

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Special Executive Committee Meeting  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**August 18, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.**

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County  
Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County  
Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County  
Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County  
Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama 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 Michael Kelley, Imperial County

**Minutes**

**Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, called the RCRC Special Executive Committee to order at 8:32 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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| Stacy Corless                           | Mono                 |
| Dan Miller                              | Nevada               |
| Doug Teeter                             | Butte                |
| Daron McDaniel                          | Merced               |
| Denise Carter                           | Colusa               |
| Jack Garamendi                          | Calaveras            |
| Michael Kelley                          | Imperial             |
| Bob Williams                            | Tehama (Ex-Officio)  |

**Absent Members**

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| Gerry Hemmingsen | Del Norte |
| Lee Adams        | Sierra    |

**Staff in Attendance**

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO  
Craig Ferguson, Senior Vice President  
Lisa McCargar, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer  
Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs  
Arthur J. Wylene, General Counsel  
Barbara Hayes, Chief Economic Development Officer  
Sarah Dukett, Legislative Advocate  
Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator/Clerk of the Board  
Carolyn Jhajj, Communications Director  
Elizabeth Jensen, Assistant Controller  
Sanjay Lee, Financial Analyst

### **Others in Attendance**

None

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Review and Approval of July 14, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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

**Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, motioned to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021, RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Approval of Charities Receiving Proceeds from the 2021 Annual Meeting Drawing and Basket Auction**

Arthur J. Wylene, General Counsel, discussed RCRC Chair Stacy Corless' (Mono County) chosen charities to receive proceeds from the 2021 Annual Meeting basket drawing and auction. They are:

- Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra/National Wounded Warrior Center
- Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserves
- Mono Arts Council
- Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps

Mr. Wylene explained that Supervisor Corless' is a director of the Mono Arts Council and the Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps, and therefore the Corporations Code requires that those two donations be approved by the full Executive Committee. It was explained that although Supervisor Corless' vote will not be counted in the final tally, unlike conflicts of interest arising under the Government Code, she is not required to recuse herself from the discussion.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee approve the proposed donations to the aforementioned charities, including specifically the Mono Arts Council and Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps.

**Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County, motioned to approve the charities to receive proceeds from the 2021 Annual Meeting basket drawing and auction. Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye," except as follows:**

**Abstaining: Mono County**

**RCRC Supporting the Confirmation of Nicole Elliot, Director of the California Department of Cannabis Control**

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, and Sarah Dukett, Legislative Advocate, discussed RCRC supporting Nicole Elliot, the Governor's appointment to serve as the Director of the California Department of Cannabis Control. 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. Elliot during the confirmation process in the State Senate.

**Supervisor Michael Kelley, Imperial County, motioned to approve the gubernatorial appointment of Ms. Nicole Elliott to serve as the Director of the California Department of Cannabis Control. Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.**

**Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Special Executive Committee at 8:42 a.m.