



To: RCRC Board of Directors
From: Greg Norton
President and CEO
Date: May 06, 2019
Re: RCRC Board Meeting Highlights (May 02, 2019)

Member County Concerns and Issues

Supervisor Michael Kelley (Imperial) discussed his county's recent cybersecurity issues and Informational Technology (IT) breach. Supervisor Kelley encouraged RCRC Board Members to audit their county's IT structure and ensure that appropriate firewalls and security protocols are in place. Imperial County will be developing a comprehensive report detailing their recent experience and response, and will share it with RCRC upon release. For more immediate concerns, or to learn more about their recent experience, please call Imperial County General Services at (442) 265-1001.

Supervisor Diane Dillon (Napa) echoed Supervisor Kelley's comments on the importance of cybersecurity, and suggested RCRC research the viability of a Joint Powers Authority to manage RCRC's member county IT security in a collective manner.

Administrative Matters

Designate Two Members of the RCRC Board to Serve on the Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. Board of Directors – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors designated Supervisor Matt Kingsley (Inyo) and Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono) to serve on the Golden State Natural Resources Board of Directors for a one-year term. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Guest Speaker

Mike Reynolds, Superintendent, Death Valley National Park

Mr. Reynolds welcomed RCRC's Board of Directors to Death Valley National Park, and provided an overview of the parks operations and offerings, and discussed how the park developed its successful relationship with Inyo County.

Governmental Affairs

Assembly Bill 1049 (Grayson) – On-Call Volunteer Fire Departments – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a "Support" position on Assembly Bill 1049 (Grayson) regarding the purchase of equipment for on-call volunteer fire departments. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Senate Bill 45 (Allen) – Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “Support” position on Senate Bill 45 (Allen), the “Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.” SB 45 would authorize the issuance of \$4.3 billion in general obligation bonds to finance a variety of natural resource investments. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (Aguiar-Curry) – Affordable Housing – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “Support” position on Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (Aguiar-Curry) related to affordable housing. ACA 1 would lower the vote threshold to 55 percent for approval of local bonded-indebtedness and specially-dedicated taxes imposed for specific uses. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Senate Constitutional Amendment 1 (Allen) – Public Housing Projects – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “Support” position on Senate Constitutional Amendment 1 (Allen) related to public housing projects. SCA 1 would repeal Article 34 of the California State Constitution. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

California Public Utilities Commission Wildfire Proceedings Update

Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate, provided an update on the California Public Utilities Commission’s recent actions to tackle the complex issues surrounding investor-owned utilities (IOUs). The CPUC has begun two separate proceedings, and since RCRC was granted party status in both proceedings, RCRC is able to provide comments. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Ms. Heaton discussed the efforts currently underway in the Legislature and various state and federal agencies to address California’s persistent catastrophic wildfire events. These efforts include work being conducted by the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery and the Forest Management Task Force, as well as updates on the Governor’s Wildfires and Energy Report, homeowners insurance, and the Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Report. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

State Legislation

Assembly Bill 1356 (Ting)

Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs, provided an update on Assembly Bill 1356 (Ting) related to retail commercial cannabis activity in local jurisdictions. Mr. Smith explained that the legislation fundamentally erodes local control as it mandates that retail activity related to cannabis must be allowed in counties where Proposition 64 has passed. RCRC’s opposition letter 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 May 2019 RCRC Board of Directors meeting. The May 2019 Board Packet can be accessed [here](#).