

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Board Room
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February 11, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County
Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County
Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County
Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County
Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County
Supervisor Roger Abe, Yuba County
Supervisor Tim Fesko, Mono County
Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County

Minutes

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Chair, Supervisor Lee Adams Sierra County, called the meeting of the 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>
Doug Teeter	Butte
John Viegas	Glenn
Rex Bohn	Humboldt
Kevin Cann	Mariposa
Tim Fesko	Mono
Nate Beason	Nevada
Lee Adams	Sierra
Bob Williams	Tehama
Roger Abe	Yuba

Absent Members

None

Staff in Attendance

Greg Norton, President and CEO
Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President
Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Bolnik, Office Manager
Paul A. Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate
Craig Ferguson, Vice President

Others in Attendance

None

Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2015 Meeting

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

Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, motioned to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Member County Concerns

Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, informed the Executive Committee that there is much interest in Mariposa regarding the HERO program.

Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, thanked RCRC staff for all of their work on the last year's groundwater legislation. Glenn County held the first groundwater forum in Willows on January 26, 2015. Supervisor Viegas reported that attendance was overwhelming and the information provided was very good.

Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, reported that he attended the CSAC Institute class on Groundwater. Supervisor Doug Teeter also reported that Butte County Board of Supervisors considered the issue of banning hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") at their meeting on Tuesday. The Board voted 4 to 1 in favor of tightening up the use permits process related to fracking.

Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County, reported that Nevada County has started the ten year process of building a dam. The location of the dam will be down-stream from Rollins Reservoir. Supervisor Beason reported that increased economic development will likely occur in association with this project in Nevada County.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, reported that he recently was asked to speak at the Board of Realtors meeting in Humboldt County. Supervisor Bohn thanked RCRC staff member Justin Caporusso as he provided a speech for him at a moment's notice. Supervisor Bohn also gave praise to Justin Caporusso for all of the press releases that he sends to the counties. Each press release that is sent to Humboldt County has gone to print. The County finds these very useful. The Executive Committee as a whole requests that more press releases be sent.

Supervisor Bohn also requested that RCRC staff gather and make available the myriad of marijuana cultivation ordinances that have been adopted by each RCRC member county.

Supervisor Roger Abe, Yuba County, reported that yesterday the Yuba County Board of Supervisors discussed for an hour-and-a-half revisions to the County's marijuana cultivation ordinance. Supervisor Abe reported that the Board is slated to adopt these revisions at its February 24, 2015 meeting.

Supervisor Tim Fesko, Mono County, discussed having RCRC and GSFA staff attend an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting in Mono County as well as other member counties. This would help other supervisors who are not familiar with the roles of RCRC and GSFA better understand the benefits.

Public Comment

None

Government Affairs Update

Paul A. Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate, reported on recent bills introduced concerning marijuana. Yesterday, Assembly Bill 266 (Cooley) was put forth and is sponsored primarily by the League of Cities – it is very similar to the SB 1262 (Correa) from last year. Several weeks ago, Assembly Bill 26 (Jones-Sawyer) and Assembly Bill 34 (Bonta) were put forth. All three bills attempt to create a regulatory frame work for medical marijuana. Staff believes that AB 26/AB 34 will be merged together in the coming weeks. To date, Mr. Smith reported that the biggest difference between AB26/AB 34 and AB 266 is the dual licensing scheme. Mr. Smith reported that proposed amendments have been submitted to the authors of AB 26/AB 34 and is confident that most of the suggestions will be incorporated. If so, AB 26/34 should be positive for counties as it addresses local land-use protections, county taxing authority, environmental clean-up, and mobile deliveries. Mr. Smith also reported that AB 243 (Wood) was introduced to address environmental enforcement associated with marijuana cultivation. RCRC will support this bill and expects it to move through the legislative process.

Mr. Smith discussed State Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), and a bill that is slated for introduction by Senator Lois Wolk and Senator Jim Neilson. This bill would require counties to receive back payments associated with state PILT. To date there are approximately 25 co-authors. Mr. Smith stated that the Brown Administration has incorrect numbers for how much each PILT county should receive under the Governor's January 10 State Budget proposal. Auditors in counties associated with PILT payments are currently looking for an accurate amount.

On a related, note, the Brown Administration released proposed budget trailer bill language related to state PILT payments. RCRC opposes this version of the measure, particularly the proposal to change payments from mandatory to discretionary.

Mr. Smith discussed the retired annuitants/elected officials exemption issue. Mr. Smith gave the Executive Committee a brief history of how this issue came to be. There are a lot of different interpretations of the current statute that addresses the status of elected officials/retired annuitants. Last year, the Legislature considered Senate Bill 1219 to restore the elected officials exemption. That bill was not enacted into law. Mr. Smith added that this year there is likely not to be a stand-alone bill. A number of current legislators are believed to be subject to the interpretations of this law and are seeking an exemption as well. The impediment to the restoration of the elected officials' exemption remains to be within the Brown Administration. Mr. Smith stated that addressing this issue in either the Legislature/Administration or CalPERS will remain a top priority for RCRC this year.

RCRC Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports

Greg Norton, President and CEO, presented the Quarterly Investment & Budget Reports and the Cash and Securities Asset Report for the Fourth Quarter of 2014 (period ending December 31, 2014) for RCRC.

2015 Business Plan /Strategy Outline Overview

Greg Norton outlined the 2015 RCRC Business Plan and Strategy. The Executive Committee discussed the plan which included RCRC affiliate entities.

Board Travel Policy Reimbursement Rates

Greg Norton reminded the Executive Committee that after the January 21, 2015 Board of Directors meeting, staff was asked to survey other county and state agencies to see where RCRC's travel reimbursement rates compare. Five governmental agencies and five counties were polled. Mr. Norton reviewed the averages and proposed adjustments to Resolution 15-01. Suggested edits were increasing the meal reimbursements, combined increase of 32%, and including travel miles for allowable reimbursement for overnight lodging. The Executive Committee discussed staff suggestions and provided additional suggestions. The Executive Committee suggested that the reimbursement for overnight lodging be based on travel time versus travel miles. Traveling more than an hour one-way warrants reimbursement for an overnight stay during a two-day meeting. Traveling for over 1.5 hours one-way warrants reimbursement for a one day meeting. The Executive Committee also requested that wording be added to the policy that states that in order to be reimbursed; the member must stay for the entirety of the meeting.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the RCRC Executive Committee review and approve Revised Resolution 15-01 (attached with revisions in track changes) and recommend approval by the Board of Directors.

Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County, motioned to approve staff recommendations, with additions suggested by the Executive Committee. Supervisor Tim Fesko, Mono County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

County Visits Update

Greg Norton reported on recent county visits taken by staff. Recent visits include Calaveras, El Dorado and Tulare Counties. In the coming months, staff will attend Board of Supervisors meetings to provide a background on RCRC and affiliate entities.

President/CEO Goals and Objectives Update

Mr. Norton met with the Executive Committee to discuss progress on his goals and objectives to date.

Adjournment

Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee at 1:33 p.m.