

RCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



April 27, 2022

ACTION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Drought and Water Resiliency.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Cannabis.

The RCRC Board of Directors meeting took place on Wednesday, April 27th. The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed many issues, and the following are highlights:

RCRC Chair's Report

Chair, Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, reported on the California State Association of Counties' 2022 Legislative Conference that took place April 20-21 in Sacramento.

President's Report

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO, provided a report on recent activities the organization is engaged on that align with the RCRC Strategic Plan. Mr. Blacklock also highlighted recent legislative and regulatory successes by the Governmental Affairs Department. The PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#).

CONSENT AGENDA

Establishment of Board of Directors Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Drought and Water Resiliency

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Drought and Water Resiliency. Members of this Committee are expected to meet over the current calendar year. The Charter can be accessed [here](#).

Establishment of Board of Directors Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Cannabis

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Cannabis. Members of this Committee are expected to meet over the current calendar year. The Charter can be accessed [here](#).

MESSAGE BOARD

The 2022 Travel Expense Claim can be accessed [here](#). Please complete and submit your claim to Milena De Melo at mdemelo@rcrcnet.org.

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RCRC Communications Plan – Implementation Update

An update on RCRC's communications plan can be accessed [here](#).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Governmental Affairs Department's PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Water Issues Update

Sidd Nag, Policy Advocate, provided an update on current issues involving California water policy, notably the Governor's expanded drought order. Mr. Nag discussed the expanded drought order's most far-reaching provision which would affect the issuance of new well permits by local authorities. Key water-related legislation and water-related State Budget items were also highlighted. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Wildfire and Forest Stewardship Update

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, provided an update on the activities of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Wildfire and Forest Stewardship. Since convening in August 2021, the Committee has convened five times and examined the topics of home hardening/defensible space, communication with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the USDA Forest Service's (USFS) 10-Year Strategy, and accessing mitigation funding.

At the next meeting, the Committee will make policy recommendations on RCRC's federal fire suppression strategy, including discussion surrounding H.R. 6903 (McClintock), the National Association of Counties' proposed resolution on USFS wildfire suppression policy, and USFS Chief Randy Moore's Letter of Intent for Wildfire. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, provided an update on efforts in the Legislature and various state and federal agencies, including the wildfire and forest resilience State Budget expenditures, first investments under the USFS 10-Year Strategy, and forest management- and wildfire-related legislation. Of note, RCRC has been appointed to serve on the Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee (WMAC) that was recently formed to advise the Office of the State Fire Marshal on development of community wildfire preparedness and mitigation efforts. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

State and Federal 30 by 30 Conservation Efforts

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, provided an update on the efforts to conserve 30 percent of the state's lands and coastal waters and 30 percent of the nation's lands and waterways by 2030. RCRC has submitted a robust comment letter, expressing concern regarding the definition of "conservation" as well as how the state plans to involve the federal strategy, local governments, and regional conservation programs. The comment letter can be accessed [here](#). The memo can be accessed [here](#).

California Public Utilities Commission Update

Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate, and Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate, provided an update on RCRC's involvement at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). They focused on: RCRC's submission of the California Advanced Services Fund's Broadband Loan Loss Reserve Fund and Whitepaper to CPUC; CPUC's adoption of rules for the \$2 billion broadband Federal Funding Account grant program; RCRC's party status to the new Minimum Service Quality Standards Proceeding; the State Auditor's recommendations to improve oversight, safety, and reliability to CPUC's and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's oversight of electrical safety and reliability; and, RCRC comments on large utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan updates. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

State & Federal Legislative Update

The Governmental Affairs Department provided an update on issues being addressed at the state and federal level. The status of key legislation as well as upcoming budget and legislative deadlines were discussed. RCRC staff expressed appreciation for ongoing Member County engagement, and noted that follow-up with legislators can amplify RCRC's visibility in Sacramento. A list of key legislation can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC Member Counties are encouraged to submit a letter of support on Assembly Bill 2878 (Aguiar-Curry), relating to forest biomass waste utilization. The template letter of support can be accessed [here](#).

An update on the 2023 Farm Bill reauthorization strategic plan, Bipartisan Infrastructure Act implementation, and FY 2023 appropriations were presented. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

June 2022 Board of Directors/County of the Chair Meeting Update

Annually, the RCRC Board of Directors holds one Board of Directors meeting in the county of the RCRC Chair. This year, the meeting will be hosted by RCRC Chair Dan Miller in Nevada County from June 14-June 16, 2022. To attend, Supervisors are being requested to complete the [registration form](#) and return it to dpoole@rcrcnet.org. The memo, which includes the overview of events, can be accessed [here](#). The online registration form can be accessed [here](#).

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

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

– John F. Kennedy



GSFA BOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The GSFA Board of Directors meeting took place on Wednesday, April 27th. Here are some of the highlights:

- The GSFA Board of Directors approved the appointment of Supervisor Doug Teeter (Butte County) to fill a vacancy on the Financing Action Team. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- The GSFA Board of Directors approved continuing the public hearing on GSFA's intention to amend its voluntary contractual assessment program to June 15th in Grass Valley, California. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- Barbara Hayes, RCRC Chief Economic Development Officer, provided an update on the broadband project development. Ms. Hayes discussed the status of the broadband program of work. Funding opportunities that should be considered for use by Member Counties, including the Local Agency Technical Assistance Program for broadband planning and the Federal Funding Account/Last Mile Funding, were also discussed. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#).
- Craig Ferguson, Deputy Director, provided a brief program update of the GSFA down payment assistance programs, and the newly launched GSFA Member County "Assist-to-Own" Program for Member County employees. The PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#). The "Assist-to-Own" Program flyer can be accessed [here](#).

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