

RCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

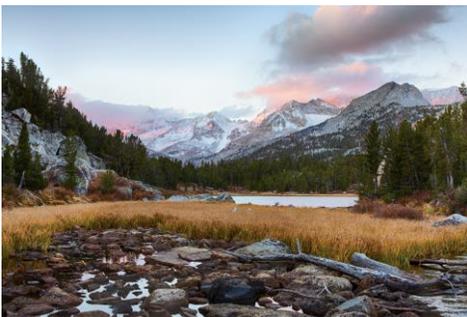
August 12, 2020

August 14, 2020

RCRC Governmental Affairs Department Staff

ACTION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

- The RCRC Board of Directors adopted an “Oppose” position on the Proposition 15.
- The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “Support” position on the Proposition 16.
- The RCRC Board of Directors adopted an “Oppose” position on the Proposition 17.
- The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “Neutral” position on the Proposition 18.
- The RCRC Board of Directors adopted an “Oppose” position on the Proposition 19.



2020 Photo Contest Winner
Jason Brand
Mack Lake, Inyo County

MESSAGE BOARD

At the request of Supervisor Jeremy Brown, Trinity County, please find Trinity County's COVID-19 Dashboard [here](#).

The August RCRC Board of Directors meeting took place via Zoom on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed many issues, and the following are highlights:

President's Report

Greg Norton, President and CEO, announced his retirement from the organization effective December 31, 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

President/CEO Annual Compensation – APPROVED

On July 15, 2020, the RCRC Executive Committee completed the annual performance evaluation of RCRC's President and CEO, Greg Norton. The RCRC Executive Committee presented their findings to the RCRC Board of Directors for review. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Rural County Photo Contest – Winner Selected

The RCRC Board of Directors voted on the three finalist photos, and a winner of RCRC's 4th Annual Rural County Photo Contest was chosen. The winning photo, submitted by Jason Brand, is displayed on the left-hand column.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Upcoming November 2020 Ballot Measures Update

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, presented five ballot measures slated for the November 2020 General Election ballot. The results of those presentations are listed below.

Proposition 15 – The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act (Split Roll) - OPPOSE

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted an “Oppose” position on Proposition 15. With the potential for a significant reduction in in property tax receipts due to the exemptions and new administrative burdens associated with Proposition 15, a number

of RCRC Member Counties stand to face significant losses under the proposal. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Proposition 16/ACA 5 – Repeal of Proposition 209 of 1996 – SUPPORT

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “Support” position on Proposition 16. Proposition 209, passed in 1996, prohibited affirmative action in several public processes. The passage of Proposition 16 would provide an opportunity for county governments to reassess their hiring and contracting practices to address racial inequities in their respective hiring/contracting practices. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Proposition 17/ACA 6 – Voting Rights of Convicted Felons – OPPOSE

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted an “Oppose” position on Proposition 17, which provides for the restoration of voting rights to convicted felons who remain on parole and have not completely fulfilled the terms of their sentence. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Proposition 18/ACA 4 – Age of Voting – NEUTRAL

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “Neutral” position on Proposition 18, which allows 17-year-olds to vote in primaries if they become 18 years-old by the time of the General Election. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Proposition 19/ACA 11 – The Home Protection for Seniors, Severely Disabled, Families, and victims of Wildfire or Natural Disasters Act – OPPOSE

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted an “Oppose” position on Proposition 19, which would liberalize property tax base year transfers and inherited property. 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. Of importance, the RCRC Homeowner’s Insurance Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) adopted a “Support” position Assembly Bill 2167 (Daly), which would establish the Insurance Market Action Plan (IMAP) program. The Committee also adopted a “Support” position on the accompanying bill, Senate Bill 292 (S. Rubio), which would, among other provisions, create a process that identifies counties eligible under the IMAP program. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

2020-21 State Budget Update

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, provided an update of the 2020-21 State Budget Packet. Further revisions to the State Budget Package to address juvenile offenders and Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds, are expected. RCRC’s analysis of the 2020-21 State Budget Package can be accessed [here](#).

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

State & Federal Legislative Update

Paul A. Smith, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, provided a state and federal legislative update to the RCRC Board of Directors. At the federal level, RCRC staff continues to engage on the next federal stimulus package and the reauthorization of the surface transportation reauthorization bill.

At the state level, the State Legislature is slated to adjourn on August 31st. Mr. Smith provided a brief overview on Assembly Bill 2459 (Bigelow) and Senate Bill 1159 (Hill). Tracy Rhine, Legislative Advocate, provided a brief overview on broadband- and housing-related bills. The memo 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, including the stalemate of general obligation bonds to fund resource programs and Voluntary Agreements. The memo can be accessed [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 recent activities, including updates on various legislative and regulatory activities impacting RCRC member county solid waste departments. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

California Public Utilities Commission Update

RCRC staff prepared a memo on recent California Public Utilities Commission-related activities, including proceedings on 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](#).

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, Supplemental Packet, and Informational Items can be accessed [here](#).

Government exists to protect us from each other. Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves. – Ronald Reagan