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RCRC Visits Newest Member County

This week, RCRC staff visited the County of San Luis Obispo to meet with the Board of Supervisors and CAO, and officially welcome them to the RCRC family. The San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors include Supervisor Frank Mecham (District 1), Supervisor Bruce Gibson (District 2), Supervisor Adam Hill (District 3), Supervisor Lynn Compton (District 4), and Supervisor Debbie Arnold (District 5). Supervisor Compton serves as Chair, and is the San Luis Obispo County Delegate on the RCRC Board of Directors.

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County Family Joins Forces on No Place Like Home Initiative

Last Wednesday the Senate unveiled Budget trailer bill language for the “No Place Like Home” (NPLH) proposal, which Governor Brown recently endorsed as part of his Fiscal Year 2016-17 May Revision. Although the NPLH proposal was initially introduced by the Senate in January, draft legislative language was not available until late last week. While some specific details regarding the mechanics of the bond component are still under development, the NPLH initiative aims to provide \$2 billion in bond financing – supported through a portion of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding – to construct permanent supportive housing to address local communities’ chronic homeless and mentally ill populations.

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USFS Opens Comment Period for Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forest Plan Updates

The U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region (Region) has released draft forest plan updates and environmental impact statements for the three “early adopter” forests undergoing the planning process in California. The Region will be accepting written comments through August 25, 2016, and will be holding a series of public meetings, tribal forums, and a webinar to discuss the drafts with interested stakeholders beginning on June 13, 2016.

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SGMA Facilitation Support Services Available

In 2014, landmark water legislation – Senate Bill 1168 (Pavley) and Assembly Bill 1739 (Dickinson) – were chaptered establishing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), thus providing a framework for local agencies to develop plans and implement strategies to sustainably manage groundwater resources within a defined period. As such, one of the many requirements is that local agencies must form groundwater sustainability agencies.

In order to help with this effort DWR is offering in-kind facilitation services to support local efforts including forming groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) and developing groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) to meet the requirements of the SGMA.

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