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## RCRC's 2016 Annual Meeting – See You in Squaw!!!

RCRC's 2016 Annual Meeting will be held next week at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Placer County. The complete program, as well as all logistical information, can be accessed [here](#). We look forward to seeing you in Squaw!

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**[Annual Meeting Preview: Rebuilding the American Dream – The Changing Focus of Housing Needs](#)**

Rising home prices, dwindling affordable housing inventory, and an ever-increasing population have Californians rethinking the “McMansion” boom experienced over the past several decades. As the Baby Boomer generation ages, millennials become the most populous generation, and the middle class continues to shrink, it is critical that policymakers take the lead in developing innovative housing solutions to address the affordable housing shortage and serve California’s rapidly changing demographic needs. Join industry experts and trendsetting entrepreneurs as they discuss the potential obstacles to helping rural California tackle the housing crisis in affordable, creative, and ecofriendly ways.

- *Dave Cogdill, President & CEO, California Building Industry Association*
- *Lisa Bates, Deputy Director, Division of Housing Policy Development, California Department of Housing & Community Development*
- *Daniel Fitzpatrick, President, Pacific Pathways, LLC and California Chapter Leader, American Tiny House Association*

## **Water Resources Bill to Be Considered in the House Next Week**

Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) announced the House will consider the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), H.R. 5303, on the floor next week. Since the Senate passed a version last week of WRDA, S. 2848, questions have lingered on if the House would take up the House or Senate version of WRDA before Congress went into recess until after the election.

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## **Congress Works on Remaining Priorities Ahead of the November Election**

Congress has recently focused on three major priorities prior to the November Election: 1) a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the government funded beyond September 30th; 2) a Water Resources Development bill that could provide up to \$10 billion in water infrastructure funds; and 3) an energy policy reform bill that contains western drought relief and forest management provisions. It is likely that only the CR will be completed before Members of Congress adjourn to campaign. The other priorities are likely to be the subject of an intense lame duck session at the end of November/early December.

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**Announcements, information, and economic development opportunities for California's rural counties.**

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