

RCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



September 19, 2025

ACTION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

The RCRC Board of Directors:

- Approved the 2026 Meeting Schedule

MESSAGE BOARD

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The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors meeting took place on Friday, September 19th in Placer County. The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed many issues, and the following are highlights:

RCRC Chair's Report

Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, thanked everyone for attending the 2025 Annual Meeting. The 2025 Annual Meeting County Basket Auction & Drawing raised \$110,500 for the charities Supervisor Byrne selected, which include the Modoc County 4-H, CalVada History Foundation, Modoc Harvest, N-C-O Railway, Modoc Economic Development Commission, Modoc County Sheriff's K-9 Association, Alturas Rotary Community Foundation, Strong Family Health Center, Tiny Mighty Strong, and Adin Community Park Foundation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of the 2026 Meeting Schedule - APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the 2026 meeting schedule. The schedule can be accessed [here](#).

Other key informational items of interest on the Consent Agenda:

Federal Legislative Update ([memo](#)); Forest Management and Wildfire Update ([memo](#)); Water Issues Update ([memo](#)); California Public Utilities Commission Update ([memo](#)); and, Rural Advancement Institute Engagement Activity Results ([memo](#)).

Informational Presentation Regarding Proposition 50: Use of Legislative Congressional Redistricting Map Amendment

The RCRC Board of Directors received a presentation on Proposition 50, a constitutional amendment that will appear on the November 4th Statewide Special Election ballot.

After a staff presentation on the background, the RCRC Board's discussion included concerns over the effects on governance, as

well as the erosion of transparency and fair representation, particularly for rural communities. RCRC Board Members were informed of the legislative redistricting package surrounding Proposition 50, including Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8, Assembly Bill 40, Assembly Bill 604, Senate Bill 280, and the procedures for the special election.

In consultation with RCRC Officers ahead of the meeting, it was determined that the item would be brought to the October 15th RCRC Executive Committee meeting for consideration of a position. While no formal action was taken, feedback was solicited from the full RCRC Board to help inform the RCRC Executive Committee's discussion. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

GUEST SPEAKER

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Patti Poppe, CEO, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), addressed the RCRC Board of Directors regarding PG&E's wildfire mitigation efforts, progress in undergrounding power lines, and grid modernization initiatives. Ms. Poppe highlighted infrastructure improvements and safety milestones, and discussed challenges including rural electrification, solar mandates, EV infrastructure, and PG&E's support for rural economic development.

During the Q&A, RCRC Board Members raised concerns about service reliability, including customer connections, water resource impacts, and community engagement, with PG&E committing to continued collaboration.



2025 End of Session Update

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President for Governmental Affairs, along with Senior Policy Advocates Staci Heaton, John Kennedy, and Sarah Dukett, provided the RCRC Board of Directors with an update on the conclusion of the 2025 State Legislative Session. The presentation covered developments in several policy areas affecting rural counties, such as Cap-and-Trade, CEQA modernization, insurance market reform, local control measures, and the State Budget.

RCRC staff also analyzed legislation impacting county operations, public safety, water, solid waste, and energy, highlighting key bills related to CEQA reforms, budget trailer bills, and utility liability and wildfire funding mechanisms.

RCRC will continue to monitor the implementation of newly enacted laws and prepare for engagement in the 2026 legislative cycle. The memo can be accessed [here](#). A listing of key state legislative bills can be accessed [here](#).

Please refer to the RCRC Board Packet for further details related to the items above, as well as other items covered during the meeting. The RCRC Board Packet can be accessed [here](#).