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RCRC Concludes 2022 Annual Meeting in Napa County

SACRAMENTO, CA – On Friday, September 16, the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) concluded their Annual Meeting, held at the Marriott Hotel in Napa, California. This year, over 200 local government representatives attended the meeting, representing RCRC's 39 member counties.

The event featured many experts sharing their knowledge on issues pertinent to rural governance. This included engaging panel discussions with specialists in economic forecasting, broadband deployment, politics, rural tourism, and city-county governance.

“The RCRC Annual Meeting is an important event for rural leaders, as it creates the space for local government representatives from around the state to collaborate and share ideas,” said RCRC Board Chair and Nevada County Supervisor Dan Miller. “We are fortunate to have been joined by speakers at the highest levels of their field, imparting their knowledge and experience for the benefit of our attendees.”

In addition to the panel discussions, the event included a meeting of rural county administrators and a joint meeting of the RCRC Board of Directors with its affiliate entities Golden State Finance Authority and Golden State Connect Authority. Attendees also participated in the RCRC Annual Auction and Basket Drawing, during which county-themed baskets are auctioned off to support a select number of charities in the county of the RCRC Chair.

“It has been an honor to host RCRC's Annual Meeting here in beautiful Napa County,” said RCRC Legislative Vice Chair and Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon. “The connections and discussions that occurred at this year's Annual Meeting will have a continuing and significant

impact, helping to guide rural leaders as they work to address the key issues facing their communities.”

RCRC’s Annual Meeting serves as a venue for rural leaders to gather and engage on important issues affecting rural counties. To learn more about RCRC, visit www.rcrcnet.org.

ABOUT RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA (RCRC)

The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is a thirty-nine member county 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.

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Executive Director of the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, Greg Williams, speaks to attendees at the 2022 RCRC Annual Meeting regarding the work of the organization in building trails and connecting Lost Sierra communities while improving forest health and supporting rural economies.



Chairman Wayne Pyle and Executive Director Roger Timmerman of UTOPIA Fiber, an industry leader in open access, municipal broadband, with RCRC President and CEO Patrick Blacklock following their panel discussion on the future of broadband deployment in rural California.



Paul Mitchell of Redistricting Partners and Mike Madrid of Grassroots Lab, as well as moderator Monterey County Supervisor Chris Lopez, provide valuable insights during a panel discussion on key political races and forecasts of what may lie ahead for 2024.



Pictured left to right: Imperial County Supervisor Michael Kelley, League of California Cities' Past President and City of Grass Valley Vice Mayor Jan Arbuckle, RCRC President and CEO Patrick Blacklock, and California State Association of Counties Executive Director Graham Knaus, following their session highlighting best practices for effective city-county collaboration.