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Robert Burris is the Deputy Chief Economic Development Officer of Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC). Burris provides economic development expertise to the organization's 37 rural county members, and he is specifically charged with the mission of increased infrastructure development.

Beyond his recent experience at RCRC, Burris was the President and CEO of the Solano EDC for four years, led Economic Development and Workforce Housing for the City of Fairfield, and for over fourteen years Mr. Burris was Executive Vice President and Interim CEO of the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization (SACTO), then the Greater Sacramento Economic Council. His duties took him across the U.S. and to Europe to raise the visibility of the Sacramento Region and drive jobs and investment to the region.

Burris's professional experience also includes starting a successful economic consulting firm, Burris Service Group in 2015, technology marketing with NCR Corp., real estate, economic and urban land use research with the California State University - Real Estate & Land Use Institute (RELUI), consulting with Economic and Planning Systems (EPS), and management with Grubb & Ellis Company. He has also been an expert witness in civil litigation proceedings.

Burris received a B.A. in Business Economics from UC Santa Barbara and an M.B.A. from Sacramento State University. He has been a member of many boards and committees including CALED's Executive Committee, acting as Treasurer as well as Chair of the Legislative Action Committee, Board Member at the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Sacramento State University, NorCal SBDC, HackerLab, California Air Resources Board's CoolCalifornia Awards, California Technology Council, and California Biomanufacturing Center. From 2011 to 2014 he was Chair of the Board for Drexel University-Sacramento and received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Drexel in Philadelphia.