

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 17, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**[FULL PACKET](#)**

**Additional Teleconference Location(s) are Listed on the  
Last Page of this Agenda**

(All Teleconference Locations are Accessible to the Public)

This meeting will also be livestreamed for public access. Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting using one of the following methods:

1. Join the Zoom meeting application on your computer, tablet or smartphone:

Go to: <https://rcrcnet.zoom.us/j/87067468508>

Enter Password: 103839

2. Call-in and listen to the meeting:

Dial +1 (669) 444-9171

Enter meeting ID: 870 6746 8508

Enter password: 103839

**PUBLIC COMMENT USING ZOOM:** Members of the public who join the Zoom meeting, either through the Zoom app or by calling in, will be able to provide live public comment at specific points throughout the meeting.

**EMAIL PUBLIC COMMENT:** One may also email public comment to [mchui@rcrcnet.org](mailto:mchui@rcrcnet.org) before or during the meeting. All emailed public comments will be forwarded to all RCRC Board of Directors members.

**Executive Summary Immediately Following Agenda**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Self Introductions**

*Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County*

*First Vice Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County*

*Second Vice Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County*

*Immediate Past Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comment**

*At this time any member of the public may address the Board. Speakers are asked to state their name for the record but are not required to do so. Comments are usually limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker*

**4. Consent Agenda – ACTION**

- a. **[December 6, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)**

- b. RCRC Resolution 24-01: RCRC Board Travel Policy** **Page 9**  
*Milena De Melo, Finance Director*
- [MEMO](#)
    - [RCRC Resolution 24-01 – Travel Expense Policy for the Rural County Representatives of California Delegates and Alternates](#)
- c. RCRC Resolution 24-02: Board of Directors Code of Conduct** **Page 19**  
*Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO*
- [MEMO](#)
    - [RCRC Resolution 24-02: Board of Directors Code of Conduct](#)
- d. 2024 Appointments**  
*Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County*  
*Patrick Blacklock*
- I. Designate One Member of the RCRC Board to Serve on the Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. (GSNR) Board of Directors** **Page 25**
    - [MEMO](#)
  - II. Designate First Deputy Chair and Second Deputy Chair of the RCRC Board to Serve on the Water and Natural Resources Matters, Regulatory Matters, and Legislative Matters** **Page 27**
    - [MEMO](#)
  - III. Rural Counties’ Nominee to Serve on the National Association of Counties’ Western Interstate Region Board** **Page 29**
    - [MEMO](#)
  - IV. Appointment of Two Members of the RCRC Board to Serve on the Rural Alliance, Inc. (RAI) Board** **Page 31**
    - [MEMO](#)
- e. Establishment of Board of Directors Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Roadway Infrastructure** **Page 33**  
*Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County*  
*Sidd Nag, Policy Advocate*
- [MEMO](#)
    - [Proposed Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Roadway Infrastructure Charter](#)
- f. Establishment of Board of Directors Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Williamson Act** **Page 37**  
*Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County*  
*Sidd Nag*
- [MEMO](#)
    - [Proposed Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Williamson Act Charter](#)
- g. RCRC 2024 Investment Policy Renewal** **Page 41**  
*Milena De Melo*
- [MEMO](#)
    - [2024 Rural County Representatives of California Investment Policy](#)

## **h. California Public Utilities Commission Update**

**Page 49**

*John Kennedy, Senior Policy Advocate*

*Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate*

*Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate*

- **MEMO**
  - [RCRC Open CPUC Proceedings List](#)
  - [RCRC Opening Comments, BEAD Initial Proposal \(November 27, 2023\)](#)
  - [List of CPUC Regulated Water Utilities in RCRC Counties](#)

## **5. 2024 Officers Swearing-In**

## **6. RCRC Outgoing Chair Remarks**

*Immediate Past Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County*

## **7. RCRC Incoming Chair Remarks**

*Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County*

**Guest Speaker:**

**Wade Crowfoot**

**Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency**

[Page 73](#)

## **8. President's Report**

*Patrick Blacklock*

### **a. Staff Introduction**

## **9. Member County Concerns and Issues**

## **10. Governmental Affairs** *(Discussion and possible action relative to)*

### **a. Water and Natural Resources Matters** *(Discussion and possible action relative to)*

*First Deputy Chair, Supervisor Dennis Townsend, Tulare County*

*Second Deputy Chair, Supervisor Glenn McGourty, Mendocino County*

#### **I. Water Issues Update**

*Sidd Nag*

- **MEMO**

#### **II. Other Water and Natural Resources Issues**

### **b. Legislative Matters** *(Discussion and possible action relative to)*

*First Deputy Chair, Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County*

*Second Deputy Chair, Lee Adams, Sierra County*

#### **I. State and Federal Legislative Update**

*Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs*

*Sheryl Cohen, Partner, American Continental Group*

- **MEMO**

#### **II. Overview of the State Budget**

*Mary-Ann Warmerdam*

*Governmental Affairs Staff*

- [Governor's 2024-25 Proposed Budget](#)

**Page 75**

**Page 77**

**Page 81**

**III. Other Legislative Issues**  
**c. Other Governmental Affairs Matters**  
**I. Proposition 1 – The Governor’s Behavioral Health Modernization Proposal – ACTION**

*Sarah Dukett, Policy Advocate*

- **MEMO**
  - Proposition 1 (SB 326 and AB 531) - SB 326
  - Proposition 1 (SB 326 and AB 531) - AB 531

**11. Announcements**

- a. **January 18, 2024 - CSAC Executive Committee, Sacramento**
- b. **January 31 - February 2, 2024 CSAC Executive Committee Leadership Forum, San Diego County**
- c. **February 10-13, 2024 - NACo Legislative Conference, Washington, DC**
- d. **February 21, 2024 - RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Executive Committee Meetings (et al.), Sacramento**
- e. **March 7, 2024 - CSAC Board Meeting, Sacramento**
- f. **March 13, 2024 - RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Board Meetings, Sacramento**
- g. **March 14, 2024 - ESJPA Board Meeting, Sacramento**
- h. **March 28, 2024 - CSAC Executive Committee, Los Angeles County**

**12. Adjournment**

Agenda items will be taken as close as possible to the schedule indicated. Any member of the general public may comment on agenda items at the time of discussion. In order to facilitate public comment, please let staff know if you would like to speak on a specific agenda item. The agenda for this regular meeting of the RCRC Board of Directors was duly posted at its offices, 1215 K Street, Suite 1650, Sacramento, California, 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Any written materials related to an open session item on this agenda that are submitted to the RCRC Board of Directors less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, and that are not exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, will promptly be made available for public inspection at RCRC's principal office, 1215 K Street, Suite 1650, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 447-4806, during normal business hours, and on the RCRC website, <https://www.rcrcnet.org/agendas-minutes>

**Additional Teleconference Location(s)**

Siskiyou County STAGE Building Conference Room 190 Greenhorn Rd. Yreka, CA 96097	Glenn County Board of Supervisors Conference Room 525 W. Sycamore Street, Suite B1 Willows, CA 95988
---	---