

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
February 19, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Executive Committee Members:

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| Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County | Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County |
| Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County | Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County |
| Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County | Supervisor Anne Cottrell, Napa County |
| Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County | Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County |
| Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County (<i>Ex-Officio</i>) | Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County |

MINUTES

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, presided. Present were President and CEO Patrick Blacklock, General Counsel Arthur J. Wylene, and Director of Board Operations Maggie Chui, clerk. RCRC Chair Byrne called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those members present:

Supervisor

Geri Byrne
Miles Menetrey
Bob Nelson
Chris Lopez*
Rex Bohn
Lori Parlin
Anne Cottrell
David Griffith
John Peschong
Daron McDaniel

County

Modoc
Mariposa
Santa Barbara
Monterey
Humboldt
El Dorado
Napa
Alpine
San Luis Obispo
Merced (Ex-Officio)

Absent

None

*Attendance via Zoom

Public Comment

None

Guest Speaker – Lieutenant Governor of California

Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor of California, addressed the RCRC Executive Committee. Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis shared insights into the Administration's key initiatives, offering her insights on housing availability, trade policy, higher education priorities and accessibility, and environmental challenges.

The RCRC Executive Committee and Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis engaged in a discussion on efforts to engage with rural communities.

Consent Agenda

a. November 6, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, called for approval of the above-listed consent agenda.

Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, motioned to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

Proposed 2025 RCRC Revised Operating Budget

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO, presented the proposed revised operating budget for RCRC for 2025. The revision incorporates an updated contract service fee from the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA), RCRC’s affiliate entity, which covers payroll, payroll taxes, and employee benefits necessary to support GSCA’s upcoming construction projects.

Staff Recommendations

Staff recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee approve the following staff recommendations and direct the RCRC President to make the same recommendations to the RCRC Board of Directors:

1. Approve the proposed 2025 RCRC Revised Operating Budget.
2. Approve the revised RCRC contract service fee from GSCA in the amount of \$3,390,100.
3. Approve the revised in-kind donated services: GSCA in the amounts of \$2,712,120. This amount must also be approved by GSCA’s Board.
4. Approve the proposed 2025 pay rate schedule.

Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, motioned to approve the above-listed recommendations. Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

State and Federal Legislative Update

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, provided an update on matters at both the state and federal levels.

At the state level, discussions covered the State Budget, new member visits, and new legislation. Governmental Affairs Department Policy Advocates Staci Heaton, Sarah Dukett, Eric Will, John Kennedy, and Leigh Kammerich each provided updates on legislation within their portfolios, including RCRC-sponsored bills.

At the federal level, the update focused on the upcoming RCRC Officers' Fly-In trip to Washington, D.C., which coincides with the National Association of Counties' Legislative Conference, where RCRC will advocate for its policy priorities.

*Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County, departed the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Condensed Balance Sheet (December 31, 2024)

Sanjay Lee, RCRC Accounting Manager, presented the RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2024, as compared to 2023 and 2022.

Investment Report (Period Ended December 31, 2024)

Sanjay Lee presented the RCRC Investment Report which provided a summary of investment transactions from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024.

Budget v. Actual Report (Period Ended December 31, 2024)

Sanjay Lee presented the RCRC Statement of Revenues and Expenses which provided a summary of the budget to actual comparison for the period ended December 31, 2024.

RCRC Closed Session: Personnel/Performance Evaluation

Title: RCRC President

The RCRC Executive Committee convened a closed session at 12:05 p.m. per Section 54957 of the Government Code.

The RCRC Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 1:20 p.m.

Report any Actions Taken Under Items 8 Pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the Government Code

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, deferred to Arthur J. Wylene, General Counsel, to report that no actions were taken.

Adjournment

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, presided adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 1:21 p.m.