

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Executive Committee Meeting  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Board Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 447-4806**

**February 15, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.**

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County  
Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County  
Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County  
Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County

Supervisor Les Baugh, Shasta County  
Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County  
Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County  
Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County  
Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County

**Minutes**

**Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, called the RCRC Executive Committee to order at 9:15 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>
Doug Teeter	Butte
John Viegas	Glenn
Rex Bohn	Humboldt
Matt Kingsley	Inyo
David Rogers	Madera
Les Baugh	Shasta
Bob Williams	Tehama
Randy Hanvelt	Tuolumne

**Absent Members**

Diane Dillon	Napa
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**Staff in Attendance**

Greg Norton, President and CEO  
Craig Ferguson, Vice President  
Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer  
Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs  
Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs  
Sarah Bolnik, Office Manager  
Terrance Rodgers, Economic Development Officer  
Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate

### **Others in Attendance**

Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County  
Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County  
Robert Bendorf Jr., HERO Program  
Doug Roscoe, El Dorado County  
Mike Thomas, El Dorado County

### **Approval of Minutes of the November 16, 2016 Meeting**

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

**Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, motioned to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

### **Public Comment**

Mike Thomas, El Dorado County, State of Jefferson Advocate, provided an update to the RCRC Executive Committee on the status of potential litigation which could result in changing the number of legislators representing rural areas of the State of California. Mr. Thomas also reported that 21 counties have currently filed to separate from the State of California.

### **Government Affairs Update**

Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs, reported to the Executive Committee that in the coming days, the RCRC Officers and RCRC staff will be attending the 2017 National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. Mr. Smith outlined the Federal priorities which will be advocated for on behalf of RCRC. These topics include: (1) full funding of the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program (\$480 million) for FY 2017; (2) immediate reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools; (3) enacting the Wildfire Disaster Funding Act for addressing fire suppression; and, (4) enacting an Infrastructure/Transportation funding package.

On the State front, Mr. Smith explained to the Executive Committee that in the next two days it is expected that an additional 2,000 bills will be introduced. Mr. Smith indicated that RCRC staff will be reviewing all of the bills to assess their impact upon RCRC members.

Mr. Smith informed the Executive Committee that RCRC is sponsoring Senate Bill 58 (McGuire) relating to the State Payment in Lieu of Taxes program. Another RCRC-sponsored bill includes Senate Bill 447 (Nielson) which allows counties the option to form a multi-county assessment appeals board with other neighboring counties. Mr. Smith described legislation that would assist counties in the collection of taxes/fees derived from cannabis activities.

Mr. Smith reported that there is not current legislation to address a more equitable way to award monies to disadvantaged communities. RCRC is currently seeking an author for this bill.

Mr. Smith reported that Senator Dodd is likely to introduce a spot bill in regards to the Williamson Act. Once RCRC staff has a better understanding of this effort, staff will be informing the RCRC Board of Directors.

Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate, provided an update on the Governor's action to eliminate the In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE), which is estimated to shift an additional \$623 million in cost to the counties. Currently, the focus is trying to compile county-by-county data to better inform the Department of Finance on the impacts of the Governor's action.

### **RCRC Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports**

Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Quarterly Investment Report, the Budget Report, and the Cash and Securities Asset Report for the period ending December 31, 2016.

### **RCRC 2017 Investment Committee**

Greg Norton, President and CEO, reported that the Investment Committee is responsible for overseeing the investment activity of RCRC, and annually presents the Investment Policy to the Board for review and approval. Mr. Norton stated that in 2016, the Investment Committee consisted of the RCRC President, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. RCRC Executive Vice President, Patricia Megason, retired effective December 31, 2016. With her departure, Mr. Norton recommended that Craig Ferguson, Vice President, become the third Investment Committee member.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the RCRC Executive Committee approve Craig Ferguson as a member of the Investment Committee.

**Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, motioned to approve Craig Ferguson as a member of the Investment Committee. Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

### **April Board of Directors Meeting**

Greg Norton provided brief comments regarding the Annual County of the Chair Board Meeting. In 2017, the meeting will be held in Tehama County. RCRC Chair, Supervisor Bob Williams, selected the Rolling Hills Casino and Carlino's Event Center as the venue for lodging and hosting the April 2017 Board of Directors meeting. Supervisor Williams addressed the Executive Committee and provided details about the location, and identified numerous meetings that have been hosted by the venue in the past. After discussion amongst the Executive Committee, the meeting will proceed as suggested.

### **County Visits Update**

Greg Norton reported on recent county visits made by staff. Yesterday, Justin Caporusso, Vice President External Affairs, Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate, and Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, attended the Lake County Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Norton reported that later this month, visits to Colusa County and Tehama County are scheduled.

Mr. Norton provided a verbal report on the organization's give back program.

**President/CEO Goals and Objectives Update**

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

**Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee at 11:41 a.m.