

Rural Caucus Agenda (updated 8.19)

Saturday August 28

8am via Zoom

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/RuralCaucus>

7:45	Doors open
8:00	Meeting called to order
	Acknowledgement of Tribal Lands – Susan Rowe
	Pledge of Allegiance – Josh Elder
	Chair’s Remarks – Joy Sterling
	Ratification of Amended Bylaws – Glenn Glazer
8:10	<p>Update Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recall Call to Action – Bill Monroe • Covid – Lise Talbott • Redistricting – Debra Broner • Wildfire Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SB 11, which extends FAIR Plan (insurance of last resort) to agricultural properties, was signed by the Governor 7.26. But nothing is going to happen quickly, unfortunately. Providers must now submit rate schedules for ag properties for the Commissioner’s approval. Best case, the process will take a couple of months. b) State won its lawsuit July 12 affirming the Commissioner’s authority that the FAIR Plan must offer broader, more comprehensive insurance protection. That’s a win. c) The Rural Caucus supports the Commissioner’s desire to be able to make the insurance industry include “credit” for home and business fire protection mitigation efforts as favorable in issuing and renewing policies.
8:20	<p>Confirmed Speaker: Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara to introduce a campaign he is leading to name extreme heat events in the way that hurricanes are given names, so they can be evaluated, metrics established, and mitigation measures can be planned. Having such a classification would allow for insurance to help governments protect people – especially agriculture workers.</p>
8:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drought <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Historical Context (Worst Ever?) <p>Confirmed Speaker: Journalist Mark Arax, author of the best seller “The Dreamt Land” to put the drought in the context of his decades of reporting for the Sacramento Bee.</p>
8:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drinking Water Update – Phil Grosse

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on Safe Drinking Water Act – both funding and compliance, and proposal that we make it our goal to secure funding through legislation out of the general budget.
8:35	Confirmed Speaker: Joaquin Esquivel , Chair of the State Water Board
8:45	Confirmed Speaker: Tom Collishaw , CEO Self Help Enterprises
8:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband Update – Joy Sterling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative Update ○ Letter to PG&E <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dixie Fire – Judge has given PG&E until August 16 to disclose its possible role in starting the Dixie fire. 2. In July, announced plans to underground 10,000 miles of power lines and should include safety grade public access broadband while they are at it. 3. New CEO installed in January.
9:00	Confirmed Speaker: House Speaker Anthony Rendon
9:30	Good of the Order: Speakers are invited to sign up in the Chat and will be called on in that order. Speaking time will be determined by how many sign up.
10:00	Meeting Adjourned

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