

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Executive Committee Meeting  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Board Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 447-4806**

**May 22, 2019 – 10:15 a.m.**

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County	Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County
Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County	Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County
Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County	Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County
Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County	Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County
Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County ( <i>Ex-Officio</i> )	Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County

**Minutes**

**Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, called the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee to order at 10:41 a.m. A quorum for was determined at that time. Those present were as follows:

<b><u>Supervisors in Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>
Matt Kingsley	Inyo
Daron McDaniel	Merced
Rex Bohn	Humboldt
Michael Kobseff	Siskiyou
Diane Dillon	Napa
Jack Garamendi	Calaveras
Kuyler Crocker	Tulare
Kevin Cann	Mariposa (Ex-Officio)

**Absent Members**

Aaron Albaugh	Lassen
Stacy Corless	Mono

**Staff in Attendance**

Greg Norton, President and CEO  
Craig Ferguson, Vice President  
Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer  
Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs  
Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs  
Barbara Hayes, Chief Economic Development Officer  
Sarah Bolnik, Economic Development Specialist  
Arthur Wylene, General Counsel  
Maggie Chui, Governmental Affairs Coordinator  
Elizabeth Jensen, Accountant

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate  
Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate  
Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate

### **Others in Attendance**

Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County  
Elizabeth Espinosa, Hurst Brooks Espinosa, LLC

### **Approval of Minutes of the May 2, 2019 Meeting**

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

**Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2019 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Approval of the 2018 RCRC Audited Financial Statements**

Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer, presented the RCRC Executive Committee with the 2018 Audited Financial Statements. The RCRC Executive Committee reviewed the financial statements and Ms. McCargar answered any questions that they had.

### **Recommendation**

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee, acting in their capacity as the Audit Committee, review and approve the 2018 audited financial statements and communication letter as presented, for presentation to and adoption by the RCRC Board of Directors.

**Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, motioned to approve the 2018 RCRC audited financial statements and communication letter as presented. Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Governor's May Revise**

Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs, provided a brief highlight of the key issues in the Governor's May Revision of the 2019-20 State Budget affecting RCRC member counties, including: \$644,000 for the State's Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program; an additional \$87 million to assist counties in replacing outdated voting systems; an additional \$251 million in Cap-and-Trade revenues for various greenhouse gas reduction programs; an additional \$70.3 million to offset In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort costs based on revised caseload projections and restoration of service hours; and, one-time investments to respond to investor-owned utility Public Safety Power Shutdown. Unfortunately, funding of subvention payments to counties under the Williamson Act was not included. The 2019-20 State Budget Package will need to be adopted by June 15, 2019 midnight.

Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate, provided an overview of the Governor's May Revision as it relates to IHSS, homelessness, housing, and the County Medical Services Program (CMSP). While RCRC and local government partners are in support the proposed revision to IHSS, joint opposition remains with the requested trailer bill language from the United Domestic Workers of America which seeks to link an aspect of the proposal with collective bargaining.

Ms. Rhine spoke about an increase of \$150 million from the Governor's January proposed Budget to combat homelessness. RCRC and local government partners are in support of Governor Newsom's Homeless Aid for Planning and Shelter Program and allocations to counties to implement various programs.

Ms. Rhine spoke about the housing proposal, and stated that the Governor's May Revision continues to have a linkage of Senate Bill 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) dollars to housing production. Ms. Rhine noted that there are changes to proposed local government funding and allocation related to Regional Housing Need Allocation planning.

Lastly, Ms. Rhine spoke about revisions to CMSP Budget proposal which seeks to suspend all CMSP realignment funding until its reserve is decreased to a two-year operating reserve and redirects 75 percent of realignment revenue thereafter.

Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, provided an overview of the Governor's May Revision as it relates to Cap-and-Trade, disaster preparedness, and the State Responsibility Areas (SRA) fee.

Ms. Heaton spoke about RCRC's strong support of the Governor's May Revision's continued commitment to allocate funds from the Cap-and-Trade Expenditure Plan to forest health programs, support for the Senate's proposal to increase the allocations to waste diversion and recycling programs to aid in the implementation of Senate Bill 1383, as well as greater funding for the state's Conservancies and Wildlife Conservation Board.

Ms. Heaton spoke briefly about the Governor's May Revision that augments the \$769.6 million proposed in the Governor's January proposed Budget for disaster response and recovery with an additional \$39.9 million to address disaster preparedness.

Lastly, Ms. Heaton shared that there has been speculations about efforts to revive the SRA fee, of which RCRC staff are strongly advocating against.

### **Senate Bill 144 (Mitchell) – Court Fees**

Paul A. Smith and Elizabeth Espinosa, Hurst Brooks Espinosa LLC, provided an analysis on Senate Bill 144 (Mitchell), which would eliminate a number of administrative fees imposed on a person related to involvement in the criminal justice system. Currently, RCRC and local government partners have an "Oppose Unless Amended" position unless sustainable funding is provided to backfill the loss of revenue resulting from eliminating counties' ability to charge criminal justice fees.

The proposed restructuring or elimination of fines and fees would redirect funding sources that support a diverse set of local programs and services. As currently written, Ms.

Espinosa and Mr. Smith pointed out that SB 144 does not contain sufficient information, and shared the concern that the actual breadth of the fiscal impact to counties and courts associated with eliminating specified fee authority is far larger than is being recognized. Without identifying the actual fiscal implications to counties, the approach as contained in SB 144 is problematic.

RCRC and its local government partners will continue to advocate on behalf of counties to request that SB 144 be amended to make it more workable for counties and courts.

### **Senate Bill 182 (Jackson) - Planning & Zoning: Wildfires**

Tracy Rhine provided an analysis on Senate Bill 182 (Jackson), regarding wildfire risk reduction standards in areas that are considered to be in very high fire hazard severity zones. In recognizing the Legislature's appetite to address local government planning and zoning permitting this year, RCRC staff provided language to Senator Jackson to continue the progress of last year's Senate Bill 901 (Dodd). Recently, SB 182 passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments expected soon.

Ms. Rhine explained the priorities RCRC staff will continue to advocate as SB 182 continues to move forward, which include addressing the Regional Housing Need Allocation relief obligations, fund allocations for planning and zoning from the General Fund, and the delaying of implementation schedule for another 3-4 years.

### **Other Items**

Paul A. Smith notified the RCRC Executive Committee to expect an action item at the upcoming June 2019 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting relating to the creation of a Homeowner's Insurance Ad Hoc Committee Meeting to address homeowner's insurance affordability and availability.

### **RCRC Budget Reports (March 31, 2019)**

Lisa McCargar presented the RCRC Budget Report, the Statement of Revenues and Expenses, Budget vs. Actual, for period ending March 31, 2019.

### **RCRC Investment Reports (March 31, 2019)**

Lisa McCargar presented the RCRC Investment Report which provides a summary of investment transactions from December 31, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

### **RCRC Liquidity Reports (March 31, 2019)**

Lisa McCargar presented the RCRC Liquidity Report (unaudited) for period ending March 31, 2019. Ms. McCargar noted that pension liabilities have not been adjusted for March 31, 2019, with balance presented as of December 31, 2018.

### **External Affairs Update**

Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs, provided an update on the External Affairs Department's activities. Mr. Caporusso shared that the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Rural County Photo Contest will occur during the month of June. Mr. Caporusso also shared that RCRC staff are preparing for the 2019 RCRC Annual Meeting which will be held in South Lake Tahoe in El Dorado County. In addition, in conjunction with the California State

Association of Counties, planning has started for the National Association of Counties' Western Interstate Region 2020 Conference, which will be held at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite (Mariposa). Mr. Caporusso also shared that the California Forest Watershed Alliance (CAFWA), of which RCRC is a founding member, has recently ramped-up its activities, and currently working on scheduling a meeting with Governor Newsom to discuss Senate Bill 901 implementation. Lastly, Mr. Caporusso provided an audience outreach update.

### **Board of Directors Meeting Results**

At the January 2019 RCRC Board of Directors meeting, Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County, conveyed his request of the possibility of changing the RCRC Board of Directors Sacramento meetings to a different day. As such, RCRC staff developed and administered a survey to RCRC Delegates and Alternates that would determine the most suitable day and time of future Sacramento-based RCRC Board of Directors meetings.

Justin Caporusso distributed survey results to the RCRC Executive Committee for discussion. The RCRC Executive Committee reviewed the survey results and discussed at length the notion of changing the day and time of the meetings. Following the discussion, the RCRC Executive Committee agreed to retain Wednesdays as the day for Sacramento-based RCRC Board of Director meetings. This will be presented at the full RCRC Board of Directors in June 2019.

### **Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 1:43 p.m.