

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Board Room
Sacramento, CA 95814
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July 11, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County	Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County
Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County	Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County
Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County	Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County
Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County	Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County
Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County (<i>Ex-Officio</i>)	Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County

Minutes

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, called the RCRC Executive Committee to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present were as follows:

<u>Supervisors in Attendance</u>	<u>County</u>
Rex Bohn	Humboldt
Matt Kingsley	Inyo
Aaron Albaugh	Lassen
Daron McDaniel	Merced
Stacy Corless	Mono
Michael Kobseff	Siskiyou
Bob Williams	Tehama
Randy Hanvelt	Tuolumne

Absent Members

Kevin Cann	Mariposa (Ex-Officio)
Diane Dillon	Napa

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
Arthur Wylene, Governmental Affairs Legal Counsel

Approval of Minutes of the May 9, 2018 Meeting

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

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, motioned to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment

None

Assembly Bill 924: Commercial Cannabis Activities – ACTION

Paul A. Smith, Vice President Government Affairs, reported on Assembly Bill 924 (Bonta) which would create an alternative pathway for licensing commercial cannabis activities that occur on tribal lands. Specifically, the bill is poised to contain language that creates a local involvement component that is different than the current local sanctioning process. Two key aspects of the local involvement component are binding arbitration and the ability of tribes to commence activities BEFORE an agreement is reached between tribes and a local government. Currently, the bill reflects only “spot language”, but an extensive re-write of the bill is likely to occur before the August 31st adjournment date. An agreement between tribes and RCRC over the local involvement component is likely to be incorporated into the final bill.

Recommendation

RCRC staff recommended adopting a “Support if Amended” position. While binding arbitration and having product in the ground before an agreement is executed is challenging for many RCRC member counties, RCRC staff believes the recently-agreed to compromise with tribes is the best agreement that can be reached in the interest of rural counties. RCRC staff’s analysis of the landscape suggests that any subsequent effort in 2019 will not contain much of the protections and guarantees found in AB 924, assuming the MOU is included into the final bill.

Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, motioned to adopt a “support if amended” position. Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, seconded the motion. Motion passes with a roll call vote 6 – 2.

Aye: Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Merced, Mono, Tuolumne

Nay: Siskiyou, Tehama

Absent: Mariposa, Napa

Government Affairs Update

Paul A. Smith reported that the Legislature is currently on its Summer Recess and will return on August 6th for the final four weeks of the 2018 Legislative Session. Of key interest to RCRC is the ongoing conversations regarding liability of utilities with respect to wildfires. Specifically, there is a legislative effort to reduce liability (commonly referred to as inverse condemnation) for companies such as PG&E when they are found responsible for contributing to the causation of wildfires. RCRC has signed a letter along with other stakeholders opposing efforts to change the liability status if a

utility is found to be responsible for wildfires. It is expected this will be the signature issue for the Legislature during the last weeks of the Session.

Mr. Smith also discussed the plight of the 2018 Farm Bill. Both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives have passed their respective versions of the 2018 Farm Bill. A conference committee is expected to be named shortly. RCRC staff will continue to urge the adoption of a Farm Bill reauthorization that addresses rural economic development and other key components.

RCRC Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports

Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Quarterly Budget Report, the Investment Report, and the Liquidity Report for period ending May 31, 2018.

RCRC 2019 Meeting Calendar Draft

Paul A. Smith reviewed a draft RCRC Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2019 with the Executive Committee. Mr. Smith informed the Executive Committee that the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) may change as they have not yet been confirmed by the ESJPA Board of Directors. Unless other recommended revisions are suggested/made by Executive Committee members, RCRC staff expects to submit the schedule for adoption by the RCRC Board of Directors at the September meeting in Napa County.

County Visits Update

Greg Norton, President and CEO, reported on recent county visits taken by staff.

External Affairs Update

Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs, discussed various activities of the External Affairs team. First, Mr. Caporusso provided an update on the 2018 Annual Meeting in Napa County. Mr. Caporusso explained that the 2018 Annual Meeting will take place September 19-21st at the Napa Valley Marriot Hotel & Spa. Save-the-Date postcards were mailed earlier this summer, and the invitation mailer is being sent mid-July. This year's mailer will not include a registration form, instead directing interested attendees to the event website, accessed via rcrcnet.org.

Mr. Caporusso reminded the Executive Committee that the Rural County Photo Contest had been launched, and more than 75 submissions had already been received. The contest runs through August 31st.

Mr. Caporusso also provided an update on RCRC's Podcast, *The Rural Rundown*. In addition to the content related to RCRC's governmental affairs work, *The Rural Rundown* will be launching a "Destination of the Month" series beginning in October, highlighting seasonal member county events and tourist attractions.

Lastly, Mr. Caporusso announced that the External Affairs team would be hosting a Social Media Workshop prior to the Board of Directors meeting in August. Details will be distributed via email in early August.

Closed Session: President/CEO Annual Evaluation

The Executive Committee convened a closed session at 12:02 p.m. pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code.

The Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 2:00 p.m.

Report Any Action Taken Under Item VIII. Pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, reported that no action was taken, and reconciliation will be taken by the Full RCRC Board of Directors at the meeting on August 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Chair, Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee at 2:03 p.m.