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RCRC Releases “Year in Review”

The Year in Review is prepared for the RCRC Board of Directors to highlight the significant 2015 actions taken on issues impacting California's rural counties, and to outline the advocacy efforts RCRC Governmental Affairs staff engaged in on behalf of its members. The Year in Review aims to provide an overall summary of the most pressing issues of 2015 as they relate to RCRC member counties. RCRC's 2015 Year in Review can be accessed [here](#).

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State Update

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Announces Grant Awards

This week, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Governing Board approved \$853,190 in grants for projects that will reduce wildfire risk and restore forest and watershed health in the Sierra Nevada region. Funding for these projects comes from Proposition 1, The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Bond Act of 2014. This is the first set of awards made under the SNC's Proposition 1 grant program.

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Federal Update

Work Continues on Federal Appropriations

This week, Congress passed a five-day extension on federal funding to ensure appropriations continues through December 16, 2015. The short-term extension was needed as funding was set to expire on December 11, 2015.

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House Democrats Urge President to Keep Drought Language Out of Omnibus

This week, a group of Western House Democrats wrote to President Obama asking him to use his influence to keep language dealing with the Western drought out of the FY16 omnibus appropriations bill. The letter was signed by 21 Members from California, Arizona, Oregon, and Washington.

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Natural Resources Hears Testimony on Federal Tribal Acknowledgment

On Tuesday, the House Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing to examine ways to improve the federal acknowledgment process for Native American tribes. House Republican leaders have been adamant about their belief that Congress should have the ultimate power over approving federally-recognized tribes.

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Bulletin Board

Announcements regarding hearings, grants, and public comment notices of importance to California's rural counties.

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Announcements regarding key appointments, staffing, and leadership changes of importance to California's rural counties.

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Regulatory Update

RCRC members are encouraged to submit comments on regulatory matters to state and federal regulatory bodies, and to provide a copy to RCRC's Government Affairs staff. Click "Read More" to access information related to the current status of regulations impacting California's rural counties.

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