

**Rural County Representatives of California
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

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[Executive Summary Immediately Following Agenda](#)

AGENDA

Breakfast Session

Office of State Fire Marshal

Daniel Berlant, Acting State Fire Marshal

**Frank Bigelow, Assistant Deputy Director – Community Wildfire Preparedness &
Mitigations**

Jim McDougald, Staff Chief – Wildfire Planning & Statistics

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.

Guest Speaker:

Yana Garcia
Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency

4. Consent Agenda – ACTION

a. [May 12, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

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b. **RCRC Governance Policies Update**

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Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO

i. **Policies for “Public Comments During ‘Brown Act’ Meetings of RCRC and Affiliated Entities,” “RCRC Member County Concerns and Issues,” and “Time and Place of Meetings”**

• [MEMO](#)

- [Public Comments During ‘Brown Act’ Meetings of RCRC and Affiliated Entities](#)
- [RCRC Member County Concerns and Issues](#)
- [Time and Place of Meetings](#)

c. **Proposed 2023 RCRC Revised Operating Budget**

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Milena De Melo, Finance Director

• [MEMO](#)

- [2023 RCRC Operating Budget – Revised \(Attachment A\)](#)

5. RCRC Chair’s Report

Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County

6. President’s Report

Patrick Blacklock

a. **Staff Introduction**

7. Member County Concerns and Issues

8. 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, Lee Adams, Sierra County*

i. Governor's Behavioral Health Modernization Proposal

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Overview

Sarah Dukett, Policy Advocate

Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate

- [MEMO](#)
 - [BHSA Legislative Reform Fact Sheet](#)

ii. State and Federal Legislative Update

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Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs

Sheryl Cohen, Partner, American Continental Group

- [MEMO](#)
 - [The Rural Rundown, June 28, 2023 – A Summary of the 2023-24 State Budget Package](#)
 - [RCRC Letter of Support for Senate Bill 624 \(Alvarado-Gil\)](#)
 - [California Delegation Farm Bill Priorities Letter to Congressional Agriculture Committee Leadership](#)
 - [RCRC Letter of Support for H.R. 1314 – LODGE Act](#)
 - [RCRC Letter of Support for H.R. 2989 – Save Our Sequoias Act](#)
 - [RCRC Letter of Support for S. 803 – Save Rural Hospitals Act](#)
 - [RCRC Letters of Support for Community Wood Facilities Assistance Act \(S. 1735/H.R. 2386\)](#)
 - [State Legislative Update](#)

iii. Other Legislative Issues

b. 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, Senior Policy Advocate

- [MEMO](#)
 - [S.796: The Forest and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023, RCRC Letter of Support Dated June 1, 2023](#)
 - [HR.1586: The Forest and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023, RCRC Letter of Support Dated June 1, 2023](#)
 - [U.S. EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards, CAFWA Comment Letter Dated March 28, 2023](#)
 - [U.S. EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards, California Congressional Democratic Delegation Letter Dated June 13, 2023](#)

iii. Other Water and Natural Resources Issues

Governmental Affairs Staff

- c. 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. Establishment of Board of Directors Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Property Insurance – ACTION** **Page 102**
Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County, Property Insurance
Ad Hoc Committee Chair
Staci Heaton
- [MEMO](#)
 - [Proposed Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Property Insurance Charter](#)
- ii. Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Update** **Page 107**
ESJPA Chair, Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County
Staci Heaton
- [MEMO](#)
 - [Comments on Generator Improvements Rule Proposed Regulations Letter \(Dated May 8, 2023\)](#)
- iii. California Public Utilities Commission Update** **Page 123**
John Kennedy, Senior Policy Advocate
Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate
Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate
- [MEMO](#)
 - [RCRC Open CPUC Proceedings List](#)
 - [RCRC Opening Comments on General Order 131 OIR \(June 22, 2023\)](#)
 - [RCRC Opening Comments, Large IOU 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plans \(May 26, 2023\)](#)
 - [RCRC Reply Comments, Large IOU 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plans \(June 6, 2023\)](#)
 - [RCRC Opening Comments, SMJU 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plans \(June 28, 2023\)](#)
 - [RCRC Response to AT&T’s Amended Application for Carrier of Last Resort Relief \(June 30, 2023\)](#)
 - [CPUC Fact Sheet on DIVCA](#)
 - [RCRC Motion for Party Status, DIVCA Proceeding \(May 10, 2023\)](#)
 - [RCRC Reply Comments, Minimum Service Quality Standards \(June 2, 2023\)](#)
 - [List of CPUC Regulated Water Utilities in RCRC Counties](#)
- iv. Other Regulatory Issues**
Governmental Affairs Staff
- 9. Administrative Matters**
- a. President/CEO Annual Compensation – ACTION** **Page 177**
Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County
RCRC Executive Committee
- [MEMO](#)
 - [RCRC CEO Performance Evaluation Process](#)
 - [2022 RCRC President/CEO Annual Compensation Board Memo](#)
- b. Rural County Photo Contest – ACTION** **Page 185**
Carolyn Jhajj, Communications Director
- [MEMO](#)
 - [Rural County Photo Contest Official Rules](#)

c. Annual Meeting - County Basket Auction & Drawing

Eric Will, Policy and Local Assistance Manger

- MEMO
 - County Basket Description Form

10. Announcements

- a. July 19, 2023 - GSNR Board Meeting, Lassen County
- b. July 21-24, 2023 - NACo Annual Conference, Travis County, Texas
- c. August 10, 2023 - CSAC Executive Committee, Sacramento
- d. August 16, 2023 - RCRC Executive Committee, Sacramento/Zoom
- e. August 16, 2023 - GSFA Executive Committee, Sacramento/Zoom
- f. August 16, 2023 - GSCA Executive Committee, Sacramento/Zoom
- g. August 17, 2023 - ESJPA Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom
- h. August 30, 2023 - GSNR Board Meeting, TBD
- i. August 31, 2023 - CSAC Board Meeting, Sacramento
- j. September 20-22, 2023 - RCRC Annual Meeting, Monterey County
- k. September 22, 2023 - RCRC Board Meeting, Monterey County
- l. September 22, 2023 - GSFA Board Meeting, Monterey County
- m. September 22, 2023 - GSCA Board Meeting, Monterey County
- n. TBD - CSAC Regional Meeting, TBD

11. Adjournment

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