

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Executive Committee Meeting  
May 14, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Executive Committee Members:

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 12:15 p.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

**County**

Modoc  
Mariposa  
Santa Barbara  
Monterey  
Humboldt  
El Dorado  
Napa  
Alpine  
San Luis Obispo

**Absent**

Daron McDaniel	Merced (Ex-Officio)
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\*Attendance via Zoom

**Public Comment**

None

**Closed Session: Personnel/Performance Evaluation**

**Title: RCRC President**

**Closed Session: Employee Negotiations/Conference with Labor Negotiator**

The RCRC Executive Committee convened a closed session at 12:16 p.m. per Sections 54957 and 54957.6 of the Government Code.

The RCRC Executive Committee reconvened into open session at 1:38 p.m.

**Report any Action Taken Under Items 7 and 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.

**Consent Agenda**

**a. February 19, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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

**Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”**

**Approval of Audited Financial Statements – December 31, 2024**

Milena De Melo, Finance Director, presented the RCRC 2024 audited financial statements. Ms. De Melo reviewed the financial statements, the performance for the year, the net position, and performance compared to the budget.

**Recommendation**

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee, acting in their capacity as the Audit Committee, review and approve the 2024 audited financial statements and communication letter as presented, for presentation to and adoption by the RCRC Board of Directors.

**Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County, motioned to approve the 2024 audited financial statements and communications letter as presented. Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”**

**Condensed Balance Sheet (March 31, 2025)**

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2025, as compared to 2024 and 2023.

**Investment Report (Period Ended March 31, 2025)**

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Investment Report which provided a summary of investment transactions from December 31, 2024, to March 31, 2025

**Budget v. Actual Report (Period Ended March 31, 2025)**

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Statement of Revenues and Expenses which provided a summary of the budget to actual comparison for the period ended March 31, 2025.

### **RCRC Supporting the Confirmations of Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, Sonoma County and Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg, San Luis Obispo County, to the California Air Resources Board (CARB)**

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, discussed RCRC supporting Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, Sonoma County and Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg, San Luis Obispo County, to the California Air Resources Board (CARB). If approved, RCRC would convey its support during the confirmation process in the State Senate.

### **Staff Recommendation**

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Executive Committee support the gubernatorial appointment of Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, Sonoma County and Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg, San Luis Obispo County, to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) during the confirmation process in the State Senate.

**Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County, motioned to approve the gubernatorial appointment of Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, Sonoma County and Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg, San Luis Obispo County, to the California Air Resources Board. Supervisor Anne Cottrell, Napa County, seconded the motion seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”**

### **State and Federal Legislative Update**

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

At the state level, Ms. Warmerdam covered the release of the 2025–26 May Revise, with the Governmental Affairs Department’s Rural Rundown expected later today. Policy Advocates Sarah Dukett and Tracy Rhine shared updates on bills within their respective portfolios, including RCRC-sponsored legislation.

At the federal level, Ms. Warmerdam noted that the Secure Rural Schools language was included in the federal spending package. Ms. Warmerdam also highlighted the recent RCRC Officers’ Fly-In to Washington, D.C., where the Officers and Board Members participated in advocacy meetings and shared insights from the trip.

### **Adjournment**

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 1:39 p.m.