



To: RCRC Board of Directors
From: Greg Norton
President and CEO
Date: December 16, 2019
Re: RCRC Board Meeting Highlights (December 11, 2019)

Administrative Matters

Consideration of Revising the RCRC Bylaws to Reassign Mariposa County From Region 5 to Region 4 – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the reassignment of Mariposa County from Region 5 to Region 4. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The updated map can be accessed [here](#).

Election of 2020 RCRC Officers and Corporate Officers – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors elected Supervisor Daron McDaniel (Merced) as RCRC's 2020 Chair, and Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono) as First Vice Chair. Supervisor Dan Miller (Nevada) was elected Second Vice Chair, and Supervisor Matt Kingsley (Inyo) will become Immediate Past Chair.

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

Election of 2020 RCRC Executive Committee – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors selected the following members to round-out the 2020 RCRC Executive Committee:

Chair:	Daron McDaniel (Merced)
First Vice Chair:	Stacy Corless (Mono)
Second Vice Chair:	Dan Miller (Nevada)
Immediate Past Chair:	Matt Kingsley (Inyo)
Region 1:	Gerry Hemmingsen (Del Norte)
Region 2:	Lee Adams (Sierra)
Region 3:	Denise Carter (Colusa)
Region 4:	Jack Garamendi (Calaveras)
Region 5:	Kuylar Crocker (Tulare)

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

Consideration of New Membership Criteria – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors discussed and approved the following new membership criteria proposed by the RCRC Executive Committee:

1. Require all new county members seeking membership in RCRC to adopt a resolution seeking membership by a minimum 4-1 vote of the county board of supervisors;
2. New member counties include in their adoption resolution a commitment to the annually-adopted RCRC Policy Principles which focuses on rural county matters;
3. Limit future new members to counties with populations of less than 600,000 residents on the date of admission to RCRC. Populations growing in excess of 600,000 residents following admission to RCRC will not affect membership in RCRC; and,
4. Approve related revisions to the RCRC Bylaws as reflected.

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

Give Back Proposal: Human Trafficking Prevention – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors approved a three-year commitment of \$32,358 annually beginning in the 2020 RCRC Budget to fund a dedicated position to further support the implementation and support of the [PROTECT](#) program in California's rural communities.

The memo can be accessed [here](#). The 3 Strands Global Foundation grant proposal can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC 2020 Proposed Budget – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the proposed 2020 RCRC Operating Budget, contract service fees, contract performance fee, and 2020 member dues.

The memo can be accessed [here](#). The approved 2020 RCRC Operating Budget can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC Rural Leadership Awards

Paul A. Smith, RCRC Vice President Governmental Affairs, explained that RCRC staff, and subsequently the RCRC Executive Committee, selected Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara) and Assembly Member Jay Obernolte (R-Big Bear Lake) as recipients of the 2019 Rural Leadership Awards. The 2019 Rural Leadership Awards will be presented at the 2020 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception in January 2020.

2020 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception

Justin Caporusso, RCRC Vice President External Affairs, provided an update on the 2020 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception.

Details and registration can be accessed [here](#).

2020 Western Interstate Region Conference

Supervisor Kevin Cann (Mariposa) was joined by Justin Caporusso, RCRC Vice President External Affairs, and Graham Knaus, California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Director, in providing an update on the National Association of Counties' (NACo) 2020 Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference. The 2020 WIR Conference is being jointly sponsored by RCRC, CSAC, and Mariposa County, and will be held at Tenaya Lodge May 13-15, 2020.

Details and registration can be accessed [here](#).

Governmental Affairs

Proposition 13 – “Public Pre-School, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a position of “No Position” on Proposition 13, the “Public Pre-School, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020.

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

Proposed 2020 Policy Principles

Mr. Smith presented the proposed 2020 Policy Principles for review and input. Proposed edits are to be sent to Maggie Chui at mchui@rcrcnet.org in writing no later than January 3, 2020 so these revisions can be included in the January 2020 Board Packet and considered at the January RCRC Board of Directors Meeting.

The memo can be accessed [here](#). The 2020 proposed Policy Principles can be accessed [here](#).

Public Safety Power Shut-Offs Update

Staci Heaton, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advocate, and John Kennedy, Legislative Affairs Advocate, provided a summary of the progress of the state's activities to mitigate impacts from investor-owned utilities' (IOUs) Public Safety Power Shut-Off (PSPS) events, both by the legislature and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

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

Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Ms. Heaton provided an update on current efforts in the legislature and various state and federal agencies to address California's persistent catastrophic wildfire events. Topics addressed included homeowners insurance availability and affordability, the Forest Management Task Force, the CPUC Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Plans Proceeding, and the California Vegetation Treatment Program EIR.

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

Regulatory Committee

Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Update

Ms. Heaton provided a summary of the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority's (ESJPA) recent activities, including updates on Senate Bill 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants regulation, California Department of Resources

Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) new Recycling and Disposal Reporting System, Composting Waste Discharge Order and Disaster-Related Wastes General Order, the Used Oil Payment Program, and the Tire Amnesty Grant Program.

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

Senate Bill 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Regulations

Ms. Heaton provided an update on the status of the Senate Bill 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Regulations currently proposed by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

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

Water and Natural Resources Committee

Water Issues Update

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, RCRC Senior Legislative Advocate, provided an update on a number of issues involving California water policy. At the state level, Ms. Warmerdam provided an update on the Water Resiliency Initiative Portfolio, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and general obligation bonds to fund resource programs. At the federal level, The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act, The Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act, the SAVE Water Resources Act, the Water Resources Research Amendments Act, and the Water Justice Act were all discussed.

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

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

Ms. Warmerdam provided an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and its implementation in various regions throughout the state.

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

Legislative Committee

Federal Legislative Update

Mr. Smith provided an update on a number of issues being addressed at the federal level, including Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), appropriations, cannabis and hemp banking, rural broadband and telecommunications, disaster relief, State and Local Tax cap, United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, and infrastructure. Mr. Smith noted that very little action is expected on federal legislative matters in 2020.

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 December 2019 RCRC Board of Directors meeting. The December 2019 Board Packet can be accessed [here](#).