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State Update

Deadline For Introducing Bills Comes and Goes

Today marks the last day that members of the Legislature can introduce bills for the 2016 year. However, lawmakers will utilize the amending process to advance their priorities throughout the 2016 Legislative Session. In the past few days as Legislators race to the February 19th deadline, hundreds of bills have been introduced on a wide range of public policy issues.

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Assembly Committees to Hear Testimony on Tree Mortality on Monday

On Monday, two Assembly committees are scheduled to hear various perspectives on California's urgent tree mortality problem stemming from pest infestation as a result of the ongoing drought. The joint hearing, to be held by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Resources and Transportation, will bring together representatives from federal, state, and local governments, as well as private land owners and resources conservation interests.

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Federal Update

RCRC Officers Head East for NACo Legislative Conference

RCRC Officers and staff will be heading to Washington, D.C. for the annual National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference, scheduled February 20-24, 2016. RCRC's advocacy platform will specifically focus on Fee to Trust issues, the Wildfire Disaster Funding Act, overall forest management reform issues and the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act, and Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). The full conference schedule can be accessed [here](#).

The Water Rundown

SGMA Legislative Hearing

The Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee and the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee will hold a joint oversight hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 titled State Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4203 at the State Capitol. Audio of the hearing and related materials can be accessed [here](#).

Adjudicated Basin Evaluation Report Released

The State Water Resources Control Board announced the release of a report titled An Evaluation of California's Adjudicated Groundwater Basins. Prepared under contract with the State Water Board, the report details the history, development, current management, and general condition of the state's adjudicated groundwater basins, and evaluates accomplishments, challenges and how management practices could be improved.

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Keeping Up

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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