

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Board Room
Sacramento, CA 95814
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July 31, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County
Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County
Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County
Supervisor Kim Dolbow Vann, Colusa County

Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County
Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County
Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County
Supervisor Ray Nutting, El Dorado County
Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County

Minutes

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Chair, Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, called the meeting of the 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>
Kim Dolbow Vann	Colusa
John Viegas	Glenn
David Rogers	Madera
Kevin Cann	Mariposa
Geri Byrne	Modoc
Diane Dillon	Napa
Nate Beason	Nevada

Absent Members

Ray Nutting	El Dorado
Lee Adams	Sierra

Staff in Attendance

Greg Norton, President and CEO
Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President
Paul Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate
Kathy Mannion, Legislative Advocate
Craig Ferguson, Vice President
Karl Dolk, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Bolnik, Executive Assistant

Others in Attendance

Mark Lowder, NHF

Approval of Minutes of the May 15, 2013 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 May 15, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Member County Concerns

Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, noted that rural counties seem to be faced with many challenges and he is thankful to be a part of RCRC.

Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, asked that staff keep Senate Bill 740 regarding broadband on their radar. Supervisor Viegas will forward the letter of Support from Glenn County to RCRC.

Supervisor Kim Dolbow Vann, Colusa County, informed the Executive Committee that the Mendocino Forest is being pushed in to a Firescape Plan. Supervisor Vann will update the Executive Committee when she learns more information.

Supervisor Kim Dolbow Vann, Colusa County, also noted that Colusa County is now subject to a new permit because of a common agriculture chemical that was found in the river. Colusa County now needs to develop a county wide plan.

Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, discussed with the Executive Committee the issue of Tribal Recognition and current efforts in the Bureau of Indian Affairs to limit local input in the Fee-to-Trust process.

Supervisor David Rogers, Madera County, discussed Stand up California with the Executive Committee.

Public Comment

None

Draft Wildlife Management Policy Principle

Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President, discussed with the Executive Committee Siskiyou County's request for a policy principle regarding Wildlife Management. Ms. Megason presented to the Executive Committee Siskiyou County's suggestions for the policy principle. Ms. Megason also presented the Executive Committee with an additional policy principle drafted by the staff that staff believes is more in line with RCRC's other policies and the mission of the organization as a whole.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff is requesting that the RCRC Executive Committee review and discuss the draft Wildlife Management Policy Principle in order that RCRC staff may be able to provide input to Siskiyou County and the RCRC Board of Directors.

Supervisor Diane Dillon, Napa County, motioned to approve the staff drafted policy principle, and present it to Siskiyou County as well as the RCRC Board of Directors for approval. Supervisor Nate Beason Nevada County, seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Governmental Affairs - Update

Paul A. Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate updated the Executive Committee on the status of the Legislature break. Mr. Smith stated that when business as usual picks up at the Capitol in the coming weeks, a few big issues will be the topics of discussion. AB 900 – regarding Medical Provider Cuts; CEQA Reform; Broadband; and the Public Records Act / Brown Act.

Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President, discussed the current status of several federal issues.

Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports CHF, NHF and RCRC

Greg Norton, President and CEO, presented the Quarterly Investment & Budget Reports and the Cash and Securities Asset Report for the Second Quarter of 2013 (period ending June 30, 2013) for RCRC, CHF and NHF.

Organizational Financial Plan and Strategy Framework

Greg Norton presented the Executive Committee with a draft Organizational Financial Plan that included information for RCRC and affiliate entities CHF, NHF, RAI, and ESJPA. Mr. Norton provided a power point presentation that outlined all of the organizations financial plans for years 2014, 2015, and 2016. All projections and forecasts for future years were based on a variety of assumptions as well as subject to the economy, housing and energy market, and partner decisions among other things.

RAI Update

Greg Norton reported on the status of Rural Alliance Inc. The bylaws are currently under revision. Mr. Mark Lowder, NHF, has drafted a strategic plan for RAI as well as a corporate plan approach to get it started. Mr. Norton reported that staff has met with a number of economic development groups in the past few weeks. Mr. Norton and Mr. Lowder are currently scheduled to meet in Butte County on Friday August 2, and Friday August 9 they will be meeting at the Center for Economic Development in Chico, CA.

County Visits

Greg Norton provided an update on staff visits to member counties. Staff has completed visits in the past months, including visits to Butte, Amador, and El Dorado Counties in July. Mr. Norton also noted that there are more county visits scheduled in the coming months.

NHF Second Mortgage Bond

Craig Ferguson, Vice President, provided a summary of a proposed 2nd Mortgage Financing Program for NHF. An existing resolution is currently in place for this program, although it was approved over two years ago, so staff determined it best to obtain a new approved Resolution.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Executive Committee direct the NHF President to recommend to the NHF Board of Directors to approve a Resolution authorizing a Taxable Second Mortgage Bond Master Indenture of up to \$100,000,000.

Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, motioned to approve the staff recommendations. Supervisor Kim Dolbow Vann, Colusa County, seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Housing Update

Craig Ferguson provided a summary and updates on the Housing Programs.

Strategic Goals and Action Steps Update

Greg Norton presented the Executive Committee with the Strategic Goals and Action Steps update.

Closed Session President/CEO Annual Evaluation

The Executive Committee convened a closed session at 1:07 p.m. pursuant to Section 54954.5(e) and 54957 of the Government Code.

The Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 2:36 p.m.

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

Chair, Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, reported that the Executive Committee is unanimously recommending the RCRC Board of Directors approve a 5% salary increase to \$276,672 as well as a \$20,000 Executive Education allowance for the President/CEO.

Adjournment

Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County, adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee at 2:39 p.m.