

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Executive Committee Meeting  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Board Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
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**February 19, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.**

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County  
Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County  
Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County  
Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County

Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County  
Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County  
Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County  
Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County  
Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County

**Minutes**

**Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

Chair, Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County, called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 10:02 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>
John Viegas	Glenn
David Rogers	Madera
Kevin Cann	Mariposa
Geri Byrne	Modoc
Diane Dillon	Napa
Nate Beason	Nevada
Lee Adams	Sierra
Bob Williams	Tehama
Randy Hanvelt	Tuolumne

**Absent Members**

None

**Staff in Attendance**

Greg Norton, President and CEO  
Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President  
Craig Ferguson, Vice President  
Karl Dolk, Chief Financial Officer  
Paul Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate  
Anthony Rahill, Data & Program Development Manager  
Sarah Bolnik, Executive Assistant

**Others in Attendance**

Mark Lowder, NHF

## **Approval of Minutes of the November 13, 2013 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 November 13, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

### **Member County Concerns**

Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, notified the Executive Committee that the everyday lives of Madera County community members has been disrupted due to the drought California is experiencing. Area residents have been informed there will be a 0% water allocation to service Madera County area. Madera County must rely on pumping groundwater for residential and agricultural/industrial use. Currently, many wells in Madera County have gone dry, and there is a current wait-time of six months for new well drillings.

Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County, informed the Executive Committee that Tuolumne County has issued a state of emergency due to lack of water. There is now a 50% mandatory rationing placed on all households. Tuolumne County has virtually no groundwater to speak of and must rely on surface water.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Governmental Affairs Update**

Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President, informed the Executive Committee that the deadline to introduce bills in the State Legislature is at the end of this week. Thus, hundreds of bills will be introduced in the next days and RCRC members should expect to see updates in the Barbed Wire. Some good news is that Senator Lois Wolk will introduce legislation to guarantee counties are paid their annual state Payment in Lieu of Taxes payment – both what is owed and for future years. Look for press and media relations regarding the Williamson Act, as the issue is discussed in the State Budget review process.

Greg Norton, President & CEO, discussed the CalPERS Board of Directors meeting that occurred yesterday whereby the Board adopted new actuarial assumptions that will result in employer rates increasing. The CalPERS Board also decided to implement their existing payment scheme, commonly known as “20-5” whereby the increased costs to local governments can be made over 20 years with a five year ramp-up and 5 year ramp-down. Payments will commence in the 2016-17 Fiscal Year. However, for the State, there will be a 3 year ramp-up and payments will commence in the coming fiscal year.

Paul A. Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate, discussed with the Executive Committee the upcoming NACo trip to Washington D.C. Mr. Smith outlined the five top lobbying topics as they relate to RCRC: 1) re-authorizing the Secure Rural Schools program; 2) multi-year authorization for the federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program; 3) reauthorizing MAP-21, the federal transportation funding program, with an emphasis in restoring the bridge

program and additional funding for rural road safety; 4) addressing recently-adopted regulations regarding Endangered Species Act; and 5) addressing issues surrounding the federal flood insurance program.

### **Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports CHF, NHF and RCRC**

Greg Norton presented the Quarterly Investment & Budget Reports and the Cash and Securities Asset Report for the Fourth Quarter of 2013 (period ending December 31, 2013) for RCRC, CHF and NHF.

### **2014 Business Plan/Strategy Outline**

Greg Norton presented the Executive Committee with a Business Plan and Strategy Outline for 2014 for RCRC, CHF, NHF and RAI. The Executive Committee and staff discussed different business opportunities that can enhance existing programs as well as new programs that are being evaluated/developed.

### **RAI Update**

Greg Norton reported on the status of Rural Alliance Inc. Mr. Norton explained that initial efforts will include communication of resources and information to RCRC counties. Mr. Norton explained that job creation and economic development will be the primary focus of RAI.

### **CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund Name Change**

Greg Norton discussed with the Executive Committee the need for changing the name of CRHMFA to the California Homeownership Finance Authority. The acronym for CHF, which is what the company is widely referred to, will stay the same.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Executive Committee direct the CHF Executive Director to present the proposed name change and resolution to the CHF Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting.

**Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, motioned to approve the staff recommendations. Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**

### **NFCSC Dues**

Patricia Megason reviewed the National Forests Counties and Schools Coalition Dues for 2014 with the Executive Committee. After a meeting with the RCRC Officers it was recommended that RCRC pay the dues suggested from NFCSC less the three counties that are not current members of RCRC. The total amount RCRC will pay is \$20,320 in Dues for the 2014 year.

### **2014 Appointments to Outside Committees**

Greg Norton explained the various RCRC Board Member appointments to outside committees. The RCRC officers have appointed the following Supervisors to the appointments / councils listed below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California Biodiversity Council</li> <li>• California Fire Alliance</li> <li>• California Invasive Weed Awareness Coalition</li> <li>• Keep California Beautiful</li> <li>• Stewardship Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appointee</li> <li>○ Alternate</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Western Interstate Region (CSAC Appointment)</li> </ul> | <p><u>2014 Appointee</u><br/> RCRC Board Chair, Nate Beason<br/> Lee Adams, Sierra County<br/> RCRC staff as needed<br/> Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County</p> <p>Lee Adams, Sierra County<br/> John Viegas, Glenn County<br/> Kevin Cann, Mariposa County</p> |
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**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Executive Committee consider the 2014 Officers’ recommendations for appointment to the various positions and, following discussion, ratify the recommended appointments.

**Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, motioned to approve the staff recommendations. Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**

**County Visits Update**

Greg Norton reported on recent county visits taken by staff. Recent visits include Humboldt, Butte, Trinity and Tehama Counties.

**Housing Update**

Craig Ferguson, Vice President, provided a summary and updates on the housing programs.

**CHF Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program**

Greg Norton discussed with the Executive Committee a new opportunity that CHF has been given to expand its existing energy retrofit programs by participating in a Property Assessed Clean Energy program. Mr. Norton reviewed the expanded opportunities that providing a PACE option would provide.

**Staff Recommendations**

Staff recommends that the Executive Committee direct the CHF Executive Director to direct staff to continue with efforts to:

1. Proceed with a JPA-wide PACE program(s);
2. Establish a public-private partnership with a PACE program administrator;
3. Evaluate the cost/benefit of providing Course of Construction financing; and
4. When appropriate, to make the necessary recommendations for financial and staff commitments to create and implement a successful program.

**Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, motioned to approve the staff recommendations. Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**

**President & CEO Goals and Objectives**

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

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County, adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee at 1:29 P.M.