

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

**July 22, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.**

Executive Committee Members:

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

**Minutes**

**Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

RCRC Vice Chair, Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, and GSFA and NHF Chair, Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, called the simultaneous meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee, the GSFA Executive Committee, and the National Homebuyers Fund Board of Directors to order at 10:04 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
Kevin Cann	Mariposa
Tim Fesko	Mono
Nate Beason	Nevada
Bob Williams	Tehama
Roger Abe	Yuba

**Absent Members**

Lee Adams	Sierra
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**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  
Terrance Rodgers, Business Analyst

## **Others in Attendance**

None

## **Special Order of Business: Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

The RCRC Executive Committee, GSFA Executive Committee, and the National Homebuyers Fund Board of Directors convened a closed session at 10:04 a.m. pursuant to Section 54954.5(e) and 54957 of the Government Code.

**At 10:20 a.m. the simultaneous meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee, the GSFA Executive Committee, and the NHF Board of Directors was adjourned.**

**At 11:05 a.m. the RCRC Executive Committee was convened.**

## **Approval of Minutes of the May 6, 2015 Meeting**

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

**Supervisor Tim Fesko, Mono County, motioned to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

## **Member County Concerns**

Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County, provided a report to the RCRC Executive Committee for Chair, Supervisor Lee Adams, who was unable to attend the EC meeting. Supervisor Beason reported that the transient occupancy taxes will not be collected in the Tahoe National Forest on campgrounds or concessions going forward. Supervisor Beason asked other members of the Executive Committee if they had experienced this in their counties.

Supervisor Beason reported that the Nevada County Fire Council has requested that all fire grant funds be allocated to them. Supervisor Beason further reported that Chief Ken Pimlott of Cal Fire responded to this request and indicated that it would not be a good public policy to have all of a county's funds flow through one organization.

Supervisor Beason inquired about a number of bills regarding public school construction which would require contractors to employ "skilled work force". Supervisor Beason commented that this may likely result in a loss of public construction jobs in rural counties.

Supervisor Beason informed the Executive Committee that Nevada County received a \$500,000 grant for a Digital Media Campus. Supervisor Beason suggested that RCRC staff schedule a meeting with Nevada County staff to discuss this in the near future.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, discussed the county building exchange, and the concerns that public construction contractors are having with mandates to meet the "skilled work force" requirements.

Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, informed the Executive Committee that Butte County may be declaring a state of emergency for well water in the near future. Supervisor Teeter commented that the Office of Emergency Services program in Butte County was informed that if a third party obtains the permit the reimbursement will be granted at 100%. Supervisor Teeter looked to other counties for opinions on this issue.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, informed the Executive Committee about the many variations of a draft ordinance for Humboldt County being sponsored by various marijuana activists. Supervisor Bohn expects that if this type of marijuana ordinance is approved by Humboldt County voters, it will be used as a model for other counties throughout the state.

Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, discussed unlawful activity happening in Tehama County where individuals are purchasing property and having wells drilled with no intention of having a structure associated with the property. These activities are likely stemming from marijuana growers.

Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, reported that Glenn County had a public hearing regarding solar companies coming into the county and installing up to 20 acres of solar panels on farm land. Apparently the county ordinance was last updated in 1993. Supervisor Viegas looked to other members of the Executive Committee for guidance on this issue.

Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, gave a report on the recent NACo Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina that he attended as the WIR Representative for RCRC.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Government Affairs Update**

Paul A. Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate, informed the Executive Committee that while the Legislature is currently in recess and will return mid-August, most bills have been dispensed with in their policy committee review. The next phase of the legislative Session will be a final fiscal review and deliberations on the floors of both houses. The Regular Session of Legislature is slated to adjourn on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

A Special Session for Transportation and a Special Session for Health Care has already been convened. It is unclear whether legislation will be enacted in either Special Sessions or when the adjournment date of these two Special Sessions will be.

Mr. Smith reminded the Executive Committee that the RCRC Board of Directors voted to support Senate Bill 16 (Beall) at the June meeting. This bill would dramatically raise revenues for transportation projects. Since the June RCRC Board of Directors Meeting, Senate Bill 1X (Beall) has been introduced during a Special Session on Transportation. Mr. Smith stated that 80% of SB 1X is similar to SB 16; however there is no sunset date and the gas tax would be indexed to inflation. RCRC has not taken a position on SB 1X.

Mr. Smith informed the Executive Committee that a short term extension of Map 21 – the federal transportation funding program - was passed. Funding authorization for federal road and transit projects had been slated to expire in a matter of days. During the discussion of providing a short term-extension, the U.S. Senate also passed the Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act – a new surface transportation authorization program. The Senate–adopted DRIVE Act is a bipartisan, six-year reauthorization program; however, the Senate was only able to provide funding for three years. It is unclear how the remaining three years would be financed. It is also unclear what and when the House of Representatives will offer with regards to re-authorizing a federal transportation program.

Mr. Smith reviewed Waters of the United States, and noted that the only way to eliminate/re-structure this federal rule is through the Congressional appropriations process. This process may conclude at the end of September.

Mr. Smith discussed medical marijuana legislation and reviewed Assembly Bill 266 (Bonta) which the RCRC Board of Directors voted to adopt a “Support if Amended” position during the June meeting. AB 266 creates a licensing and regulatory framework for medicinal marijuana. Mr. Smith said that a number of amendments that counties are requesting have been put forth. AB 266 currently awaits a review in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Mr. Smith also reviewed Senate Bill 643 (McGuire) which is also a licensing/regulatory framework bill.

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

Lisa McCargar, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending June 30, 2015 and the Budget Report and the Cash and Securities Asset Report for the period ending May 31, 2015.

### **Audit Firm Selection**

Lisa McCargar reported to the Executive Committee that after internal discussion regarding the current audit firm and proposed fees, it has been determined the Moss Adams should be selected to perform the annual audits for the next three years for RCRC, GSFA, NHF, and ESJPA.

### **County Visits Update**

Greg Norton, President and CEO, reported on recent county visits taken by staff. Recent visits were taken by Mr. Norton and Terrance Rodgers, RCRC Business Analyst, to Mariposa and Glenn Counties to discuss Economic Development opportunities.

Paul A. Smith and Lisa McCargar addressed the Executive Committee in regards to Cal PERS. Mr. Smith and Ms. McCargar noted that Cal PERS is considering a variety of options to ensure that member rates are appropriate to satisfy the obligation of the pension fund during volatile financial periods. Staff have additional meetings with CalPERS Management and will keep member counties informed, however, staff also encouraged member counties to monitor CalPERS for additional information.

**Closed Session: President/CEO Annual Evaluation**

The Executive Committee convened a closed session at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 54954.5(e) and 54957 of the Government Code.

**The Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 2:10 p.m.**

**Report Any Action Taken Under Item VIII. Pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the Government Code**

**Vice Chair, Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, reported that the Executive Committee is unanimously recommending the RCRC Board of Directors approve a 5% salary increase, as well as continue to support and fund the Executive Director Development Program the Mr. Norton participates in.**

**Adjournment**

Vice Chair, Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee at 2:11 p.m.