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RCRC Announces Winner of Fifth Annual Rural Photo Contest

Monterey County Resident Takes Top Spot

SACRAMENTO, CA – The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is pleased to announce the winner of the 2021 Rural County Photo Contest, with this year's first place prize going to Ramiro Ruiz for his spectacular photo of a sunset over a lettuce field in the town of Chualar in Monterey County. Photographers, amateur and professional alike, from all over California submitted photographs in this year's Rural County photo contest, capturing the splendor of California's rural counties.

Titled "Field of Green" Ramiro Ruiz's photo highlights the beauty of agriculture, which is an integral part of so many rural communities in California. Mr. Ruiz is a resident of Monterey County and works as an agricultural mechanic. He has a passion for photographing the agricultural landscapes he encounters in his daily life and has received high honors for his photography in the past.

"Congratulations to Mr. Ruiz upon this wonderful recognition of his ability to blend his work and passion into one," said Monterey County Supervisor and RCRC Board Delegate Chris Lopez. "His photo highlights the beauty of our agricultural landscape, it brings into focus the contributions of rural California to our nation's food supply, and has brought top recognition to Monterey County."

The RCRC Board of Director's chose the winning photograph, including the second and third place finalists, at their August 18th Board meeting with the county of origin revealed after the Board's decision. Miranda Moore received second place for her photo displaying a field of

flowers overlooking the Humboldt County coastline and Gil Rebolgar received third place for his photo of a sunset illuminating over a body of water in Imperial County.

The RCRC Rural County Photo Contest was established to promote tourism and local economic development through showcasing the beautiful landscape, scenery, activities, history, and charm of RCRC's member counties. Mr. Ruiz's image will be prominently displayed during RCRC's 2021 Annual Meeting in Monterey County in September and may be featured in various RCRC marketing materials or work products, along with other photo submissions, throughout the next year.

ABOUT RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA (RCRC)

The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is a thirty-seven 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 and follow @RuralCounties on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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First Place Photo by Ramiro Ruiz, Monterey County



Second Place Photo by Miranda Moore, Humboldt County



Third Place Photo by Gil Rebollar, Imperial County