

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, December 4, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 – Conference Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Self Introductions**

Chair, Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, called the meeting to order at 9:11a.m.

A quorum was determined at that time. Those present:

<b><u>Supervisor</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>
Richard Forster	Amador
Doug Teeter	Butte
Merita Callaway	Calaveras
Kim Dolbow Vann	Colusa
John Viegas	Glenn
Michael Kelley	Imperial
Aaron Albaugh	Lassen
David Rogers	Madera
Kevin Cann	Mariposa
John Pedrozo	Merced
Geri Byrne	Modoc
Tim Fesko	Mono
Diane Dillon	Napa
Nate Beason	Nevada
Terry Swofford	Plumas
Anthony Botelho	San Benito
Les Baugh	Shasta
Lee Adams	Sierra
Michael Kobseff	Siskiyou
Larry Munger	Sutter
Bob Williams	Tehama
Debra Chapman	Trinity
Allen Ishida	Tulare
Randy Hanvelt	Tuolumne
Duane Chamberlin	Yolo

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**Absent**

Mary Rawson	Alpine
David Finigan	Del Norte
Brian Veerkamp	El Dorado
Linda Arcularius	Inyo
Anthony Farrington	Lake
Carre Brown	Mendocino
Jim Holmes	Placer
Roger Abe	Yuba

**Others in Attendance**

Brian Oneto, Supervisor, Amador County  
Ed Horton, Placer County Water Agency  
Wanda Ishida, Tulare County

**Staff in Attendance**

Greg Norton, President and CEO  
Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President  
Karl Dolk, Chief Financial Officer  
Paul Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate  
Cyndi Hillery, Legislative Advocate  
Kathy Mannion, Legislative Advocate  
Mary Pitto, Regulatory Affairs Advocate  
Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate  
Randall Echevarria, Legislative Analyst  
Nick Konovaloff, Legislative Analyst  
Santinia Pasquini, Legislative Analyst  
Justin Caporusso, Public Affairs Specialist  
Nick Walter, IT Manager  
Sanjay Lee, Accountant  
Maggie Chui, Governmental Affairs Assistant

**Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2013**

Chair, Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, called for approval of the minutes from the September 27, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting.

*Supervisor Richard Forster, Amador County, noted a spelling correction, second paragraph, on page 3 (Diesel).*

**Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, motioned to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting. Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

***Abstaining: Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County  
Supervisor Larry Munger, Sutter County***

## **Member County Concerns and Issues**

Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County, discussed the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) denial of the federal disaster declaration for federal assistance due to the impacts of the Rim Fire. Additionally, Supervisor Hanvelt discussed Tuolumne County's opposition to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and distributed a copy of the County's press release.

Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, complimented RCRC's staff for their efforts and continued involvement with water issues.

Supervisor Tim Fesko, Mono County, raised concerns regarding the California Air Resources Board's diesel retrofit regulations and the associated costs of compliance.

Supervisor Anthony Botelho, San Benito County, raised concerns regarding additional court security costs, approximately \$500,000, for a new courthouse in the county.

Supervisor Merita Callaway, Calaveras County, discussed the State Water Plan as it relates to the Mountains Counties overlay.

Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County, announced that the California Air Resources Board will hold a meeting in Shasta County on December 5, 2013.

Supervisor John Pedrozo, Merced County, stated that the State Water Plan focuses on "storage".

Supervisor Allen Ishida, Tulare County, announced that the Water Bond group will hold a meeting in January and they have already agreed on several projects. Additionally, Supervisor Ishida stated that Tulare County will join Calaveras County in a lawsuit over courthouse security funding, if necessary.

Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County, informed the Board that the new jail in Lassen County has been open for approximately two months and staff traveling time continues to be an issue of concern.

Supervisor Duane Chamberlin, Yolo County, stated that a new courthouse is currently under construction in Yolo County. Additionally, he inquired as to whether or not the court security staffing requirement formula has changed.

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, stated that he would support a legislative fix in regards to court security funding. Supervisor Kobseff also discussed the Public Trust doctrine lawsuit and a recent issue with the U.S. Forest Service whereby they were searching 58 vehicles that were cutting Christmas Trees.

Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, noted that they have experienced similar issues with the U.S. Forest Service searching vehicles in Butte County.

Supervisor Debra Chapman, Trinity County, noted that they have experienced similar issues with the U.S. Forest Service in Trinity County. County staff held a meeting with the U.S. Forest Service last year, but no resolution was reached.

Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, commented that the U.S. Forest Service does not have the authority to enforce state law. The local Sheriff must grant that authority to enforce the law.

Supervisor Brian Oneto, Amador County, inquired about the availability of statistics regarding water passing through the Delta from the upper watersheds.

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### **President's Report**

Greg Norton, President and CEO, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Executive Committee held a meeting on Wednesday November 13, 2013 covering a variety of items, many of which will be covered today.

A number of county visits to member counties are scheduled in the next few months; recent visits include; Calaveras, Butte, Monterey, Trinity and Tuolumne counties and several members of the Governmental Affairs staff attended the CSAC Annual Conference in San Jose.

Mr. Norton provided an update on AB 93 implementation, which eliminated enterprise zones tax credits. Tax credits will now be based on high poverty rates. RCRC's member counties should review eligible census tracts once announced for those eligible for new tax credits.

#### **Election of 2014 RCRC Officers and Corporate Officers**

Greg Norton explained the election process for the 2014 RCRC Officers and Corporate Officers. Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, submitted an expression of interest in the Second Vice Chair position. The Officers will be sworn in at the Annual Installation of Officers on January 22, 2014. Nominations from the floor were opened and closed.

Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, called for approval of the 2014 slate of Officers as presented:

Chair

Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County

First Vice Chair                      Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County  
Second Vice Chair                    Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County  
Immediate Past Chair                Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County

**Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, motioned to approve the 2014 RCRC Slate of Officers. Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Greg Norton nominated the following individuals to serve, in addition to himself, as the 2014 RCRC Corporate Officers:

Patricia Megason                      Secretary  
Karl Dolk                                Treasurer  
Craig Ferguson                        Assistant Secretary

**Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, called for approval of the 2014 RCRC Corporate Officers. Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, made a motion to confirm the appointments as presented by Mr. Norton. Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

#### **Approval and Acceptance of Humboldt County**

Greg Norton discussed the approval and acceptance process of Humboldt County per the RCRC's Bylaws. If approved by the Board, Humboldt County would place RCRC's membership at thirty-four of the fifty-eight counties and would begin membership in January 2014.

#### **Staff Recommendations:**

**Staff recommends that the RCRC Board of Directors approve the following:**

- 1. Accept Humboldt County as an RCRC Member County;**
- 2. Set Humboldt County's annual membership dues at \$12,000 prorated to \$6,000 for the remainder of 2013-14;**
- 3. Assign Humboldt County to Region One pursuant to the RCRC Bylaws; and**
- 4. Reassign Glenn County from Region One to Region Three and Butte County from Region Three to Region Two.**

**Supervisor Richard Forster, Amador County, motioned to approve staff recommendations. Supervisor Tim Fesko, Mono County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

#### **Resolution 14-01 Travel Expense Policy**

Greg Norton provided an overview of the proposed revisions to Resolution 14-01, RCRC's Board Travel and Expense Policy. The Board directed staff to confirm that the State reimbursement rate for lodging is consistent with RCRC's current reimbursement rate of \$111 per night.

**Staff Recommendation**

**Staff recommends that the RCRC Board of Directors review and approve the proposed Board Travel Expense Policy Resolution 14-01.**

**Supervisor John Pedrozo, Merced County, made a motion to approve staff recommendation, including if necessary, the increase of RCRC's lodging reimbursement rate to bring it consistent with the State reimbursement rate. Supervisor Larry Munger, Sutter County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Investment Policy Renewal**

Greg Norton reviewed the 2014 Investment Policy Renewal. The Executive Committee approved the Policy at their November 13, 2013 meeting.

**Staff Recommendation**

**Staff recommends that the RCRC Board of Directors review and approve the 2014 Investment Policy Renewal as presented.**

**Supervisor Richard Forster, Amador County, motioned to approve staff recommendations. Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Resolutions 14-02 and 14-03 Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund (14-02) and the National Homebuyers Fund (14-03) for Repayment of 2004 Write-Off Amount**

Greg Norton explained the purpose of these resolutions. This Action was discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on November 13, 2013.

**Staff Recommendations:**

**Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve Resolutions 14-02 and 14-03 that authorize the following:**

- 1. Execution of an Agreement between CHF and RCRC, for repayment of \$1,488,246 to RCRC, which amount represents CHF's 2004 Accounts Payable balance that was written off by RCRC as part of the 2005 budget approval, for receipt of payment in 2014; and**

2. Execution an Agreement between NHF and RCRC, for repayment of \$911,533 to RCRC, which amount represents NHF's 2004 Accounts Payable balance that was written off by RCRC as part of the 2005 budget approval, for receipt of payment in 2014.

Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, motioned to approve Resolution 14-02. Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, motioned to approve Resolution 14-03. Supervisor Tim Fesko, Mono County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

### **RCRC 2014 Proposed Budget**

Greg Norton summarized highlights of the proposed 2014 RCRC Operating Budget. The proposed operating budget was reviewed and approved by the RCRC Executive Committee at their November 13, 2013.

### **Staff Recommendations**

**Staff recommends that the RCRC Board of Directors approve the following staff recommendations:**

1. Approve the attached proposed 2014 RCRC Operating Budget;
2. Approve the RCRC contract service fees at the following amounts: CHF - \$1,760,712; ESJPA - \$90,000; and NHF - \$1,662,209;
3. Approve the recovery of the remaining 2004 contract service fee at the following amounts: CHF - \$1,488,246 and NHF - \$911,533;
4. Grant the RCRC President the authority to make up to \$50,000 in short-term revolving business loans to ESJPA to assist with cash flow needs when grant revenues are not received timely;
5. Approve 2014 member county dues calculation at the levels approved by the Board on June 13, 2012; and
6. Review and approve the attached proposed 2014 payrate schedule.

Supervisor Richard Forster, Amador County, motioned to approve staff recommendations. Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**RCRC New Website Look**

Justin Caporusso, Public Affairs Specialist, presented various sections of RCRC's new website including the homepage, RCRC's new logo and navigation features to the Board of Directors.

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### **Patti Mattingly Annual Award**

Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President, informed the Board that the Executive Committee selected Assemblyman Rich Gordon (D-Melo Park) and Senator Anthony Cannella (R-Ceres) as the recipients of the 2014 Patti Mattingly Award. The Awards will be presented at the RCRC Annual Installation of Officers and Reception on January 22, 2014, which will be held at the California Chamber of Commerce offices in Sacramento.

**Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, made a motion to confirm the selection of the 2014 Patti Mattingly Award recipients. Supervisor Terry Swafford, Plumas County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

### **2013-14 Policy Principles**

Patricia Megason presented the 2014 proposed Policy Principles to the Board for review. These principles help guide staff when they review proposed legislation or regulations in order to determine the appropriate RCRC position. Board Members were requested to review the draft Principles and provide all edits, amendments and comments, in writing, to Patricia Megason, no later than January 9, 2014, so they can be included in the January Board Packet and considered at the January Board meeting.

Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, requested that staff distribute an electronic copy of the proposed Policy Principles to the Board.

### **Federal Update & Other Legislative Committee Issues**

Supervisor Diane Dillon briefed the Board on her recent trip to Washington D.C. in November. Supervisor Dillon testified, on behalf of CSAC, before the United States Senate Indian Affairs Committee regarding the *Carcieri* decision, which addresses how federally recognized tribes are eligible to have land taken into trust. Supervisor Dillon's testimony advocated for a real and lasting "fix", rather than a "quick-fix" to the *Carcieri* decision. A quarter of all federally-recognized tribes are located in California. A copy of Supervisor Dillon's testimony will be made available to the Board.

Paul Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate, provided an update on various federal related issues including the Budget, the federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program (PILT), Secure Rural Schools Funding and ongoing Forestry Reform discussions. Mr. Smith noted that the Senate and House continue to have Budget negotiations to agree on a spending level for the remainder of 2014, which will avoid the next round of budget sequestration. The deadline to reach an agreement is December 13, 2013. RCRC continues to focus efforts on reauthorization of federal PILT funding, which expired last year. Staff continues to monitor the Farm Bill, however it likely will not be resolved prior to Christmas, as funding for low-income food/nutrition programs continues to be a concern.

### **State Water Board Groundwater Work Plan**

Kathy Mannion, Legislative Advocate, discussed the State Water Resource Control Boards (SWRCB) Groundwater Workplan Concept Paper and updated the Board on recent meetings between SWRCB staff and county representatives. The Workplan identifies five key elements for effective groundwater management. Comments on the Workplan are due by December 6.

### **Brown Administration's Water Action Plan**

Kathy Mannion provided an overview of the Brown Administration's Water Action Plan and discussed key components of RCRC's comment letter. Copies of county comment letters should be sent to Kathy Mannion [via](#) email. Staff will continue to keep the Board apprised of future opportunities to weigh in on the Water Action Plan.

### **Forest Management Coalition Update**

Cyndi Hillery, Legislative Advocate, provided an update on the ongoing efforts to build a coalition to develop possible solutions relating to forest management, wildfire prevention and watershed health in California.

### **Assembly Bill 32 Scoping Plan Update**

Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, provided an update on the status of the AB 32 Scoping Plan. A discussion draft of the Scoping Plan was released on October 1, 2013. RCRC submitted comments on the discussion draft and focused on four main areas: Recycling and Waste Management, Water, Agricultural and Forests. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is expected to issue a proposed update and environmental assessment in January 2014. Staff will continue to keep the Board updated on the progress of the Scoping Plan.

### **Air Resources Board In-Use Diesel Regulations Activities Update**

Mary Pitto, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, updated the Board on the Air Resources Board (ARB) In-Use Diesel Regulations Activities. Compliance requirements for particulate matter filter installation for small fleets (3 or fewer trucks) will begin in January 2014. The ARB has received requests from numerous private fleet owners and at least 18 rural counties and Air Pollution Control Districts seeking additional exemptions and delays with implementation. In response, the ARB, at their October Board Meeting, presented amendments that may provide additional compliance flexibility and relief. The ARB is expected to formally consider these amendments at their April 2014 Meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, adjourned the RCRC Board of Directors Meeting at 2:04 p.m.