



To: RCRC Board of Directors
From: RCRC Officers
Date: March 5, 2019
Re: NACo Legislative Conference and Federal Advocacy Update

Summary

This memo provides a brief summary of the RCRC Officers and Board Members' trip to Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference that took place February 27 - March 4, 2019.

Background

Each year, NACo hosts a Legislative Conference (Conference) in the nation's capital. The initial days of the Conference contain meetings which focus on specific public policy areas. The latter part of the Conference allows for attendees to hold meetings on Capitol Hill and with other officials in the federal government.

Traditionally, RCRC Officers have utilized the last three days of the Conference to meet with key Congressional members and staff, as well as representatives from a variety of federal agencies; however, this year, RCRC Officers utilized the first three days ahead of the Conference to meet with members of Congress, Congressional staff, and key Trump Administration leaders.

Issue

This year, RCRC Chair Matt Kingsley (Inyo County), RCRC First Vice Chair Daron McDaniel (Merced County), RCRC Second Vice Chair Stacy Corless (Mono County), RCRC Immediate Past Chair Rex Bohn (Humboldt County), RCRC's NACo Western Interstate Region Representative Lee Adams (Sierra County), and Supervisor Kevin Cann (Mariposa County) traveled to Washington, D.C. on behalf of RCRC.

RCRC priorities were the primary focus of meetings on Capitol Hill and with various federal agencies. Those priorities include: enacting an infrastructure package (including water and rural broadband deployment), providing a long-term solution to funding the Secure Rural Schools Program, and liberalizing the banking laws pertaining to cannabis.

Staff Recommendation

Information only. RCRC Officers, Board Members, and RCRC staff will provide an oral report on the various federal meetings during the March RCRC Board Meeting.

Attachment

- RCRC Advocacy Document