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| Dear Rural Caucus Members (and Allies), We have a Caucus meeting coming up Saturday August 28 at 8am via Zoom during the California Democratic Party Executive Board Meeting. [**Here is the link to register**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Fq2JrkDyhIDF9cy8UW840RspMxsJg9mmxFfaRctNdxNRbZqp6u8ncRVlEGW7Hu3dtOR88ITifYlHs--cU4IMhE6qSjcj1ifoMADAakRiMWiiYgWV8CyYEPc_rX6hMe90YxgXykQ-Q6TQBp-DuUXvjA==&c=61jT-1Rj4lTNHZqb1t3wPHhNBV0YrdNGbwGFta0CwOVOvNMLIJNPNw==&ch=u1PwHNOoa1Yuk03lYecpwylGnJKdeGq6CRIz4cV42206OtSS1nGWKQ==):  Our speakers include:* House Speaker Anthony Rendon
* Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
* Joaquin Esquivel, Chair State Water Control Resources Board﻿

The [**agenda**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Fq2JrkDyhIDF9cy8UW840RspMxsJg9mmxFfaRctNdxNRbZqp6u8ncdfYKK0VGzbeCkH6PYwmH8omHMuxjEcknA4pSTuewOGBYg9UeEky6Em78ETDWQba7rObm1axdMwBTU-8Vhzd1D7AMSRqBxpu3JjKB6ZhxnLnhUDONovw7Mag_bI71f7tDu1HxZG3LjrMIj-tUrELK9vacp5Of1H0iXcyfk1nTWB6fIYnN5S15W4=&c=61jT-1Rj4lTNHZqb1t3wPHhNBV0YrdNGbwGFta0CwOVOvNMLIJNPNw==&ch=u1PwHNOoa1Yuk03lYecpwylGnJKdeGq6CRIz4cV42206OtSS1nGWKQ==)spotlights some of our most pressing issues and concerns. Award winning journalist Mark Arax, author of “The Dreamt Land: Chasing Water and Dust Across California”, will provide historical context to the drought … and what he predicts for the future. We will hear about the impact of the latest water curtailment measures from State Water Boards Chair Joaquin Esquivel, and what he sees ahead, followed by a presentation from Tom Collishaw**,** CEO of Self-Help Enterprises (SHE), a community development organization, based in Visalia, that helps disadvantaged rural communities cope with dry wells and failing water systems.At the time of our meeting, Legislators will have just two weeks remaining to advance priority measures to the Governor’s desk. We will get the state of play and insights from House Speaker Rendon about the bills we are tracking as a caucus and what we can expect in the final weeks of an extraordinary legislative session.We also will be voting on amendments to our bylaws. Please [**click here**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Fq2JrkDyhIDF9cy8UW840RspMxsJg9mmxFfaRctNdxNRbZqp6u8ncdfYKK0VGzbeLSf7lRMpMCxHMx2vOiChtmz_lHMsYdL3QF5DloAYR5UMdzmY65KgodA8fiDFtq7pxzc7HVzh1QyJ1x7hZTJpyjqaAMD51OPA&c=61jT-1Rj4lTNHZqb1t3wPHhNBV0YrdNGbwGFta0CwOVOvNMLIJNPNw==&ch=u1PwHNOoa1Yuk03lYecpwylGnJKdeGq6CRIz4cV42206OtSS1nGWKQ==)for the proposed changes. The last 30 minutes will be dedicated to the Good of The Order, my favorite part of the meeting. Caucus members will be invited to sign up in the Chat and will be called on in that order. I hope I will get to see you on the 28th. In the meantime, please [**join the phone and text banking effort**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Fq2JrkDyhIDF9cy8UW840RspMxsJg9mmxFfaRctNdxNRbZqp6u8ncdfYKK0VGzbeJbi7oNNAAFkGKhc_HZvGfucMPYrtlSJVqnQSN3FctHzJV1Oa6yCcPY6xcGZYqIVABrcf6mnlITfXQ3zb1QIw7Q5x_k2KLaZDco7ZAO7ajsI=&c=61jT-1Rj4lTNHZqb1t3wPHhNBV0YrdNGbwGFta0CwOVOvNMLIJNPNw==&ch=u1PwHNOoa1Yuk03lYecpwylGnJKdeGq6CRIz4cV42206OtSS1nGWKQ==)**,** ask people to vote no and mail in their ballots today. It’s now all hands on deck for the anti-recall campaign. And please, most importantly, everybody stay safe.With all my very best, Joy  |

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