

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, January 16, 2013 – 10:00 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 10:19 a.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
David Finigan	Del Norte
Ray Nutting	El Dorado
John Viegas	Glenn
Michael Kelley	Imperial
Linda Arcularius	Inyo
Anthony Farrington	Lake
Aaron Albaugh	Lassen
David Rogers	Madera
Kevin Cann	Mariposa
John Pedrozo	Merced
Geri Byrne	Modoc
Tim Alpers	Mono
Diane Dillon	Napa
Nate Beason	Nevada
Jim Holmes	Placer
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
Randy Hanvelt	Tuolumne
Jim Provenza	Yolo
Roger Abe	Yuba

### **Absent**

Mary Rawson                      Alpine  
Allen Ishida                      Tulare

### **Others in Attendance**

Supervisor Brian Veerkamp, El Dorado County  
Supervisor Tim Fesko, Mono County  
Supervisor Kevin Goss, Plumas County  
Supervisor John Fenley, Trinity County  
Supervisor Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County  
Supervisor Karl Rodefer, Tuolumne County  
Ralph Cordova, Chief Administrative Officer, Imperial County  
Ed Horton, Placer County Water Agency

### **Staff in Attendance**

Greg Norton, RCRC President and CEO  
Patricia Megason, RCRC Executive Vice President  
Craig Ferguson, RCRC Vice President  
Karl Dolk, RCRC Chief Financial Officer  
Paul Smith, RCRC Senior Legislative Advocate  
Cyndi Hillery, RCRC Legislative Advocate  
Kathy Mannion, RCRC Legislative Advocate  
Mary Pitto, RCRC Regulatory Affairs Advocate  
Staci Heaton, RCRC Regulatory Affairs Advocate  
Randall Echevarria, RCRC Legislative Analyst  
Santinia Pasquini, RCRC Legislative Analyst  
Nick Walter, RCRC Senior Systems Administrator  
Sarah Bolnik, RCRC Executive Assistant

### **Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2012**

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

Chair, Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, called for approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting.

**Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, motioned to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting. Supervisor Larry Munger, Sutter County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Abstaining: Supervisor Anthony Farrington, Lake County; Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County; Supervisor Anthony Botelho, San Benito County.**

## **Member County Concerns and Issues**

Supervisor Debra Chapman, Trinity County, discussed the State's First 5 Commission's contribution to small counties commissions. Trinity County ended up with a shortfall.

Supervisor Kevin Goss, Plumas County, expressed concern with provider reimbursement cuts to Medi-Cal.

Supervisor John Pedrozo, Merced County, reported that in Merced County the Fire Marshal is checking fuel tanks to confirm that they are certified by the state.

Supervisor Debra Chapman, Trinity County, reported that U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack visited Trinity County on December 10 and 11, 2012.

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, updated the Board of Directors on Siskiyou County's pending lawsuit regarding ground water. The venue of the case is still unknown, and the cost to the County thus far has reached upwards of \$180,000.

Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, discussed his concern with high-speed rail in his district and announced that Madera County has been researching alternative routes for the right-of-way.

Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, discussed the Williamson Act and his desire to see a restoration of state subventions.

Supervisor Terry Swofford, Plumas County, reported that Plumas County suffered a very large fire recently and the U.S. Forest Service is not allowing the harvest of salvage trees in the damaged areas. Supervisor Kim Dolbow Vann, Colusa County is having a similar issue in Colusa County.

Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County, thanked Paul Smith for attending former Tuolumne County Supervisor Richard Pland's retirement party.

## **Public Comments**

None.

## **President's Report**

Greg Norton, President and CEO, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Norton made note that there are at least ten new RCRC Board Members this year. Supervisor Tim Alpers, Mono County, was actually Chair of RCRC in 1987 and is now returning to sit on the RCRC Board of Directors. Mr. Norton thanked those who attended the new Board Member Orientation this morning, and invited everyone to attend the evening's reception and Annual Installation of Officers.

## **Election of 2013 RCRC Executive Committee – Action Item**

Mr. Norton reviewed the election procedure for the Executive Committee. Supervisors from each region convened to caucus and select a Board Member to serve on the Executive Committee along with the four Officers. Following this caucus, the Board reconvened and reported the following selections for the RCRC Executive Committee:

Region 1	John Viegas, Glenn County
Region 2	Geri Byrne, Modoc County
Region 3	Diane Dillon, Napa County
Region 4	Ray Nutting, El Dorado County
Region 5	David Rogers, Madera County

Board Members interested in serving as the RCRC representative to outside organizations should make their interest known to either Patricia Megason or Greg Norton by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Proposed Revisions to 2013-14 Policy Principles – Action Item**

Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President, summarized the proposed 2013-14 Policy Principles. Board Members provided edits and comments to staff. RCRC staff recommended that the RCRC Board of Directors approve the proposed Policy Principles as presented.

**Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, motioned to approve the proposed 2013-14 Policy Principles. Supervisor John Pedrozo Merced County, seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

### **Update on State Responsibility Area Fees**

Cyndi Hillery, Legislative Advocate, updated the Board on the State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fees. There are currently three bills that have been introduced to repeal SRA Fees: Assembly Bill 23 (Donnelly), Senate Bill 17 (Gaines) and Assembly Bill 124 (Morrell). The Board of Forestry will be considering pursuing legislation in the coming months to clean-up some issues with the due dates for SRA bills. The Board of Equalization is also seeking a legislative fix for the billing timeframe as well. Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, reported that the Board of Forestry determined that condominium owners will continue to pay the fee as single family home owners and that the Board of Forestry may seek legislation to extend the 30-day appeal deadline.

Ms. Hillery explained in detail to the new Board Members the package deal that was proposed and ultimately failed on the last day of the Legislative Session 2012 in regards to a SRA Fee repeal.

### **Overview of the 2013-14 Proposed State Budget**

Paul A. Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate, reported that the 2013-14 State Budget picture has improved from what it has been in recent years. Mr. Smith noted that the Governor believes he is submitting a balanced budget to the Legislature. Nevertheless, there are a few major issues that the rural counties need to keep their eyes on, including reductions in state support to local trial courts and federal health care reform. In regards to federal health care reform, Mr. Smith encouraged all the Supervisors to have discussions with their CAO's as well as their health directors on this issue. Cyndi Hillery outlined the Governor's proposal for implementing the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA includes two types of Medi-Cal expansions, a mandatory component as well as an optional component. Ms. Hillery outlined the optional component in detail, explaining how the Governor's proposed Budget as released January 10 highlighted two options for addressing this expansion--Option 1, also known as the State Model, and Option 2, referred to as the County Model.

### **State Water Resources Control Board Municipal and Industrial Storm Water Permits**

Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, informed the Board of Directors that the proposed adoption date of the final draft Municipal Storm Water Permit is February 5, 2013. The final draft of the Municipal Storm Water Permit was released on November 16, 2012. While the draft is still not ideal, all of the controversial general planning requirements have been removed from the permit due to RCRC, CSAC, and the League's joint efforts.

### **Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment Proposed Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool**

Mary Pitto, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, reported that the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and the Office of the Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) released a draft of a new tool to screen the environmental health of California's communities. While the intent of the tool is to provide state agencies with a tool to prioritize and direct resources to the most impacted communities, staff is concerned that local government may be negatively impacted in the future. RCRC Staff is working with the Local Government Working Group and is hosting a meeting in Sacramento in late January with county planners and county Counsels to provide comments on the second draft.

### **Department of Housing and Community Development Housing Element Upgrade Guidance Document**

Mary Pitto informed the Board of Directors that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has released its Housing Element Update Guidance document. The fifth cycle of updates are due beginning in April 2013 – December 2015. Ms. Pitto outlined the due dates of RCRC member counties.

### **Brief Overview of the 2013 Legislative Session**

Paul Smith provided an overview of the 2013 Legislative Session. Topics covered included the 2013 Legislative calendar and the make-up of the standing committees of the Assembly and Senate. Mr. Smith explained in detail how the legislative session operates and explained that for the first time in recently history at least the Senate and the Assembly have adopted different calendars.

### **Delta Stewardship Council Final Draft Delta Plan, Recirculated Draft Delta Plan PEIR and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

Kathy Mannion, Legislative Advocate, reported that the Delta Stewardship Council released the Final Draft Delta Plan, the Recirculated Draft Delta Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (DPIER), and a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for draft regulations based on the Final Draft Delta Plan on November 30, 2012. RCRC submitted comments on each of the three documents. RCRC's primary concern is that the documents continue to co-mingle regulatory policy-making with non-regulatory recommendations.

### **Bay Delta Conservation Plan**

Kathy Mannion provided an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The BDCP draft has been delayed until late January or early February 2013 to allow environmental consultants more time to address concerns raised by federal and state

fish agencies. Once the draft is released, it will be for review only and not for public comment. The formal public review period for both the BDCP and related environmental documents will take place in late spring 2013.

**Adjournment**

Chair, Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, adjourned the RCRC Board of Directors Meeting at 1:38 p.m.