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BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sue Hoek, District 4

SUBJECT: Informational presentation from Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the presentation

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Nevada County is a member of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC). As the Nevada county representative to RCRC, I serve on their Board of Directors with 40 other member county supervisors, with Supervisor Swarthout serving as my alternate. RCRC was founded more than 40 years ago to represent California's small, rural counties on issues that are unique to them. With more than 5.5 million residents and comprising approximately 60 percent of the state's land mass, the geography of our forty member rural counties ranges from forested and mountainous landscapes to coastal areas, desert regions, farmlands and vineyards. Over 80 percent of U.S. Forest Service land in our state lies within RCRC member counties.

RCRC is an important and influential association that helps provide a strong voice in Sacramento, where rural concerns and equity often are overshadowed. In addition, RCRC has several important affiliated entities that include Golden State Finance Authority, National Homebuyers Fund, Inc., Rural Environmental Services Joint Power Authority (ESJPA), Rural Alliance, Inc. Golden State Natural Resources, and Golden State Connect Authority.

Nevada County has long been an active member of RCRC, including within its ranks of leadership. District 1 Supervisor Nate Beason served as its Chair, and most recently Supervisor Dan Miller served as Chair in 2022/23. Currently leadership includes:

- *Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Monterey County*
- *First Vice Chair, Supervisor Geri Byrne, Modoc County*
- *Second Vice Chair, Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County*
- *Immediate Past Chair, Supervisor Doug Teeter, Butte County*

As such, Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Vice President of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), will deliver a high-level overview of RCRC's legislative efforts and ongoing projects. This includes insights into the work of affiliated entities, and other areas of county interest.

Sincerely,

Susan Hoek
District 4 Supervisor