

Williams installed as chair of RCRC

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Just days after he turned over the gavel as Chairman of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Bob Williams was installed as the 2017 Chair of the Rural County Representatives of California.

The installation took place during the RCRC's annual reception in Sacramento at which time all of the new 2017 officers were installed and Rural Leadership awards presented.

Williams was installed as chair, Humboldt County Supervisor Rex Bohn was installed as first vice chair, and Tuolumne County Supervisor Randy Hanvelt was installed as second vice chair. Glenn County Supervisor John Viegas remains an officer as immediate past chair.

The newly installed officers will lead the organization in championing policies on behalf of California's rural counties.

"There are a lot of challenges facing California's rural counties this year, and I am honored that my fellow rural county leaders have entrusted me to navigate RCRC's efforts as chair," Williams said. "I look forward to the opportunity to work with RCRC board members and staff on strategies and opportunities that raise the level of awareness of rural communities in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., and advance the policies set forth by the organization.

"As an organization we will work to identify new ways to address ongoing, unresolved issues such as State Payment in Lieu of Taxes, Secure Rural Schools and Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes and forestry management and wildfire funding, all of which heavily impact California's rural counties in a multitude of ways."

In addition, Williams looks forward to identifying new avenues to advocate for ongoing issues, with much of the year spent developing and advocating for legislative proposals on a handful of proactive opportunities, including disadvantaged communities, the Williamson Act, local marijuana taxes, multi-county assessment appeals boards, driving impaired by marijuana usage, and reclamation of metallic pit mines, to name a few.

Williams is serving his third term as 4th District Tehama County supervisor.

During the receptions, Rural Leadership Awards were presented to Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, R-O'Neals, and Former Deputy Cabinet Secretary Wade Crowfoot, each having demonstrated an understanding of, and leadership in, rural issues and the unique challenges that rural communities face.

RCRC is a 35-member county service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties.

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