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## **Nevada County Hosts RCRC Board of Directors Meeting and Tour**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – This week, the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board Chair and Nevada County Supervisor Dan Miller hosted the June 2022 RCRC Board of Directors meeting in Nevada County. The two-day event included the RCRC Board of Directors meeting in historic downtown Grass Valley, and tours of the North Star Mining Museum and CAL FIRE Air Attack Base.

“It has been an absolute pleasure hosting my fellow rural county leaders from across the state of California in beautiful Nevada County,” said Supervisor Miller. “This time together has facilitated important discussions among county leaders on crucial issues of wildfire and drought, which deeply affect all our rural communities. I also appreciate the assistance of the Nevada County Historical Society and CAL FIRE in helping to showcase the rich history of our County and the vital resources that help safeguard our region from catastrophic wildfires.”

The RCRC Board of Directors meeting included an overview of key state and federal legislation of interest to rural counties, and policy updates from RCRC’s wildfire and forest stewardship committee and the drought and water resiliency committee. The agenda can be accessed [here](#). Supervisors also attended a separate meeting of the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA), an affiliated agency of RCRC, where they received an overview of GSFA’s housing assistance programs as well as state and federal broadband funding opportunities for counties.

During their visit, rural leaders were also taken on tours displaying the history of Nevada County at the North Star Mining Museum and showcasing wildfire prevention and defense resources at the CAL FIRE Air Attack Base. The base is a critical source of wildfire defense in the County, housing a fleet of aircrafts owned and operated by CAL FIRE to bolster firefighting efforts, particularly across challenging and hard to reach terrain in the region.

“CAL FIRE is proud to work closely with RCRC as we identify key issues in the protection of life and property across the rural counties in California and some of our most fire prone regions,” said Fire Chief Brian Estes of the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Placer County Fire

Department. “Our ECC and Air Attack Base here in Nevada County are a shining example of our continued commitment to effective and efficient service to Californians and our commitment to aggressive initial attack on wildland fires.”

As is an organizational tradition, the RCRC Chair hosts a Board of Directors meeting in their county during their tenure. The June RCRC Board of Directors meeting brought over 35 elected Supervisors and rural county leaders to Nevada County.

#### **ABOUT RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA (RCRC)**

*The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is a thirty-nine member county strong service organization that champions policies on behalf of California’s rural counties. RCRC is dedicated to representing the collective unique interests of its membership, providing legislative and regulatory representation at the State and Federal levels, and providing responsible services for its members to enhance and protect the quality of life in rural California counties. To learn more about RCRC, visit [rcrcnet.org](http://rcrcnet.org) and follow @RuralCounties on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.*

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*RCRC leaders beginning their tour at the North Star Mining Museum with an introduction from a docent of the Nevada County Historical Society.*



*A docent of the Nevada County Historical Society describes the history of a large pelton wheel to visiting rural county leaders at the North Star Mining Museum.*



*RCRC leaders, including RCRC Board Chair and Nevada County Supervisor Dan Miller, are pictured alongside members of the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit in front of a fleet of aircraft belonging to the CALFIRE Air Attack Base at the Nevada County Airport.*



*Fire Chief Brian Estes of the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Placer County Fire Department, welcomes rural county leaders to the CALFIRE Air Attack Base at the Nevada County Airport.*