

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

**May 11, 2016 – 10:15 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 12:19 p.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> |
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| John Viegas                             | Glenn                |
| Diane Dillon                            | Napa                 |
| Kevin Goss                              | Plumas               |
| Bob Williams                            | Tehama               |
| John Fenley                             | Trinity              |
| Randy Hanvelt                           | Tuolumne             |

**Absent Members**

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| Rex Bohn     | Humboldt |
| John Pedrozo | Merced   |
| Lee Adams    | Sierra   |

**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, Economic Development Officer  
Sanjay Lee, Accountant  
Elizabeth Jensen, Accountant

**Others in Attendance**

None

## **Approval of Minutes of the February 17, 2016 Meeting**

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

**Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County, motioned to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 RCRC Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor John Fenley, Trinity County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

## **Member County Concerns**

None

## **Public Comment**

Ms. Fiona Ma, Chair of the Board of Equalization, addressed the RCRC Executive Committee meeting to update supervisors on her activities on the BOE. Ms. Ma discussed some of her goals for the future (including funding for fairs) and informed the Executive Committee of upcoming small business seminars she is conducting. Ms. Ma stated she would be delighted to host some of these seminars in the supervisors' counties.

## **Government Affairs Update**

Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President, gave an update on Senate Bill 1396 (Wolk), which would establish the Inner Coast Range Conservancy. RCRC recently adopted an "Oppose Unless Amended" position on the bill.

Ms. Megason reminded the Executive Committee that on Friday, May 13, the Governor will release his May Revise to the State Budget. Ms. Megason stated that staff will be preparing a summary document that will be distributed later in the day.

Paul A. Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate gave a brief summary of what he expects to be included in the May Revise document. Mr. Smith noted that staff are anxious to see if local jail construction funding is retained, as well as funding for fairs and monies to address tree mortality.

Mr. Smith provided an overview of Assembly Bill 2395 (Low) which allows legacy phone carriers to relinquish their traditional copper-based lines. Mr. Smith reminded supervisors that while AT&T is promoting this bill, the legislation will apply to all legacy carriers. RCRC continues to have an "Opposed" position despite recent amendments. Mr. Smith encouraged each county to adopt an "Oppose" position. Currently, fifteen of the thirty-five RCRC-member counties have forwarded RCRC a copy of their opposition letter. RCRC Chair, Supervisor Viegas, Glenn County, informed the Executive Committee that the California Cattleman's Association recently submitted a letter of support for AB 2395.

Mr. Smith also briefly discussed recent efforts to reform the Bottle Bill, California's beverage container recycling program. Rural communities' face significant challenges if

certain reforms are made. Mr. Smith suggested that the RCRC Board of Directors may need to address some of the reform proposals at the June Board Meeting.

Mr. Smith also reported that RCRC recently adopted an “Oppose Unless Amended” position on AB 2523 (Mullin), which would impose campaign contribution limits on municipal officeholders similar to ones required of legislative candidates. While RCRC has no objection to the imposition of the limits, the bill requires local district attorneys to enforce the limitations. RCRC believes this enforcement mechanism is inappropriate and belongs under the purview of the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Finally, Mr. Smith discussed legislative efforts to address deficiencies in transportation funding.

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

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

### **CalPERS Update / Strategic Plan Input**

Lisa McCargar provided an update to the Executive Committee on recent activity in regards to CalPERS. CalPERS has provided us the opportunity to provide input related to their upcoming strategic plan.

### **Economic Development Update**

Greg Norton reported on recent staff activity in regards to Rural Economic Development. Terrance Rodgers, Economic Development Officer, has been building relationships with county staff in a number of rural counties. Staff has created a survey regarding infrastructure needs in member counties.

Mr. Norton informed the Executive Committee that an agreement with Solix is near completion. This agreement will assist in providing grant funding for any approved healthcare facility in rural areas. Staff will be providing more information in the future on this issue.

### **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 1:54 p.m.