

**Rural County Representatives of California
Board of Directors Meeting
August 19, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

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Executive Summary Immediately Following Agenda

AGENDA

Breakfast Session

Stewart Knox

Secretary

California Labor & Workforce Development Agency

8:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m.

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. [June 5, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#) Page 1
- b. **RCRC Strategic Plan Mid-Year Update** Page 9
Carolyn Jhaggi, Communications Director
 - [MEMO](#)
 - [2025-2027 RCRC Strategic Plan: Mid-Year Status Update](#)
- c. **Proposed 2027 Meeting Calendar** Page 23
Maggie Chui, Director of Board Operations
 - [MEMO](#)
 - [RCRC Proposed 2027 Meeting Calendar](#)
- d. **Forest Management and Wildfire Update** Page 27
Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate
 - [MEMO](#)
 - [Sheep-Goat Herder Parity Coalition Letter, Dated August 6, 2026](#)
 - [Wildfire Resilience Funding Coalition Letter, Dated August 4, 2026](#)
- e. **Water Issues Update** Page 43
Eric Will, Policy Advocate
 - [MEMO](#)
- f. **RCRC Revised Pay Rate Schedule – Effective July 1, 2026** Page 45
Milena De Melo, Finance Director
 - [MEMO](#)
 - [RCRC Pay Schedule - Effective July 1, 2026 \(Clean\)](#)
 - [RCRC Pay Schedule - Effective July 1, 2026 \(Track Changes\)](#)
- g. **Proposed 2026 RCRC Revised Operating Budget** Page 51
Milena De Melo
 - [MEMO](#)
 - [2026 RCRC Operating Budget “Revised \(Attachment A\)”](#)

5. RCRC Chair’s Report

Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County

6. President’s Report

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO

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

a. 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. Proposition 43: Local Taxes: Limitations – ACTION

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Sarah Dukett, Senior Policy Advocate

- [MEMO](#)
 - [Copy of Proposition 43](#)
 - [Proposition 26 Memo](#)
 - [Board Minutes Excerpt 8-18-2010](#)
 - [Board Minutes Excerpt 6-20-2018](#)
 - [Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018 Board Memo](#)

ii. Proposition 45: Building an Affordable California Act – ACTION

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John Kennedy, Senior Policy Advocate

- [MEMO](#)
 - [Copy of Proposition 45](#)
 - [List of Groups in Support and Opposition](#)

iii. Proposition 1: Housing Affordability Bond – ACTION

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Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate

- [MEMO](#)
 - [Text of Proposition 1 \(Senate Bill 417\)](#)

iv. November 2026 Statewide Ballot Propositions Overview

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Mary-Ann Warmerdam

- [MEMO](#)

v. State and Federal Legislative Update

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Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs

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

vi. Other Legislative Issues

Governmental Affairs Staff

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

First Deputy Chair, Supervisor Rhonda Duggan, Mono County

Second Deputy Chair, Supervisor Monica Rossman, Glenn County

i. California Public Utilities Commission Update

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Leigh Kammerich, Senior Policy Advocate

John Kennedy

Tracy Rhine

- [MEMO](#)
 - [RCRC Open CPUC Proceedings List](#)
 - [RCRC Joint Opening Comments, COLR Proceeding \(June 10, 2026\)](#)
 - [Joint Reply Comments, COLR Proceeding \(June 17, 2026\)](#)
 - [RCRC Opening Comments, Telecom Resiliency Proceeding \(July 8, 2026\)](#)
 - [RCRC Reply Comments, Telecom Resiliency Proceeding \(July 22, 2026\)](#)

- RCRC Opening Comments, Energy Safety, Reliability and Resiliency Proposed Decision (July 30, 2026)
- List of CPUC Regulated Water Utilities in RCRC Counties

ii. Other Regulatory Issues

Governmental Affairs Staff

c. Other Governmental Affairs Matters *(Discussion and possible action relative to)*

i. Report and Update Regarding the Following RCRC Ad Hoc Committees

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- **MEMO**

1. Predatory Species Management Ad Hoc Committee

First Vice Chair, Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County, Ad Hoc Chair

Supervisor Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County, Ad Hoc Vice Chair

2. Recruitment and Retention Ad Hoc Committee

Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, Ad Hoc Chair

Supervisor Jill Cox, Trinity County, Ad Hoc Vice Chair

3. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Ad Hoc Committee

Second Vice Chair, Supervisor Anne Cottrell, Napa County, Ad Hoc Chair

Supervisor Daurice Smith, Colusa County, Ad Hoc Vice Chair

8. Business and Administrative Matters *(Discussion and possible action relative to)*

a. Rural County Photo Contest – ACTION

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Christopher Egan, Management Analyst

- **MEMO**

- **Rural County Photo Contest Official Rules**

b. 2026 Annual Meeting Overview

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Dorothy Poole, Governmental Affairs Operations Manager

Lorraine Cummings, Client Relations Representative

- **MEMO**

9. Member County Comments and Reports

10. RCRC Closed Session

Closed Session: Existing Litigation – Conference with Legal Counsel regarding litigation that has been formally initiated, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1). The names of the cases are:

- a. **Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California v. Reynolds, et al., United States District Court, Southern District of California Case No. 3:26-cv-03148-LL-JAC.**
- b. **In Re: MCP No. 204; Federal Communications Commission, Reducing Barriers to Network Improvements and Service Changes; Accelerating Network Modernization, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit Case No. 26-3375**

Arthur J. Wylene, General Counsel

11. Report of any Actions taken under Item 10 pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the Government Code

Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County

12. Announcements

- a. **August 20, 2026 - ESJPA Board Meeting, Sacramento**
- b. **August 20, 2026 - CSAC Executive Committee Meeting, Sacramento**
- c. **September 17, 2026 - CSAC Board of Directors Meeting, Sacramento**
- d. **September 23-25, 2026 - RCRC Annual Meeting, Santa Barbara County**
- e. **September 25, 2026 - RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Board Meetings, Santa Barbara County**

13. Adjournment

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