

Supervisors Reports

Submitted by Supervisor Carre Brown

Redwood Valley MAC – Wednesday, January 8, 2020 -5 pm

Sheriff Matt Kendall attended to introduce himself and discuss the development of the sub-station on East Road. He also discussed the Crisis Training Center uses.

Nash Gonzales spoke about the grant application for Chipping Days along with other issues from the 2017 Redwood Complex Wildfire important to Redwood Valley residents.

UKIAH VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (UVBGSA) -

Thursday, January 9, 2020 - 1:30 pm

Consultant Larry Walker and Associates were in attendance to present a number of topics for discussion that included Development of the Ukiah Valley Basin Integrated Hydrological Conceptual Model, Chapter 2 of the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, The Groundwater Sustainability Plan Commenting Process and Development components Sustainable Management Criteria. The UVBGSA Board of Directors made comments and asked questions. All materials are posted on the County website and the meeting is taped for the public to review.

The UVBGSA Technical Advisory Committee had met in the morning to go over the same information with the consultant and after the UVBGSA meeting a stakeholders meeting was convened with agricultural landowners to give input.

Mendocino Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) - Thursday, January 9, 2020 - 6 pm

IWPC held their organizational meeting for the new year. Janet Pauli was elected chair and Carre Brown was elected to the vice chair position. The budget for 2020 was adopted. Updates on a number of important issues were given by those in attendance including an update on the FERC Relicensing Process by Chair Pauli.

IWPC, Sonoma Water, County of Humboldt, Cal Trout and the Round Valley Indian Tribes agreed to collaborate to prepare a feasibility study that would lead to a "Two Basin Solution" that could be submitted to FERC. Currently, the jointly-retained consultant team, led by Stillwater Sciences, is in the midst of preparing the feasibility study. That study is scheduled for completion in April and, if there is agreement among the planning agreement partners, a report reflecting that agreement will be submitted to FERC.

There is a request for additional funding by IWPC for Legal/Consultant Expenses. The work by Stillwater Sciences and the ongoing collaboration with the planning agreement parties is requiring extensive work by IWPC, our FERC consultant, Tom Johnson, and our outside counsel, David Aladjem. Much of the discussion that is currently taking place, for instance regarding how the project could be financed in the future or how it could be governed, requires considerable work by these two individuals and their respective expertise. Accordingly, IWPC is requesting that each member agency contribute an additional \$25,000.

The Sustainable Ag Lands Committee (SALC) - Fri, Jan 10, 2020 1:30 pm

The SALC was awarded grant funding to support the State's Climate adaptation and Greenhouse Gas Emission goals under the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program. The Grant application was submitted by the Mendocino County Ag Department and approved by the BOS last fall along with a \$10,000 match allocated in the 2019-2020 Budget. Recommended items that will be implemented through the proposed project include the development of an agricultural component for a future countywide Climate Action Plan, continued work on a Carbon Farm Plan and Soil Health program, and increasing landowner participation in the Williamson Act and conservation easement programs. In addition, the project will collaborate with the housing development community, conduct an education and outreach campaign aimed at raising community awareness about ag land values, and embrace residential development strategies that include consideration for impacts on agricultural lands.

Ms. Katy Brantley, the Soils Program Manager for MCRCD, lead the SALC meeting with an overview of the new grant work plan, including review of participants and their responsibilities on deliverables.

The January 15th RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

Action items included the adoption of the RCRC Board of Directors Code of Conduct, RCRC Board of Directors Travel Policy, RCRC 2020 Investment Policy and RCRC 2020 Policy Principles.

Consideration of RCRC Sponsored Bills included draft legislation to allow the Governor to enter into compacts with other states to allow cannabis/cannabis products to move across state lines. The bill is modeled after a recently-enacted statute in Oregon. Under the proposed legislation for California (as well as the Oregon statute), movement of cannabis products across state lines could not occur until/unless there is a liberalization of federal law with respect to cannabis. The RCRC board on a roll call vote approved. The other legislative sponsorship is: RCRC has been in discussions with Mariposa County on a solution to increase the amount of on-sale alcoholic beverage licenses available in the County. Any change to the amount of on-sale general licenses would have to be done through legislation. Mariposa County is a tourist designation and two hotels want to build but cannot until liquor licenses can be obtained. The RCRC board voted to approve.

Update was given on the Proposed 2020/2021 State Budget

Merced County Supervisor Daron McDaniel was installed as Chair, Mono County Supervisor Stacy Corless was installed as First Vice Chair, and Nevada County Supervisor Dan Miller was installed as Second Vice Chair. Inyo County Supervisor Matt Kingsley remains an Officer as Immediate Past Chair. Five regional representatives were appointed at the RCRC Board of Directors in December 2019 to make up the full 2020 RCRC Executive Committee. The regional representatives were appointed as follows: Region 1: Gerry Hemmingsen (Del Norte) Region 2: Lee Adams (Sierra) Region 3: Denise Carter (Colusa) Region 4: Jack Garamendi (Calaveras) Region 5: Kuyler Crocker (Tulare)

Rural Leadership Awards were presented to two public officials who have demonstrated an understanding of, and leadership in, rural issues and the unique challenges that rural communities face. Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara) was the first recipient of the 2019 Rural Leadership Award. Senator Jackson was recognized for her leadership on issues

related to wildfire – in particular for understanding the challenges faced in the Wildland Urban Interfaces and forested areas of California's counties. Assembly Member Jay Obernolte (R-Hesperia) was the second recipient of the 2019 Rural Leadership Award. Assembly Member Obernolte was recognized for his leadership on a wide range of issues impacting rural counties.

Golden State Finance Authority

GSFA Board of Directors also met the same day. Supervisor Kevin Cann was confirmed as the Chair with Supervisor Bob Williams continuing in the Vice Chair seat. In addition, the GSFC Executive Committee was appointed.

January 16th - RCRC Economic Development Meeting with Mendocino County Representatives – 9:30 am

RCRC Economic Development Director Barbara Haynes met with Mendocino County representatives with Supervisor Ted Williams on the conference phone to discuss Broadband deployment in the County. In-person at the meeting was CEO Carmel Angelo, Deputy CEO Sarah Dukett and I. More information will be coming forward at a later date once it is obtained.