



RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA



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- Government Affairs
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RCRC STRATEGIC PLAN



Vision

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

STATE & FEDERAL ADVOCACY



Impactful Advocacy



State Policy Areas

- Forest Health/Wildfire
- Water/drought
- Broadband
- Housing
- Energy
- Health Access
- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

Federal Policy Areas

- Forest Health/Wildfire
- Water/Drought
- Farm Bill
- Infrastructure

- *Williamson Act Ad Hoc Committee*
- *Road Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee*
- *PG&E Working Group*

GOLDEN STATE FINANCE AUTHORITY (GSFA)



Equitable Access



GOLDEN STATE FINANCE AUTHORITY

- Affordable Housing Solutions
- Affordable Energy Financing
- Infrastructure Financing



NATIONAL HOMEBUYERS FUND

- Expand Homeownership
- Strengthen Communities

SINCE 1993 IN SOLANO COUNTY



2,092 individuals or families
purchased a home through
GSFA & NHF



Over **22 M** in down payment
assistance through GSFA &
NHF

GOLDEN STATE FINANCE AUTHORITY (GSFA)



Equitable Access

NEW Assist-to-Own Program

- Provides GSFA member county employees down payment and closing cost assistance for purchase of a home.
- As of August 2024, **119** employees have purchased or are in the process of purchasing a home through the program
- Program Parameters:
 - Assistance up to 5.5% of the Total Mortgage Loan.
 - Primary residence
 - Variety of Mortgage Loan options (FHA, VA, USDA & Conventional)
 - No first-time homebuyer requirement
 - Flexible guidelines: Minimum FICO 640; Maximum DTI 50%.
 - Up to moderate income levels; no income limits for FHA and VA.



GOLDEN STATE CONNECT AUTHORITY



Equitable Access



CPUC Federal Fund Account (FFA) Last Mile

- GSCA Member, FFA Submission by GSCA
- GSCA Member, No FFA Submission by GSCA
- City with FFA Submission by GSCA

GSCA FFA Last Mile Awards (As of September 16, 2024)

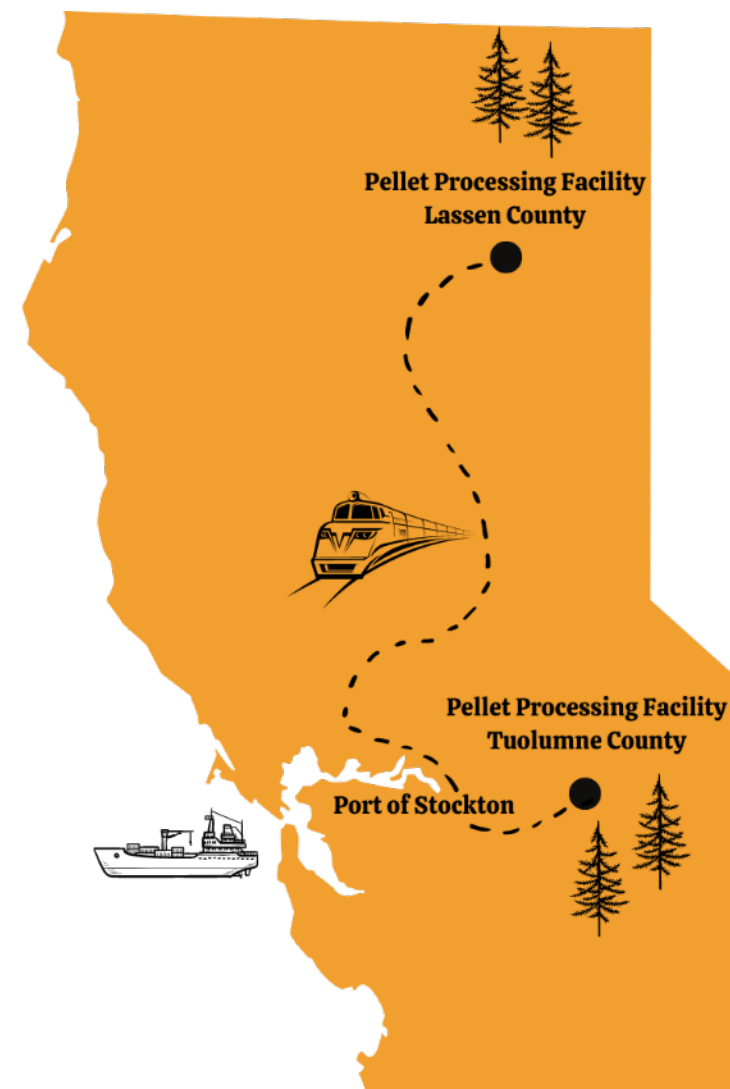
Imperial County	\$13,834,949
Alpine County	\$ 6,985,978
Mammoth Lakes	\$ 4,158,014
Mono County	\$ 6,074,134
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Total	\$31,053,075

GOLDEN STATE NATURAL RESOURCES

- Sustainably procure and process excess biomass produced as part of forest health initiatives into a pelletized fuel source for use in renewable energy generation overseas.
- **Proposed Project**
 - Develop two processing facilities, one in the foothills of the Central Sierra Nevada Mountain range, in **Tuolumne County**, and one in the Modoc Plateau of Northern California, in **Lassen County**.
 - Finished pellets would then be shipped by rail to the **Port of Stockton** for international shipping.
 - Project is supported through a 20-year Master Stewardship Agreement signed with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) for all of California's 18 national forests in Region 5 as well as a blanket purchase agreement with USFS.



Healthy Communities



MODOC NATIONAL FOREST- SUMMER 2024



Healthy Communities




ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (ESJPA)



ESJPA Business Plan

ESJPA 2022-2025 Business Plan



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Goal: Organizational Health

Objective: Maintain and strengthen organizational fiscal health and workforce.

- **Strategy:** Conduct five-year financial forecast of revenue and expenses.
- **Strategy:** Determine need for additional staffing to sustain and/or expand service offerings.

Metrics:

- TBD

Goal: Engaged Membership

Objective: Increase and enhance member services.

- **Strategy:** Conduct member county outreach and/or visits
- **Strategy:** Evaluate development of fees for specialty services
- **Strategy:** Develop and provide increased resources including but not limited to an events calendar, trainings, grant information, templates (ex. compliance), guidance, county profiles, and information sharing on targeted issues (ex. prevailing wage)

Metrics:

- TBD

Objective: Increase partnerships and county membership

- **Strategy:** Conduct non-member county outreach and/or visits
- **Strategy:** Explore opportunities for organizational partnerships of benefit to member counties with a focus on economic development

Metrics:


- TBD

Goal: Robust Communication

Objective: Expand organizational communication with member counties

- **Strategy:** Evaluate ESJPA communication methods and identify areas for improvement

NEW Website



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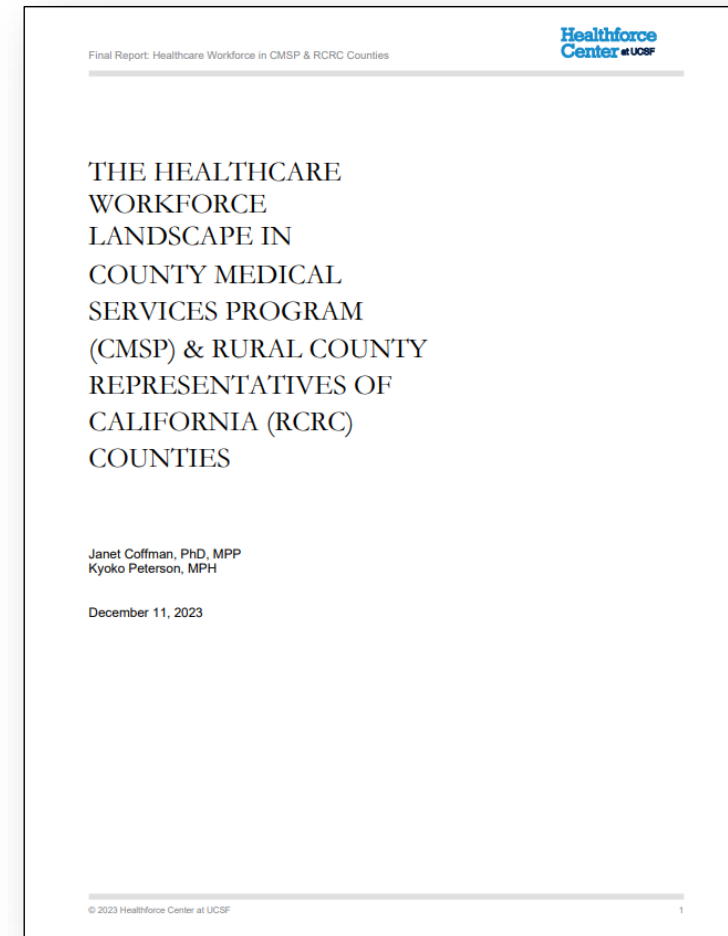
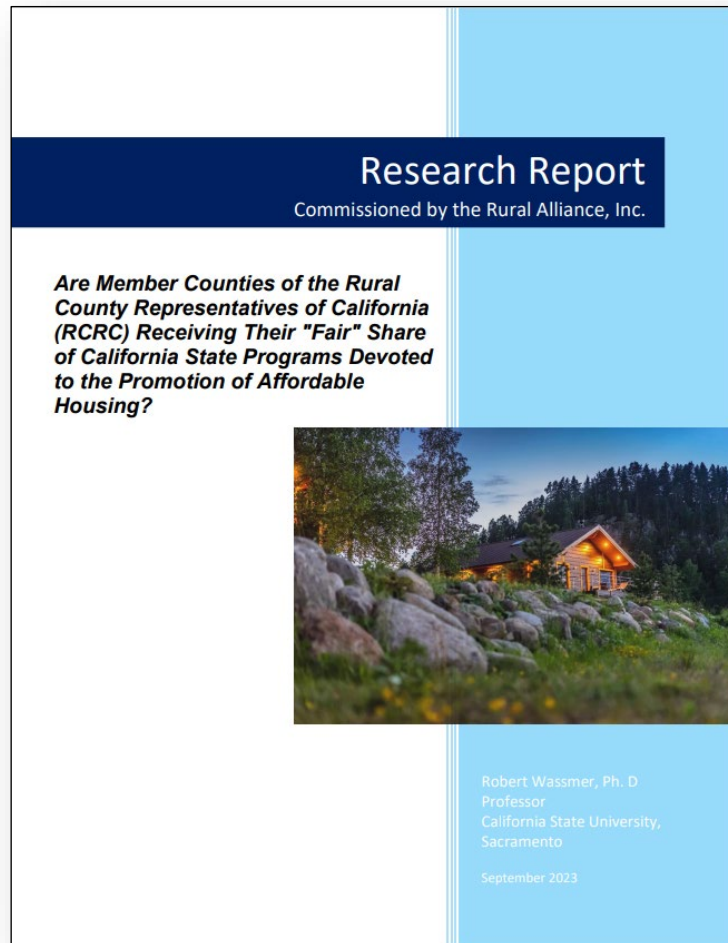
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RURAL ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE (RAI)

2023 Research Reports



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