

**Rural County Representatives of California  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**[FULL PACKET](#)**

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**[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. [January 17, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)**

**b. RCRC Strategic Plan**

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*Carolyn Jhajj, Communications Director*

- [MEMO](#)
  - [Metric Data](#)
  - [Status Updates](#)
  - [Proposed Alterations for 2024](#)

**c. Ad Hoc Committee Updates: Roadway Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee and Williamson Act Ad Hoc Committee**

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*Sidd Nag, Policy Advocate*

- [MEMO](#)

**5. RCRC Chair’s Report**

*Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County*

**6. President’s Report**

*Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO*

**a. Staff Introduction**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Toks Omishakin  
Secretary, California State Transportation Agency**

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[Toks Omishakin Biography](#)

**7. Member County Concerns and Issues**

**8. Business and Administrative Matters**

**a. May 2024 County of the Chair Meeting Update**

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*Dorothy Poole, Governmental Affairs Operations Manager*

- [MEMO](#)
  - [May 2024 County of the Chair Registration Form, Monterey County](#)

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

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

*First Deputy Chair, Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County  
Second Deputy Chair, Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County*

**i. State and Federal Legislative Update**

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*Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs  
Sheryl Cohen, Partner, American Continental Group*

- [MEMO](#)
  - [State Legislative Update](#)

**ii. Other Legislative Issues**

*Governmental Affairs Staff*

- b. Regulatory Matters** *(Discussion and possible action relative to)*  
*First Deputy Chair, Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County*  
*Second Deputy Chair, Supervisor Kathleen Haff, Tuolumne County*
- i. Environmental Protection Agency’s Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee (FRRCC) Update** **Page 45**  
*Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County*
    - [FRRCC Update Presentation](#)
  - ii. 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 Reply Comments, General Order 131 Proceeding \(February 26, 2024\)](#)
      - [RCRC Comments, Energization Timelines Proceeding \(February 20, 2024\)](#)
      - [Overview of Broadband Programs and Projects \(February 28, 2024\)](#)
      - [List of CPUC Regulated Water Utilities in RCRC Counties](#)
  - iii. Other Regulatory Issues**  
*Governmental Affairs Staff*
- c. 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** **Page 97**  
*Sidd Nag*
    - **MEMO**
  - ii. Forest Management and Wildfire Update** **Page 101**  
*Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate*
    - **MEMO**
      - [Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System, Docket FS-2022-0003 Comment Letter \(Dated January 26, 2024\)](#)
  - iii. Other Water and Natural Resources Issues**  
*Governmental Affairs Staff*

## 10. Announcements

- a. March 14, 2024 - ESJPA Board Meeting, Sacramento**
- b. March 27, 2024 – GSNR Board Meeting, Sacramento**
- c. March 28, 2024 - CSAC Executive Committee, Los Angeles County**
- d. April 17-19, 2024 - CSAC Legislative Conference, Sacramento**
- e. April 18, 2024 - CSAC Board Meeting, Sacramento**
- f. April 24, 2024 - RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Executive Committee Meetings (et al.), Sacramento**

## 11. 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.

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