

**Rural County Representatives of California
Executive Committee Meeting
April 29, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Executive Committee Members:

Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County	Supervisor Madeline Cline, Mendocino County
Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County	Supervisor Sue Hoek, Nevada County
Supervisor Anne Cottrell, Napa County	Supervisor Gary Bradford, Yuba County
Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County	Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County
Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County (<i>Ex-Officio</i>)	Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County

MINUTES

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, presided. Present were President and CEO Patrick Blacklock, General Counsel Arthur J. Wylene, and Director of Board Operations Maggie Chui, clerk. RCRC Chair Menetrey called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. A quorum was determined at that time. Those members present:

Supervisor

Miles Menetrey
Bob Nelson
Anne Cottrell
Geri Byrne
Madeline Cline
Gary Bradford
David Griffith
John Peschong
Daron McDaniel

County

Mariposa
Santa Barbara
Napa
Modoc
Mendocino
Yuba
Alpine
San Luis Obispo
Merced (Ex-Officio)

Absent

Sue Hoek Nevada

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

a. February 11, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, called for approval of the above-listed consent agenda.

Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County, motioned to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Gary Bradford, Yuba County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

Approval of Audited Financial Statements – December 31, 2025

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC 2025 audited financial statements. Ms. De Melo reviewed the financial statements, the performance for the year, the net position, and the performance compared to the budget.

Following the presentation, the RCRC Executive Committee engaged in discussion with Ms. De Melo regarding the audit approach and related processes.

Recommendation

It was recommended that the RCRC Executive Committee, acting in their capacity as the Audit Committee, review and approve the 2025 audited financial statements and communication letter as presented, for presentation to and adoption by the RCRC Board of Directors.

Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, motioned to approve the 2025 audited financial statements and communications letter as presented. Supervisor Anne Cottrell, Napa County, seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting “Aye.”

Guest Speaker – Karla Nemeth, Director, California Department of Water Resources

Karla Nemeth, Director, California Department of Water Resources, addressed the RCRC Executive Committee on statewide water priorities, including groundwater management, long-term planning, and coordination efforts.

Following the presentation, the RCRC Executive Committee engaged in discussion with Director Nemeth.

Condensed Balance Sheet (March 31, 2026)

Milena De Melo, Finance Director, presented the RCRC Condensed Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2026, as compared to 2025 and 2024.

Investment Report (Period Ended March 31, 2026)

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Investment Report which provided a summary of investment transactions from March 31, 2025, to March 31, 2026.

Budget v. Actual Report (Period Ended March 31, 2026)

Milena De Melo presented the RCRC Statement of Revenues and Expenses which provided a summary of the budget to actual comparison for the period ended March 31, 2026.

State and Federal Legislative Update

An overview of key legislative and regulatory developments at both the state and federal levels was provided. At the federal level, Sheryl Cohen, Senior Partner, American Continental Group, provided an update on RCRC's federal priorities, including the year-end omnibus package and related impacts.

Senior Policy Advocates Leigh Kammerich, Sarah Dukett, and Staci Heaton, provided updates on legislation within their respective portfolios, including Carrier of Last Resort, H.R. 1, the State Responsibility Areas, and predatory species-related bills

Closed Session: Personnel/Performance Evaluation

The RCRC Executive Committee will recess into closed session pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code.

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County
Supervisor Bob Nelson, Santa Barbara County
Supervisor Anne Cottrell, Napa County
Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County

The RCRC Executive Committee convened closed sessions for Items 8, 9, and 10 at 1:07 p.m. per Sections 54956.9(d)(4) and 54957 of the Government Code.

Report any Action Taken Under Items 8, 9, and 10 pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the Government Code

Adjournment

RCRC Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, adjourned the meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee at 2:06 p.m.