

**Rural County Representatives of California
Board of Directors Meeting
December 10, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

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Executive Summary Immediately Following Agenda

AGENDA

Breakfast Session

**RAI-Commissioned Report
*Fire and Emergency Medical Services Response Capacity in
Rural Communities of California***

[Dr. Alan Murray](#)

**Wildfire Resilience Initiatives
University of California, Santa Barbara**

8:00 a.m.

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9.00 a.m.

1. Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Self Introductions

Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County

First Vice Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County

Second Vice Chair, Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County

Immediate Past Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

At this time any member of the public may address the Board. Speakers are asked to state their name for the record but are not required to do so. Comments are usually limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker.

4. Consent Agenda – ACTION

a. September 19, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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b. RCRC 2026 Proposed Budget

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Milena De Melo, Finance Director

• **MEMO**

- 2026 RCRC Operating Budget (Attachment A)
- RCRC Reserve Calculation (Attachment B)
- 2026 Member Dues (Attachment C)
- Proposed 2026 Payrate Schedule - Clean (Attachment D.1)
- Proposed 2026 Payrate Schedule “Track Changes” (Attachment D.2)

a. RCRC Contribution to the California Employers’ Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT)

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Milena De Melo

• **MEMO**

c. Rural Leadership Awards

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Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs

• **MEMO**

d. 2026 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception

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Dorothy Poole, Government Affairs Operations Manager

• **MEMO**

- **Invitation to the Annual Rural Leadership Reception**

e. California Public Utilities Commission Update

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John Kennedy, Senior Policy Advocate

Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate

Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate

• **MEMO**

- RCRC Open CPUC Proceedings List
- RCRC Comments, Communications Emergency Preparedness and Network Resiliency Program (September 30, 2025)
- RCRC Letter, BioMAT Program Termination (November 3, 2025)
- CPUC Fact Sheet, PG&E 2027 General Rate Case
- RCRC Comments, SGIP Proposed Decision (September 23, 2025)

5. RCRC Chair's Report

Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County

6. President's Report

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO

7. Member County Concerns and Issues

8. Business and Administrative Matters

a. RCRC 2026 Elections – ACTION

Patrick Blacklock

I. Consider the Ascension of the Current First Vice Chair to Chair, and the Second Vice Chair to First Vice Chair

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- [MEMO - Ascension](#)

II. Election of the Second Vice Chair

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- [MEMO - Second Vice Chair](#)
 - [Election of the Second Vice Chair Process](#)
 - [RCRC 2026 Officer Ballot - Second Vice Chair](#)

III. Election of the 2026-2027 Executive Committee

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- [MEMO - Executive Committee](#)
 - [Election of the Executive Committee Process](#)

b. RCRC Resolution 25-05: Approving an Exception to the 180-day Wait Period for Employing Retired Annuitant Barbara Hayes – ACTION

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Patrick Blacklock

- [MEMO](#)
 - [Resolution 25-05: Approving an Exception to the 180-Day Wait Period For Employing Retired Annuitant Barbara Hayes, Pursuant to Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224](#)



*Holiday Gift Exchange
During Lunch*

9. Governmental Affairs *(Discussion and possible action relative to)*

a. Regulatory Matters *(Discussion and possible action relative to)*

First Deputy Chair, Supervisor Daurice Smith, Colusa County

Second Deputy Chair, Supervisor Mindy Sotelo, San Benito County

I. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Update

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Tracy Rhine

Leigh Kammerich

- **MEMO**

- RCRC Reply Comments, Reducing Barriers to Network Modernization Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (October 27, 2025)
- RCRC Joint Opening Comments, Wireline Notice of Inquiry (November 17, 2025)
- RCRC Joint Opening Comments, Wireless Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (November 24, 2025)

II. Other Regulatory Issues

Governmental Affairs Staff

b. Water and Natural Resources Matters *(Discussion and possible action relative to)*

First Deputy Chair, Supervisor Dennis Townsend, Tulare County

Second Deputy Chair, Supervisor Gary Bradford, Yuba County

I. Water Issues Update

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Eric Will, Policy Advocate

- **MEMO**

II. Forest Management and Wildfire Update

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Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate

- **MEMO**

III. Other Water and Natural Resources Issues

Governmental Affairs Staff

c. Legislative Matters *(Discussion and possible action relative to)*

First Deputy Chair, Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County

Second Deputy Chair, Lee Adams, Sierra County

I. State and Federal Legislative Update

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Mary-Ann Warmerdam

- **MEMO**

- Secure Rural Schools Letter to U.S. House Leadership, November 18, 2025 Fix Our Forests Letter of Support, July 15, 2025
- Provisions of Fix Our Forests Act Most Impactful for California Template to House Leadership Urging Swift Consideration of SRS State Legislative Update

II. Other Legislative Issues

Governmental Affairs Staff

d. Other Governmental Affairs Matters

I. Summary of RCRC Roundtable with Former State Controller and Candidate for Governor Betty Yee

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Mary-Ann Warmerdam

- **MEMO**

10. Announcements

- a. January 21, 2026 - RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Board Meetings, Sacramento
- b. January 21, 2026 - RCRC Installation Reception, Sacramento
- c. January 22, 2026 - CSAC Executive Committee Meeting, Sacramento
- d. February 4-6, 2026 - CSAC Executive Committee Leadership Forum, San Diego County
- e. February 11, 2026 - RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Executive Committee Meetings (et al.), Sacramento
- f. February 12, 2026 - CSAC Board of Directors Meeting, Sacramento
- g. February 21-24, 2026 - NACo Legislative Conference, Washington, DC
- h. TBD - CSAC Executive Committee Meeting, Los Angeles County
- i. March 25, 2026 - RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Board Meetings, Sacramento
- j. March 26, 2026 - ESJPA Board Meeting, Sacramento
- k. TBD - CSAC Board of Directors Retreat, TBD
- l. April 29, 2026 - RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Executive Committee Meetings (et al.), Sacramento
- m. May 5-8, 2026 - NACo WIR Conference, Maui County, Hawaii
- n. May 20-22, 2026 - CSAC Legislative Conference, Sacramento
- o. May 22, 2026 - CSAC Board of Directors Meeting, Sacramento

11. Adjournment

Agenda items will be taken as close as possible to the schedule indicated. Any member of the general public may comment on agenda items at the time of discussion. In order to facilitate public comment, please let staff know if you would like to speak on a specific agenda item. The agenda for this regular meeting of the RCRC Board of Directors was duly posted at its offices, 1215 K Street, Suite 1650, Sacramento, California, 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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