

**Rural County Representatives of California
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, May 12, 2023 - 8:30 a.m.
Canyon Oaks Country Club
Vista Room
999 Yosemite Drive
Chico, CA 95928**

MINUTES

Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Self Introductions

Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, presided. Present were President and CEO Patrick Blacklock, General Counsel Arthur J. Wylene, and Director of Board Operations, Maggie Chui, clerk. Chair Teeter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those members present:

Supervisor

David Griffith
Doug Teeter
Jack Garamendi
Daurice Smith
Darrin Short
Lori Parlin
Rex Bohn
Matt Kingsley
Rusty Robinson
EJ Crandell
Gary Bridges
Robert Poythress
Miles Menetrey
Glenn McGourty
Geri Byrne
Rhonda Duggan
Chris Lopez
Anne Cottrell
Sue Hoek
John Peschong
Bob Nelson*
Tim Garman
Michael Kobseff
Mitch Mashburn*
Mat Conant
Bill Moule
Jill Cox
Larry Micari
Ryan Campbell

County

Alpine
Butte
Calaveras
Colusa
Del Norte
El Dorado
Humboldt
Inyo
Kings
Lake
Lassen
Madera
Mariposa
Mendocino
Modoc
Mono
Monterey
Napa
Nevada
San Luis Obispo
Santa Barbara
Shasta
Siskiyou
Solano
Sutter
Tehama
Trinity
Tulare
Tuolumne

Angel Barajas
Gary Bradford

Yolo
Yuba

Absent

Brian Oneto
Thomas Arnold
Michael Kelley
Daron McDaniel
Jim Holmes
Kevin Goss
Dom Zanger
Lee Adams
James Gore

Amador
Glenn
Imperial
Merced
Placer
Plumas
San Benito
Sierra
Sonoma

*Attendance via Zoom

Public Comment

John Stonebraker spoke about the importance of revenues from sales and use taxes be dedicated to counties, and concerns on rising cost of third-party software services that counties utilize.

Consent Agenda – ACTION

- a. **March 8, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**
- b. **Revise the RCRC Bylaws to Reassign El Dorado County from Region 4 to Region 2, and Imperial County from Region 5 to Region 4**
- c. **Approval of the 2022 RCRC Audited Financial Statements**
- d. **2023 Annual Meeting Overview**
- e. **Rural County Photo Contest**

Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, called for approval of the above-listed consent agenda items.

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye,” except:

Not Voting: Lake County

RCRC Chair’s Report

Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, welcomed supervisors to the May RCRC Board of Directors meeting in Butte County. Supervisor Teeter spoke on several items, including aftermath of the Oroville Dam failure, members of the RCRC Executive Committee’s informal meeting with RCRC staff in April, and the various charities being considered to receive proceeds from the upcoming 2023 RCRC Annual Meeting County Basket Auction & Drawing.

President's Report

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO, provided a report on recent activities the organization is engaged on that align with the RCRC Strategic Plan goals, encompassing Equitable Access, Impactful Advocacy, Healthy Communities, and Operational Excellence.

Member County Concerns and Issues

Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, provided an opportunity for the RCRC Board of Directors to discuss their individual member county concerns and issues. RCRC staff will review the concerns and issues raised by RCRC Board Members and assess each item for possible plans of action.

The RCRC Board of Directors heard from the following supervisors: Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County, regarding concerns pertaining to the California State Association of Counties' AT HOME initiative to address homelessness; Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, inquired about funding for the California Fire Safe Council program in the State Budget; and, Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, regarding water allocations, and ongoing concerns on public noticing requirements in newspapers.

Water Issues Update

Sidd Nag, Policy Advocate, provided an update on current issues involving California water policy, including recent flooding events, update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and key water-related bills.

Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, provided an update on efforts in the Legislature and various state and federal agencies to address California's persistent and catastrophic wildfire events, including an update on the California Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps, USDA Forest Service's 2022 tree mortality survey, and key state wildfire and forest health-related bills.

California Public Utilities Commission Update

Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate, provided an update on RCRC's involvement at the California Public Utilities Commission, particularly on utilities' Wildfire Mitigation Plans as well as the Rule 20A proceeding decision.

California Air Resources Board Advanced Clean Fleets Regulations

Staci Heaton provided an update on the California Air Resources Board's regulations on purchase requirements for public and commercial fleet operators. The Final Rule Regulations outlining State and Local Government requirements, which were adopted April 28, 2023, apply to cities, counties, special districts, and state agencies.

State and Federal Legislative Update

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, and Sheryl Cohen, Partner, American Continental Group, provided an update on issues being addressed at

the state and federal level. At the state level, Ms. Warmerdam discussed the Governor's 2023-24 May Revision to be released later today and status of RCRC's sponsored bills.

John Kennedy, Policy Advocate, provided an update on RCRC's sponsored bills relating to illegal dumping, solid and organic waste recycling, and hazardous materials. Mr. Kennedy also discussed bills relating to energy, fire station backup generation, and solid waste facilities.

Sarah Dukett, Policy Advocate, provided an update on bills relating to minimum wage, labor relations, open meetings, cannabis enforcement, and behavioral health.

Eric Will, Policy and Local Assistance Manager, presented on efforts to support funding opportunities and programs for Member Counties.

At the federal level, Ms. Cohen provided an update on RCRC's priorities for the 118th Congress, including the current state of debt ceiling/budget discussions, the Save Our Sequoias Act, Secure Rural Schools/Payment in Lieu of Taxes, disaster relief, cannabis banking, and Farm Bill reauthorization.

Adjournment

Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, adjourned the RCRC Board of Directors Meeting at 10:15 a.m.