

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Special Executive Committee Meeting  
The Oasis at Death Valley (The Inn)  
Gold Rush Room  
Hwy 190  
Death Valley, CA 92328**

**May 2, 2019**

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County  
Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County  
Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County  
Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County  
Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County (*Ex-Officio*)

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County  
Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County  
Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County  
Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County  
Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County

**Minutes**

**Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, called the RCRC Executive Committee to order at 11:28 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present were as follows:

**Supervisors in Attendance**

Matt Kingsley  
Daron McDaniel  
Stacy Corless  
Aaron Albaugh  
Diane Dillon  
Jack Garamendi  
Kevin Cann  
Rex Bohn  
Michael Kobseff  
Kuyler Crocker

**County**

Inyo  
Merced  
Mono  
Lassen  
Napa  
Calaveras  
Mariposa  
Humboldt  
Siskiyou  
Tulare

**Absent Members**

None

**Staff in Attendance**

Greg Norton, President and CEO  
Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs  
Santinia Pasquini, External Affairs Coordinator

**Approval of Minutes of Minutes of the March 13, 2019 Meeting**

Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, motioned to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **RCRC Supporting the Confirmation of Karen Ross, Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture – ACTION**

Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs, discussed RCRC supporting Karen Ross, Governor Gavin Newsom's appointment to serve as the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Mr. Smith noted that if approved, RCRC would convey its support of Ms. Ross during the confirmation process in the State Senate.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

RCRC staff recommends the RCRC Executive Committee support the gubernatorial appointment of Secretary Ross during the confirmation process in the State Senate. Secretary Ross has always been extremely responsive to RCRC member county concerns and has worked closely with RCRC staff on issues relating to environmental stewardship. Secretary Ross has unmatched leadership experience in agricultural issues nationally, internationally, and in California.

**Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, motioned to support the gubernatorial appointment of Secretary Karen Ross as the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 11:29 a.m.