



To: RCRC Board of Directors
From: Greg Norton
President and CEO
Date: January 22, 2019
Re: RCRC Board Meeting Highlights (January 16, 2019)

Administrative Matters

RCRC Resolution 19-01: RCRC Board Travel Policy – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed and approved the proposed Board Travel Expense Policy, Resolution 19-01. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The approved policy can be accessed [here](#). The 2019 Delegate Expense Claim form can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC Resolution 19-02: Board of Directors Code of Conduct – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed and approved the RCRC Board of Directors Code of Conduct, Resolution 19-02. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The approved Code of Conduct can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC 2019 Investment Policy Renewal – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed and approved the RCRC 2019 Investment Policy. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The policy can be accessed [here](#).

Services of Mary Pitto as a Retired Annuitant – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors approved a Resolution to allow Mary Pitto to provide services of two months commencing on January 16, 2019, approving the findings and declarations to allow for the waiver of the six-month sit out. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The Resolution can be accessed [here](#).

Executive Committee Vacancies – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors from Region 4 selected Supervisor Jack Garamendi (Calaveras) to represent them on the RCRC Executive Committee. The RCRC Board of Directors from Region 5 selected Supervisor Kuyler Crocker (Tulare) to represent them on the RCRC Executive Committee. The memo can be accessed [here](#). Details on the 2019 Executive Committee can be accessed [here](#).

Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Cannabis Regulation Enforcement – ACTION

Supervisor Matt Kingsley (Inyo) and Paul A. Smith, RCRC Vice President of Governmental Affairs, reported on findings from the RCRC Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

on Cannabis Enforcement, and requested the RCRC Board of Directors approve a number of recommended next steps. The memo and RCRC Board approved recommendations can be accessed [here](#).

Guest Speaker: Ajay Goyal, Manager, Statewide Infrastructure Investigations Branch, California Department of Water Resources, provided an overview on Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR). Mr. Goyal's presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Governmental Affairs

Overview of the State Budget

The RCRC Governmental Affairs team provided an overview of the key issues and changes for RCRC member counties in Governor Gavin Newsom's 2019-20 proposed State Budget. The Governor's 2019-20 proposed Budget:

- Continues to provide \$644,000 for the State's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program for 2018-19;
- Includes significant funding to support wildfire recovery and prevention efforts, including:
 - new funding and programs to address a broad spectrum of wildfire response and recovery issues
 - property tax backfill for counties impacted by devastating wildfires in 2018
 - waiving of the local cost share of debris removal for the November 2018 wildfires
 - \$200 million from Cap-and-Trade revenues for forest health and wildfire prevention programs
- Proposes a one-time investment to enhance and improve the State 9-1-1 system;
- Implements a comprehensive, statewide public education campaign on disaster preparedness and public safety;
- Reduces county financial obligations for the In-Home Support Services program;
- Provides funding to allow first time students enrolled full-time at a California community college to attend the second year tuition-free; and,
- Includes significant one-time General Fund support for a variety of affordable housing programs.

The Rural Rundown can be accessed [here](#).

Adoption of RCRC's 2019 Policy Principles – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the draft 2019 Policy Principles, including amendments and edits proposed by RCRC member counties and staff. The approved 2019 Policy Principles can be accessed [here](#).

2019 State Legislative Crystal Ball

Mr. Smith and the RCRC Governmental Affairs team provided an overview of the key issues RCRC staff will be engaging in during the 2019-20 Legislative Session, including:

- Senate Bill 901 (Dodd) Implementation
- Land-Use Restrictions/Fire
- Status of Investor-Owned Utilities
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

- Senate Bill 1383 (Lara) Organics Implementation
- Reboot of Senate Bill 623 (Monning)
- Revisiting Redevelopment Agencies
- Housing
- In-Home Supportive Services

The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Staci Heaton, RCRC Regulatory Affairs Advocate, and Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate, provided an update of several efforts underway in the Legislature and various state and federal agencies aimed at addressing California's persistent catastrophic wildfire events. Ms. Heaton and Ms. Warmerdam also discussed RCRC's involvement and advocacy efforts in this space. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Guest Speaker: Rick Brush, Chief Member Services Officer, CSAC EIA, presented on the CSAC EIA [Crisis Incident Management Program](#). Mr. Brush's presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Legislative Committee

The Forest Management for Rural Stability Act – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a "Support" position on the Forest Management for Rural Sustainability Act in an effort to gain a permanent, stable revenue stream for California's forested counties. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The Forest Management for Rural Stability Act can be accessed [here](#).

Federal Issues Update

Mr. Smith introduced Sheryl Cohen, Partner, American Continental Group, to the RCRC Board of Directors. Ms. Cohen provided an update on a number of issues both currently being addressed, and expected to be addressed at the federal level, including:

- 2018 Farm Bill
- Forestry and Wildfire Funding
- Rural Infrastructure
- Water
- Rural Broadband
- Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes
- Secure Rural Schools Program
- Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Regulatory Committee

Waters of the United States

Ms. Heaton provided an overview of two regulatory actions impacting Waters of the United States (WOTUS). The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Water and Natural Resources Committee

Water Issues Update

Ms. Warmerdam provided an update on a number of issues involving California water policy at the state and federal levels, including:

- Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- Siskiyou County Groundwater Litigation
- California WaterFix

The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Please refer to the Board Packet and Supplemental Packet for further details related to the items above, as well as all items covered during the January 2019 RCRC Board of Directors meeting. The January 2019 Board Packet can be accessed [here](#).