

RCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



January 18, 2023

ACTION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

The RCRC Board of Directors:

- Approved the RCRC Board Travel Policy.
- Approved the 2023 Investment Policy.
- Approved the 2023 Code of Conduct.
- Approved various 2023 appointments, including the appointment of Supervisor EJ Crandell (Lake County) to serve on the 2023 RCRC Executive Committee.
- Approved RCRC's 2023-24 Policy Principles.

MESSAGE BOARD

The 2023 Meeting Schedule can be accessed [here](#).

The Travel Expense Claim can be accessed [here](#). Please complete and submit your claim to [Maggie Chui](mailto:Maggie.Chui@rcrcnet.org) at mchui@rcrcnet.org.

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The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors meeting took place on Wednesday, January 18th. The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed many issues, and the following are highlights:

2023 Officers Swearing-In

Assembly Member James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) conducted the swearing-in of the 2023 Officers:

- Chair - Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County
- First Vice Chair - Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County
- Second Vice Chair - Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County
- Executive Committee Member At-Large – Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo

GUEST SPEAKER

Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety

Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Director, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety), addressed the RCRC Board of Directors on Energy Safety's efforts in counties, including the California Public Utilities Commission's wildfire safety mitigation plans.

Sandy Cooney, Chief, Communications and External Affairs Division, Energy Safety, can be reached at Sandy.Cooney@energysafety.ca.gov.

Director Jacobs can be reached at Caroline.ThomasJacobs@energysafety.ca.gov.

CONSENT AGENDA

Key items of interest on the Consent Agenda: RCRC Resolution 23-01: RCRC Board Travel Policy ([memo](#); [resolution](#)); RCRC 2023 Investment Policy renewal ([policy](#)); RCRC and affiliated entities'

In-Person and Remote Meeting Participation Policy, effective after February 28, 2023 ([policy](#)); Rural Alliance, Inc. (RAI) Update ([memo](#); [presentation](#)); and, various 2023 appointments:

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the designation of Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, to serve on the Golden State Natural Resources Board of Directors for a two-year term.

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the designations of the following supervisors to serve as the First Deputy Chairs and Second Deputy Chairs:

- Water and Natural Resources Matters
 - First Deputy Chair Dennis Townsend Tulare County
 - Second Deputy Chair Glenn McGourty Mendocino County
- Regulatory Matters
 - First Deputy Chair EJ Crandell Lake County
 - Second Deputy Chair Kathleen Haff Tuolumne County
- Legislative Matters
 - First Deputy Chair John Peschong San Luis Obispo County
 - Second Deputy Chair Lee Adams Sierra County

Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Inyo County, was the rural counties' nominee to serve on the National Association of Counties' Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board.

Supervisor Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County, and Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County, were appointed to the Rural Alliance, Inc. Board of Directors.

President's Report

Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO, provided a report on recent activities the organization is engaged in that align with the RCRC Strategic Plan. The presentation can be accessed [here](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Appointment to Fill Executive Committee Region 3 Vacancy – SELECTED

The RCRC Board of Directors from Region 3 caucused, and the RCRC Board of Directors subsequently approved the appointment of Supervisor EJ Crandell, Lake County, to participate on the 2023 RCRC Executive Committee. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC Resolution 23-02: Board of Directors Code of Conduct - APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the proposed Board of Directors Code of Conduct, 23-02. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The Resolution can be accessed [here](#).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Governmental Affairs Department's presentation can be accessed [here](#).

State and Federal Legislative Update

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, and American Continental Group's (ACG) Senior Partner Sheryl Cohen, provided an update on issues being addressed at the state and federal level. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The presentation from ACG can be accessed [here](#). A listing of all bills tracked can be accessed [here](#).

Overview of State Budget

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, and the Governmental Affairs staff, provided an overview of the Governor's 2023-24 proposed Budget and its implications for California's rural counties. *The Rural Rundown*, RCRC's overview on specific issue items of the proposal, can be accessed [here](#).

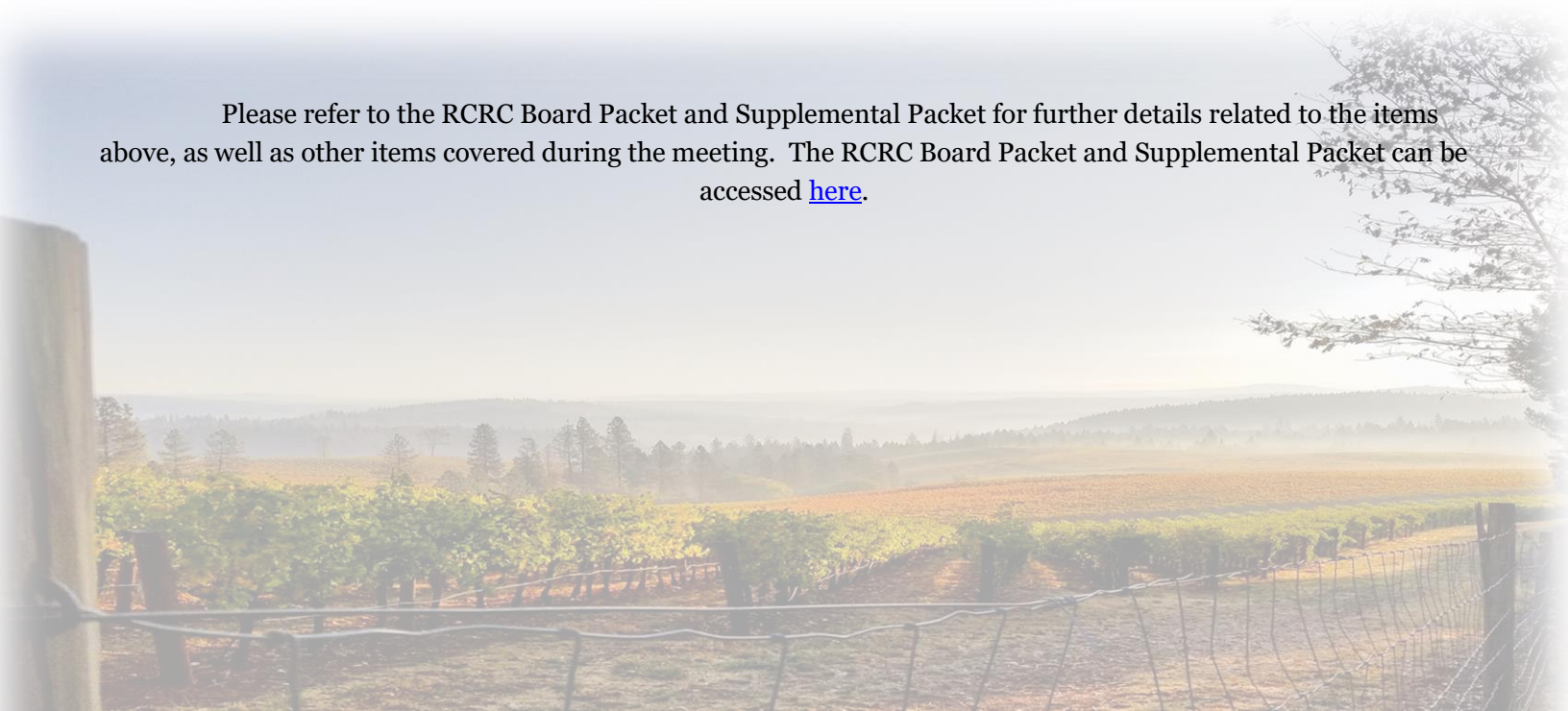
Water Issues Update

An update on current issues involving California water policy, including the Waters of the United States final rulemaking, Governor Newsom's proposed new water spending, and water-related budget proposals as contained in the Governor's 2023-24 Proposed Budget were provided. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Drought and Water Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee

Sidd Nag, Policy Advocate, provided an update on the work of the Drought and Water Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee, including potential policy recommendations that will be implemented under existing Policy Principles, as well as inform future changes. Please provide feedback to Mr. Nag before adoption at the March RCRC Board meeting. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

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





GSFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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The Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Directors meeting took place on Wednesday, January 18th. The GSFA Board of Directors reviewed a number of issues, and the following are highlights:

GSFA RESOLUTION 23-01: GSFA BOARD TRAVEL POLICY

The GSFA Board of Directors approved the GSFA Board Travel Policy (GSFA Resolution 23-01). The resolution can be accessed [here](#).

GSFA 2023 INVESTMENT POLICY RENEWAL

The GSFA Board of Directors approved GSFA 2023 Investment Policy. The policy can be accessed [here](#).

GSFA RESOLUTION 23-02: ACCEPTANCE OF GSFA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The GSFA Board of Directors approved GSFA Resolution 23-02: Acceptance of GSFA Associate Members. Currently, GSFA membership includes thirty-nine member counties, seventeen associate member counties, two hundred seventy-four associate member cities, and one associate member joint powers authority. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The member and associate member list can be accessed [here](#).

2023 APPOINTMENTS

The GSFA Board of Directors approved the following 2023 appointments:

- Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County, to serve on the Golden State Natural Resources Board of Directors for a two-year term
- Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County, to serve as the 2023 GSFA Chair, and Supervisor Robert Poythress, Madera County, to serve as the 2023 GSFA Vice Chair
- Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Merced County; Supervisor Robert Poythress, Madera County; Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County; Supervisor Doug Teeter,



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QUALITY INTERNET FOR RURAL CALIFORNIA

The Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors meeting took place on Wednesday, January 18th. The GSCA Board of Directors reviewed a number of issues, and the following are highlights:

- The GSCA Board of Directors approved the appointments of Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County, to serve as the 2023 GSCA Chair, and Supervisor David Griffith, Alpine County, to serve as the 2023 GSCA Vice Chair.
- Tracy Rhine, RCRC Senior Policy Advocate, discussed the Governor's Proposed 2023-24 Budget, which defers over a billion dollars of Senate Bill 156 last-mile and loan loss reserve broadband funding. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- Barbara Hayes, RCRC Chief Economic Development Officer, provided an update of GSCA's approved program of work, including a status update on the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration grant, the Local Agency Technical Assistance grant program, and the statewide planning for federal broadband investment that underwrites the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The presentation can be accessed [here](#).

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Butte County; and, and Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Calaveras County, to serve on the 2023 GSFA Financing Action Team

PROJECT STATUS UPDATE ON GOLDEN STATE NATURAL RESOURCES, INC. (GSNR)

Kevin Cann, Vice President, and Lisa McCargar, Vice President of Finance and Administration, Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR), provided an update on the project and financing status.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Craig Ferguson, Deputy Director, provided a business development and program update, including GSFA's down payment assistance programs. While 2022 YTD volume was low as compared to previous years, GSFA's financial position remains strong. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The data can be accessed [here](#).

GRANT ADVANCE LINE OF CREDIT PROGRAM AND SELF-GENERATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Craig Ferguson, Deputy Director, provided an update on GSFA's Grant Advance Line of Credit (LOC) Program and the California Public Utilities Commission's Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP). The Grant Advance LOC Program was established to provide short-term financing to eligible entities to cover the initial project costs associated with approved state, federal, or non-governmental grants. The data can be accessed [here](#).

SGIP offers rebates for the installation of energy storage technology at both residential and non-residential facilities. GSFA's Advance Rebate Program projects map can be accessed [here](#).

The memo, along with staff contacts, can be accessed [here](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Barbara Hayes, RCRC Chief Economic Development Officer, provided an update on the progress of the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure development (the ZEV Ordinance adoption map can be accessed [here](#)), the U.S. Economic Development Administration's planning grant, the water/wastewater infrastructure grant support, and rural broadband. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The presentation can be accessed [here](#).

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