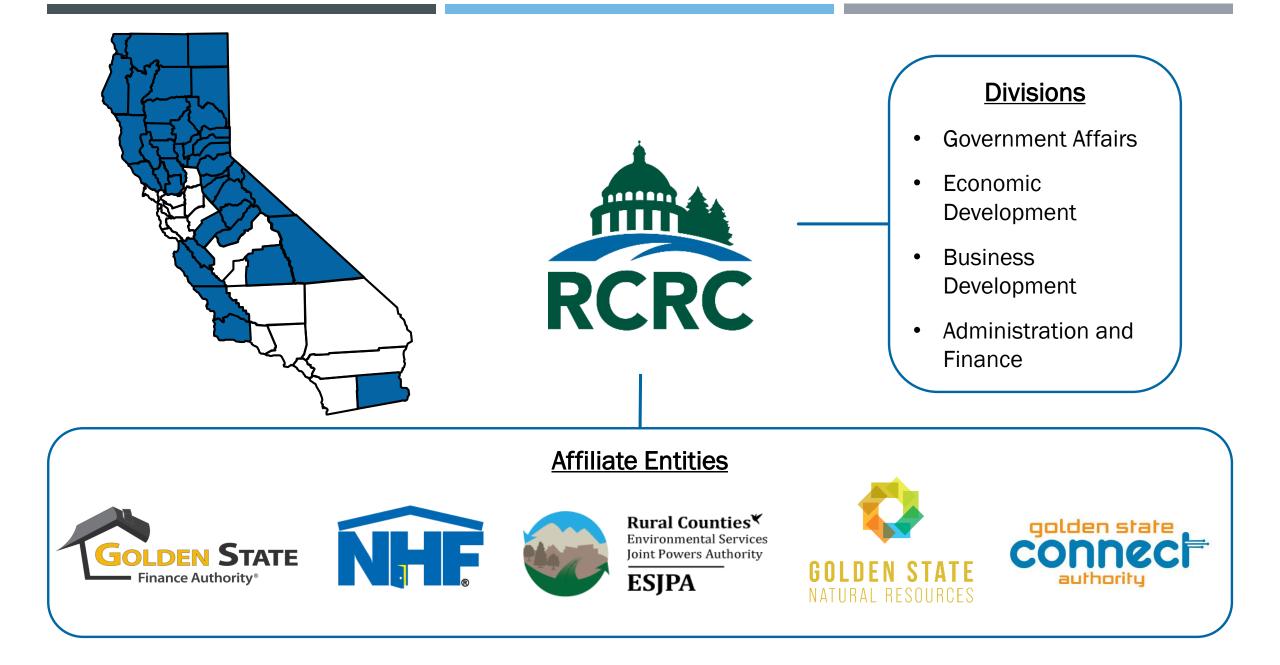


# RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA

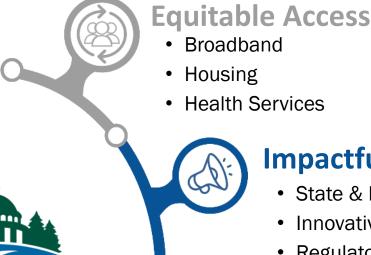
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## **RCRC STRATEGIC PLAN**

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### **Equitable Access**

## **Impactful Advocacy**

- State & Federal Advocacy
- Innovative Approaches
- Regulatory Engagement

## **Healthy Communities**

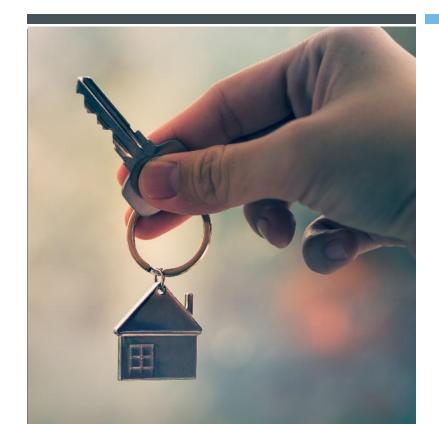
- Forest Resiliency & Wildfire
- Water Resiliency
- Infrastructure & Economic Development

## **Operational Excellence**

- Human Resources 
  Corporate Administration
- Member Services
  Fiscal Health
- Communication Technology

#### Vision

RCRC is the premier advocate and innovative service provider for rural counties in California



Purpose: Provide financial assistance programs to assist homebuyers and homeowners

## GOLDEN STATE FINANCE AUTHORITY (GSFA) & NATIONAL HOMEBUYERS FUND (NHF)



#### SINCE 1993 IN NEVADA COUNTY



**515** individuals or families purchased a home



**\$554K** in down payment assistance

GSFA is a statewide housing finance public entity and joint powers authority



#### SINCE 1993 IN NEVADA COUNTY



**3** individuals or families purchased a home



**\$48K** in down payment assistance

NHF is a nationwide nonprofit public benefit corporation

## **GSFA AND NHF: NEVADA COUNTY DATA**



Energy Program Data: Nevada County

#### **Direct Financing**

• 32 Homes w/ Energy Retrofits totaling \$896K in financing

#### Assist-to-Own Program

Provides GSFA member county employees down payment and closing cost assistance for purchase of a home.

#### Program Highlights:

- Down Payment Assistance and Closing Cost Assistance, up to 5.5%
- Variety of Mortgage Loan options (FHA, VA, USDA and Conventional)
- No first-time homebuyer requirement
- Flexible guidelines: Minimum FICO 640; Maximum DTI 50%.
- Flexible income limits, up to moderate income levels; no income limits for FHA and VA.

GSFA currently developing individualized marketing plans with counties. More info: <u>www.gsfahome.org</u>.



generation of environmental and regulatory challenges.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (ESJPA)

- A local government agency comprised of 26 rural member counties,
- Formed in 1993 to assist members in complying with regulatory requirements and waste diversion goals.
- Provides regulatory advocacy and technical assistance to rural member counties, supports local public education campaigns and administers grants for recycling and hazardous waste management programs.





## Rural Counties<sup>♥</sup>

Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority

**ESIPA** 

## **GOLDEN STATE NATURAL RESOURCES (GSNR)**

- GSNR is a 501c3 public benefit corp. focused on forest resiliency and rural economic development.
- Will reduce excess natural materials from California forests. orchards, and sawmills by transforming it into industrial pellets to sell internationally for energy generation.

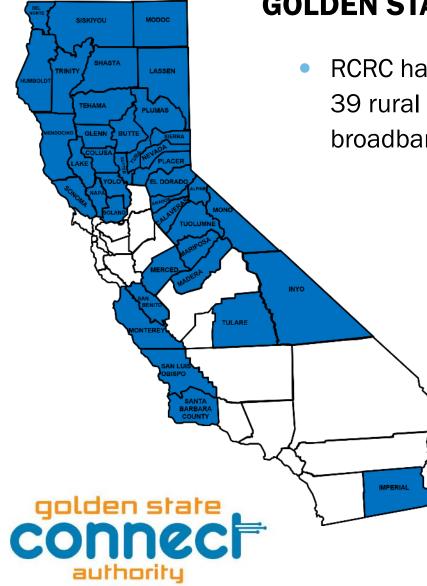
#### **Program Aims:**



- Increase the number of acres of CA forestland treated for fire mitigation
- Create jobs and stimulate rural economies
- Reduce the frequency and severity of catastrophic wildfires in CA
- By reducing catastrophic wildfire, help to  $\bigcirc$ restore ecological and watershed functions



To enhance the quality of life, safety, and the environment in California creating fire resilient landscapes and fire adaptive communities.



## **GOLDEN STATE CONNECT AUTHORITY (GSCA)**

 RCRC has formed the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) JPA, consisting of 39 rural counties, to increase access to reliable, affordable high-speed broadband for all rural Californians

#### **Three Phases:**

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- 1. Ensure all member counties have broadband strategic plans
- 2. Equip rural counties with informational resources on innovative models and new approaches to deliver broadband
  - Implement open-access municipal broadband demonstration projects

#### www.goldenstateconnect.org



## **NEVADA COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Thank you to Supervisor Dan Miller for your contributions serving as 2022 RCRC Board Chair
- Annually, rural community and business leaders raise money for nonprofits in the county of the RCRC Board Chair
- For 2022, \$67,150 was raised and will be split between 4 Nevada County nonprofits.





the KARE Crisis Nursery, Inc.

Kids Assistance and Respite in Emergencies





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### **QUESTIONS?**

## **KEEP UP WITH RCRC:**

- WEBSITE: <u>www.rcrcnet.org</u>
- SIGN UP FOR THE BARBED WIRE NEWSLETTER
- FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:







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