

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Board Room
Sacramento, CA 95814
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February 17, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County
Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County
Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County
Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County

Supervisor John Fenley, Trinity County
Supervisor Kevin Goss, Plumas County
Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County
Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County
Supervisor John Pedrozo, Merced County

Minutes

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

RCRC Chair, Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, called the RCRC Executive Committee to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present were as follows:

| <u>Supervisors in Attendance</u> | <u>County</u> |
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| John Viegas | Glenn |
| Rex Bohn | Humboldt |
| John Pedrozo | Merced |
| Kevin Goss | Plumas |
| Lee Adams | Sierra |
| Bob Williams | Tehama |
| Randy Hanvelt | Tuolumne |

Absent Members

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| Diane Dillon | Napa |
| Lee Adams | Sierra |
| John Fenley | Trinity |

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
Peter Tran, Director of Operations
Terrance Rodgers, Economic Development Officer

Others in Attendance

Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County
Chelsea Bunch, Plumas County Resident

Approval of Minutes of the November 18, 2015 Meeting

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

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Member County Concerns

Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County, gave an update to the Executive Committee regarding the Tree Mortality Task Force. Supervisor Hanvelt stressed that Biomass will assist in dealing with the disposal of dead/dying trees. Supervisor Hanvelt gave an overview of a meeting that he attended along with U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, CalFire Chief Ken Pimlott, and representatives from U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein and U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer.

Supervisor Hanvelt also raised the issue of workforce housing in Tuolumne County. In the last decade, there has been no workforce housing added to Tuolumne County's housing stock. Economic Development has suffered as employees who may want to work in the county have no options of living near their job. Rentals are not available either. Supervisor Hanvelt also noted that almost half of Tuolumne's population is made up of individuals that are 45 years or older.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, discussed the Humboldt County's problem with butane explosions. Humboldt County has experienced an average of two explosions per week. Supervisor Bohn noted that a county-wide ban on retail butane sales is greatly needed.

Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, raised the issue of fair funding. Supervisor Cann believes that Mariposa County will be forced to take over their county fair as currently the fair is financially short by over \$100,000. Mariposa County values their county fair and will take necessary steps to avoid losing it. Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County informed the Executive Committee that Fiona Ma, a member of the State Board of Equalization, will be hosting a meeting on the status of fairs funding on March 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Public Comment

Ms. Chelsea Bunch, Plumas County resident, advised the Executive Committee to research the policy in place involving home rentals in the Lake Tahoe area. Ms. Bunch stated that the rental properties are taxed at a higher rate in this location, and fall under a stricter ordinance.

Government Affairs Update

Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President, informed the Executive Committee that February 18, 2016 is the bill introduction deadline. Ms. Megason stated that staff will be overwhelmed with all of the recently-introduced bills. Ms. Megason stated that all Board of Directors should have received an email from Nick Konovaloff, Legislative Analyst,

regarding State PILT payments. RCRC Staff is currently working with Senator McGuire to confirm counties are granted the payments they are entitled to.

Paul A. Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate responded to Supervisor Cann's comments regarding fair funding. It is expected that Assembly Member Adam Gray will author legislation to provide much-needed fair funding. Mr. Smith added that RCRC will likely support this effort.

Mr. Smith gave an overview of recent meetings with key medical marijuana regulatory agencies. The recently-enacted medical marijuana regulatory framework confers much authority to various state regulatory agencies. Mr. Smith indicated it is vital that counties be a part of the rule-making process. In addition, Mr. Smith announced that legislation was recently signed into law that removes a "March 1, 2016" deadline for certain cultivation ordinances.

RCRC Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports

Greg Norton, President & CEO, presented the Quarterly Investment Report, the Budget Report, and the Cash and Securities Asset Report for period ending December 31, 2015.

County Visits Update

Greg Norton reported on recent county visits taken by staff. Recent visits by staff include a visit to Yuba, Sierra, and Tuolumne Counties. Mr. Norton added that he recently had the pleasure of speaking to Supervisors Goss, Fenley, and Pedrozo regarding the Executive Committee roles and responsibilities.

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 John Viegas, Glenn County, adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee at 1:05 p.m.