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RCRC Chair Takes a Look Back...

2015 proved to be another busy year for California's rural counties. As Chair of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am proud of the successes we've seen, the progress we've made, and the lessons we've learned this year.

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Golden State Finance Authority Provides \$150,000 to Calaveras County to Assist Victims of Butte Fire

Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) announced today providing \$150,000 to Calaveras County to further efforts to provide safe and sanitary interim housing to individuals and families displaced from their primary residence by the Butte Fire. The Butte Fire destroyed nearly 500 residences and nearly 400 other structures when it burned more than 70,000 acres in September 2015. One hundred percent of the GSFA funds will be used for these direct assistance purposes.

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The Water Rundown

Wild and Scenic Rivers

The U.S. Forest Service has made available the Wild and Scenic Rivers inventory, eligibility and classification findings for the Inyo, Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. The inventory, evaluation, and classification process and findings have been compiled into one draft Wild and Scenic Evaluation document which will be published as an appendix in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being developed for the forest plan revisions. The U.S. Forest Service Wild and Scenic webpage can be accessed [here](#).

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Text Updated

An updated version of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) as amended in 2015, and effective as of January 01, 2016, can be accessed [here](#).

Wildfire Rundown and Resources

FEMA 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Noticed

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice describing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program application process, deadlines, and award selection criteria. The AFG Program makes grants directly to fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical services (EMS) organizations, and state fire training academies (SFTAs) for the purpose of enhancing the abilities of first responders to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as the first-responder personnel.

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