De Melo answered all the questions the RCRC Executive Committee members had.

### **Recommendation**

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee, acting in their capacity as the Audit Committee, review and approve the 2020 draft audited financial statements and communication letter as presented, for presentation to and finalization and adoption by the RCRC Board of Directors.

**Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, motioned to approve the draft 2020 RCRC audited financial statements and communication letter as presented. Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **State & Federal Update**

Staci Heaton, Acting Vice President Governmental Affairs, discussed the Governor’s May Revision, which will be released on Friday, May 14, 2021. RCRC staff will prepare an in-depth analysis of the Governor’s May Revision and its impacts upon rural counties. Ms. Heaton highlighted several key components as part of the Governor’s \$100 billion California Comeback Plan. Ms. Heaton also highlighted the Senate’s budget action plan, which includes funds for local assistance to help communities develop and begin implementing the Organic Waste Reduction Regulations (Senate Bill 1383 Regulations) that were requested by RCRC and a coalition of stakeholders.

Ms. Heaton also provided a brief overview of the U.S. Department of Treasury’s release of the guidance on the State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The ARPA includes \$350 billion in aid to state and local governments, and \$65.1 billion in direct aid to every county in the U.S. State and local governments can begin applying for the aid on May 17, 2021. In addition, the U.S. Department of Treasury has issued an interim rule governing how the funds can be used. Once the interim rule is noticed in the Federal Register, RCRC staff will prepare comments.

Ms. Heaton also discussed the Biden Administration’s introduction of its ‘30 by 30’ conservation plan, the “Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful” plan, to conserve 30 percent of U.S. land and water by 2030.

Lastly, Ms. Heaton shared that this year's U.S. Capitol Christmas tree will be coming from Six Rivers located in Humboldt County. RCRC is partnering with the U.S. Forest Service on engagement strategies.

### **RCRC Supporting the Confirmation of Joaquin Esquivel, Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board**

Staci Heaton discussed RCRC supporting Joaquin Esquivel, the Governor's re-appointment to serve as the Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board. If approved, RCRC would convey its support during the confirmation process in the State Senate.

### **Staff Recommendation**

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Executive Committee support the gubernatorial appointment of Mr. Esquivel during the confirmation process in the State Senate. Arthur J. Wylene, General Counsel, advised that this item requires a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the RCRC Executive Committee for passage.

**Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County, motioned to approve the gubernatorial re-appointment of Mr. Joaquin Esquivel to serve as the Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board. Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras seconded the motion.**

**A substitute motion was presented: Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, moved to substitute an amended motion that RCRC take no position on the gubernatorial re-appointment of Mr. Joaquin Esquivel to serve as the Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board. Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, seconded the motion. The motion to substitute passed by the following roll call vote taken:**

**"Aye": Butte County; Colusa County; Merced County; Nevada County**

**"No": Calaveras County; Imperial County; Sierra County**

**Abstaining: None**

**Not Voting: Del Norte County; Mono County**

Mr. Wylene indicated that the motion to substitute required only a majority vote, and therefore passed, and that under the circumstances, the results of that vote could be accepted as expressing the will of the RCRC Executive Committee that RCRC take no position.

### **RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet (March 31, 2021)**

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet of the Net Position as of March 31, 2021, compared to the audited Net Position as of December 31, 2019 and 2020.

**RCRC Quarterly Investment Report (March 31, 2021)**

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Quarterly Investment Report which provided a summary of investment transactions from December 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

**RCRC Annual Budget vs. Actual Report (March 31, 2021)**

Milena De Melo presented the Statement of Revenues and Expenses which provided a summary of budget to actual comparison for period ended March 31, 2021.

**Closed Session: Initiation of Litigation**

Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(4). One case.

The RCRC Executive Committee convened a closed session at 1:02 p.m. per Section 54957 and Section 54957.6 of the Government Code.

The RCRC Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 1:27 p.m.

**Report of any Action taken under Item IX Pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the Government Code**

Arthur J. Wylene, General Counsel, stated that no reportable action had been taken in closed session.

**Adjournment**

Vice Chair, Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Special Executive Committee at 1:28 p.m.