

May 3, 2016

Regular Meeting

Board of Supervisors

Letter from RCRC

Supervisor Fesko

Board Member

Report



To: RCRC Board of Directors
From: Greg Norton
President & CEO
Date: April 25, 2016
Re: RCRC Board Meeting Highlights (April 21, 2016)

President's Report

RCRC President & CEO Greg Norton announced the addition of Tracy Rhine as Legislative Advocate covering land use, health and human services, telecommunications, and overall infrastructure issues. Ms. Rhine comes from the Department of Consumer Affairs where she served as Chief Deputy Director. Ms. Rhine's first day with RCRC is April 25, 2016.

Mr. Norton presented on the RCRC-sponsored Regional Information Summit on Human Trafficking held in Redding on April 7, 2016. The North State Summit was hosted by the Human Exploitation and Trafficking (H.E.A.T.) Institute, an innovative research-based think tank developed to bring together leaders from multiple state and local systems to create a unified and comprehensive system of support to respond to and prevent human exploitation and trafficking. The North State Summit provided a venue for local government representatives to share their experiences with human trafficking with the H.E.A.T. Institute ahead of their development of policy and programming recommendations to the State. Supervisor Les Baugh (Shasta) provided opening remarks and welcomed the crowd of more than 100 to Shasta County, which included RCRC Chair John Viegas (Glenn), RCRC First Vice Chair Bob Williams (Tehama), and Supervisor Michael Kobseff (Siskiyou). Local press received on the event can be accessed [here](#).

Mr. Norton announced the launch of the PROTECT Program, the human trafficking education and training program being rolled out to RCRC's 35 member counties over the course of the next three years. In conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General and the California Department of Education, the PROTECT Program is funded by a grant from RCRC, and developed and executed by three public charities: 3Strands Global, Love Never Fails, and Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives. The PROTECT Program will roll out to Merced, Shasta, Lassen, Imperial, and Sierra counties in Fall 2016, 11 additional RCRC member counties in 2017-18, and the remaining RCRC member counties in 2018-19. The counties are selected by a formula of truancy and loss of funding. The official PROTECT announcement, scheduled for April 26, 2016, can be accessed [here](#).

Governmental Affairs

General Update

RCRC Executive Vice President Patricia Megason unveiled a new tool used by RCRC staff to request action from RCRC member counties. The RCRC Action Alert is an electronic communication tool utilized to efficiently request action and/or feedback from RCRC member counties related to the pertinent business of the organization (legislative issues, administrative issues, etc.). The Action Alert will be utilized sparingly and will strive to be brief, succinct, and clearly communicated.

Senate Bill 1396 (Wolk) Inner Coast Range Conservancy - ACTION

Senate Bill 1396 (Wolk) would establish the Inner Coast Range Conservancy including all or part of the following counties: Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Tehama, Trinity, and Yolo. The legislation is modeled after Assembly Bill 2600 of 2004, which established the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. RCRC staff's concerns with the legislation include an imbalance between the local and state representation proposed on the Board, and language outlining the protection and improvement of water supply, which may inhibit any proposed water infrastructure needs. Based upon staff recommendation, the RCRC Board of Directors adopted an "Oppose Unless Amended" position on SB 1396. RCRC's memo on SB 1396 can be accessed [here](#).

California Tree Mortality Task Force

RCRC staff provided an update on the California Tree Mortality Task Force (Task Force). Led by the Governor's Office, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES), the Task Force includes a wide range of stakeholders brought together to tackle the urgent issue of tree die-off due to invasive pests in California. The Task Force is currently facilitating tree removal in six counties identified by the State as "high hazard" including Madera, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Tulare, Fresno, and Kern. However, CAL FIRE is currently finalizing a revised map of the high hazard zones to include broader forest health and landscape-level planning issues, and is planning to expand the membership of the Task Force beyond the six original counties. RCRC's memo on the Task Force can be accessed [here](#).

Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Planning Regulations

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed a rulemaking to amend the regulations that establish the regulations used to prepare, revise, or amend land use plans under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). Comments on the rule have recently been extended to May 25, 2016. RCRC's memo on the BLM's proposed rulemaking can be accessed [here](#).

Air Resources Board's Aliso Canyon Methane Leak Climate Impacts Mitigation Program

The Air Resources Board (ARB) has adopted a mitigation program to achieve "full mitigation" of the climate impacts generated by the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak occurring in October 2015. Mitigation projects considered for potential funding include dairy and solid waste projects. RCRC staff encourages county staff and other interested local agencies to research this potential funding opportunity. RCRC's memo on the ARB's mitigation program can be accessed [here](#).

State Legislative Update

RCRC staff provided an update on Assembly Bill 2395 (Low) related to telecommunications. RCRC staff recently issued an Action Alert encouraging all RCRC member counties to adopt an “Oppose” position, and discussed the statewide media campaign launched once a large contingent of RCRC member counties have officially opposed. RCRC’s Action Alert on AB 2395 can be accessed [here](#). Mendocino County’s AB 2395 agenda item and opposition letter can be accessed [here](#). Full details can be found on the AB 2395 Hot Issues page of the RCRC website, accessed [here](#).

RCRC staff provided an update on Senate Bill 1188 (McGuire), the RCRC-sponsored State Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) bi-partisan legislative effort to amend the Fish and Game Code to restore language that makes State PILT payments to counties required as opposed to permissive. Full details can be found on the State PILT Hot Issues page of the RCRC website, accessed [here](#).

Federal Legislative Update

RCRC staff presented that 2015 Secure Rural Schools (SRS) payments should have been received.

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 April 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The April Board Packet can be accessed [here](#).