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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:

- An Insider's Perspective on the U.S. Supreme Court;
- Balancing the Benefits and Challenges of Drones;
- There's an App for That: The Impacts of the Internet on California's Rural Economy;
- Too Much At Once? Criminal Justice Reform in California;
- Emerging From the Shadows – Regulating the Medical Marijuana Industry;
- Rebuilding the American Dream: The Changing Focus of Housing Needs;
- Expert Commentary on the Current Political Landscape; and,
- Navigating the Foster Care System.

To register for RCRC's 2016 Annual Meeting or to access the current program, click [here](#).

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Annual Meeting Preview: Too Much at Once? Criminal Justice Reform in California

Over the last six years, California has launched a number of significant criminal justice reforms. In 2011, the Legislature and Governor Brown enacted a complete realignment of responsibilities for offenders, with an emphasis on county programs to reduce recidivism and lower costs. In 2014, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 47, which reclassifies a number of crimes to misdemeanors in order to minimize the number of felony offenders serving in State custody. This November, California voters will consider yet another criminal justice reform measure aimed at altering sentencing practices. Much of these reforms come against the backdrop of the federal courts' involvement in managing the State prison population and the level of healthcare afforded to inmates. Join esteemed panelists as they assess the results of these reforms upon California's criminal justice system.

- The Honorable Brian McCabe, Merced County Superior Court Judge
- The Honorable Kory Honea, Butte County Sheriff
- Magnus Lofstrom, Senior Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California

RCRC Advocates for Federal PILT in Washington



This week, Mariposa County Supervisor and National Association of Counties (NACo) Western Interstate Region (WIR) 2nd Vice President Kevin Cann joined RCRC staff, and Supervisors and Commissioners from around the U.S. to advocate for Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding.

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CalEnviroScreen 3.0 Released – Rural Communities Remain Unqualified

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) released the public review draft of the Proposed California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen) 3.0. This latest update incorporates recent data for nearly all indicators, improvements in the way some indicators are calculated, and two new indicators – cardiovascular disease and rent-adjusted income. The update also removes the “age” indicator for children and the elderly, as it did not adequately measure age vulnerability, and includes additional information on pollution sources in Mexico.

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Congress Returns and Begins Work on Federal Funding

Congress returned to Washington this week after a seven week recess facing a deadline to pass legislation to continue federal funding into fiscal year 2017. With only a few weeks left until the end of the fiscal year, Congress has started discussions regarding a short-term funding solution through a continuing resolution (CR).

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Senate Considers Water Infrastructure Spending

On Wednesday, the Senate moved to consider a bill that would authorize more than \$10 billion in federal spending for water infrastructure projects across the country. The Water Resources and Development Act, WRDA, authorizes the investigation and construction of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation and flood control projects. Among the projects authorized for construction by the legislation are the West Sacramento flood control project and the American River Common Features flood control project in northern California.

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