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## **RCRC's 2016 Annual Meeting – REGISTER TODAY!!!**

RCRC's 2016 Annual Meeting will be held September 28-30 at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Placer County. This year's program will feature experts discussing a wide range of topics of interest to rural counties including:

In Insider's Perspective on the U.S. Supreme Court;  
Implementation of a Medical Marijuana Regulatory Scheme in California;  
Expert Commentary on the Current Political Landscape; and,  
Navigating the Foster Care System.

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## A Full Ballot in November

Currently, there are seventeen qualified ballot measures slated for the November 8, 2016 ballot. The measures cover the gambit of public policy from taxes to marijuana. The full list of measures numbering from Proposition 51 through 67 that have qualified can be accessed [here](#).

## Additional Public Meetings Set for USFS Early Adopter Forest Plan Updates

The USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region has scheduled four additional meetings for the month of August to take public comment on the draft land management plans and draft environmental impact statement for the Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests. The three forests are the first in California to have their forest plans updated using the revised National Land Management Planning Rule adopted by the USDA Forest Service in 2012, and are among the first in the nation to go through the new process.

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## State Water Board Seeks Comment on Proposed Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material

The State Water Resources Control Board is seeking public comment on their proposed Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State for inclusion in the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries and Ocean Waters of California. The proposed Procedures consist of three major elements: 1) a statewide wetland area definition; 2) wetland delineation procedures; and 3) Procedures for the regulation of dredged or fill discharges to waters of the state.

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## Caltrans Releases Draft Transportation Guidelines

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) recently released their initial draft of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and California Transportation Plan (CTP) Guidelines for public comment. The RTP Guidelines help Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) conduct long-range transportation and land-use planning in their regions. The CTP Guidelines outline California's long-range transportation plan – spanning a 20 year horizon – that provides a policy framework to guide how transportation funding is invested and how investment

policy framework to guide how transportation funding is invested and how investment decisions are made at all levels of government. While Caltrans is charged with preparing the draft guidelines for public comment, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is charged with adoption of the guidelines.

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## FAA Extension

This week, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Commerce Committee unveiled a long-term proposal to extend the Federal Aviation Administration beyond the July 15 expiration without the controversial air traffic control spinoff provisions. The bill provides a long-term extension of the authorization of FAA's programs and taxes through September 30, 2017 at current funding levels. The extension contains policy provisions such as language addressing drones, pilot standards and training, air traffic control staffing, aviation security addressing TSA wait times, and consumer protections. The House and the Senate are expected to pass the extension next week.

## House Conservatives Push for Six-Month CR

Congress will be in recess from July 16 through September 5 and again for the entire month of October. The anticipated legislative calendar means only 22 legislative days remain for the House and Senate before the November election. With such little time left, members of the conservative House Freedom Caucus continue to advocate to take the threat of a government shutdown off the table by voting next week on a continuing resolution to fund the government through next March at current spending levels. Freedom Caucus members have openly discussed their disappointment with past lame-duck negotiations over funding with the President, believing House Republican leadership caved on too many important issues. The conservative strategy, if successful, would likely result in a short and unproductive lame-duck session after the November elections.

House leadership has not publicly weighed in on the strategy, although some individual House appropriators have already signaled an unwillingness to give up on the appropriations process. Senate leadership has not addressed the strategy.

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## Legislative Update

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