

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Board Room
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October 21, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County
Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County
Supervisor Bob Williams, Tehama County
Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County
Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County
Supervisor Roger Abe, Yuba County
Supervisor Tim Fesko, Mono County
Supervisor Kevin Cann, Mariposa County

Minutes

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra 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, Inc. Board of Directors to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present were as follows:

<u>Supervisors in Attendance</u>	<u>County</u>
Doug Teeter	Butte
John Viegas	Glenn
Rex Bohn	Humboldt
Kevin Cann	Mariposa
Tim Fesko	Mono
Nate Beason	Nevada
Lee Adams	Sierra
Bob Williams	Tehama
Roger Abe	Yuba

Absent Members

None

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
Justin Caporusso, Director of Public Affairs

Others in Attendance

Avi Lipman, Counsel – via phone

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, Inc. of Directors convened a closed session at 10:02 a.m. pursuant to Section 54954.5(e) and 54957 of the Government Code.

At 10:35 a.m. the closed session ended. No action was taken. The GSFA Executive Committee and the NHF Board of Directors was recessed.

At 10:48 a.m. the RCRC Executive Committee was convened.

Approval of Minutes of the July 22, 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 July 22, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Member County Concerns

Supervisor Roger Abe, Yuba County, alerted the RCRC Executive Committee about a letter that was sent to Yuba County from California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA). Supervisor Abe stated that CRLA is partnering with a law firm in Oakland and seeking information regarding Yuba County's General Assistance program. Supervisor Abe requested that any other county who received a similar letter please talk to him.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, discussed a huge issue in Humboldt County with biomass and the closing of several biomass facilities. Supervisor Bohn stated that of the 57 processing plants in California, only 24 remain in operation. Another issue is that PG&E is not renewing any contracts associated with power generated from biomass facilities.

Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County, inquired about the timing of a new Director of State Parks being appointed. Patricia Megason, Executive Vice President, informed Supervisor Beason that the new Director had been appointed and her name is Mrs. Lisa Mangat.

Public Comment

None

Government Affairs Update

Patricia Megason informed the Executive Committee that the State Legislature is out of session and the bill signing period has ended. However, the Special Session on Transportation continues throughout the Fall Recess.

Ms. Megason provided the Executive Committee an update on the California Forest and Watershed Alliance (CAFWA). On October 8, 2015, CAFWA submitted a Statement of Record to the House Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Ms. Megason distributed a copy of the statement.

Paul A. Smith, Senior Legislative Advocate, discussed the need for improved highway funding, the primary reason for the Special Session on Transportation. In addition, a task force was created last year under the enactment of SB 1077 (DeSaulnier) to develop a study on how to enact a "Road Users Charge" to base highway funding on the amount of miles a motorist completes on public thoroughfares. Supervisor David Finigan, Del Norte County, is a member of the task force. RCRC recently submitted comments concerning the plight of rural motorists in developing a study.

Mr. Smith provided a brief presentation on the recently-enacted medical marijuana regulatory legislation. In his presentation, Mr. Smith discussed the key 'must knows' that counties should be aware of in implementing the statutes at the local level. Mr. Smith offered to attend a Board of Supervisors meeting in any or all of the RCRC-member counties if they were interested.

Communications / Public Relations Update

Justin Caporusso, Director of Public Affairs, presented the Public Affairs Strategy (Strategy) for RCRC. Mr. Caporusso has been with RCRC for over 2.5 years, and has met all of the goals outlined in the Strategy for the first three years. Mr. Caporusso also shared the tools and steps being utilized to further those efforts. Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County, applauded Mr. Caporusso, stating that the company's name is well-recognized and the quality and quantity of the information has improved 100 percent.

RCRC Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports

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

Election of the 2016 Officers Update

Greg Norton, President & CEO, reminded the Executive Committee that the 2016 RCRC Officers will be elected at the December 9, 2015 Board Meeting. Mr. Norton discussed the election process and noted that Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County; Supervisor Tim Fesko, Mono County; Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County; and Supervisor Randy Hanvelt, Tuolumne County have submitted their expression of interest for the Second Vice Chair position. Mr. Norton reviewed the guidelines of the election with the Executive Committee.

RCRC Investment Policy Renewal 2016

Greg Norton reviewed the investment policy for RCRC with the Executive Committee. The only revisions are applicable date changes.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the RCRC Executive Committee review and approve the attached draft Investment Policy and take the following additional actions:

1. Direct staff to present the draft Investment Policy to the RCRC Board for adoption.

Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County, motioned to approve the 2016 RCRC Investment Policy. Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 16-01: Board Travel Policy

Greg Norton reviewed the minimal changes proposed to the Board Travel Policy for 2016.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the RCRC Executive Committee review and approve the proposed Board Travel Expense Policy, Resolution 16-01, and direct staff to present the Policy to the RCRC Board of Directors for approval.

Supervisor John Viegas, Glenn County, motioned to approve RCRC Resolution 16-01. Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

County Visits Update

Greg Norton reported on recent county visits taken by staff. Recent visits by staff include Mariposa County, Glenn County, Sierra County, Tuolumne County, Butte County, San Benito County, Plumas County, Calaveras County, and Merced County. Mr. Norton added that visits and presentations to Mendocino County, Trinity County, Madera County, Siskiyou County, and Yuba County are currently scheduled for next month.

Adjournment

Chair, Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County, adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee at 12:48 p.m.