



## Rural County Representatives of California: Entity Overview

### Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)

The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is a forty-member county strong service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties.

Founded in 1972, RCRC works with its membership to advocate on behalf of rural issues at the state and federal levels. RCRC provides the rural county perspective on a myriad of issues during the legislative and regulatory process, including land use, water and natural resources, housing, transportation, wildfire protection policies, and health and human services. The RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of a member of the Board of Supervisors from each of its forty member counties.

**Mission:** 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 to its members which will enhance and protect the quality of life in rural California counties.

**Vision:** RCRC is the premier advocate and innovative service provider for rural counties in California.

### RCRC's Affiliate Entities

In pursuance of its mission and vision, RCRC has expanded its role as an innovative service provider through the establishment of several public entities. Through these entities RCRC develops and implements services to address important challenges facing communities across California including attaining homeownership, implementing environmental and regulatory requirements, accessing reliable and affordable high-speed broadband, and building wildfire and forest resiliency.



#### Divisions

- Government Affairs
- Economic Development
- Business Development
- Administration and Finance

#### Affiliate Entities



Rural Counties  
Environmental Services  
Joint Powers Authority  
ESJPA



Rural  
Advancement  
Institute



GOLDEN STATE  
NATURAL RESOURCES

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connect  
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## Golden State Finance Authority



Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) is a duly constituted public entity formed in 1993 by RCRC as a Joint Powers Authority to provide affordable housing and contribute to the social and economic well-being of California residents. GSFA develops and administers programs that provide a source of financing for residential home purchases or refinances, commercial and residential energy efficiency improvement projects, multi-family housing construction and rehabilitation projects and city and/or county infrastructure improvements. Through its single-family financing programs alone, GSFA has provided homebuyer assistance in the form of gifts, second mortgages and/or mortgage credit certificates to help over 83,000 homebuyers purchase or refinance in California.

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## National Homebuyers Fund



National Homebuyers Fund, Inc. (NHF) is a non-profit public benefit corporation and an instrumentality of government under Internal Revenue Service code section 115. NHF was formed by RCRC in 2002 to stimulate and expand homeownership opportunities and strengthen communities nationwide through the provision and administration of innovative, flexible, and fiscally responsible solutions to the affordable housing challenges of our nation. Through its multi-state single-family financing program, NHF provides affordable mortgage loan interest rates and down payment and/or closing cost assistance for both returning and first-time homebuyers.

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## Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority



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**ESJPA**

Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) is a local government agency that provides regulatory advocacy and technical assistance to twenty-six rural county members. In response to an ever-increasing number of State and federal mandates regarding solid waste management, ESJPA was formed in 1993 to assist its rural county members in complying with regulatory requirements and waste diversion goals. On behalf of its members, ESJPA supports local public education campaigns and administers grants for recycling and hazardous waste management programs.

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## Golden State Natural Resources



Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) is a non-profit, 501(c)3, forest resiliency company, created by rural counties in California and governed by local elected leaders. GSNR's directive is to reduce excess biomass in California's forested lands, using science-based practices, as part of an overarching strategy to build wildfire and forest resilience in the state and spur economic opportunities in rural communities. GSNR's proposed project will source woody biomass from forest thinning projects, orchards and sawmills, process the material into a pelletized fuel product at developed facilities in rural California, and export the pellets to international markets. This project provides a unique opportunity to restore forest health, revitalize and establish potential new wood product markets, and reinvest in the local economies of rural communities.

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## Golden State Connect Authority



Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) is a joint powers authority of forty member counties designed for the purpose of increasing access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet for all rural Californians. Governance of GSCA is conducted by elected Supervisors from rural counties that elect to join GSCA. Through the collective efforts of its members, GSCA is focused on building and supporting the development of innovative future proof networks that provide the highest level of quality, service and transparency to rural California.

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## Rural Advancement Institute



Rural Advancement Institute (RAI), formerly Rural Alliance, Inc., is a non-profit, 501(c)3, public benefit corporation, created in 1999 to support RCRC and for the benefit of RCRC. RAI facilitates academic research and educational opportunities that advance understanding of issues impacting rural California amongst policymakers and the public. The principal functions of RAI, as set forth in the Bylaws, are to provide (1) technical support, (2) program administration; and, (3) applied research to local governments with respect to regional problems.