

RCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



January 18, 2023

ACTION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

The RCRC Board of Directors:

- Approved the RCRC Board Travel Policy.
- Approved the 2023 Investment Policy.
- Approved the 2023 Code of Conduct.
- Approved various 2023 appointments, including the appointment of Supervisor EJ Crandell (Lake County) to serve on the 2023 RCRC Executive Committee.
- Approved RCRC's 2023-24 Policy Principles.

MESSAGE BOARD

The 2023 Meeting Schedule can be accessed [here](#).

The Travel Expense Claim can be accessed [here](#). Please complete and submit your claim to [Maggie Chui](#) at mchui@rcrcnet.org.

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The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors meeting took place on Wednesday, January 18th. The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed many issues, and the following are highlights:

2023 Officers Swearing-In

Assembly Member James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) conducted the swearing-in of the 2023 Officers:

- Chair - Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County
- First Vice Chair - Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County
- Second Vice Chair - Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County
- Executive Committee Member At-Large – Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo

GUEST SPEAKER

Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety

Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Director, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety), addressed the RCRC Board of Directors on Energy Safety's efforts in counties, including the California Public Utilities Commission's wildfire safety mitigation plans.

Sandy Cooney, Chief, Communications and External Affairs Division, Energy Safety, can be reached at Sandy.Cooney@energysafety.ca.gov.

Director Jacobs can be reached at Caroline.ThomasJacobs@energysafety.ca.gov.

CONSENT AGENDA

Key items of interest on the Consent Agenda: RCRC Resolution 23-01: RCRC Board Travel Policy ([memo](#); [resolution](#)); RCRC 2023 Investment Policy renewal ([policy](#)); RCRC and affiliated entities'

In-Person and Remote Meeting Participation Policy, effective after February 28, 2023 ([policy](#)); Rural Alliance, Inc. (RAI) Update ([memo](#); [presentation](#)); and, various 2023 appointments:

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the designation of Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, to serve on the Golden State Natural Resources Board of Directors for a two-year term.

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the designations of the following supervisors to serve as the First Deputy Chairs and Second Deputy Chairs:

- Water and Natural Resources Matters
 - First Deputy Chair Dennis Townsend Tulare County
 - Second Deputy Chair Glenn McGourty Mendocino County
- Regulatory Matters
 - First Deputy Chair EJ Crandell Lake County
 - Second Deputy Chair Kathleen Haff Tuolumne County
- Legislative Matters
 - First Deputy Chair John Peschong San Luis Obispo County
 - Second Deputy Chair Lee Adams Sierra County

Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, was the rural counties' nominee to serve on the National Association of Counties' Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board.

Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County, and Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, were appointed to the Rural Alliance, Inc. Board of Directors.

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. The presentation can be accessed [here](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Appointment to Fill Executive Committee Region 3 Vacancy – SELECTED

The RCRC Board of Directors from Region 3 caucused, and the RCRC Board of Directors subsequently approved the appointment of Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County, to participate on the 2023 RCRC Executive Committee. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC Resolution 23-02: Board of Directors Code of Conduct - APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the proposed Board of Directors Code of Conduct, 23-02. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The Resolution can be accessed [here](#).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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

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 presentation from ACG can be accessed [here](#). A listing of all bills tracked can be accessed [here](#).

Overview of State Budget

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, and the Governmental Affairs staff, provided an overview of the Governor's 2023-24 proposed Budget and its implications for California's rural counties. *The Rural Rundown*, RCRC's overview on specific issue items of the proposal, can be accessed [here](#).

Water Issues Update

An update on current issues involving California water policy, including the Waters of the United States final rulemaking, Governor Newsom's proposed new water spending, and water-related budget proposals as contained in the Governor's 2023-24 Proposed Budget were provided. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Drought and Water Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee

Sidd Nag, Policy Advocate, provided an update on the work of the Drought and Water Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee, including potential policy recommendations that will be implemented under existing Policy Principles, as well as inform future changes. Please provide feedback to Mr. Nag before adoption at the March RCRC Board meeting. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Adoption of RCRC's 2023-24 Policy Principles

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the 2023-24 Policy Principles. The Policy Principles 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](#).

