

*Please join us at RCRC's Annual Meeting, held September 23-25 at the Lake Tahoe Resort
Hotel in El Dorado County*

ANNUAL MEETING

September 23-25, 2015

RCRC's 2015 Annual Meeting will be held September 23-25 at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel in El Dorado County. This year's program will feature experts discussing a wide range of topics of interest to rural counties, including: Water in California - What the Future Holds; The Hidden World of Human Trafficking in California's Rural Counties; What on Earth? The Environmental Impacts of Marijuana Cultivation; Bracing for the Upcoming Political Season; The Future of Federal Land Payments; and From Vaccines to Vaping – How Public Health Impacts Our Daily Lives.

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Program Highlights (subject to change)

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

9:00 AM - 9:05 AM

Welcoming Remarks from RCRC Chair Lee Adams (Sierra County)

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Morning Break

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Water in California – What the Future Holds

California's rapidly growing population is beginning to show resulting changes in land use, and dramatically impacting the state's available resources. Based upon recent trends and statistics, California's population has been projected to be more than 40.8 million by 2020 – a nearly 33 percent increase over the past 25 years.

California is now experiencing the corresponding effects a rapidly increasing population has upon water needs and use. Changes in land use, large population centers located in areas of the state with insufficient water sources, and recurring droughts impacting the state's water supply all contribute to the lack of availability we are experiencing today.

Panelists will discuss the realities of the current state of water supply, and present ideas on how the State can best meet the monumental challenges ahead.

Tim Quinn, Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Lester Snow, Executive Director, California Water Foundation

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Wednesday Lunch

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

What on Earth? The Environmental Impacts of Marijuana Cultivation

Marijuana cultivation is increasing rapidly in California's rural counties, and local governments and their residents are legitimately concerned about a multitude of issues associated with this growth. One of the main concerns rising from the proliferation of growth includes the impacts of both quasi-legal and illegal cannabis cultivation on our state's rich environmental resources.

Join both state and federal representatives for an in-depth discussion on the impacts upon our vital resources, and what the government is doing to identify and mitigate the problem.

Scott Bauer, Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Cris Carrigan, Director of Enforcement, State Water Resources Control Board

Kent Delbon, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Law Enforcement and Investigations, USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

Afternoon Break

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

The Hidden World of Human Trafficking in California's Rural Counties

Described as modern day slavery, human trafficking is the world's fastest growing criminal enterprise, and an estimated \$32 billion per year global industry. Often only associated with third world countries and large American cities, technology has pushed this rapidly growing crime into California's rural counties. It is estimated that more than 300,000 children are being trafficked at any given time in the United States – even in our own small towns.

Join industry experts, local law enforcement officials, and state representatives focused solely on human trafficking as they describe the industry, how to spot activity in your county, and best practices for coordinating efforts to tackle this unbelievable epidemic hiding in our rural counties.

Maggy Krell, Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice

Jenny Williamson, Founder and CEO, Courage Worldwide, Inc.

Jay Varney, Madera County Sheriff

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday Reception

Thursday, September 24, 2015

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Bracing for the Upcoming Political Season

Californians are likely to see a number of important ballot measures in 2016, including the legalization of marijuana, the banning of plastic bags, and extension of the ½ cent sales tax increase and the current tax levies on high income filers, to name a few.

These high-profile ballot measures will come against the back drop of a Presidential election where California may have an impact on the nominating process, particularly for the Republican nomination. Furthermore, for the first time in a generation, California will have an open U.S. Senate seat.

Join seasoned political experts as they discuss the political dynamics of the Golden State on what promises to be a very interesting part of the early campaign season.

Roger Niello, former Member of the California State Assembly

Don Perata, former Senate President pro Tempore of the California State Senate

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Morning Break

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

The Future of Federal Land Payments

For more than a century the United States government has provided counties with revenue sharing programs associated with the conversion of private land being placed under federal management. Two of the most important federal revenue payment programs – the Secure Rural Schools Act and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program – have struggled in recent years as Congress faces a number of fiscal pressures. Coupled with a number of inequities in the structure of these payments, long-term solutions need to be found.

Mark Haggerty of Headwaters Economics will discuss the long-term status of these programs and present dynamic new alternatives to these programs. Headwaters Economics, an academic research group based in Montana, specializes in analyzing federal land management schemes, and provides policymakers with suggested options to assist states and counties in overcoming the challenges posed by large swaths of land being under federal management, out of local revenue-generation.

Mark Haggerty, Headwaters Economics

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

From Vaccines to Vaping – How Public Health Impacts Our Daily Lives

The issue of public health has been making headlines around the world, and the political debate on this topic has become extremely spirited in California as of late. Although it is one of the most important aspects of local government, public health is often controversial, chronically underfunded, and difficult to discuss. This past year has seen its fair share of debate and divide over both vaccines and vaping, and the balance between the public health threat that both pose, and the individual rights of everyday Americans.

Join legislators, clinicians, and enforcers as they discuss the efforts, programs, and policies put into practice to help protect the health of everyday Californians.

Dr. Karen Smith, Director and State Health Officer, California Department of Public Health

Senator Richard Pan, M.D., Member, California State Senate

Dr. Robert Oldham, Public Health Director, Placer County

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Thursday Lunch

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Thursday Reception and Basket Raffle Dinner

RCRC 2015 Annual Meeting Registration

FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Member Registration - Full Conference

\$350.00

Non-Member Registration - Full Conference

\$400.00

WEDNESDAY ONLY REGISTRATION

Wednesday Conference Registration (Wednesday Lunch & Evening
Reception included)

\$175.00

THURSDAY ONLY REGISTRATION

Thursday Conference Registration (Thursday Lunch & Reception/Basket
Raffle Dinner included)

\$200.00

Guest Meals

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Wednesday Lunch

\$40.00

WEDNESDAY RECEPTION

Wednesday Reception

\$75.00

THURSDAY LUNCH

Thursday Lunch

\$40.00

THURSDAY RECEPTION AND BASKET RAFFLE DINNER

Thursday Reception & Basket Raffle Dinner

\$125.00

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