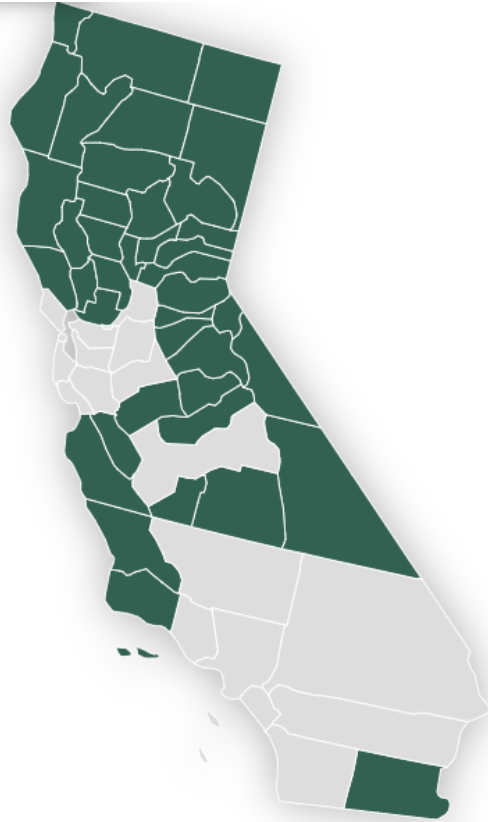




California's 30x30 Policy and County Government

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What is RCRC?



Alpine
Amador
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Calaveras
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El Dorado
Glenn
Humboldt
Imperial
Inyo
Kings
Lake
Lassen
Madera
Mariposa
Mendocino
Merced
Modoc
Mono

Monterey
Napa
Nevada
Placer
Plumas
San Benito
San Luis Obispo
Santa Barbara
Shasta
Sierra
Siskiyou
Solano
Sonoma
Sutter
Tehama
Trinity
Tulare
Tuolumne
Yolo
Yuba

Areas of RCRC Focus

- Definition of “conservation.”
- Focus on land acquisitions.
- Importance of public access.
- Intersection with “America The Beautiful”

What is “conservation?”

- 30x30 Conservation Areas: “Land and coastal water areas that are durably protected and managed to sustain functional ecosystems, both intact and restored, and the diversity of life that they support.”
- Durably protected:
 - Areas under government ownership or control, primarily designated to protect species and their habitats.
 - Areas under perpetual easements that protect species and their habitats.
 - Areas with species and habitat protection designations that have gone through a formal rulemaking or other enforceable decision-making process not subject to simple reversal

Focus on Land Acquisitions

- Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT)
 - Offsets county property tax revenue loss when state acquires private property for conservation management.
 - State currently owes \$8 million in arrearages that it refuses to pay.
- Williamson Act
 - Example of a state/local conservation partnership that has been abandoned by the state.

Importance of Public Access

- Rural communities dependent on tourism/recreation economy
- Past issues with state-managed lands foster future economic concerns
 - CA Department of Fish and Wildlife Lands Pass Program

Intersection with Federal Effort

- “America the Beautiful”: Federal 30x30 Effort
- Federal Administration taking time to collaborate with states, locals.

Questions?

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