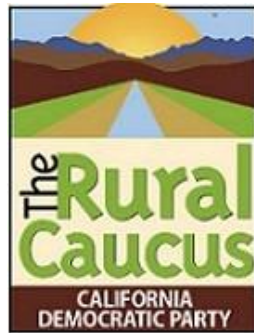


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Dear Fellow Rural Caucus Members (and Allies), I am excited to send you an **update to the agenda** for tomorrow's meeting. We are honored to have **Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis** joining us to speak about California's response to the crisis in Ukraine. The Lieutenant Governor is a very special friend and long time member of the Rural Caucus. Her insights as former Ambassador to Hungary are sure to be enlightening.

I am pleased and proud to co-host this meeting with Environmental Caucus Chair Igor Tregub. It is especially poignant that Igor has family in Ukraine. Here is the [link to register](#). Please note our early start time 7:30am tomorrow (Saturday) morning. The updated agenda is posted on the [Rural Caucus website](#).

The meat and potatoes of the meeting pertains to **PG&E**, who, adding insult to death and destruction, have raised rates dramatically, as I am sure you noted looking at your February bill.

We have a major announcement launching a **rural broadband billboard messaging campaign** – an initiative that grew out of our SWOT analysis in November. Yet another example of our effectiveness as a caucus.

The last half hour (9 to 9:30a), we will split into two groups. The Rural Caucus is dedicating this time for Good of the Order. The Environmental Caucus has scheduled speaking time for candidates and campaign issues. You will have free choice which one you want to attend ... and you will be able to go back and forth.

Looking forward to seeing you bright and early. Virtual doors open at 7:15am.

Until then, Joy

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