RCRC is a 37 county member services organization that represents the collective unique interests of its membership by:

- Providing legislative and regulatory representation at the state and federal levels
- Providing services to its members to enhance and protect the quality of life in rural California counties
GOLDEN STATE FINANCE AUTHORITY (GSFA)

- GSFA is a statewide housing finance public entity and joint powers authority
- Administers financing programs for:
  - Residential home purchases or refinance
  - Commercial & residential energy efficiency improvement projects
  - Multi-family housing construction
  - Rehabilitation projects & city and/or county infrastructure improvements

GSFA Mission:
Provide affordable housing and contribute to the social and economic well-being of California
NATIONAL HOMEBUYERS FUND (NHF)

- NHF is a nationwide non-profit public benefit corporation

- Provides financial assistance programs to assist homebuyers and homeowners

SINCE 1993:

- Over 43,900 individuals or families purchase a home
- Over $372M in down payment assistance
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (ESJPA)

- A local government agency comprised of 22 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.

Mission:
Exploring solutions to the next generation of environmental and regulatory challenges.
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 restore ecological and watershed functions
RCRC is preparing the formation of a JPA entitled Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) to increase access to reliable, affordable high-speed broadband for all rural Californians.

**Objective:**
Increase access to reliable, affordable high-speed broadband for all rural Californians.

**Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA)**

- 51% of rural Californians do not have access to high-speed internet – CPUC, “CASF” (April 2021)

**Three Phases:**

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
3. Implement open-access municipal broadband demonstration projects
ON THE HORIZON

- Formation of GSCA JPA and grant submission
- Establishment of RCRC Strategic Plan
- Establishment of GSNR first two implementation site locations