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Rural County Representatives of California Presents \$50,000 to Merced County Nonprofits

SACRAMENTO, CA – The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) presented \$50,000 for six Merced County nonprofits at the Merced County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday. The nonprofits selected to receive the contributions included the Atwater High School FFA, Buhach Colony High School FFA, Castle Air Museum, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Merced County, Cultiva la Salud, and Students With Aspiring Goals (SWAG).

Each year RCRC raises funds from rural community and business leaders from across the state at RCRC's Annual Meeting through a basket auction. The proceeds from the auction are then donated to select charities in the county of the RCRC Chair. For the 2020 calendar year Merced County Supervisor Daron McDaniel served as the RCRC Board Chair, however, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the auction was unable to occur. As a result, RCRC pledged to provide \$50,000 on behalf of its rural counties to nonprofits within Merced County.

"This contribution is an investment in the important and necessary work of local nonprofits serving Merced County youth," said RCRC Immediate Past Chair and Merced County Supervisor Daron McDaniel. "I am grateful for the contribution to our community and honored to support California's rural communities through my leadership role in RCRC."

RCRC President and CEO Pat Blacklock presented the contributions at the Merced County Board of Supervisors meeting and also provided the Board with an RCRC organizational update. RCRC will soon resume its yearly basket auction at its 2021 Annual Meeting in Monterey County at the end of September.

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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Merced County Supervisor Daron McDaniel and RCRC President and CEO Patrick Blacklock present contribution to Cultiva la Salud Board Member and Program Manager Claudia Corchado