

**Rural County Representatives of California
Board of Directors Meeting
January 21, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

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[Executive Summary Immediately Following Agenda](#)

AGENDA

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

Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County

First Vice Chair, Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County

Second Vice Chair, Supervisor Anne Cottrell, Napa County

Immediate Past Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc 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. **[December 10, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)**

b. RCRC Resolution 26-01: RCRC Board Travel Policy

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Milena De Melo, Finance Director

- [MEMO](#)
 - [RCRC Resolution 26-01 - Travel Expense Policy for the Rural County Representatives of California Delegates and Alternates](#)

c. 2026 Appointments

Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO

I. Designate One Member of the RCRC Board to Serve on the Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. (GSNR) Board of Directors

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- [MEMO](#)

II. Designate First Deputy Chair and Second Deputy Chair of the RCRC Board to Serve on the Water and Natural Resources Matters, Regulatory Matters, and Legislative Matters

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III. Rural Counties' Nominee to Serve on the National Association of Counties' Western Interstate Region Board

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IV. Appointment of Two Members of the RCRC Board to Serve on the Rural Advancement Institute (RAI) Board

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d. RCRC 2026 Investment Policy Renewal

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Milena De Melo

- [MEMO](#)
 - [2026 Rural County Representatives of California Investment Policy](#)

e. RCRC 2021-2026 Revised Pay Rate Schedules

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Milena De Melo

- [MEMO](#)
 - [Attachment A.1 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2026 \(Clean\)](#)
 - [Attachment A.2 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2026 \(Track Changes\)](#)
 - [Attachment B.1 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2025 - Revised \(Clean\)](#)
 - [Attachment B.2 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2025 - \(Track Changes\)](#)
 - [Attachment C.1 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2025 \(Clean\)](#)
 - [Attachment C.2 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2025 \(Track Changes\)](#)
 - [Attachment D.1 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2024 \(Clean\)](#)
 - [Attachment D.2 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2024 \(Track Changes\)](#)
 - [Attachment E.1 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2023 \(Clean\)](#)
 - [Attachment E.2 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2023 \(Track Changes\)](#)
 - [Attachment F.1 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2022 - Revised \(Clean\)](#)
 - [Attachment F.2 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2022 - Revised \(Track Changes\)](#)
 - [Attachment G.1 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2022 \(Clean\)](#)
 - [Attachment G.2 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2022 \(Track Changes\)](#)
 - [Attachment H.1 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2021 - Revised \(Clean\)](#)
 - [Attachment H.2 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2021 - Revised \(Track Changes\)](#)
 - [Attachment I.1 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2021 \(Clean\)](#)

- [Attachment I.2 - RCRC Pay Schedule 2021 \(Track Changes\)](#)

f. Ad Hoc Committee Updates

I. Carrier of Last Resort Ad Hoc Committee: Final Report and Next Steps

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Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County, COLR Ad Hoc Committee Chair

(Staff: Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate, and Leigh Kammerich, Senior Policy Advocate)

- **MEMO**

- [CalMatters Article, They rely on landlines for emergencies. AT&T's political moves in California could take those away \(November 13, 2025\)](#)

II. Williamson Act Ad Hoc Committee: Final Report Recommended Revisions and Next Steps

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Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County, Williamson Act Ad Hoc Committee Chair

(Staff: John Kennedy, Senior Policy Advocate)

- **MEMO**

- [January 2025 - Williamson Act Ad Hoc Committee Final Report](#)
- [Williamson Act - June 2025 - Presentation and Board Discussion Regarding Reauthorization of the Williamson Act Ad Hoc Committee to Guide RCRC's Engagement on Assembly Bill 1156](#)

5. 2026 Officers Swearing-In

The Honorable David Tangipa, Member of the California State Assembly

6. RCRC Outgoing Chair Remarks

Immediate Past Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County

a. Moment of Silence in Honor of the Honorable Doug LaMalfa, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives

7. RCRC Incoming Chair Remarks

Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County

8. President's Report

Patrick Blacklock

9. Member County Concerns and Issues

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Guest Speaker:

[Karen Ross](#)

Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture

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11. Business and Administrative Matters

a. RCRC Resolution 26-02: Board of Directors Code of Conduct

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Patrick Blacklock

- [MEMO](#)
 - [Proposed RCRC Resolution 26-02: RCRC Board Code of Conduct \(2026\)](#)
 - [RCRC Resolution 25-02: RCRC Board Code of Conduct \(2025\)](#)

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

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

I. California Public Utilities Commission Update

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Leigh Kammerich

John Kennedy

Tracy Rhine

- [MEMO](#)
 - [RCRC Open CPUC Proceedings List](#)
 - [RCRC Comments, Joint IOU's Customer Reliability Report Template \(January 9, 2026\)](#)

II. Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Update

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ESJPA Chair, Supervisor Lori Parlin, El Dorado County

Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate/ESJPA Deputy Executive Director

- [MEMO](#)

III. Other Regulatory Issues

Governmental Affairs Staff

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

I. State and Federal Legislative Update

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Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs

- [MEMO](#)
 - [State Legislative Update](#)

II. Other Legislative Issues

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

I. Water Issues Update

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Eric Will, Policy Advocate

- [MEMO](#)
 - [State Legislative Update](#)

II. Other Water and Natural Resources Issues

d. Other Governmental Affairs Matters

I. Ad Hoc Committee Updates

1. Recruitment and Retention Ad Hoc Committee Update

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Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, Recruitment and Retention

Ad Hoc Committee Chair

(Staff: Sarah Dukett, Senior Policy Advocate)

- [MEMO](#)

2. Predatory Species Management Ad Hoc Committee **Page 147**
Update and Recommended Amendments to RCRC
Policy Principles - ACTION

Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County, Predatory Species Management
Ad Hoc Committee Chair
(Staff: Staci Heaton)

- [MEMO](#)
 - [Proposed Amended RCRC Wildlife Policy Principles](#)

3. Establishment of Board of Directors Ad Hoc Advisory **Page 153**
Committee on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
– ACTION

Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County
(Staff: Eric Will)

- [MEMO](#)
 - [Proposed Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Charter](#)

II. Summary of RCRC Roundtable with Former Los Angeles Mayor/ **Page 157**
Assembly Speaker and Candidate for Governor Antonio
Villaraigosa

Mary-Ann Warmerdam

- [MEMO](#)

13. 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 11, 2026 – GSNR Board Meeting, Sacramento
- g. February 12, 2026 - CSAC Board of Directors Meeting, Sacramento
- h. February 21-24, 2026 - NACo Legislative Conference, Washington, DC
- i. TBD - CSAC Executive Committee Meeting, Los Angeles County
- j. March 25, 2026 - RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Board Meetings, Sacramento
- k. March 26, 2026 - ESJPA Board Meeting, Sacramento
- l. TBD - CSAC Board of Directors Retreat, TBD

14. 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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Additional Teleconference Location(s)

Siskiyou County Siskiyou County Meeting Chambers 311 Fourth Street, 2nd Floor Yreka, CA 96097	Mariposa County Mariposa County Government Center 5100 Bullion Street Floor 2, Administration Mariposa, CA 95338
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