

Rural County Representatives of California Executive Committee Meeting

1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Board Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, the July 15, 2020 RCRC Executive Committee meeting was held virtually.

July 15, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County
Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County
Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County
Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County
Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County (*Ex-Officio*)

Supervisor Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County
Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County
Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County
Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County
Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County

Minutes

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, called the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present were as follows:

| <u>Supervisors in Attendance</u> | <u>County</u> |
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| Daron McDaniel | Merced |
| Stacy Corless | Mono |
| Dan Miller | Nevada |
| Matt Kingsley | Inyo |
| Gerry Hemmingsen | Del Norte |
| Lee Adams | Sierra |
| Denise Carter | Colusa |
| Jack Garamendi | Calaveras |
| Kuyler Crocker | Tulare |
| Kevin Cann | Mariposa (Ex-Officio) |

Absent Members

None

Staff in Attendance

Greg Norton, President and CEO
Craig Ferguson, Senior Vice President
Lisa McCargar, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer
Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs
Arthur Wylene, General Counsel

Layne Frederiksen, IT Director
Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator/Clerk of the Board
Milena De Melo, Controller
Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate
Terrance Rodgers, Economic Development Officer
Liz Jensen, Assistant Controller

Others in Attendance

Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County
Justin Caporusso

Approval of Minutes of the May 20, 2020 Meeting

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

Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, motioned to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.” Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County, absent.

Public Comment

None

State & Federal Update

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, shared that the Legislature has amended the 2020 Legislative Session return date from July 13th to July 27th to minimize potential coronavirus (COVID-19) exposure and transmission in the State Capitol. Leaders in the Legislature must decide how to process the remaining 700 bills before the Legislature adjourns on August 31st. Mr. Smith noted that a Special Session of the Legislature may be called to convene.

Mr. Smith also provided a brief update on issues at the federal level, including RCRC staff’s ongoing efforts and monitoring of the next round of federal stimulus funding. In the next round of federal stimulus funding package, RCRC staff is advocating for direct funding to counties and maximum flexibility to expend dollars. It should be noted that Congress is scheduled to go into a one-month recess in August.

RCRC Supporting the Confirmation of Chevon R. Kothari, Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Social Services

Paul A. Smith discussed RCRC supporting Chevon R. Kothari, the Governor’s appointment to serve as the Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Social Services. Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, spoke in support of Ms. Kothari, and affirmed her qualifications to serve in the new role. If approved, RCRC would convey its support during the confirmation process in the State Senate.

Staff Recommendation

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Executive Committee support the gubernatorial appointment of Ms. Kothari during the confirmation process in the State Senate.

Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, motioned to approve the gubernatorial appointment of Ms. Chevon R. Kothari to serve as the Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Social Services. Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

2020-21 State Budget Update

Paul A. Smith provided an update on the 2020-21 State Budget as outlined in *The Rural Rundown: A Summary of the Revised 2020-21 State Budget Package*. On June 29th, Governor Newsom signed the State Budget Package, which included the main budget bill, budget amendments, and 18 bills related to budget implementation. The approach of the 2020-21 State Budget is made through a combination of reserves, triggers, federal funds, revenues, borrowing/transfers/deferrals, canceled expansions, updated assumptions, and other solutions.

Mr. Smith highlighted the following items: 1) release of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act monies to counties and cities, and the funding disbursement schedule; 2) release of up to \$1 billion to backfill the costs to realigned programs with a priority toward health and human services, entitlement programs, and the programs that serve vulnerable populations. As required by law, the California State Association of Counties will determine the formula and will provide to the California Department of Finance for distribution to counties; 3) release of \$50 million to the California Office of Emergency Services for community power resiliency projects to mitigate the impacts of future public safety power shutoff events; 4) delay of action on Cap-and-Trade revenues for various greenhouse gas reduction programs; and, 5) ongoing negotiations of the Division of Juvenile Justice realignment proposal.

The RCRC Executive Committee discussed at length allowed/disallowed COVID-19-related expenses and claims. Mr. Smith advised counties to maintain extensive documentations on all COVID-19-related expenses for claims. It is expected that further revisions to the State Budget Package will be addressed in August once the state fully counts personal income tax receipts.

RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet (May 31, 2020)

Lisa McCargar, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer, and Milena De Melo, Controller, presented the RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2020, compared to the Condensed Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018 and 2019.

RCRC Investment Report (May 31, 2020)

Lisa McCargar and Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Quarterly Investment Report which provided a summary of investment transactions from December 31, 2019 to May 31, 2020.

RCRC Budget Report (May 31, 2020)

Lisa McCargar and Milena De Melo presented the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for RCRC which provided a summary of budget to actual comparison for the five months ended May 31, 2020.

RCRC 2021 Meeting Calendar Draft

Paul A. Smith reviewed the draft RCRC meeting schedule for 2021 with the RCRC Executive Committee. Mr. Smith highlighted several events, including the RCRC Installation Reception, a three-day RCRC Board of Directors meeting that will occur in Mono County, and a RCRC Board of Directors meeting that will be held in conjunction with the RCRC Annual Meeting in Monterey County. Though, due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, the 2021 calendar may be subject to change. 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.

Discussion of Packet Distribution for Meetings Conducted via Zoom

Paul A. Smith and Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator/Clerk of the Board, discussed the discontinuation of hard copy packets for meetings conducted via Zoom. Mr. Smith and Ms. Chui asked the RCRC Executive Committee to consider the benefits of electronic-only packets during this time, such as saving resources (i.e. printer ink and paper), mailing postage, and staff time. Ms. Chui noted that meeting packets would be accessible via the RCRC website or in the e-mail that would be distributed once the packet is available.

Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, voiced her support of electronic-only packets. Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, shared that the Merced County Board of Supervisors are already electronic-only. The RCRC Executive Committee agreed that electronically hosted meetings would not include hard copies of packets.

Closed Session: President/CEO Annual Evaluation

The RCRC Executive Committee convened a closed session at 12:45 p.m. pursuant to Section 54954.5(e) and 54957 of the Government Code

The RCRC Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 2:28 p.m.

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

Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Nevada County, stated nothing to report.

Adjournment

Chair, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 2:30 p.m.