

**Rural County Representatives of California
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

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AGENDA

Breakfast Session

Stephanie Welch

**Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, California Health and Human Services
Agency**

8:00 a.m.

9.00 a.m.

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

Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County

1st Vice Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County

2nd Vice Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County

Executive Committee Member At-Large, Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo 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 18, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#) **Page 1**
- b. **Drought and Water Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee** **Page 7**
*Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County, Drought and Water Resiliency
Ad Hoc Committee Chair
Sidd Nag*
 - [MEMO](#)
- c. **Appointment to Fill Executive Committee Region 5 Vacancy** **Page 11**
Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO
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- d. **RCRC Strategic Plan** **Page 13**
Carolyn Jhajj, Communications Director
 - [MEMO](#)
 - [Strategic Plan: Metric Data](#)
 - [Strategic Plan: 2022 Status Updates](#)
 - [Strategic Plan: Proposed Alterations](#)
- e. **Cannabis Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant** **Page 31**
*Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate
Sarah Dukett, Policy Advocate*
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 - [Cannabis Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant Program Guidelines](#)
 - [Legislative Text, Senate Bill 1186 \(Chapter 395, Statutes of 2022\)](#)
- f. **Updated 2023 Meeting Schedule** **Page 75**
Maggie Chui, Director of Board Operations
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5. Recognition of Senator Jim Nielsen, Member of the California State Senate (Retired)

Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County

6. RCRC Chair’s Report

Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County

7. President’s Report

Patrick Blacklock

a. Staff Introduction

Guest Speaker:

Chuck Bonham

Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

8. Member County Concerns and Issues

9. Administrative Matters

a. May 2023 County of Chair Meeting Update

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Dorothy Poole, Governmental Affairs Operations Manager

- [MEMO](#)
 - [May 2023 County of the Chair Registration Form, Butte County](#)
 - [DWR Safety & Security Protocols for Tour of Edward Hyatt Powerplant](#)

10. 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 Legislative Update

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Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs

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ii. Federal Legislative Update

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*Mary-Ann Warmerdam
Sheryl Cohen, Partner, American Continental Group*

- [MEMO](#)

iii. 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 Services Joint Powers Authority Update

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Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate

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ii. California Public Utilities Commission Update

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John Kennedy, Policy Advocate

Tracy Rhine

Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate

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 - [RCRC Open CPUC Proceedings List](#)
 - [RCRC Opening Comments, Rule 20 Proceeding \(January 20, 2023\)](#)
 - [RCRC Reply Comments, Rule 20 Proceeding \(February 17, 2023\)](#)
 - [CPUC Federal Funding Account Priority Portal Fact Sheet](#)
 - [RCRC Reply Comments, GO 133 Proceeding \(January 6, 2023\)](#)
 - [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

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Sidd Nag, Policy Advocate

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ii. Forest Management and Wildfire Update

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Staci Heaton

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 - [Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area, Dated November 21, 2022](#)

iii. Other Water and Natural Resources Issues

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11. RCRC Closed Session

Closed Session: Initiation of Litigation – Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(4). One case. (*Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics v. United States Forest Service*, United States District Court, District of Montana Case No. 9:22-CV-00168-DLC – RCRC Participation as Intervenor.)

12. RCRC Closed Session

Closed Session: Existing Litigation – Conference with Legal Counsel regarding litigation that has been formally initiated, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1). The name of the case is *Rural County Representatives of California v. California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, et al.*, Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 22CECG00123.

13. Report of any Actions taken under Items 11 and/or 12 Pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the Government Code

Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County

14. Announcements

- a. **March 9, 2023 - ESJPA Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**
- b. **March 22, 2023 - GSNR Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**
- c. **March 23, 2023 - CSAC Executive Committee, TBD**
- d. **April 11-13, 2023 - CSAC Legislative Conference, Sacramento**
- e. **April 13, 2023 - CSAC Board Committee, Sacramento**
- f. **April 26, 2023 - RCRC Executive Committee, Sacramento/Zoom**
- g. **April 26, 2023 - GSFA Executive Committee, Sacramento/Zoom**
- h. **April 26, 2023 - GSCA Executive Committee, Sacramento/Zoom**

15. Adjournment

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