

RCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



May 12, 2023

ACTION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

The RCRC Board of Directors:

- Approved the reassignment of El Dorado County from Region 4 to Region 2, and Imperial County from Region 5 to Region 4
- Approved the 2022 RCRC audited financial statements

The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors meeting took place on Friday, May 12th in Butte County. The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed many issues, and the following are highlights:

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](#).

CONSENT AGENDA

Revise the RCRC Bylaws to Reassign El Dorado County from Region 4 to Region 2, and Imperial County from Region 5 to Region 4 – APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the reassignment of El Dorado County from Region 4 to Region 2, and Imperial County from Region 5 to Region 4. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

2022 RCRC Audited Financial Statements - APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the 2022 RCRC audited financial statements. The audited financial statements can be accessed [here](#).

2023 Annual Meeting Overview

The RCRC 2023 Annual Meeting is scheduled to occur September 20-22, 2023, in Monterey County at the Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay. RCRC staff encourages RCRC Board Members to review the memo to prepare for the event. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Rural County Photo Contest

RCRC 7th Annual Rural County Photo Contest will commence on Thursday, June 1, 2023, through Friday, June 30, 2023. The contest

MESSAGE BOARD

The 2023 RCRC Membership Handbook 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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is open to the public. The winning photograph will be unveiled at the September RCRC Board of Directors Meeting. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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

Water Issues Update

An update on current issues involving California water policy, including recent flooding events, update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and key water-related bills were provided. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Forest Management and Wildfire Update

An update on efforts in the Legislature and various state and federal agencies, including an update on the California Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps, USDA Forest Service's 2022 tree mortality survey, and key state wildfire and forest health-related bills were provided. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate, called attention to Assembly Bill 338 (Aguiar-Curry), which would expand the definition of "public works" to include fuel reduction work done on contract and paid for in whole or part by public funds, thereby requiring prevailing wage be paid for community fuels treatment and forest resilience projects. RCRC Member Counties are asked to assist with opposition efforts.

California Public Utilities Commission Update

An update on the California Public Utilities Commission, particularly utilities' Wildfire Mitigation Plans (WMP) as well as the Rule 20A proceeding decision was provided. RCRC will hear Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E) WMP at its standing monthly meetings on May 19th. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The list of RCRC open proceedings list can be accessed [here](#).

California Air Resources Board Advance Clean Fleets Regulations

An update on the California Air Resources Board's regulations on purchase requirements for public and commercial fleet operators was provided. The Final Rule Regulations were adopted on April 28, 2023. The memo 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.

At the state level, Ms. Warmerdam focused on the Governor's 2023-24 May Revision and status of RCRC's sponsored bills.

Sarah Dukett, Policy Advocate, called attention to [Senate Bill 525](#) (Durazo), which creates a new health care minimum wage of \$25 for hourly and \$104,000 for salaried employees starting in 2024, impacting county behavioral health, public health, clinics, hospitals, and correctional health care settings. RCRC Member Counties are asked to assist opposition efforts with the following actions:

- Evaluate the cost of implementing SB 525 for your county, and submit the fiscal data to Ms. Dukett at sdukett@rcrcnet.org;
- Submit a letter of opposition; and,
- Call your respective State Senator.

At the federal level, Ms. Cohen focused on RCRC's priorities, including the current state of debt ceiling/budget discussions, the Save Our Sequoias Act, Secure Rural Schools/Payment in Lieu of Taxes, disaster relief, cannabis banking, and Farm Bill reauthorization. ACG's presentation can be accessed [here](#). The memo can be accessed [here](#). A listing of all bills tracked can be accessed [here](#).

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

