

RCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 17, 2020

June 19, 2020

RCRC Governmental Affairs Department Staff

ACTION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

- The RCRC Board of Directors designated an Ad Hoc Committee charged with finalizing a letter to the Governor regarding reopening of rural California.
- The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “No Position” position on the Rental Affordability Act.
- The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “No Position” position on the Senate Bill 10 – Bail Reform Referendum.
- The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “Support” position on the Public Safety Ballot Initiative.



2019 Photo Contest Winner

The June RCRC Board of Directors meeting took place at the via Zoom on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed many issues, and following are highlights:

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Approval of the 2019 RCRC Audited Financial Statements - APPROVED

Lisa McCargar, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer, and Milena De Melo, Controller, provided an overview of the RCRC financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019. The RCRC Board of Directors approved the 2019 audited financial statements and communication letter. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The 2019 Report of Independent Auditors and Financial Statements can be accessed [here](#).

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

The RCRC Board of Directors re-appointed 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](#).

Change to RCRC 2020 Budget, Waiver of Member County Dues

Greg Norton, President and CEO, and Lisa McCargar, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer, presented to the RCRC Board of Directors RCRC management’s proposal, and subsequently the approval by the RCRC Executive Committee, to waive all member county dues for the period from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Rural County Photo Contest

Dorothy Poole, External Affairs Coordinator, and Maggie Chui, Senior Governmental Affairs Coordinator, announced the launch of RCRC’s 4th Annual Rural County Photo Contest. Created to promote tourism and local economic development, RCRC will be

accepting photo submissions beginning July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020. The winning photograph will be unveiled at the September RCRC Board of Directors Meeting. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The final Official Rules can be accessed [here](#).

APPROVAL OF LETTER TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM – ACTION TAKEN

RCRC Officers, Chair Daron McDaniel (Merced), First Vice Chair Stacy Corless (Mono), Second Vice Chair Dan Miller (Nevada), and Immediate Past Chair Matt Kingsley (Inyo), discussed with the RCRC Board of Directors the proposed letter to Governor Newsom addressing the next steps in the reopening of California. After a lengthy discussion, the RCRC Board of Directors designated an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of the RCRC Officers and Supervisor Kevin Cann (Mariposa), Chair of the Golden State Finance Authority, to modify and finalize the draft letter to the Governor. A final letter will be distributed to the RCRC Board of Directors. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Rental Affordability Act – “NO POSITION”

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, presented on the “Rental Affordability Act,” which addresses local government’s ability to impose rent control. The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “No Position” position on the “Rental Affordability Act.” The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Senate Bill 10 – Bail Reform Referendum – “NO POSITION”

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, and Elizabeth Howard Espinosa, Partner, Howard Brooks Espinosa LLC, presented on the Bail Reform Referendum, which would overturn Senate Bill 10 (Hertzberg, 2018). SB 10 replaces the money bail system with a system for pretrial release based upon individualized risk assessments and supervision conditions. The proponents and opponents of SB 10 were given an opportunity to speak to the RCRC Board of Directors. The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “No Position” position on the Senate Bill 10 – Bail Reform Referendum. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Public Safety Ballot Initiative – “SUPPORT”

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, presented on the Public Safety Ballot Initiative, which would, among other provisions, restrict parole for non-violent offenders, and authorize felony sentences for certain offenses currently treated as misdemeanors. The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “Support” position on the Public Safety Ballot Initiative. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Forest Management and Wildlife Update

Staci Heaton, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advocate, 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 various wildfire and homeowners insurance legislation, the Governor’s Forest Management Task Force, and the California Fire Safe Councils County Wildfire Mitigation Coordinators Program. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

2020-21 State Budget Update

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, provided an initial analysis of the 2020-21 State Budget Packet, which at the time of the meeting remained incomplete. Key issues for RCRC member counties include:

- Continues to provide \$644,000 for the State's Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program for 2020-21;
- Provides for the release of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act monies to counties and cities;
- Delays action on Cap-and-Trade revenues for various greenhouse gas reduction programs, including SB 901 forest health and wildfire prevention activities and the FARMER Program;
- Fails to provide a \$3.6 million increase, along with an additional 10 percent reduction, from the current baseline for the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources;
- Defers to a later discussion a \$1 billion backfill to Realignment programs to account for the loss of sales tax monies that support the Realignment structure; and,
- Provides \$50 million to the California Office of Emergency Services for community power resiliency projects to help local governments, special districts, and fairgrounds undertake actions to mitigate the impacts of future public safety power shutoff (PSPS) events.

RCRC's preliminary analysis of the 2020-21 State Budget Package can be accessed [here](#).

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

State Legislative Update

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, provided an update on the Legislature's calendar to the RCRC Board of Directors. The Assembly will adjourn for Summer Recess on June 19th through July 13th. The Senate will adjourn for Summer Recess on July 2nd through July 13th.

Mr. Smith also provided a brief overview on Assembly Bill 860 (Berman), regarding vote-by-mail ballots for the November 2020 General Election.

Federal Legislative Update

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, provided a federal update to the RCRC Board of Directors, including the next round of federal stimulus funding, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and efforts to reauthorize a highway bill. Mr. Smith highlighted two letters of importance RCRC submitted, which can be accessed [here](#) and [here](#).

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Update

Staci Heaton, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advocate, provided a summary of the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority's (ESJPA) recent activities, including updates on various legislative and regulatory activities impacting RCRC member county solid waste departments. Ms. Heaton encouraged the RCRC Board of Directors to attend the upcoming ESJPA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

California Air Resources Board Advanced Clean Trucks Regulations Update

Staci Heaton, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advocate, provided an update on the California Air Resources Board's requirements on truck manufacturers and reporting requirements for fleet brokers and operators of light/medium duty and heavier trucks. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

California Public Utilities Commission Update

RCRC staff prepared an memo on progress of several California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) proceedings, including how utilities undertake wildfire hazard mitigation and de-energization of power lines to prevent high-severity wildfires, the Self-Generation Incentive Program, Emergency Disaster Relief Program, Microgrids and Resiliency, and the California Advanced Service Fund. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The RCRC Joint Motion Reply Comments to CPUC on PSPS during COVID-19 can be accessed [here](#).

WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Water Issues Update

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, 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 general obligation bonds to fund resource programs, Voluntary Agreements, the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, the Water Resiliency Initiative Portfolio, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. At the federal level, the Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act, the Securing Access for the Central Valley and Enhancing Water Resources Act, and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee legislation. The memo can be accessed [here](#). RCRC's letter regarding Voluntary Agreements, et al., can be accessed [here](#).

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

The Presidency is not merely an administrative office. That is the least of it. It is more than an engineering job, efficient or inefficient. It is pre-eminently a place of moral leadership. All our great Presidents were leaders of thought at times when certain historic ideas in the life of the nation had to be clarified. – Franklin D. Roosevelt