

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
October 15, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County	Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County
Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County	Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County
Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County	Supervisor Anne Cottrell, Napa County
Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County	Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County
Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County (<i>Ex-Officio</i>)	Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County

MINUTES

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, presided. Present were President and CEO Patrick Blacklock, General Counsel Arthur J. Wylene, and Director of Board Operations Maggie Chui, clerk. RCRC Chair Byrne called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those members present:

Supervisor

Geri Byrne
Miles Menetrey
Bob Nelson
Rex Bohn
Lori Parlin
Anne Cottrell
David Griffith
John Peschong
Daron McDaniel

County

Modoc
Mariposa
Santa Barbara
Humboldt
El Dorado
Napa
Alpine
San Luis Obispo
Merced (Ex-Officio)

Absent

Chris Lopez	Monterey
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Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

a. July 23, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, called for approval of the above-listed consent agenda.

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, motioned to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

State and Federal Legislative Update

An overview of key legislative and regulatory developments at both the state and federal levels was provided. At the state level, Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, provided an update on the 2025–26 Legislative Session, while John Kennedy, Senior Policy Advocate, highlighted key bills.

At the federal level, Ms. Warmerdam provided an update on the government shutdown and its impact on rural programs.

Proposition 50: Use of Legislative Congressional Redistricting Map Amendment, and Related Legislative Measures

Mary-Ann Warmerdam and Sarah Dukett, Senior Policy Advocate, provided a summary of Proposition 50 and related legislation, which would temporarily suspend California's Citizens Redistricting Commission for congressional districts and implement new maps for the 2026 election.

The RCRC Executive Committee was reminded that, during the September 19th RCRC Board of Directors meeting, RCRC Board Members expressed significant concern about the implications of Proposition 50, with a majority indicating significant concerns.

At the federal level, efforts to limit mid-decade redistricting and reinforce the role of independent redistricting commissions have taken shape through proposed legislation, including H.R. 4889 (Kiley), H.R. 5449 (Lofgren), and S. 2885 (Padilla).

The RCRC Executive Committee discussed at length the pros and cons of Proposition 50 as it pertains to RCRC Member Counties.

Staff Recommendation

RCRC staff recommended the RCRC Executive Committee receive the staff's report and consider a position of "Oppose" on Proposition 50 on the grounds that it undermines the "good government" reforms of Proposition 11 and Proposition 20, and dilutes the rural community of interest in California's Congressional representation.

Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County, motioned to approve the staff recommendation that RCRC take a position of "Oppose" on Proposition 50 on the grounds that it undermines the "good government" reforms of Proposition 11 and Proposition 20, and dilutes the rural community of interest in California's Congressional representation. Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting "Aye," except:

Abstaining: Napa County

RCRC Board Code of Conduct Review

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO, provided an overview of the current RCRC Board Code of Conduct, adopted on January 8, 2025, in response to concerns arising from recent RCRC Board of Directors discussions. The RCRC Executive Committee discussed potential updates and suggested revisions to address the evolving needs of the RCRC Board, for consideration at the November 5th Executive Committee meeting, prior to possible adoption at a future RCRC Board meeting.

2026 Appointments and Elections Update

Patrick Blacklock provided an update on the 2026 appointments and elections. The following supervisors have submitted their interest for the RCRC Second Vice Chair position: Supervisor Rhonda Duggan, Mono County, Supervisor Anne Cottrell, Napa County, and Supervisor Robert Poythress, Madera County.

Adjournment

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 12:07 p.m.