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Newsom's Plan Could Strip Services



The analysis estimates spending on current programs would be reduced from \$1.34 billion to \$621 million under the plan. MPG file photo

By Kristen Hwang, CALMatters.org

A major proposal from Gov. Gavin Newsom to overhaul the state's behavioral and mental health system is likely to take nearly \$720 million away from services provided by county governments annually, according to a new analysis from the Legislative Analyst's Office.

Although that money would be reallocated within the system, in part to house homeless individuals with severe mental illness and addiction disorders, the report authors note that Newsom and key legislators supporting the proposal have neither provided a complete justification for the changes nor have they published an analysis on how the changes may "negatively impact current services." "Consequently, as the Legislature

considers the proposal, we recommend asking the administration certain questions to assess whether the proposal is warranted," the report states.

Newsom wants the Legislature to put his proposal before voters next year in tandem with a \$4.68 billion bond measure to add psychiatric treatment beds. It would change how the state allocates money under the Mental Health Services Act, which levies a 1% tax on income above \$1 million to fund behavioral health services.

Homelessness has become one of the most high-profile challenges plaguing California, increasing 32% in the past four years. Newsom, who promised to reduce homelessness, announced his intent during his State of the State tour to divert nearly one-third of the state's Mental Health Services Act money to help address homelessness.

Since that time, local behavioral health providers and county officials have criticized the proposal because of its potential to cut services and pit mental health programs against homeless services. The state has spent more than \$20 billion on housing and homelessness since 2018.

Supporters, meanwhile, say reprioritizing how the money is spent is long overdue in light of the growing needs of the state's homeless population as well as the addition of new funding sources for mental health programs.

In a statement, Newsom's Deputy Communications Director Brandon Richards said "upsetting the status quo" was necessary in light of California's changing health care needs.

A recent study from UC San Francisco found that two-thirds of

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Carmichael's Best of the Best Returns

By MPG Staff

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - It's time to get ready to vote for something that really counts. The popularity contest that decides Carmichael's top businesses is returning for another exciting year.

Community nominations have begun coming in since last week at BestofCarmichael.com. Businesses in over 30 fields are contenders. Categories include professional services, non-profits, markets, restaurants, fitness centers, churches—and many more entities that make Carmichael a commercial and residential hub. A few new categories can be found on the website as the program continues to grow every year.

The contest has garnered increasing excitement since the Carmichael Times and Carmichael Chamber of Commerce joined forces a few years ago to expand the event. It has become one of the top annual events for the community.

Nominee merchants must be located in Carmichael or be current Chamber of Commerce members, but anyone—from anywhere in the world—can vote for any category. Best of Carmichael awards are given to the winners, with certificates, proclamations, applause—and bragging rights—rewarding the victors.

The celebration dinner is a festive tradition that is almost a guaranteed sell out. This year's event will be held Saturday, September 30th, 2023. Be sure to save the date! Raffles and auctions will add to the celebration dinner's competitive atmosphere. Glamorous merchandise and experiences will be up for grabs. Following a cocktail hour and catered buffet, dessert auctions, with fabulous cakes, cupcakes and pies will tempt even the most disciplined of sweet toothers.

The event will be held at La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road in Carmichael. The program is an annual fundraiser for the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce and licensed through the Carmichael Times to support the community.

Tickets will be available on the Chamber of Commerce website in the coming weeks. For more information on the contest and awards dinner, go to www.carmichaelchamber.com ★

Is the EDD Pulling a Pandemic Scam?

By Thomas Buckley, California Globe

Despite already owing the federal government billions, and despite state businesses already paying a surcharge to cover that debt, the Employment Development Department (EDD) will be borrowing even more federal money to cover costs for the foreseeable future.

In other words, the additional tax money supposedly being paid to cover the debt caused by the pandemic and the related fraud is not actually doing that and will not do so for some time. Instead, the moment those extra dollars are used to pay down the debt they will be borrowed back by the EDD.

That means the current EDD unemployment insurance (UI) trust fund debt of \$17.6 billion dollars will grow to about \$20.3 billion by the end of 2024, despite the extra \$1.2 billion dollars in extra taxes, according to the agency's May UI Fund Forecast released today.



Originally, the EDD had estimated it would take only seven years to pay the debt and end the ever-growing surcharge on businesses. MPG file photo

And that's because the EDD expects to pay out about \$2.6 billion in benefits and overhead than it will get in the next two years.

The EDD's forecast could mean that California employers will end up paying an extra \$1,500 or so total per employee over the next decade or so. The rate increases each year — this year it's \$21 and it will increase by \$21 per year (plus additional increases

starting in a few years) until it hits \$420 per year per employee, which it will almost certainly do.

Originally, the EDD had estimated it would take only seven years to pay the debt and end the ever-growing surcharge on businesses; based on the latest forecast, any reasonable assessment would now push that window out to at least 10, possibly up to 15 years (*N.B. - I don't know why I just thought of*

high speed rail...)

As the debt will grow over the next few years, the money meant to pay it down will not do so until the surcharge income rises high enough to actually exceed the borrowing. That debt, by the way, can exist for as long as the EDD wants to keep borrowing.

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SMF Receives FAA Funding for Relocation of Air Traffic Control Tower



the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will provide funding for the Sacramento International Airport's (SMF) control tower replacement project. Courtesy file photo

Sacramento International Airport News Releases

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Department of Airports is excited to announce the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will provide funding for the Sacramento International Airport's (SMF) control tower replacement project.

The tower's replacement will be funded through the FAA's \$5 billion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funds also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which was signed into law by President Biden on November 15, 2021. The law authorizes \$1.2 trillion for transportation and infrastructure spending with \$550 billion of that figure going toward "new" investments and programs.

The FAA has started investing the first \$1 billion of \$5 billion into the country's air traffic control system. The funding will sustain, repair, or replace hundreds of buildings and pieces of equipment that make flying in the United States the safest in the world.

"We are thrilled, and greatly appreciate the support we've received from everyone involved in this effort," said Cindy Nichol, Sacramento County Department of Airports Director. "This new state-of-the-art tower will be a significant upgrade to the current facility that will enhance working conditions for air traffic controllers at SMF and ensure the continued safe and efficient management of aircraft operations at the Airport.

"Today's announcement has taken over a decade of

dedication and collaboration – and I am proud that we have secured this funding to build our new air traffic control tower at SMF," said Congresswoman Doris Matsui. "From the initial planning and design all the way to today's announcement, I have fought to ensure that decisionmakers at the highest levels understood the importance of getting this project to the finish line. Cindy and her team are always looking at new ways to improve the travel experience and safety of our airport. That's why I have been such a strong, long-time advocate for robust federal investments in their work. This new tower will continue to build on that progress and ensure our airport remains the gold standard for the nation."

Congresswoman Matsui is a champion of the Sacramento County Airport System and has long advocated for a new SMF tower – dating back to 2006. She has made numerous requests to secure funding through the annual federal budget, repeatedly urging senior FAA officials to take action and making personal appeals to three different Department of Transportation secretaries. Her unrelenting advocacy has been critical to securing funding for a new tower.

The current tower at SMF is owned and operated by the FAA. It was built in 1967, is 130 feet in height, and is located just south of Terminal B at the Airport. Given that tower is one of the oldest towers in the country, the FAA is prioritizing replacing it with a new, 192-foot tower in a new location on the north side of the Airport.

The new tower will be 100 percent funded with BIL funds, which are fully appropriated. The expected

timeframe to complete construction is 2026.

"As we invest in the future of our nation's infrastructure, it is crucial that we prioritize the safety and efficiency of our airports," said Representative Ami Bera. "The building of a new air traffic control tower at Sacramento International Airport is a significant step towards modernizing our aviation infrastructure and ensuring a seamless and secure travel experience for all passengers. This investment not only enhances the safety measures at SMF but also creates job opportunities and strengthens our regional economy. I'm proud to help secure this critical funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which will support a safe and resilient transportation system for generations to come."

The new tower will be constructed at a site located on the north side of the Airport. It will stand 192-feet in height and the current cost estimate is between \$60 to \$80 million.

"SMF remains a point of pride for Sacramento County, and with the recent news of available FAA funding for a new control tower, we can expect that our international airport will continue as the best of its size anywhere in the nation" said Supervisor Phil Serna whose district includes SMF. He continued by emphasizing that "safety and convenience at SMF are our top priorities, and a new state-of-the-art air traffic control tower will further enhance our ability to maximize both for the traveling public."

The Sacramento County Department of Airports is responsible for planning, developing, operating and maintaining the county's four airports: Sacramento International Airport, Executive Airport, Mather Airport and Franklin Field. Sacramento International Airport offers more than 155 daily nonstop flights on 12 domestic and international carriers to 36 destinations. The regional economic impact of the Sacramento County Department of Airports is more than \$4 billion annually. For more information, visit sacramento.aero. ★

DBW Accepting Grant Applications to Help Waterways



Federal funding per targeted region is available to organizations for educating coastal and San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary recreational boaters about proper vessel sewage disposal and the use of pumpout facilities and monitoring pumpout and dump stations. Image by Barry Jones from Pixabay

California Department of Parks and Recreation News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is now accepting grant applications for the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Education and Outreach Grant Program. A maximum of \$276,937 federal funding per targeted region is available to organizations for educating coastal and San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary recreational boaters about proper vessel sewage disposal and the use of pumpout facilities and monitoring pumpout and dump stations.

In 1992, Congress passed the CVA to help reduce pollution from vessel sewage discharges into U.S. waters. The grant program serves as an important educational opportunity for all boaters on how to help keep California's waterways clean. Discharging sewage overboard creates environmental and human health problems. To reduce the negative impacts of this harmful action, all recreational boaters are encouraged to use sewage management facilities, including pumpout stations, dump stations, and mobile pumpout services.

The grant program targets California counties including: Alameda, Napa, San Mateo, Sonoma, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Santa Clara, Marin, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Joaquin, Solano.

Proposals that cover a portion of the above regions will be considered if, over time, the agency can expand program(s) to the entire region.

As part of DBW's commitment to provide clean, safe, and enjoyable recreational boating in California, the division serves as the state CVA grant coordinator. DBW will fund two grants (one for each targeted California geographic region) to develop and implement a 12-month CVA Education and Outreach Program. Each regional grant must include education and outreach efforts, and a pumpout/dump station monitoring program. Applications will be evaluated and ranked

according to how each application proposal demonstrates comprehensive and proven methods for meeting grant program goals. The deadline to submit applications is by 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023.

Below are some examples of accomplishments from the CVA Education and Outreach Grant Program grantees San Francisco Estuary Partnership and The Bay Foundation from the last two grant cycles:

Created and aired ten episodes of the podcast Dockside to educate the public on clean and safe boating practices;

Participated in three boating events and conducted nine presentations on clean boating and sewage pollution prevention best management practices, reaching over 700 individual boaters and stakeholders;

Produced a variety of educational videos about sewage management such as "Consider a Marine Composting Toilet" video and the "Marine Sanitation Device & Y-Valve Information for Boaters";

Distributed more than 250 universal deck fitting adapter kits to boaters and marina managers. The adapter kit is a pollution prevention tool that helps boaters to pump out their boat hands-free;

Continued to provide boaters with a sewage pumpout Nav App (more than 19,800 downloads since March 2018) that helps them locate nearby participating, functioning sewage pumpout stations, dump stations and floating restrooms;

Monitored 152 sewage pumpouts and 15 dump stations in 19 counties eight times during the last two grant cycles. Developed the 2021 and 2022 California Clean Vessel Act Pumpout and Dump Station Performance Reports summarizing the monitoring results and efforts. Monitoring provides effective means to encourage better maintenance of and accountability for the pumpouts' condition.

For detailed information on the grant program, the current grant application, requirements, and complete guidelines packet, please visit DBW's website. ★



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homeless individuals experience mental health conditions, although income loss is the driving force behind the state's homelessness crisis.

"What's more upsetting is watching people continue to suffer on the streets with ineffective interventions and inability to access much needed treatment," Richards said. "A California behavioral health system of care that is more focused, more transparent, and more accountable for results is what all Californians deserve and what this historic reform aims to achieve."

Roughly one-third of the county mental health infrastructure in the state is supported by the Mental Health Services Act, which was approved by voters in 2004 as a ballot initiative. Substantial changes to the act, like the ones Newsom proposed, require voter approval. Last year the tax generated about \$3.8 billion.

Critics of Newsom's proposal say the new analysis bolsters their argument that the changes will result in significant cuts to current programs, particularly those that support children.

Newsom's office has so far "danced around" how much money would be cut, said Adrienne Shilton, a lobbyist for the California Alliance of Children and Family Services, which represents behavioral health providers in every county. The report is the first to quantify how the proposal would impact programs statewide.

"We're seeing in real dollars what the impact would be," Shilton said.

The analysis estimates spending on current programs would be reduced from \$1.34 billion to \$621 million under the plan.

The report identified a number of key changes and unanswered questions for the Legislature to consider in Newsom's plan:

- Reduced flexibility:** Counties would have less flexibility to determine how money is spent. Based on current expenditures, counties would be required to increase spending on housing by \$493 million and on "full-service partnerships" by \$121 million. "Full-service partnerships" include intensive wraparound services like case management, housing and employment support as well as clinical care.

- Program cuts likely:** In order to meet

spending targets and caps, counties would likely need to reduce spending on current programs including "outpatient services, crisis response, prevention services, and outreach."

- Less independent oversight:** The proposed restructuring moves much of the program implementation and oversight authority to the Department of Health Care Services. The change "significantly limits" the independent oversight of the current Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, who helped author the original law and who has been a key supporter of the changes, said the law was always meant to prioritize "the plight of people living with serious mental illness on our streets."

"It's appropriate, in fact, it's necessary to set priority status," Steinberg said.

Steinberg and Newsom's office also contend that the state has invested heavily in the mental health safety net in other ways, including changes to the Medi-Cal system and a \$4.4 billion one-time infusion into the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative.

"It's no longer a funding source that stands alone," Steinberg said. "(Now), the opportunity is to weave all these pieces together so that everyone has access to care, and nobody is left out or left behind."

Still, advocates say it is premature to assume those investments have had a positive impact and that many have not yet been implemented. In an opposition letter, Lishaun Francis, senior director for behavioral health at Children Now said the state "has yet to demonstrate that it has delivered" on its promises and that the proposal deprioritizes children and youth.

Advocates also say those funding sources, particularly Medi-Cal, won't reimburse for the non-clinical programs like classroom interventions and family resource centers that have historically been supported by the Mental Health Services Act. Medi-Cal is the state's health insurance program for extremely low-income Californians.

"Families need flexibility," said Christine Stoner-Mertz, chief executive officer of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services. "We need community-designed practices, and we haven't been successful in doing that with just Medi-Cal." ★

The Show Must Go On



After extreme heat caused cancellation of its July 15 concert, rock band Wasted Space has rescheduled for September 8.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Beleaguered by back-to-back triple digit days, the Carmichael Park District has been obliged to reshape its concert schedule.

Local band Wasted Space – whose July 15 performance fell on a day forecasted to be over 109 degrees – was the first band affected. "We had to consider everyone," explained CRPD recreation manager Alaina Loftus. "It's not safe for people to spend extended periods of time in outdoor activities in high temperatures. We're concerned not just for the audience, but also for the musicians. They set up equipment hours in advance and work hard on stage."

Last Saturday's concert hung on tenterhooks as close as a day before. Rather than cancel two weeks in a row, CRPD delayed kickoff by 30 minutes. Temperatures fell by a few degrees during the first hour. An audience of almost 400 – about one third of usual attendance – enjoyed Maya band's Latin repertoire.

"Looking at the National Weather Service forecast that predicted 103 degrees at 6 pm – and talking with the band – we decided to go forward," says Loftus. "Maya's musicians are great entertainers, and we knew people were looking forward to seeing them. We made sure they had a cooling area with water and suggested take as many breaks as they needed."

The six-piece group slogged through Santana, Richie Valens and Selena hits undaunted. "Summer has been tough for us in recent weeks, but we've never canceled," said Maya manager Joe Garcia. "When it's this hot, we try to be more mellow and not move around so much. We keep hydrated. We love the magic that's in the air when we play."

Park entertainment is planned months in advance and has been subject to other variables in recent years. "We cancelled because of poor air quality during the 2019 fires," recalls Loftus. "Heatwaves are an issue. We plan on keeping to 6:30 pm starts as the season continues but we remain open to cancelling or moving back start times."

The Wasted Space gig has been rescheduled for Friday, September 8 at 6 pm.

For up to date information on cancellations visit www.Carmichaelpark.com or CRPD's website and social media pages.

Remaining concerts are scheduled for 6:30 pm unless otherwise advised.

July 29: Hipper than Hip (rock).
August 5: Todd Morgan and the Emblems (rock).

August 12: On Air (classic hits).
August 19: Latin Touch (Latin).
August 26: Dyana and the Cherry Kings (rockabilly).

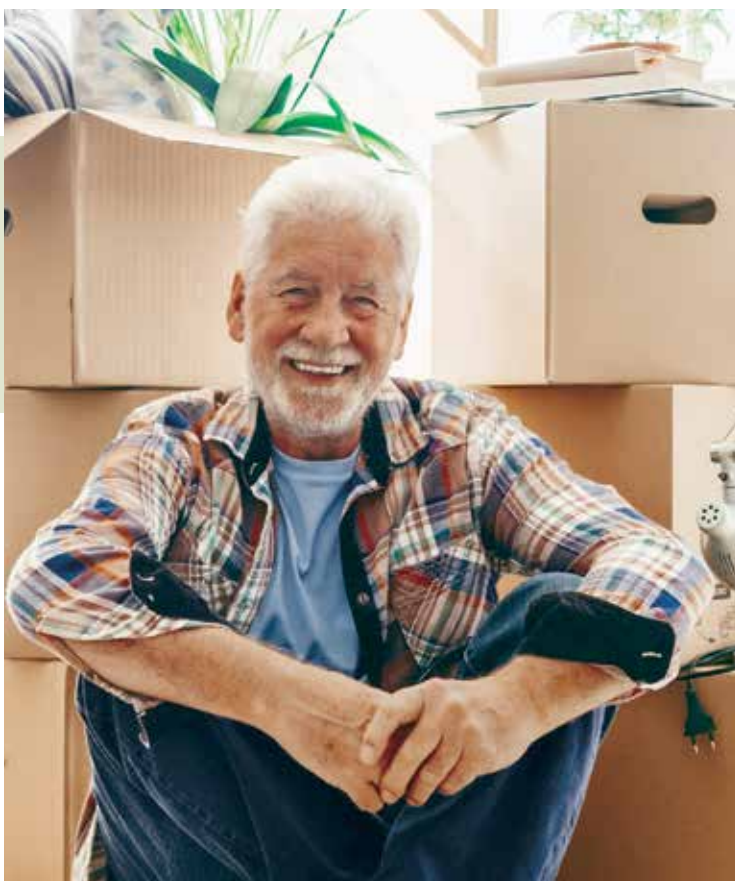
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Next Phase of Recycled Water Begins for California

State Water Resources Control Board News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Achieving a major milestone in the state's efforts to maximize the potential of recycled water, the State Water Resources Control Board announced on July 11, 2023, proposed regulations that would allow for water systems to add wastewater that has been treated to levels meeting or exceeding all drinking water standards to their potable supplies. The process, known as direct potable reuse, will enable systems to generate a climate-resilient water source while reducing the amount of wastewater they release to rivers and the ocean.

This development advances Gov. Newsom's all-of-the-above Water Supply Strategy, which includes the goal of recycling and reusing at least 800,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2030.

This turning point in California's history with recycled water, which began in the mid-20th century with the use of recycled water for crops, comes after an expert panel of 12 scientists and engineers evaluated work by the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water and determined that the proposed regulations are protective of public health. The regulations are the most advanced in the nation and reinforce California's position as a leader of innovative solutions to climate challenges. They are now open for public comment and subject to revision based on that input.

"This moment has been some time in the making because we have been careful and thorough to produce regulations that ensure, down to a chemical level, that water treated to these standards will be pure and wholesome," said Darrin Polhemus, deputy director for the Division of Drinking Water. "In fact,

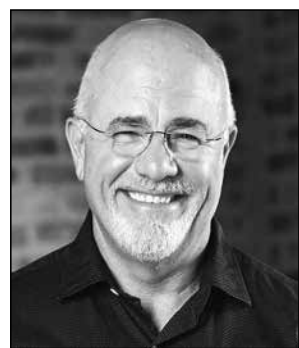
the extensive treatment requirements we've proposed mean that direct potable reuse processes in California will produce water of higher quality and lower risk than many traditional drinking water sources."

Direct potable reuse relies entirely on immediate, multi-barrier treatment that can recycle wastewater to drinking water standards in a matter of hours. This contrasts to the method currently being deployed in major projects launched throughout the state, called indirect potable reuse, which further improves treated wastewater over time through groundwater recharge or dilution with surface water. While no formal direct potable reuse projects can be initiated in California until the regulations are adopted, water agencies in Santa Clara, San Diego and the city of Los Angeles have launched pilot projects in recent years.

"We've seen real enthusiasm and interest from major urban water agencies, who are the ones that will take direct potable reuse forward, adding it to their water supply portfolios to increase resiliency," added Polhemus. "California has been a leader for years in water recycling, and this last step—going directly from treatment to usage as drinking water—builds on that experience and the expertise of scientists and engineers who have worked with recycled water for many years."

The board will consider adoption of the regulations before the end of the year.

The State Water Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper resource allocation and efficient use for present and future generations. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

and help him keep it between the ditches. That's what my wife does for me, and I'm so thankful she does.

Once in a while, I'll get so wrapped up in a project or opportunity that I can't stop thinking about it or turn it loose—even after hours or on weekends. That's when she knows to step in and say, "Honey, did you ever think about this possibility?" Sometimes she's a little more straightforward, and I'll hear something like, "You know, you really need to just slow down and chill."

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being followed by the inevitable crashes that are bound to happen from time to time.

As you grow to better understand the other's thinking, and how each is necessary for success, a great thing will be created. Your quieter, thoughtful side, and his energy and passion to pull things forward, will become the key to you two reaching heights together that you never would've achieved apart from each other.

I love these discussions about family relationships and business. Great question, Grace!

— Dave

**Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.* ★

Different Personality Types Can Be a Good Thing

Dear Dave,

My husband is an entrepreneur. He has a very hard driving, energetic personality and way of doing things, while I'm more laid back and soft spoken. How can I support him best in terms of encouraging and communicating with him? I want him to know I care, that I want to help and that I'm proud of him.

— Grace

Dear Grace,

I think you've already taken a good first step toward all of that by recognizing and identifying your personality styles. If he's a hard-charging entrepreneur, there's a good chance God sent you into his life to slow him down a little,

Is the EDD Pulling a Pandemic Scam?

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schedule that you can "pay down" when you feel like it with extra money from other people and still keep getting credit line increases whatever you want.

Or taxing Peter to pay Paul and then getting Paul to give you the money back to pay Patrick.

According to the federal regulations governing the program (the feds will backstop any state fund without question to make sure unemployment benefits get paid) this circular taxation is legal, though it is highly doubtful that when it was created that it was envisioned that any state would collect money to pay its debt and then purposefully grow its debt to pay its bills.

It should be noted that even without the pandemic-related \$20 or so billion in debt, the EDD would still have to borrow money for at least the next two years.

For its part, the EDD chose not to comment on the ethical and/or unapproved back-door tax implications of its plan but it did note that the state's current UI taxing system is out-of-date.

"California's UI financing system has not changed since 1984. Employers pay for unemployment benefits to former employees through contributions made to the state's UI Trust Fund on behalf of every employee. California's taxable wage ceiling of \$7,000 and maximum tax rate of 5.4 percent are the lowest allowed under federal law. Senate Bill 600 [Chapter 1146, Statutes of 1989] and Senate Bill 40 [Chapter 409, Statutes of 2001] increased benefit amounts, but did not address the financing structure to increase revenue," said the agency. "The unprecedented number of workers who collected benefits in the recent pandemic, along with those who collected during the Great Recession, impacted the ability of an outdated financing system to generate enough revenue needed to pay benefits."

Starting in 2024, the disability insurance program — operated separately by the EDD and currently solvent — will remove its "taxable wage ceiling," in part to pay for things like expanded paid family leave. Whether or not the legislature and governor will move to change the UI wage ceiling — at least in part as a response to the debt issue — is as yet unclear. It is also not known if such a move would increase the surcharge being paid (let alone the regular tax.)

The Governor's Office did not reply to a request for comment, including on why California was one of the very few states to not use its "left over" pandemic relief funds to pay off the debt in its entirety last year when it had a massive budget surplus and whether or not this debt "payment/not repayment" shell game was entered into purposefully to relieve some of the current budgetary pressures (or at least not cause any more.)

Jon Coupal, head of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, said the scheme is "more evidence of the abject fiscal irresponsibility of California's state government."

While the extra UI charges are called a "surcharge" and are theoretically temporary, they are "from the perspective of the

businesses an additional tax" — a tax that did not have to go through the typical legislative process.

In other words — no vote, no discussion, no input — just an imposed tax.

"The California Chamber of Commerce is very disappointed with and greatly concerned the UI insolvency will cause an on-going tax increase," said Chamber policy expert Rob Moutrie. "California businesses need tax relief, not an increase."

The technologically archaic and consistently inept EDD was not just overwhelmed by the pandemic but made the situation worse by not having any anti-fraud security measures in place. In fact, it took months for then-California Labor Secretary Julie Su to address the issue and by that time tens of billions had already been looted. Security experts estimate that if Su — who was fully aware of the problem, according to a state auditor's report — had acted when she became aware of the problem the EDD would have exactly zero federal debt.

For perspective, the EDD, under Su, lost about \$40 billion to fraud and other improper payments while the federal pandemic debt created was about half that number.

Despite her disastrous tenure as California's labor secretary, Su is currently being considered to become the federal Secretary of Labor. Her Senate confirmation process has, however, seemed to hit a snag as not every Democrat will commit to voting for her, in part because of this exact issue.

"It's an incompetence tax: a price private citizens are being forced to pay for their government's failures," said Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) who has led the charge against Su on the House side of the Capitol. "The predicament that small businesses in California now find themselves in—facing additional taxation to make up for the government's negligence—is another example of why Julie Su's nomination to be our nation's next labor secretary is so ill-considered."

StandAgainstSu, a national group working to derail her nomination, said the current debt situation is exactly why Su should not be the new Labor Secretary.

"Julie Su's nomination for Secretary of Labor is a slap in the face to the millions of hard-working Californians who will be forced to spend years paying off her forty-billion-dollar mistake," said a Stand AgainstSu spokesperson. "No Senator who respects American workers could ever reward Su's failure with a vote in her favor."

A vote on Su's four-month-old nomination quest will not even be scheduled until at least late next...if at all.

Oh, and as of midnight last night, California owed \$17,634,404,674.57 in principal and \$223,357,689.50 in interest. In June alone, it has borrowed \$492,235,804.09 — that equals \$203 per second, up from \$139 per second in May.

California has also increased its share of the national total remaining outstanding in pandemic unemployment debt to 72% from 70% (New York has almost all of the rest) about two weeks ago.

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California Democrats Keep Spending Money But Fail To Make Sure It's Helping



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Steve Glazer is a former political consultant who served as mayor of Orinda before being elected to the state Senate in a 2015 special election.

Glazer is a Democrat who usually votes with others in the party's overwhelming Senate majority. However, Glazer has a rare maverick streak, not unlike that of his one-time boss, former Gov. Jerry Brown.

Glazer has most often displayed that tendency in clashes with labor unions, his party's most important ally, but it extends to other aspects of governance.

This month, just as the Legislature began its month-long summer recess, the Los Angeles Times published an op-ed by Glazer highlighting his party's inability to effectively use its unfettered political power on California's knottiest issues.

Glazer cited the state's newly enacted, \$310 billion state budget, describing it as "a reflection of our values, dedicating spending to getting homeless people off the street, supporting schools, keeping public transit afloat and treating mental illness," but adding, "as many Californians know, we've already spent billions of dollars on the same problems - with very

little to show for it. "Our failures are evidence that good intentions and lots of money are not enough to fix what ails the Golden State," Glazer continued. "To make our progressive beliefs mean anything, the Legislature must ensure that the money we spend is actually improving the lives of the people we say we are committed to helping."

Glazer cites the state's chronic housing shortage and homelessness levels, mental health programs and California's embarrassingly low public school achievement as examples of issues that have festered for years without noticeable progress.

"Democrats know that hundreds of our schools are failing and far too many kids are unable to read, write or do math at grade level," Glazer declared. "And we know that those struggling students are disproportionately low-income children of color. But that issue gets almost no attention from Democrats in the Capitol, who have made no recent efforts to discover why schools are falling short and what can be done to improve them."

Glazer's overall theme is something that's rarely mentioned in California political circles: competence, or the lack thereof. The Democrats who control virtually every lever of political power in California tend to measure achievement by how much money they spend on particular problems, rather than outcomes.

That's very evident in California's highest-in-the-nation level of homelessness. The state has spent upwards of \$20 billion on programs meant

to reduce the amount of unhoused Californians, but the numbers continue to climb as Gov. Gavin Newsom and local government officials squabble incessantly over who should be accountable.

The implosion of the Employment Development Department that allowed fraudsters to pocket tens of billions of dollars in unemployment insurance payments, while legitimate claims were delayed, is another stark example. So is the state's chronic inability to design and implement technology.

Recently, CalMatters reported that California has spent \$600 million on programs meant to prevent former prisoners from committing new crimes after release but has not tracked whether they have succeeded.

"The state does not collect data on whether parolees who participate in the program have found jobs or whether they are returned to prison for another crime," reporter Byrhonda Lyons wrote after spending a year investigating the issue. "What state data does show is that only 40% of participants completed at least one of the services they were offered."

As shocking as that lapse sounds, we shouldn't be surprised because, as Glazer points out, the state's political leadership - those in his own party - is prone to spending money on a problem without accountability that ensures results.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

Social Security Matters Will WEP and GPO Affect My Wife's Spousal Benefit?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife worked for the US Postal Service in New York for about 22 years, and then in the private sector for about 15 years. She began collecting her "deferred annuity" from the USPS at age 62 and she plans to collect her Social Security benefits at age 67, which is her full retirement age (FRA).

Her Social Security benefit before the Windfall Elimination Provision is less than 50% of my Primary Insurance Amount, so the plan is for her to start collecting a "spousal" benefit from me at age 67. My question is: will my wife's spousal benefit be reduced by both the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset (GPO)? Signed: Inquiring Husband

Dear Inquiring Husband: Your wife cannot separate her personally earned Social Security retirement benefit from her Social Security spousal entitlement from you - whenever she applies for Social Security, your wife will be automatically deemed to be filing for all benefits she is entitled to when she claims.

Because your wife has a "non-covered pension" from the US Postal Service (USPS) - and assuming that pension is under the older "CSRS" (Civil Service Retirement System) - your wife's personally earned SS retirement benefit will be reduced by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). WEP reduces Social Security retirement benefits for anyone who also has a pension earned while not contributing to Social Security.

The Government Pension Offset (GPO) is different: the GPO will affect any additional amount your wife is entitled to as your spouse, which we refer to as her "spousal boost." The "spousal boost" amount is the difference between your wife's pre-WEP FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, which is your Primary Insurance Amount. Because of her USPS pension, GPO will reduce your wife's "spousal boost" by 2/3rds of the amount of her non-covered pension, which may eliminate her potential spousal boost.

So WEP will affect your wife's personally earned SS benefit, and the GPO will affect her spousal entitlement from you. But, depending on the amount of her USPS pension, your wife will not be entitled to an additional amount as your spouse if 2/3rds of her USPS pension amount is more than her "spousal boost" amount. And if the GPO doesn't completely eliminate your wife's spousal boost, it will at least

drastically reduce it. I have previously published several articles about both WEP and GPO and how each provision works, which you are welcome to review at the AMAC Foundation's special Social Security website - www.SocialSecurityReport.org. In particular, one such article providing more detail on how the GPO works can be found at this link: www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-government-pension-offset-gpo/.

Social Security will make the final determination about your wife's benefit entitlement under WEP and GPO when she applies for her Social Security benefits, but I'm afraid your wife's entitlement may be much less than you are anticipating because of these two provisions. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us directly via email at SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org or call us directly at 1.888.750.2622.

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California Voters Support Parental Rights by Overwhelming Margins

Christian Newswire News Release

CHINO HILLS, CA (MPG) - In May 2023, Real Impact completed a Rasmussen Poll targeting California voters to uncover the true perspective of parents regarding public school districts' secretive habits. Educators keeping information regarding children's gender transitions from parents have exposed the reality of deception in public schools across California. Parents are beginning to realize that public schools will assume the role as parent, especially in districts where parents have been trusting or uninformed.

According to the recent poll is a drastic revelation: 82% of respondents disagree with this statement: "A person loses their parental rights when a child enters public school." Parents are meant to work in tandem with the school district. "Public schools are certainly not meant to be a secret society for our youth to confide in and Californians agree," said Karen England, President of Capitol Resource Institute. "There is no reason teachers and administrators should hold higher authority over children's well-being or mental health. In fact, Californians do not believe educators should hold ANY authority over their children."

This leads to the next set of questions where 88% of respondents support schools notifying parents if their child has a change in mental condition, like showing symptoms of depression or suicidal thoughts. 69% of surveyors support schools notifying parents if their child identifies or requests to be identified or treated as a gender that doesn't align with their biological sex. And likewise, another question exposed that 68% of participants oppose teachers and school administrators keeping information about a child's gender identity secret from the parents. That is a huge majority. These questions

directly juxtapose educators attempting to vilify parents who have already come forward about the school district keeping gender transition secrets for their children. These polling numbers make it clear that most California parents strongly wish to be directly involved with their children's mental health and well-being during and after school hours.

Parents across California have been made aware of the lack of communication coming from educators and administrators in public school. According to this poll, a whopping 84% of surveyors support a local law that required parents to be notified of any major change in a child's physical, mental, or emotional health or academic performance. Parents have lost confidence in the safety of their children in the public-school setting and are looking to local policy changes to protect their rights as parents. The poll also finds that 64% of respondents disagree with this statement: "There is no such thing as someone else's child. Our nation's children are all our children."

"Parents are not willing to forgo parental rights over their children in any capacity," said England. "Our children do not belong to the nation. They belong to the parents and no educator or administrators should ever come before those rights."

That is why CRI has partnered with Real Impact and other pro-parental right organizations in California to affect change at the local level. The California Coalition for Parental Rights are all working together and launching a policy that will ensure schools notify a parent if their child is seeking to transition their gender while at school. Schools should not be in the business of keeping secrets from their parents.

Source: Capitol Resource Institute (CRI) ★

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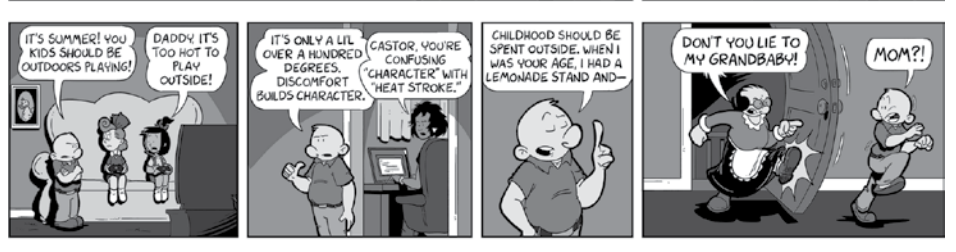
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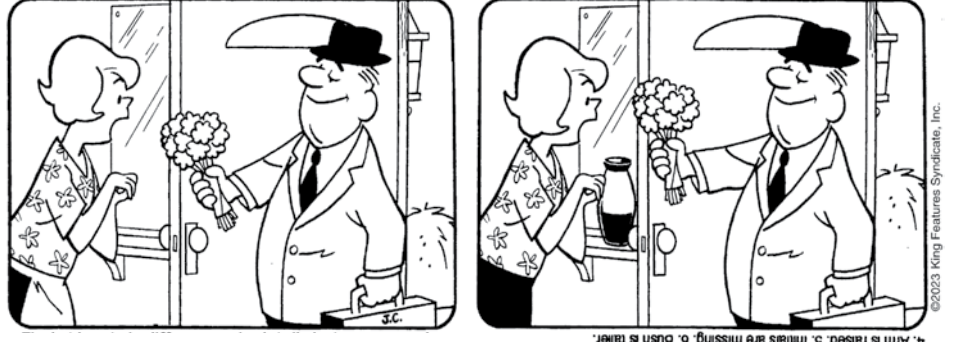
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- **Back in ____ I hit the sack"
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- Revered Hindu
- Three, to Caesar
- Poison ampules, e.g.
- Neckwear option
- **Sometimes it's hard to be a woman, giving ____ your love to just one man"
- Most populous country
- **"It's going down, I'm yelling ____"
- **"Sugarpie honey-bunch, you know that I ____"
- Act on IOU
- Spanish sparkling wine
- Mel ____, Giant Hall-of-Famer
- Garbage in, garbage out, acr.
- **"If everybody had an ocean ____ the U.S.A., then everybody'd be surfing"
- Less than average tide
- All's opposite
- ____, Wind & Fire
- Gas station brand
- Bottom-ranking employee
- **"The future's not ours to see, que ____"
- ____ Coffee, whisky drink
- African river
- Part of a sweatshirt, sometimes
- ____-____-tat, drum roll sound
- Please get back to me, acr.
- 007, for one
- Impulse
- Consume food
- **"I'm going to ____ I'm gonna mess around"
- **"And I will ____ love you"
- Do penance
- Melvin Purvis' org.
- High school balls
- Goes with shaker
- Cardinal, color
- Lock horns
- Eurasian duck
- Pop-ups, e.g.
- Earp of the Wild West

DOWN

- Undergarment
- Catalog
- Fungal spore sacs
- **"____ at the bit"
- Soldier's knapsack
- Pinocchio, e.g.
- Be unwell
- Pancho's last name
- Like certain print
- **"Here's a story of a lovely ____"
- Assortment
- Genesis twin
- Fast and lively, in music
- Giving a once-over
- Spermatozoa counterparts
- Reassert
- **"Believe it or not, I'm walking ____"
- Sailor's cry: "____ firma!"
- Like an implied agreement
- **"You're here, there's nothing I fear, and I know that my heart will ____"
- Possible allergy symptom
- Black and white treats
- Leather razor sharpener
- **"Will the real Slim ____ please stand up"
- Well-mannered Emily
- Adult elvers
- Live it up
- Mooring rope
- Though, shortened
- Another name for papaw
- Below, prefix
- Be a slowpoke
- Jellies' seeded cousins
- A-bomb particle
- Sheltered nook
- Was aware of
- Gives a hand
- Lotus position discipline
- Censor's target
- **"I'm friends with the monster that's under my ____"
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Break Free

We've all been through some really tough times in the last few years with Covid and job decisions and loss and I can go on and on. The stress can cause burnout. It's a real thing. So, how do we break free from burnout? Amy Manguera wants to help you break free from that burnout from the past and be ready for the future. She put together "The Path to Break Free from Burnout." She is recognized by the New York City Journal as a top Life Coach. Amy helps people around the world live burnout-free by bringing clarity, direction, and positive habits to their lives by filling the gap between where they are now and where they want to be. She also hosts a self-care podcast called "Life on My Terms" and she brings in thousands of listeners worldwide to help them change their lives.

- Do you have these stages to burnout?
- 1. TAKE OVER THE WORLD... THE HONEYMOON STAGE.**
Like a honeymoon phase in a marriage, this stage comes with energy and optimism.
 - 2. WOW I'M TIRED...THE ONSET OF THE STRESS STAGE.**
Eventually the honeymoon stage dwindles, and you begin to experience stress.
 - 3. THIS JOB IS SUPER DRAINING...THE CHRONIC STRESS STAGE.**
You reach a point when the stress becomes more persistent and chaotic.
 - 4. OKAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH... THE BURNOUT STAGE.**
This stage is when you reach your limit and no longer function as you normally would.
 - 5. I MUST MAKE A CHANGE... THE HABITUAL BURNOUT STAGE.**

If left untreated, burnout can become a part of your everyday life and lead to anxiety and depression.

How about some tips to break free from burnout NOW!

- 1. REMOVE THE STRESS.** Pay close attention to the stress triggers that cause the stress response. Then you'll be able to start to put some boundaries in place to protect your time and energy.
- 2. CHANGE YOUR MINDSET.** We tend to live in a victim mindset when in the midst of burnout, but the truth is, we are in control. We are choosing to take the late call or the 24 hour deadline. Ultimately, we have the power to choose and our choices tend to be the greatest cause of our burnout.
- 3. LEARN YO DAY NO.** Set boundaries. Boundaries protect our time and energy, but they also teach others how to treat us. Use your stress triggers to help you identify where you need to put a boundary in your life.
- 4. RECONNECT WITH YOUR AUTHENTIC SELF.** Who are you right now? What do you value? What are your passions? Who fulfills you?
- 5. ASSESS YOUR SELF-CARE PILLARS.** What needs your attention? Self-care like sleep, nutrition, movement, energy, stress management, and spirituality are some of the areas we start to see fall out of balance when in burnout. These pillars are the key to building back stress resiliency. Start by assessing which one needs the most work and then make small 1% improvements to build up new habits and routines.

Now it's up to you...
"The Path to Break Free from Burnout!"

Candidate Filing Has Begun for November 7 Special General Election

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Candidate filing has begun and continues through 5:00 p.m. August 11, 2023, for the November 7, 2023, Special General Election. Positions up for election are for the following vacancies:

- Board Member, Natomas Unified School District, Area 4
- Board Member, San Juan Unified School District, Area 7

Candidate Filing information is found on the Candidate and Election Resources page on our website.

The Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) Office is located at 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays. For more information on candidate filing call Campaign Services at (916) 875-6276 or visit our website at www.elections.sac-county.gov. ★


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90 Alleged Unlicensed Contractors Face Legal Action Following Sting Operations

CSLB News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) recently completed a statewide sting and sweep enforcement operation to uncover unlicensed activity in the construction industry. The multi-state agency effort organized by the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) resulted in 90 legal actions related to unlicensed contracting. An additional 37 legal actions were taken for workers' compensation insurance violations.

Over three weeks, CSLB joined forces with local law enforcement to conduct undercover sting operations in Sonoma, Sacramento, Madera and San Bernardino counties. The stings targeted unlicensed contractors, with investigators contacting the suspects through their advertisements.

During the four sting operations, suspected unlicensed operators arrived at designated locations to bid on various projects, such as drywall, bathroom remodeling, turf installation, framing, flooring, exterior and interior painting, concrete, tree removal, landscaping, and plumbing. As a result, 50 individuals may face criminal charges for contracting without a license. These individuals were provided with information on how to obtain a license.

The individuals involved submitted bids that exceeded the legal limit of \$500. California law prohibits unlicensed contractors from bidding and/or contracting for construction work that exceeds \$500 in value, including labor and materials. All may now face legal consequences, which can include substantial fines and potential jail time. Such activity puts consumers at risk in many ways, including failure to meet minimum

competency requirements, lack of a license bond, or workers' compensation insurance.

A total of 66 construction sweep operations were conducted in various California counties, including Sacramento, San Diego, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Fresno, Monterey, Solano, Yolo, Orange, Fresno, Riverside, Butte, Alameda, Placer, Santa Clara, Marin, Santa Barbara, Sutter, Amador, and Santa Cruz. Forty unlicensed contractors were identified during the sweeps and now face an administrative citation or referral to a local prosecutor for contracting without a license.

Additionally, 37 Stop Orders were issued to halt employee labor at active job sites where contractors did not have workers' compensation insurance for their employees.

"Unlicensed contractors pose a significant danger to consumers," said CSLB Registrar David Fogt. "CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team performs sweeps and stings regularly, and we are proud to be a top contributor in this year's NASCLA's coordinated enforcement effort."

CSLB will continue to partner with agencies throughout the state to combat unlicensed contracting activities. These joint efforts will focus on enforcing contractors license law, safeguarding consumer interests, and maintaining the construction industry's integrity.

For further information or to report suspected unlicensed contractor activities, please visit the CSLB website at www.cslb.ca.gov or contact CSLB toll-free at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). For ongoing information and updates from CSLB, connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

CSLB operates under the umbrella of the Department of Consumer Affairs and licenses and regulates nearly 285,000 contractors in California. ★

Coordinated Access Is Eliminating Barriers

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - As part of the Local Homeless Action Plan (LHAP) and in conjunction with the City-County Partnership Agreement, the Coordinated Access System (CAS) has been developed by Sacramento Steps Forward. The CAS is a streamlined system that matches people experiencing homelessness with housing and service options. This process prioritizes limited local shelter and housing resources, so people with the highest vulnerability can be connected to supports as quickly as possible.

In Sacramento, the front door for CAS is 2-1-1 Sacramento. Households can call the Housing Crisis Line at 2-1-1 (select #8) to be triaged to appropriate resources. In addition, trained agencies with Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) access can conduct the individual or family shelter assessment to place a household on the shelter waitlist.

Why is Coordinated Access Critical?

It's an efficient, equitable, client-centered approach to ending homelessness.

Key strategy of the Local Homeless Action Plan; Requirement of the Sacramento City/County Partnership Agreement; CAS connects people who are unhoused with critical resources and services; CAS creates a pathway for people who are unhoused to navigate an end to their housing crisis; Without system coordination, the community is limited in the impact we can make toward addressing homelessness; The system empowers people who are unhoused and providers to have clarity and know the supports available.

What resources are available through the CAS?

CAS is not just a shelter referral resource. People may also be connected to additional resources such as Problem-Solving Access Points (PSAP) and the

Coordinated Access Navigational team (CAN). CAN is operated by Elica Health Centers and supports households on the shelter waitlist with problem-solving services and warm handoffs to the shelter. PSAPs are trained agencies that support households in identifying alternative housing options and community support to resolve their housing crisis. This could include mediation, conflict resolution, connections to mainstream resources, and limited financial assistance that directly results in housing being secured or retained. Four designated PSAPs receive referrals from 2-1-1 and can provide housing location services for households with vouchers or identified housing.

CAS by the Numbers Q1 2023

5,711 Calls Received; 3,975 Households connected to other resources; 1,721 Households currently or at risk of homelessness; 1,023 Referrals to crisis resources; 322 Households enrolled in a shelter; 504 Households exited or diverted from homelessness.

Who is calling, and what services are they referred to?

Nearly 50% of head of households are Black, African American; 11% of callers were transitional-aged youth; 56% of households were female identifying; Average call wait time: 7:54; Average call handle time: 11:40; Most frequent zip codes: 95811, 95823, 95815; Shelter referrals: 452; Average wait to get into a shelter: 14 days; PSAP Referrals: 175; Expenditures: \$550,515; CAN referrals: 399; Average wait to enrollment: 2 days

You can read the full Q1 2023 Coordinated Access System Report at the Sacramento County website.

Learn more about Coordinated Access System and the associated programs and services

To learn more about what Sacramento County is doing to address homelessness, visit the Department of Homeless Services and Housing website. ★



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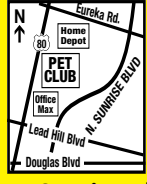
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REG. \$2.49 \$2.49/ea Aloe Vera 1.5 liters
REG. \$3.99 \$3.99/ea M-11 Guinness 2.85 oz
REG. \$7.99 \$7.99/ea Sanyo Reserve Original 60x70 oz

HOUSEWARES
HAIR DARKENING SHAMPOO \$19.99/ea
ELECTRIC BBQ GRILL \$39.99/ea
KAIZEN WOK PAN 30 CM \$14.99/ea
ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (4 CUPS) \$49.99/ea
ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (6 CUPS) \$54.99/ea
ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (8 CUPS) \$59.99/ea

FROZEN & FISH DEPT
Red Abalone Sashimi Grade 2.2 lbs REG. \$49.99/ea **\$39.99/ea**

EUROPEAN DELI
REG. \$11.99 \$8.79/ea Columbu Honey Ham
REG. \$14.99 \$11.49/ea Columbu Pepper Turkey Breast
REG. \$5.29 \$4.29/ea Pined Olives Garlic Salad
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