

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

**July 10, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.**

Executive Committee Members:

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| 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 10:06 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present were as follows:

| <b><u>Supervisors in Attendance</u></b> | <b><u>County</u></b> |
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| Matt Kingsley                           | Inyo                 |
| Daron McDaniel                          | Merced               |
| Stacy Corless                           | Mono                 |
| Rex Bohn                                | Humboldt             |
| Michael Kobseff                         | Siskiyou             |
| Aaron Albaugh                           | Lassen               |
| Diane Dillon                            | Napa                 |
| Jack Garamendi                          | Calaveras            |

**Absent Members**

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| Kevin Cann     | Mariposa (Ex-Officio) |
| Kuyler Crocker | Tulare                |

**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  
Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate

## **Others in Attendance**

Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County

## **Approval of Minutes of the May 22, 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 22, 2019 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

## **Public Comment**

None.

## **State & Federal Update**

Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, distributed a supplemental memo to the RCRC Executive Committee titled "Utility Wildfire Fund Legislative Package," (Package) which outlines a new wildfire securitization fund and wildfire mitigation scheme for the state's three major investor-owned utilities (IOUs). Due to Governor Gavin Newsom's desire to act prior to the IOUs' credit worthiness is slated to be re-rated on July 15, 2019, much action has been occurring before the Legislature adjourns for Summer Recess on July 12, 2019.

The Package is anchored by Assembly Bill 1054 (Holden) and two budget trailer bills, Assembly Bill 110 and Assembly Bill 111. The Package's three major components would require IOUs to invest heavily in wildfire mitigation efforts, revise how a utility is deemed to be a "prudent manager," and establish a framework for a wildfire liability securitization fund.

RCRC has expressed concerns with the initial version of AB 1054, particularly as it relates to the structure of the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (Board), which would have exempted it from the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. RCRC believes a public process is crucial when the Board is tasked with developing recommendations. While the Package keeps IOUs solvent and provides wildfire assistance to victims for future wildfires, the Package appears to be too complex to fully guarantee what the ultimate outcome will be regarding wildfire prevention measures, utility de-energization practices, and ratepayer impacts.

AB 1054 currently awaits action by the Assembly, and is expected to be signed by Governor Newsom thereafter. The RCRC Executive Committee discussed the Package's possible end product at length. RCRC staff will update the RCRC Board of Directors on the Package at the August RCRC Board of Directors meeting.

Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs, shared that the Legislature will adjourn for Summer Recess beginning July 12, 2019, and will return on August 12, 2019. Upon return, the Legislature will consider a large amount of measures in the final four

weeks of the 2019 Session. RCRC staff will provide a report on the final weeks of the 2019 Session at the August RCRC Board of Directors meeting.

Mr. Smith also provided a brief update on issues at the federal level, including U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's recently-introduced legislation - Restoring Local Control Over Public Infrastructure Act – which would overturn the Federal Communications Commission's order and restore the authority of local governments to make important determinations regarding the siting of wireless facilities in their respective communities. Mr. Smith also provided a brief update of ongoing efforts to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools program and the Federal Payment In Lieu of Taxes program. Furthermore, Mr. Smith will be traveling to Washington D.C. at the end of July to spend several days on Capitol Hill to advocate on RCRC's federal priorities.

#### **RCRC Budget Report (May 31, 2019)**

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

#### **RCRC Investment Report as of May 31, 2019**

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

#### **RCRC Liquidity Report as of May 31, 2019**

Lisa McCargar presented the RCRC Liquidity Report (Unaudited) for period ending May 31, 2019.

#### **Approval and Acceptance of Monterey County Membership**

Greg Norton, President and CEO, and Paul A. Smith discussed the potential of Monterey County becoming a member of RCRC. Mr. Norton and Mr. Smith reviewed the acceptance of Monterey County as a member, the pro rata membership fee amount for the remainder of the year, as well as assignment to Region 5 for the purposes of RCRC Executive Committee representation.

The RCRC Executive Committee discussed at length the notion of approving, and subsequently forwarding to the RCRC Board of Directors a recommendation to approve Monterey County as a member of RCRC.

The RCRC Executive Committee also discussed implementing criteria for counties that may be interested in becoming a member of RCRC in the future. In response to the discussion, Mr. Norton will be working with the RCRC Officers to consider certain criteria, including the population size of the interested county and unanimous approval by the interested county's Board of Supervisors to join. Mr. Norton will return with a proposal for the RCRC Executive Committee to consider.

#### **Recommendations**

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee forward to the RCRC Board of Directors a recommendation to approve Monterey County in the following manner:

1. Accept Monterey County as an RCRC member county at the August 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting;
2. Set Monterey County's annual membership dues at \$16,000, prorated to \$13,330 for the remainder of 2019-2020 fiscal year; and,
3. Assign Monterey County to Region 5 pursuant to the RCRC Bylaws.

**Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County, motioned to approve the recommendations. Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **RCRC 2020 Meeting Calendar Draft**

Paul A. Smith reviewed a draft RCRC Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2020 with the RCRC Executive Committee. Unless other recommended revisions are suggested or made by the RCRC Executive Committee members, RCRC staff expects to submit the schedule for adoption by the RCRC Board of Directors at the September RCRC Board of Directors meeting.

### **Executive Committee Harassment Training**

Lisa McCargar shared that RCRC recently updated the RCRC Employee Handbook, including the harassment policy as required by law. As such, RCRC staff partook in a harassment training. Ms. McCargar discussed providing the harassment training at the August RCRC Board of Directors meeting as the policy extends to RCRC's third party contractors and Board members.

### **2019 Annual Meeting Update**

Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs, provided an update on the 2019 RCRC Annual Meeting which will be held in South Lake Tahoe in El Dorado County. Thus far, RCRC has secured 18 sponsorships.

In addition, Mr. Caporusso and Paul A. Smith requested direction from the RCRC Executive Committee on the possibility of accepting sponsorship from cannabis and/or cannabis-related organizations. The RCRC Executive Committee discussed at length the notion of accepting sponsorships from these entities. Following the discussion, the RCRC Executive Committee decided that due to public perception, RCRC should only accept sponsorships from cannabis-related organizations that would assist with the process of cannabis in the legal marketplace, but not the cannabis product.

### **Closed Session: President/CEO Annual Evaluation – ACTION**

The Executive Committee convened a closed session at 12:52 p.m. pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code.

The Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 2:25 p.m.

### **Report any Action Taken Under Item VIII. Pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the Government Code**

**Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, reported no action was taken, and action will be taken by the full RCRC Board of Directors at the meeting on August 14, 2019.**

**Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 2:26 p.m.