



# RCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 16, 2022

## ACTION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the reassignment of Glenn County from Region 3 to Region 1.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the RCRC 2022 LAIF for transfer of funds.
- The RCRC Board of Directors adopted amendments to the RCRC Forest and Public Land Stewardship Policy Principles.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the appointment of Supervisor Geri Byrne (Modoc County) to fill vacancy on the GSNR Board of Directors.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the 2021 RCRC Audited Financial Statements.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the annual compensation of the President/CEO.

*For County of the Chair participants, RCRC has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation before, during, and since the RCRC 2022 County of the Chair meeting to ensure everyone is fully informed as much as possible on this on-going situation. For that reason, RCRC is notifying all County of the Chair meeting participants about a possible exposure to COVID-19 during the conference. Several attendees of the meeting have reported that they subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. These attendees were active participants in the event – attending both the board meetings and several other functions. While we cannot disclose the names of these individuals for privacy reasons, we nonetheless wanted to alert you on the potential exposure risk so you can take necessary steps to monitor your own situation. We encourage you to review the applicable guidance from the California Department of Public Health, [here](#).*

The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors meeting took place on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed many issues, and the following are highlights:

### **RCRC Chair's Report**

Chair, Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, thanked everyone for attending the June RCRC Board of Directors meeting in Nevada County. Supervisor Miller highlighted the tours, which included the North Star Museum and the CAL FIRE Air Attack Base.

### **President's Report**

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO, provided a report on recent activities the organization is engaged in that align with the RCRC Strategic Plan. Mr. Blacklock also highlighted recent successes by the Governmental Affairs Department. The PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#).

## MESSAGE BOARD

The 2022 Travel Expense Claim can be accessed [here](#). Please complete and submit your claim to Milena De Melo at [mdemelo@rcrcnet.org](mailto:mdemelo@rcrcnet.org).

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### **Process and Timing for Appointments Made by the RCRC and GSFA Boards**

To streamline processes and maintain transparency, staff proposed to formalize the process and timing for appointments made by the RCRC and GSFA Boards. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

### **Reassignment of Glenn County from Region 3 to Region 1**

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the reassignment of Glenn County from Region 3 to Region 1. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The member region assignment map can be assessed [here](#).

### **RCRC 2022 Local Area Investment Fund (LAIF) Authorization for Transfer of Funds**

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the 2022 LAIF for transfer of funds. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

### **RCRC County Photo Contest**

RCRC has launched its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural County Photo Contest. Created to promote tourism and local economic development, RCRC will accept photo submissions beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. The winning photograph will be unveiled at the September RCRC Board of Directors Meeting. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The Official Rules can be accessed [here](#).

*Other items of interest on the Consent Agenda:* Recent Population Shifts in RCRC Counties ([memo](#)); and, Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Update ([memo](#)).

## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Governmental Affairs Department's PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#).

### **Wildfire and Forest Stewardship Ad Hoc Committee Proposed Amended RCRC Forest and Public Land Stewardship Policy Principles**

Supervisor Doug Teeter (Butte County) and Wildfire and Forest Stewardship Ad Hoc Committee Chair and Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, presented the proposed amendments to the RCRC Forest and Public Land Stewardship Policy Principles, which are in response to recent policy questions surrounding fire suppression and mitigation on and near federally managed lands in California. Following discussion, the RCRC Board of Directors further amended the Policy Principles to ensure that maintenance of fuel breaks is explicitly stated. The RCRC Board of Directors approved the proposed amended Policy Principles, as amended. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

### **Drought and Water Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee Update**

Supervisor Chris Lopez (Monterey County) and Drought and Water Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee Chair, and Policy Advocate Sidd Nag, provided a report on the inaugural meeting held in June 2022. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

## **Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee Update**

Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono County) and Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee Chair, and Policy Advocate Sarah Dukett, provided a report on the inaugural meeting held in June 2022. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

## **2022-23 State Budget Update**

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Legislature approved and sent to the Governor for signature, the Budget Bill, Senate Bill 154, which contains the agreement reached between the two houses. Of importance to RCRC member counties, a one-time \$25 million subvention payment to counties with active Williamson Act programs was included. Other appropriations include funding for programs like broadband, homelessness, cannabis, behavioral health, public health, natural resources, solid waste management and recycling, and water. It is expected that negotiations will last well into August.

## **State and Federal Legislative Update**

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, and American Continental Group's (ACG) Senior Partner Sheryl Cohen, provided an update on issues being addressed at the state and federal level. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The PowerPoint presentation from ACG can be accessed [here](#). A listing of all bills tracked can be accessed [here](#). Based on RCRC Board Members interest, a status of legislation relating to hybrid meetings can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC Board Members were strongly encouraged to contact their legislative representatives regarding the proposed CARE Courts to highlight county fiscal and policy concerns. Talking points on county priorities can be accessed [here](#).

## **California Public Utilities Commission Update**

Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate, provided an update on RCRC's involvement at the California Public Utilities Commission. She focused on the affordability proceeding which addresses the rapidly rising costs of electricity. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

## **Water Issues Update**

Sidd Nag, Policy Advocate, provided an update on current issues involving California water policy. Mr. Nag discussed the Administration's water-related proposal as contained in the May Revise, and ongoing discussions on water-related legislation. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **Designate One Member of the RCRC Board to Fill Vacancy on the Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. Board of Directors**

Following the departure of Supervisor Stacy Corless on the Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. (GSNR) Board of Directors, Chair Dan Miller recommended, and the RCRC Board of Directors approved the appointment of Supervisor Geri Byrne (Modoc County) to fill the vacancy on the GSNR Board of Directors. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

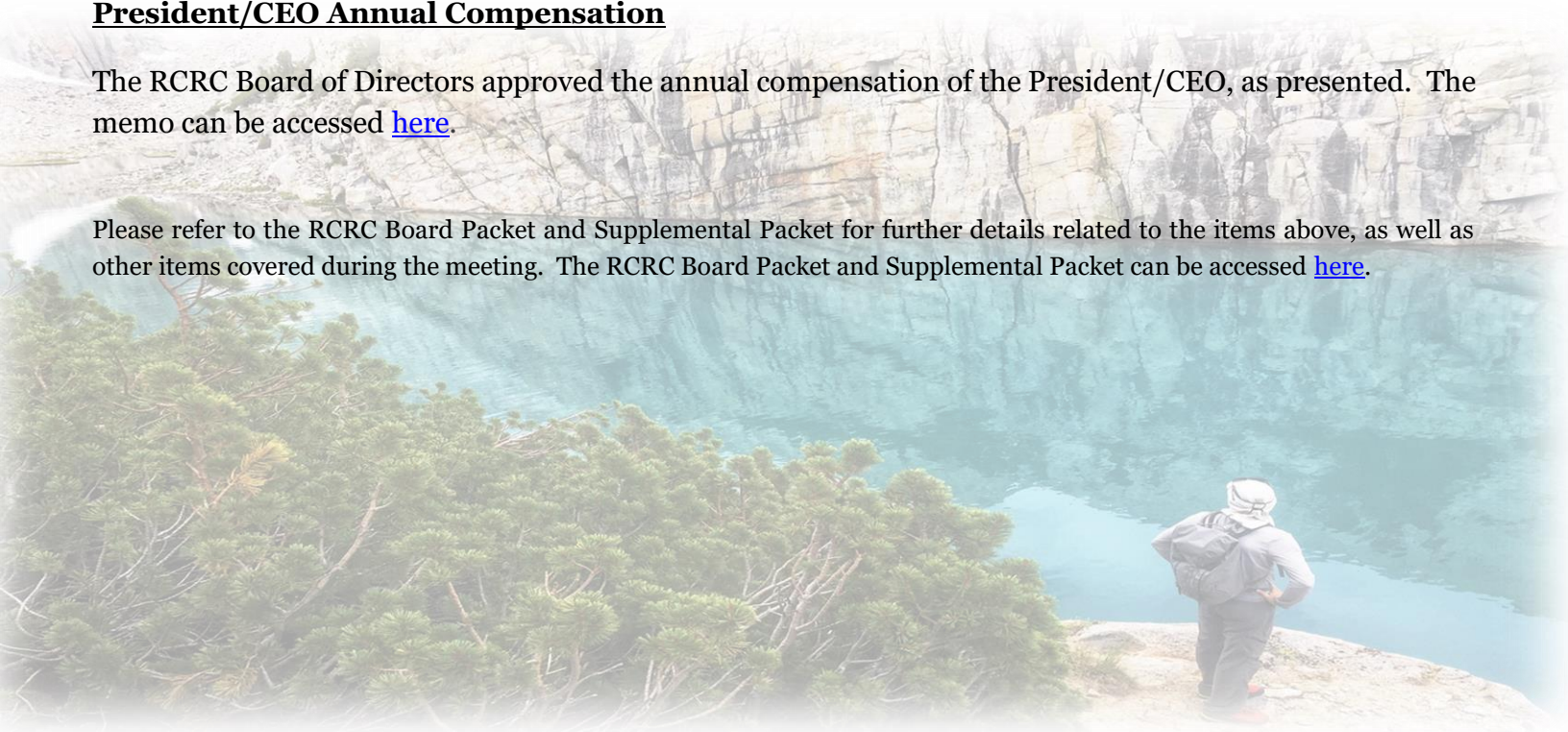
## **Approval of the 2021 RCRC Audited Financial Statements**

The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed and approved the 2021 RCRC audited financial statements and communication letter. The 2021 audited financial statements can be accessed [here](#). The communication letter can be accessed [here](#).

## **President/CEO Annual Compensation**

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the annual compensation of the President/CEO, as presented. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Please refer to the RCRC Board Packet and Supplemental Packet for further details related to the items above, as well as other items covered during the meeting. The RCRC Board Packet and Supplemental Packet can be accessed [here](#).





## GSFA BOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Directors meeting took place on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The GSFA Board Packet can be accessed [here](#). Here are some of the highlights:

- The GSFA Board of Directors approved the membership of Solano County. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- The GSFA Board of Directors approved the GSFA 2022 LAIF Authorization for Transfer of Funds. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- The GSFA Board of Directors approved the GSFA program investment for second mortgage down payment assistance program. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- Supervisor Matt Kingsley (Inyo County) and GSNR Chair, Executive Director Patrick Blacklock, and RCRC Economic Development Officer Terrance Rodgers, provided an update on the project status of GSNR. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- The GSFA Board of Directors approved GSFA Resolution 22-07: Confirming the Amended and Restated Voluntary Contractual Assessment Program Report Relating to Golden State Finance Authority's AB 811 PACE Program, Authorizing the Financing of Wildfire Safety Improvements as Part of Said Program, and Making Various Administrative Changes, and Approving and Ordering Other Related Matters. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- The GSFA Board of Directors approved GSFA's audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021. The 2021 audited financial statements can be accessed [here](#). The communication letter can be accessed [here](#).
- Craig Ferguson, Deputy Director, and Carolyn Jhajj, Communications Director, provided an update of the business development and program, as well as the GSFA Member County "Assist-to-Own" Program for member county employees. The "Assist-to-Own" Program memo can be accessed [here](#).
- Barbara Hayes, RCRC Chief Economic Development Officer, provided an update on recent Economic Development activities, as well as broadband funding opportunities for members of the Golden State Connect Authority, tribes, and non-profit broadband providers within member counties. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The PowerPoint presentation can be accessed [here](#).

***Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth.***

– John F. Kennedy