

RCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



December 7, 2022

ACTION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the RCRC Governance Policies update.
- The RCRC Board of Directors selected the 2023 RCRC Officers.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the RCRC 2023 proposed budget.
- The RCRC Board of Directors voted to accept Kings County as a member of RCRC, effective January 1, 2023.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the in-person and remote meetings participation policy for RCRC and affiliated entities.
- The RCRC Board of Directors approved the report of findings and recommendations from the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee.

MESSAGE BOARD

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, December 7th. The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed many issues, and the following are highlights:

RCRC Chair's Report/Recognition of Outgoing Supervisors

Chair, Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County, provided a summary of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) discussion with Supervisors and county staff on their vegetation management and felled wood program on December 2nd.

Supervisors Miller, along with Denise Carter (Colusa County), Gerry Hemmingsen (Del Norte County), Paul Barr (Glenn County), Stacy Corless (Mono County), Diane Dillon (Napa County), Bob Tiffany (San Benito County), Bob Williams (Tehama County), Jeremy Brown (Trinity County), and Randy Fletcher (Yuba County), were recognized for their service to RCRC and its affiliated entities throughout the years.

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](#).

CONSENT AGENDA

RCRC Governance Polices Update - APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the adoption of the RCRC Bylaws amendments relating to Positions and Endorsements, Payment Signature Authority, and received and filed the administrative Ad Hoc Committees, Statewide Ballot Propositions, and Reserve policies. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

GUEST SPEAKERS

Sites Reservoir Project Authority

Jerry Brown, Executive Director, Sites Reservoir Project Authority, addressed the RCRC Board of Directors during an informal breakfast session, and discussed the status of the Sites Reservoir Project.

California Department of Food and Agriculture

Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), addressed the RCRC Board of Directors on CDFA's ongoing efforts as well as her thoughts on the State's agricultural economy.

Imperial County: Creating a Renewable Future

Supervisor Jesus Eduardo Escobar, Imperial County, and Miguel Figueroa, County Executive Officer, addressed the RCRC Board of Directors on Imperial County's efforts in renewable energy lithium extraction. The presentation can be accessed [here](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

RCRC 2023 Elections

The RCRC Board of Directors affirmed Supervisor Doug Teeter (Butte County) as Chair, and Supervisor Chris Lopez (Monterey County) as First Vice Chair. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Supervisor Geri Byrne (Modoc County) was elected to Second Vice Chair. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Due to retirements of both the current RCRC Chair (Supervisor Miller) and current Immediate Past Chair (Supervisor Corless), the Immediate Past Chair position will become vacant for 2023. As a result, Supervisor Matt Kingsley (Inyo County) was elected to the 2023 RCRC Executive Committee Member At-Large position. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC 2023 Proposed Budget – APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the proposed 2023 RCRC Operating Budget, contract service fees, contract performance fee, 2023 member dues, among other recommendations. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The approved 2023 RCRC Operating Budget can be accessed [here](#). The RCRC reserve calculation, which includes both administrative and program expense, can be accessed [here](#). The 2023 member dues can be accessed [here](#). The presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Approval and Acceptance of Kings County Membership and Revision of RCRC Bylaws to Assign Kings County to Region 5 – APPROVED

Effective January 1, 2023, the RCRC Board of Directors approved Kings County's application to join RCRC and to assign Kings County to Region 5. The addition of Kings County places the organization's membership at forty of the fifty-eight California counties. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

In-Person and Remote Meeting Participation Policy for RCRC and Affiliated Entities – APPROVED

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the in-person and remote meeting participation policy for RCRC and affiliated entities occurring after February 28, 2023. The memo and policy can be accessed [here](#).

2023 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception

The 2023 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel in Sacramento. To RSVP for the event, please scan the QR code included on the invitation or respond to the email invitation. The invitation can be accessed [here](#).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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

California Public Utilities Commission Update

Update on the Federal Communications Commission's National Broadband Map, the California Advanced Services Fund, funding distribution, felled wood removal, utility underground projects, fast trip power outages, and the Self-Generation Incentive Program were provided. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The list of RCRC open proceedings list can be accessed [here](#).

California Air Resources Board Advance Clean Fleets Regulations

Update on the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) development of purchase requirements for public and commercial fleet operators was provided. The final draft regulations were set for adoption in October; however, CARB staff withdrew the draft and will release an updated version later this winter with expected adoption in Spring 2023. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Water Issues Update

Update on current issues involving California water policy, including the Department of Interior seeking to reduce usage in the Colorado River, Klamath Project removal, and water and drought investments as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act were provided. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Update on efforts in the Legislature and various state and federal agencies, including the outcomes of key forest/wildfire-related bills, the California Department of Insurance's wildfire mitigation regulations, as well as upcoming meetings of the Tree Mortality Working Group and the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force upcoming were provided. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

State and Federal Legislative Update

Update on issues being addressed at the state level, including the commencement of the 2023-24 Legislative Session, Assembly Speaker changes, and State Budget expectations were provided. The memo can be accessed [here](#). Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs, called attention to RCRC's 2021-2022 Legislative Digest, which can be accessed [here](#).

Proposed 2023-24 Policy Principles

The proposed modifications to the 2023-24 RCRC Policy Principles were presented for review. All suggestions should be submitted in writing no later than December 29, 2022. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The track changes version can be accessed [here](#). The clean version can be accessed [here](#).

RCRC Rural Leadership Awards

Assembly Member Jim Patterson (R-Fresno) and Sierra Nevada Conservancy Executive Officer Angela Avery were selected to receive RCRC's Rural Leadership Award. The awards will be presented to the recipients at the 2023 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

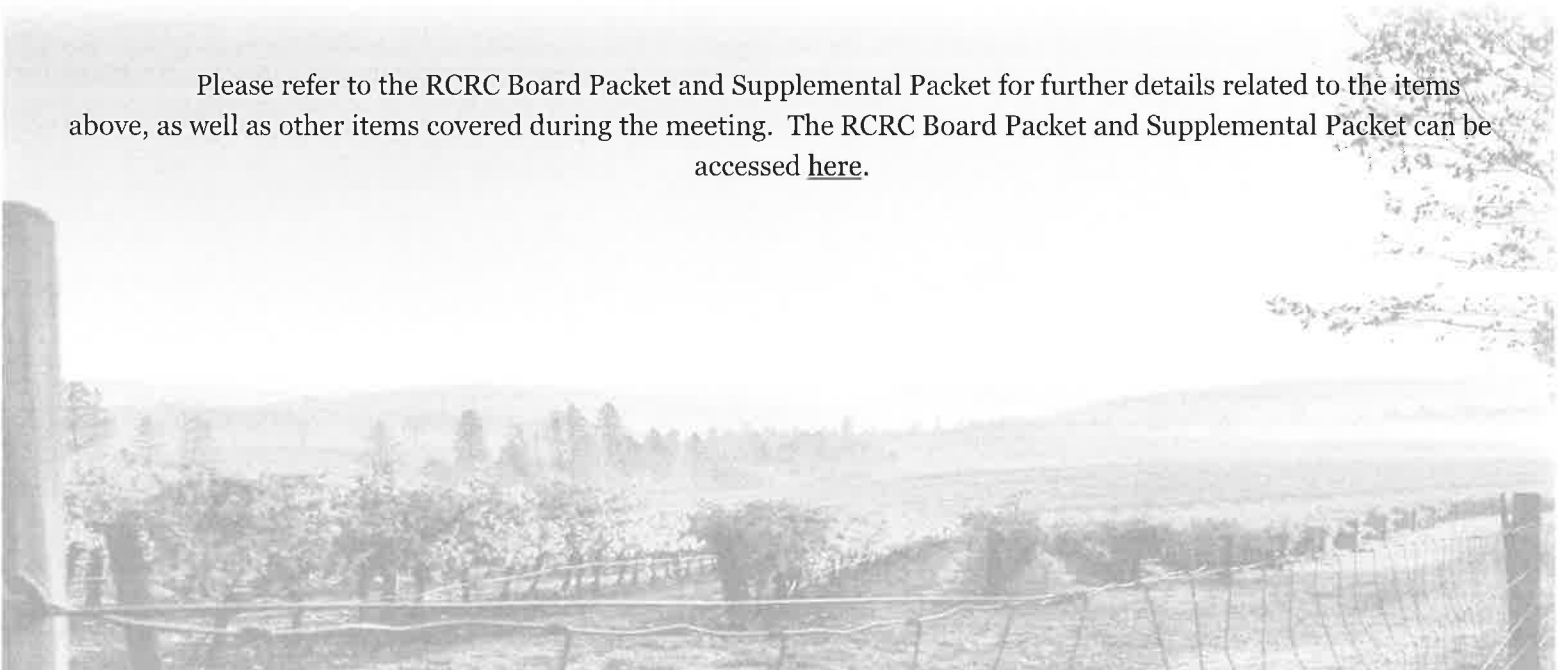
Drought and Water Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee

Supervisor Randy Fletcher (Yuba County) and Ad Hoc Committee Vice Chair, and Policy Advocate Sidd Nag, provided an update on the work of the Committee. The Committee is expected to complete its work by December 2022. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee - APPROVED

Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono County) and Ad Hoc Committee Chair, and Sarah Dukett, Policy Advocate, provided the Committee's report of findings and recommendations. The RCRC Board of Directors voted to approve the proposed changes to the Policy Principles as it relates to cannabis, as well as budget and legislative proposals for the 2023-24 Legislative Session. The memo/report can be accessed [here](#). The budget proposal can be accessed [here](#). The legislative proposal 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](#).



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From: Stacy Corless
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 11:49 AM
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Subject: Fw: RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Board of Directors Meetings Highlights: December 7, 2022

Please share with board members and the CAO.

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]



RCRC, GSFA and GSCA Board of Directors:

The summary of key issues and highlights covered during the Rural County Representatives of California, the Golden State Finance Authority, and the Golden State Connect Authority Board of Directors Meetings on December 7, 2022 can be accessed below:

- [RCRC BOD Meeting Highlights](#)
- [GSFA BOD Meeting Highlights](#)

- [GSCA BOD Meeting Highlights](#)

If you require any further information, please let me know.

Thank you,

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**Rural County Representatives of California
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**FULL PACKET
SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET**

In accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e) (Assembly Bill 361), the December 7, 2022 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting will be facilitated virtually through Zoom with limited in-person attendance. Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person, provided that the RCRC Board of Directors reserve the right to limit the number of people in attendance. Members of the public can also watch or listen to the meeting using one of the following methods:

1. Join the Zoom meeting application on your computer, tablet or smartphone:

Go to: <https://rcrcnet.zoom.us/j/89579300505?from=addon>

Enter Password: 128867

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DISABLED ACCOMMODATION: Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have a disability which requires an accommodation or an alternative means to assist you in attending, observing, or commenting on this meeting, or an alternative agenda document format, please contact RCRC at (916) 447-4806 or by email at mchui@rcrcnet.org by 8:00 a.m. Monday, December 5th to ensure arrangements for accommodation.

Executive Summary Immediately Following Agenda

AGENDA

Breakfast Session

Jerry Brown
Executive Director, Sites Reservoir Project Authority
Virtual Participation

8:00 a.m.

9:00 am

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

Chair, Supervisor Dan Miller, Nevada County
1st Vice Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County
2nd Vice Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County
Immediate Past Chair, Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comments

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. [September 16, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#) Page 1
- b. **RCRC Resolution TC011-22: Authorizing Remote and Hybrid Teleconference Meetings of the RCRC Board of Directors Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361** Page 7
Arthur J. Wylene, General Counsel
 - MEMO
 - Proposed RCRC Resolution TC011-22
- c. **RCRC Governance Policies Update** Page 11
Patrick Blacklock, President and CEO
 - i. **RCRC 2022 Omnibus Bylaws Amendments (Positions and Endorsements, and Payment Signature Authority)**
 - ii. **Ad Hoc Committees, Statewide Ballot Propositions, and Reserve Policies**
 - MEMO
 - Proposed RCRC 2022 Omnibus Bylaws Amendments
 - Ad Hoc Committees
 - Statewide Ballot Propositions
 - Reserve
- d. **Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Update** Page 29
Staci Heaton, Senior Policy Advocate
 - MEMO

5. RCRC Chair's Report

6. President's Report

Patrick Blacklock

Guest Speaker:

Karen Ross
Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
Virtual Participation

7. Member County Concerns and Issues

8. Administrative Matters

a. RCRC 2023 Elections – ACTION

Patrick Blacklock

I. Consider the Ascension of the Current First Vice Chair to Chair, and the Second Vice Chair to First Vice Chair **Page 33**

- MEMO

II. Election of the Second Vice Chair **Page 35**

- MEMO

- Election of the Second Vice Chair Process

- [RCRC 2023 Officer Ballot – Second Vice Chair](#)

III. Election of the RCRC Executive Committee Member At-Large **Page 41**

- MEMO

- Election of the RCRC Executive Committee Member At-Large Process

- [RCRC 2023 Officer Ballot – RCRC Executive Committee Member At-Large](#)

b. RCRC 2023 Proposed Budget – ACTION

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Milena De Melo, Finance Director

- MEMO

- 2023 RCRC Operating Budget - Attachment A

- RCRC Reserve Calculation - Attachment B

- 2023 Member Dues - Attachment C

- Proposed 2023 Payrate Schedule - Attachment D - Clean

- RCRC 2023 Proposed Budget – Attachment D - Track Changes

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c. Approval and Acceptance of Kings County Membership and Revision of RCRC Bylaws to Assign Kings County to Region 5 – ACTION

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Patrick Blacklock

- MEMO

- Kings County Resolution

- Current Member Region Assignments Map

- Proposed Member Region Assignments Map

- Proposed Revisions to RCRC Bylaws Attachment 1

d. In-Person and Remote Meeting Participation Policy for RCRC and Affiliated Entities - ACTION

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Arthur J. Wylene

- MEMO

e. 2023 Installation of Officers and Rural Leadership Awards Reception

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Dorothy Poole, Government Affairs Operations Manager

- MEMO

- Invitation to the Annual Officer Installation and Rural Leadership Awards Reception

Guest Speakers:

Imperial County: Creating a Renewable Future

Chairman Jesus Eduardo Escobar, Supervisor District 1
Miguel Figueroa, County Executive Officer
Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter, Deputy CEO

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

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

First Deputy Chair, Supervisor Kathleen Haff, Tuolumne County

Second Deputy Chair, Supervisor Eddie Crandell, Lake County

I. California Public Utilities Commission Update

John Kennedy, Policy Advocate

Tracy Rhine, Senior Policy Advocate

Leigh Kammerich, Policy Advocate

o MEMO

- RCRC Open CPUC Proceedings List
- RCRC/CSAC Comments on Resolution M-4864 (November 3, 2022)
- RCRC Response on AB 843 Implementation Proceeding (November 21, 2022)
- PG&E Illustration of Wildfire Safety Undergrounding
- RCRC Comments, Rule 20 Proceeding (September 13, 2022)
- RCRC CASF Opening Comments, Staff Proposal (October 14, 2022)
- RCRC CASF Reply Comments, Staff Proposal (October 24, 2022)
- List of CPUC Regulated Water Utilities in RCRC Counties

**Supplemental
Packet**

II. California Air Resources Board Advanced Clean Fleets Regulations

Staci Heaton

o MEMO

- RCRC Comments on the Proposed Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation (Dated October 17, 2022)

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III. Other Regulatory Issues

Governmental Affairs Staff

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

First Deputy Chair, Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County

Second Deputy Chair, Supervisor Dennis Townsend, Tulare County

I. Water Issues Update

Sidd Nag, Policy Advocate

o MEMO

II. Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Staci Heaton

o MEMO

III. Other Water and Natural Resources Issues

Governmental Affairs Staff

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

First Deputy Chair, Supervisor John Peschong, San Luis Obispo County

Second Deputy Chair, Diane Dillon, Napa County

I. State and Federal Legislative Update **Page 97**

*Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs
Sheryl Cohen, Partner, American Continental Group*

- [MEMO](#)
 - [RCRC 2022 Legislative Digest](#)

II. Other Legislative Issues

Governmental Affairs Staff

d. Other Governmental Affairs Matters

I. Proposed 2023-24 Policy Principles **Page 129**

*Mary-Ann Warmerdam
Governmental Affairs Staff*

- [MEMO](#)
 - [2023-24 Proposed Policy Principles \(Clean\)](#)
 - [2023-24 Proposed Policy Principles \(Track Changes\)](#)

II. RCRC Rural Leadership Awards **Page 207**

Mary-Ann Warmerdam

- [MEMO](#)

III. Ad Hoc Committee Updates

1. Drought and Water Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee **Supplemental Packet**

*Supervisor Randy Fletcher, Yuba County, Drought and Water Resiliency
Ad Hoc Committee Vice Chair
Sidd Nag*

- [MEMO](#)

2. Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee - ACTION **Page 209**

*Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County, Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee Chair
Sarah Dukett, Policy Advocate*

- [MEMO](#)
 - [Legislative Budget Proposal](#)
 - [Legislative Proposals](#)

10. Recognition of Outgoing Supervisors

11. Announcements

- a. **January 18, 2023 - RCRC Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**
- b. **January 18, 2023 - GSFA Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**
- c. **January 18, 2023 - GSCA Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**
- d. **January 18, 2023 - RCRC Installation Reception, Sacramento**
- e. **January 25, 2023 - GSNR Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**
- f. **January 26, 2023 - CSAC Executive Committee, TBD**
- g. **February 1-3, 2023 - CSAC Executive Committee Leadership Forum, San Diego County**
- h. **February 11-14, 2023 - NACo Legislative Conference, Washington, DC**
- i. **February 22, 2023 - RCRC Executive Committee, Sacramento/Zoom**
- j. **February 22, 2023 - GSFA Executive Committee, Sacramento/Zoom**
- k. **February 22, 2023 - GSCA Executive Committee, Sacramento/Zoom**
- l. **March 2, 2023 - CSAC Board Meeting, TBD**
- m. **March 8, 2023 - RCRC Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**
- n. **March 8, 2023 - GSFA Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**

- o. **March 8, 2023 - GSCA Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**
- p. **March 9, 2023 - ESJPA Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**
- q. **March 22, 2023 - GSNR Board Meeting, Sacramento/Zoom**
- r. **March 23, 2023 - CSAC Executive Committee, TBD**

12. 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.

Any written materials related to an open session item on this agenda that are submitted to the RCRC Board of Directors less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, and that are not exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, will promptly be made available for public inspection at RCRC's principal office, 1215 K Street, Suite 1650, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 447-4806, during normal business hours, and on the RCRC website, <https://www.rcrcnet.org/agendas-minutes>

**Golden State Finance Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Golden State Connect Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**



*Holiday Gift Exchange
Immediately Following the Board Meeting*



GSFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

December 7, 2022

The Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Directors meeting took place on Wednesday, December 7th. The GSFA Board of Directors reviewed a number of issues, and the following are highlights:

- The GSFA Board of Directors approved the proposed loan to the Golden State Connect Authority (GSFA's affiliate organization) to support the California Public Utilities Commission's Local Agency Technical Assistance grant program. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- Kevin Cann, Vice President, Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR), provided an update on the project status. The memo can be accessed [here](#).
- The GSFA Board of Directors approved the proposed 2023 GSFA Operating Budget. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The approved 2023 GSFA Operating Budget can be accessed [here](#). The GSFA reserve calculation, which includes both administrative and program expense, can be accessed [here](#). The presentation can be accessed [here](#).
- Craig Ferguson, Deputy Director, provided a business development and program update, including GSFA's down payment assistance programs. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The presentation can be accessed [here](#).
- Barbara Hayes, RCRC Chief Economic Development Officer, and Robert Burris, RCRC Deputy Chief Economic Development Officer, provided an update on the progress of the Community Economic Resilience Fund program, the Department of Homeland Security's State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, the Zero Emission Vehicle infrastructure development, and the U.S. Economic Development Administration's planning grant. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The presentation can be accessed [here](#).

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