

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
August 16, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County	Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County
Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County	Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County
Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County	Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County
Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County	Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County
Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County (<i>Ex-Officio</i>)	Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County

MINUTES

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, presided. Present were President and CEO Patrick Blacklock, General Counsel Arthur J. Wylene, and Director of Board Operations Maggie Chui, clerk. RCRC Chair Teeter called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those members present:

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>County</u>
Doug Teeter	Butte
Chris Lopez	Monterey
Geri Byrne	Modoc
Matt Kingsley	Inyo
Rex Bohn	Humboldt
Aaron Albaugh	Lassen
EJ Crandell	Lake
Miles Menetrey	Mariposa
Bob Nelson	Santa Barbara
Daron McDaniel	Merced (Ex-Officio)

Absent

None

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda – ACTION

- a. June 14, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes
- b. Annual Meeting - County Basket Auction & Drawing

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, called for approval of the above-listed consent agenda.

Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, motioned to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

State and Federal Legislative Update

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs, provided an update on matters currently under consideration at both the state and federal levels. The State Legislature reconvened after its summer recess on August 14th and is anticipated to address various pending matters and areas of concern. At the federal level, discussions regarding the potential government shutdown were addressed.

“Government Transparency Act” Initiative and Potential Related Measures

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Arthur J. Wylene, General Counsel, and Sarah Dukett, Policy Advocate, presented on the “Government Transparency Act” initiative related to the Public Records Act. RCRC staff highlighted some successes and indicated ongoing efforts to enhance the initiative, as it may become a potential ballot measure. The RCRC Executive Committee offered initial feedback and guidance to RCRC staff.

RCRC Contribution to the California Employer’s Retiree Benefit Trust

Milena De Melo, Finance Director, presented a recommendation for RCRC to contribute to the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT). Ms. De Melo explained that this contribution reflects RCRC's proactive fiduciary responsibility and contributes to its long-term financial health.

The RCRC Executive Committee engaged in a discussion with RCRC staff to better understand the rationale behind this action item.

Staff Recommendation

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee approve recommending to the RCRC Board of Directors that staff be authorized to contribute \$500,000, from RCRC’s unrestricted funds, to the CERBT Section 115 Trust.

Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County, motioned to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

RCRC Proposed Paydown of Unfunded Pension Liability

Milena De Melo presented a recommendation for RCRC to contribute towards RCRC’s unfunded pension liability through the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS). Ms. De Melo explained that this contribution demonstrates a proactive exercise of fiduciary responsibility by providing retirement security and protecting retiree payments for current and prior employees. It also contributes to RCRC's long-term financial health.

Staff Recommendation

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee recommend to the RCRC Board of Directors that staff be authorized to contribute \$1,000,000, from RCRC's unassigned funds, to paydown the CalPERS unfunded liability.

Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County, motioned to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye."

RCRC Revised Pay Rate Schedule

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC revised pay rate schedule, which reflects revised positions and pay rate changes.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee approve the revised pay rate schedule and direct the RCRC staff to make the same recommendations to the RCRC Board of Directors.

Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County, motioned to approve the RCRC revised pay rate schedule. Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye."

Appointment of External Auditor

Milena De Melo presented on the proposed selection and appointment of Moss Adams, LLP, an independent external auditor, for the 2023-2026 audits. Ms. De Melo discussed the process for selection and identified the external auditor recommended by RCRC staff for consideration by the RCRC Executive Committee.

Staff Recommendation

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee approve recommending to the RCRC Board of Directors that Moss Adams, LLP be appointed as external auditor for RCRC and its affiliated entities for the next three-year cycle.

Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County, motioned to approve the above-mentioned recommendation. Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye."

RCRC Proposed 2024 Meeting Calendar

Maggie Chui, Director of Board Operations, presented on the RCRC proposed 2024 meeting calendar. The RCRC Executive Committee was asked to review and provide feedback. RCRC staff will submit the schedule for adoption by the RCRC Board of Directors at a future RCRC Board of Directors meeting.

RCRC Strategic Plan Mid-Year Update

Carolyn Jhajj, Communications Director, provided a mid-year update on the implementation of the 2022-2025 RCRC Strategic Plan as of June 30, 2023. Ms. Jhajj highlighted various strategies that have been implemented by RCRC staff to date.

Condensed Balance Sheet (June 30, 2023)

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023, as compared to 2022 and 2021.

Investment Report (June 30, 2023)

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Investment Report which provided a summary of investment transactions from December 31, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

Budget v. Actual Report (June 30, 2023)

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Statement of Revenues and Expenses which provided a summary of budget to actual comparison for period ended June 30, 2023.

Adjournment

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 1:28 p.m.