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It has been ten years since this capitol rally photo, and the same tired politicians, Pelosi and Feinstein are still trying to control your lives. MPG archived photo/Rowen

Commentary by Paul Scholl

People in California are screaming to be allowed to go back to work and open their businesses. The governor remains tone deaf. The pure science says our state should reopen. Unless, of course, those scientists you are listening to are somehow on the government payroll.

Most small businesses are owned by conservatives. Small businesses were booming and their success was raising millions of poorer Americans out of poverty with new jobs and off the government assistance programs. They were getting control of their own lives back. We were all winning.

This disease is no laughing matter. It can be really serious for many, even life-threatening to certain populations. So as a society, we all

adapt while keeping our freedoms. We don't crush our society entirely. Unless there is a motive where "they" want to control it.

We are all in this together? NOT! You could solve the shutdown in 14 days (one payroll cycle) if you layoff all the government workers, all the union workers, and all the big media. Then they would be screaming too.

When I was raised with ten brothers and sisters we were told to wash our hands, cover your mouth when you coughed or sneezed, eat well, drink a lot of water, go to bed on time, go play outside, and stay home if you are sick. Measles, Mumps, Chicken Pox, you name it, but no one died. Common sense.

An overwhelming number of doctors are now speaking out about "herd immunity". The information about

the disease changes daily. But what do "they" tell us? You may have to stay home for up to one and a half years until we find a vaccine we can overcharge you for on your already far-too expensive health insurance. Sorry about your business, bro!

Newsom is crippling our state financially. A balanced budget? Yeah, right. Not now. Don't bother including items that show the state is real trouble. But who is going to be getting their full pensions? Who will be getting raises to offset the rate of inflation? Not you. Newsome is giving millions to illegal aliens before he does anything for you. He doesn't fix the border problem, rather he files lawsuits against Trump over the issue. He doesn't fix the homeless problem. He just files another lawsuit. And you

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VA NorCal Encourages Veterans to Access Mental Health Support from Home

By Will Martin, VA Northern California Health Care System

MATHER, CA (MPG) - Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, VA NorCal Health Care System asks that Veterans use VA's online resources for non-urgent mental health care and questions. Not only will this help protect Veterans from contracting COVID-19, but it will enable VA providers to focus their in-person care on Veterans with acute needs.

"Out of concern for our Veterans, we are honoring COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines," said VA NorCal David Stockwell. "Through VA's virtual care tools, we are able to leverage technology to make sure that our patients and staff are as safe as possible during this time."

VA offers Veterans a variety of at-home mental health resources, including:

Telephone or Video Appointments - Veterans should maintain their existing mental health appointments using VA Video Connect (mobile. va.gov/app/va-video-connect) at home on their computers, smartphones, or tablets. To set up telephone or video appointments, Veterans can send their health care provider a secure message by visiting myhealth.va.gov.

Prescription Refills and Safety - Veterans should continue taking all medications as prescribed and talk to their mental health provider if they have concerns. Veterans may request prescription refills and order shipments of medications to their homes using My HealtheVet or the Rx Refill mobile app, which can be downloaded at mobile. va.gov/app/rx-refill. VA's Safe Home Environment handout provides information on safely storing medications in the home.

Mental Health Information and Resources - VA provides information on ways for Veterans and their families to maintain and enhance their mental health and well-being during the COVID-19 outbreak. Information about managing stress and anxiety, as well as mental health resources, are available at www.mentalhealth.va.gov/coronavirus/resources.

For more information about VA NorCal's use of mental health care technology in response to COVID-19, please e-mail Will Martin, Chief of Public Affairs, at William.Martin6@va.gov. ★

Water District Taps CEO



Newly-appointed Carmichael Water District CEO Cathy Lee and district information officer Chris Nelson hike to inspect the agency's vintage riverside collection tower near Ancil Hoffman Park.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Fresh from Stockton, Cathy Lee has taken over

Carmichael Water District's general manager job. She follows CEO Steve Nugent, who recently retired after

30 years of service. Lee will oversee supply for 11,000 customers. Her

agency has an annual budget of \$20 million and a staff of 30.

Her previous job - assistant manager for the Stockton East Water District - required 120

miles of daily commute. "I applied for the Carmichael job because I want to serve in the community where I live," says the mother of twin sons. "I was also

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just have to keep paying for it all.

Now, with the pending economic doom looming over everyone in this state, they are going to try to eliminate the original Prop 13 and destroy home ownership in California. They will say "but we need the tax money now that we have suffered so greatly from the COVID-19 crisis." Never let a good crisis go to waste they say. Lose your business, lose your income, lose your home, your taxes are increased again, your health insurance is unaffordable, and so on. But aren't the beaches great!

A legal option every business owner may have would be to sue the state for their losses. With United States Attorney General William Barr considering suing states over their "shelter in place" orders and that their mandates are unconstitutional, there just might be an opening. Consider what it would be like if thousands of small businesses sued governor Newsome and the State of California. I'm not an attorney, but it is a thought. Talk about overwhelming the system!

There is one small change in the media dialogue we should all hope to see. It isn't the good people of China responsible for this Wuhan virus. It should be stated from now forward that the Chinese



Watch out Governor, this little girl is almost old enough to vote now! MPG archived photo/Rowen

Communist Party is to blame, not just "China." But governments that want control don't put a spotlight on governments that have control. Do you ever hear Leftists talk about the millions of slaves in China? But they do talk about reparations for people who were never slaves. The same people who were finally really benefiting from the great economy prior to the virus outbreak.

If you want to solve the problems we face in California then just let all the Leftists donate all their money, all of it, to the cause. That's when

you will find out just how much they believe in the cause. Instead, they just want all of your money to solve their mismanagement problems.

There is a rally on May 1st at the Capitol to Re-Open California. Are you tired of this government control over your life yet? Be there. Bring a sign. Bring your vote. Be heard.

If we are loud enough maybe they will experience our "Heard Immunity" to government control.

We need to make this a Common Sense State. Red or Blue. See you at the capitol. ★

State, Local Leaders Ask Governor to Lift Stay-At-Home Order in Rural Counties

By Curtis Grima, Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - A bi-partisan group of legislators, county officials and mayors sent a letter to the Governor asking him to allow six Northern California counties to come out of the statewide stay-at-home order, in accordance with their respective local and regional plans. Signers of the letter requested the ability to initiate a thoughtful and science-based reopening of local economies, that is also consistent with state and national guidelines. In total 14 Mayors and 6 County Board of Supervisor Chairs made the request.

The letter notes that infection rates have remained low in these six counties (Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Glenn, Tehama, and Colusa), which have a combined population of more than 500,000 residents. As of Friday, April 24th, 69 individuals had tested positive for COVID-19 in these six counties, 50 of those who tested positive are now

fully recovered. There was only one confirmed COVID-19 patient in the ICU.

Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) said, "California is weathering this pandemic well. In the North State, we have even fewer infections than those in other regions of the state. We must re-open our economy so Californians can get back to work. Families need to put food on the table and pay their rent and mortgage. Put simply, Californians need to continue living their best lives."

"We all appreciate the quick action taken to flatten the curve of this virus," said Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City). "That effort has been successfully implemented, but it has not been without great cost to our people and our future ability to provide for the health and prosperity of our communities. It is time to begin a re-opening. Our cases are low, our healthcare capabilities have been beefed up, and we are ready to get our economy moving again." ★

Federal Court Issues Preliminary Injunction in Rhode v. Becerra

National Rifle Association Press Release

FAIRFAX, VA (MPG) - A major victory was secured on Thursday when a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction in the NRA-supported case, Rhode v. Becerra. The case challenges the constitutionality of a California law that puts draconian restrictions on ammunition acquisition and transfers as a result of Prop 63 and SB 1235 (2016).

As the court said, 'The right to keep and bear arms is the insurance policy behind the right to life ... a shield from the tyranny of the majority.' California wasn't just obstructing the people's fundamental right to defend their families and lives - it was encouraging unlawful hostility toward an individual, "Constitutional right," said Jason Ouimet, executive director,

National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action. "The NRA funded this case for the same reason the court struck down the laws: enough was enough."

The law required law-abiding citizens to undergo background checks when purchasing ammunition and for all transactions to occur in-person through a licensed ammunition vendor.

Thursday's injunction means the law cannot be enforced while the case is active unless the decision is stayed.

Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's oldest civil rights and sportsmen's group. More than five million members strong, NRA continues its mission to uphold Second Amendment rights and is the leader in firearm education and training for law-abiding gun owners, law enforcement and the military. Visit <http://nra.org>. ★

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Support The Fundraising Efforts of Kiwanis Club of Carmichael



The Kiwanis Club of Carmichael team at the Run to Feed the Hungry event on Thanksgiving Day. Photo: Kiwanis Club

By Linda Martin, Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael will not be holding the 18th annual Taste of Carmichael this year that was scheduled for May 15, 2020. This is a great disappointment for us because this is not just a Kiwanis event, it is a celebration and showcasing of the incredible community partners that make Carmichael such a remarkable place to live and work.

Of course, our first and foremost concern is the health and safety of our members and community but the cancellation of this major fundraising event creates a significant income deficiency for our Foundation projects. These projects include support for children, families, schools and programs throughout the area.

We are, therefore, asking your support at this time during the Big Day of Giving that will be held on May 7, 2020. You can access the site <https://www.bigdayofgiving.org> at any time after April 20, 2020. There are many non-profits that are worthy of your support at this time. Your contributions will enable us to continue to provide vital resources to those in need in our community. It will also allow us to fulfill our

vision: "Kiwanis will be a positive influence worldwide so that children will wake up in a community that believes in them, nurtures them and provides the support that they need to thrive."

You may ask, what are we doing to support our community? The photo featured here reflects some of our hands-on projects and a list of additional projects can be seen at www.carmichaelkiwanis.org/. During this challenging time, we are also increasing our allocations to local food banks and providing needy individuals with food gift cards. If you would prefer to donate directly through our website, carmichaelkiwanis.org, there is a link to the Big Day of Giving posted there and also a link to donate directly to the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael by PayPal or a credit card under the tab Donate 2020.

Thank you all for your support during this difficult time. We are so fortunate to be in a "community of givers" that works together as a unit to support our residents. We have all been changed by this situation and we look forward to our continued collaborations as we rebuild a stronger community together in the future. Please stay safe and well!

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Guess Who Is Open for You!



Owner Shawna Rivera says "We are Open for Business!" Photo by Paul Scholl

By Paul Scholl

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Many local restaurants are open for take-out meals. Two you may not be aware of being open are Lido's Bar and Grill restaurant on Fair Oaks Blvd. near California Fitness and La Bou Café and Bakery on Fair Oaks Blvd. at Sutter, across from Wells Fargo Bank.

These are two of my favorite eating establishments. At Lido's the grilled turkey sandwich with swiss and provolone cheeses and the sweet potato fries always hits the spot for a great lunch. Anything else on their menu is sure to be worth the

drive to pick it up. Get plenty of napkins!

La Bou Café' and Bakery has a special breakfast egg, bacon and cheese croissant that will hold you over until a mid-afternoon lunch. They also have a full grilled chicken Caesar salad that never leaves you wanting for more. Their menu has dozens of other delights, and the soup of the day is tops!

Give these local restaurants a try. Tell them you heard it here and they will give you the smile you've been looking for all week.

To order see: <https://lidobarandgrill.com/> or call 916-944-8243, or see <https://www.labou.com/> or call 916-481-9948. ★



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Social Security Matters

Can My Husband Get A Spouse Benefit from Me?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'm wondering if my husband can submit a "restricted application for spousal benefits only." He is 76 years old, has been receiving his benefit since 2005. His present benefit is \$263.50. I am 74 years old, receiving my benefit since 2007. My present benefit is \$931. Am I to understand that he could be receiving half of my amount rather than his smaller amount? **Signed: Inquiring Wife**

Dear Inquiring Wife: Your husband isn't eligible to file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" because he is already collecting his own Social Security benefits and because he is past 70 years of age. But he should probably be receiving a spousal benefit from you because his benefit is so much lower than yours. From what you've written, you both claimed your Social Security benefits when you were 62 years of age. That means you both took a 25% cut in benefits from what you would have gotten at your full retirement age (FRA) of 66.

Spousal benefits are based



upon FRA benefit amounts, even if you claimed benefits earlier. So, since your FRA benefit amount would have been about \$1164 and your husband's FRA benefit would have been about \$330, by my calculations he should now be receiving a spousal benefit of about \$516 instead of his benefit of \$263.50. The computation for that is: Take half of your FRA benefit amount (\$582) minus your husband's FRA benefit amount (\$330); the difference (\$252) is added to his own current benefit (\$264) to get \$516 as his possible spousal benefit (note the actual numbers from SS may vary somewhat). This probably means that when you claimed your benefit two years after your husband claimed his, your husband didn't apply for his spousal benefit (and it wasn't awarded automatically by SS).

I suggest your husband contact Social Security as soon as possible and make an appointment to apply for his spousal benefits. Since he has been entitled to that benefit for some time now, he can also request 6 months of retroactive spousal benefits which they will pay in a lump-sum and adjust his monthly benefit to what he is entitled to as your spouse.

There is also a possibility that, when you filed, SS failed to notify your husband he was eligible for a spouse benefit, in which case he may be able to collect his spouse benefit back to the date he became eligible. Your husband should contact Social Security directly at either 1.800.772-1213, or at your local office (find it at www.ssa.gov/locator) to make an appointment to apply for his spousal benefit from you. And, usually, this application can be accomplished over the phone.

Please note that all of the above assumes that your husband's current benefit isn't being reduced due to a non-covered pension which causes the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) to lower his benefit amount, and which would cause the Government Pension Offset (GPO) to severely alter, or even eliminate, his spousal benefit.

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What Ventilator Crisis?

At a coronavirus task force briefing at the beginning of April, White House adviser Jared Kushner explained the approach that would – as events proved – get the country through its ventilator crisis.

He was relentlessly pilloried, mocked and distorted in the press for it.

Kushner said at one point that states shouldn't be drawing on the federal stockpile just to hold ventilators in their own reserves. This led to a flurry of media criticism alleging that Kushner wanted to horde the federal ventilator stockpile.

Actually, the emphasis on data and shrewd allocation that Kushner discussed at the April 2 briefing has clearly worked.

At the outset, the country was looking at a daunting, perhaps impossible challenge. A chilling briefing at the Federal Emergency Management Agency early on posited that the U.S. could be short 130,000 ventilators by April 1. The federal government had about 16,000 ventilators in its stockpile.

A couple of insights drove

the administration's effort to get its arms around the problem.

Officials realized, as one White House adviser puts it, that there was "too much guesstimating" going on. Many governors didn't know how many ventilators their states had and were acting on the normal impulse to have more than enough, just in case.

The administration created a data team. It used hospital billings to estimate how many ventilators were in each state and how many were being utilized, so it didn't have to depend on perhaps panicky, poorly informed requests from states.

Another important realization was that FEMA could do just-in-time delivery. This created a lot of flexibility. The administration could wait to see how things really played out, rather than make decisions based on projections weeks in the future.

The media portrayed it as a failure every time the administration gave a state a fraction of its request, but this was a key element of the strategy. If the administration had tried to meet New York's initial estimated need for 40,000 additional ventilators, for instance, everything would have gone out the door, and for no good reason.

Another insight was that most ventilators out in the country weren't being used,

since virus hot spots are geographically limited. That meant there was a tremendous capacity to be tapped. This led to the Dynamic Ventilator Reserve. States and hospitals with a safe margin of ventilators not in use could lend them to places that needed them, with a federal guarantee that a hospital lending a ventilator would get a replacement in 24 or 48 hours if it turned out that it needed it back. This removed the fear and the risk of giving up ventilators.

To add to the nation's overall supply, FEMA acted quickly to get so-called notifications to purchase to ventilator manufacturers so they could start work and hold their inventory, which ensured it wasn't lost to foreign countries.

Last year, according to administration figures, the country produced 30,000 ventilators. This year, it's going to produce some 200,000, and they are already coming in. "We are going to be swimming in ventilators," a White House adviser said.

By any measure, that's a success, certainly compared with where we thought we'd be less than a month ago. If the media weren't so devoted to gotcha idiocy, more people might know about it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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VA NorCal Offers Hope of Recovery to Sexual Trauma and Harassment Survivors

By Will Martin, VA NorCal Health Care System

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - VA NorCal Health Care System has been at the forefront in delivering Military Sexual Trauma (MST), sexual harassment, and domestic violence support to Veterans across Northern California. It is important Veterans know that those programs remain available even amid COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

"Our goal is nothing short of eliminating sexual harassment, sexual assault, and domestic violence, not only in our health care facilities, but across the Northern California Veteran community," said VA NorCal Director David Stockwell. "We didn't hit pause on that goal because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, we're finding ways to ensure Veterans can still access support even as they practice social distancing."

Using telhealth technology, VA NorCal is able to deliver counseling and resource support to Veterans in their homes over the phone or on their computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Domestic Violence: As many as 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men are impacted by intimate partner (domestic) violence in their lifetimes, and Veterans may be at a higher risk than the civilian population. Understanding this need, VA NorCal has joined other VA facilities in launching the Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Assistance Program. To explore services and resources, e-mail Diane.Weber@va.gov or visit <https://www.socialwork.va.gov/IPV/Index.asp>.

Military Sexual Trauma (MST): VA NorCal provides free, confidential counseling and treatment to male and female Veterans for mental and physical health conditions related to experiences of sexual assault or harassment that occurred while a Veteran was serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Call 925-372-2554 or visit <https://www.northerncalifornia.va.gov/services/mst.asp>.

For more information about VA NorCal's use of virtual health care technology in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please e-mail Will Martin, Chief of Public Affairs, at William.Martin6@va.gov. ★

Ask Toni

Will Medicare Cover Long Term Care Issues Caused By COVID-19 (Coronavirus)?



Toni King

Morning, Toni:

I read your recent article about COVID-19 and Medicare and recently my husband has contacted this terrible virus. He has been in ICU due to his delicate health issues because he is an insulin dependent diabetic with heart issues. Doctor's are suggesting that he may need 24-hour care since his lungs are failing.

I am concerned that his current health issues may wipeout our retirement, 401K, or savings if a long-term care need arises.

Can you please explain how Medicare covers a long-term care issue such as one that my husband has and what will happen if 24-hour care is needed?

~ Thanks, Paula from Sugar Land.

Paula:

Baby Boomers and retirees are concerned about a prolonged illness or chronic conditions such as COVID-19 being one of their biggest retirement expenses, if not planned properly.

One's medical needs will be covered by Medicare Part A (In-patient Hospital) and Medicare Part B (Medical) for Medicare medical needs. COVID-19 as well as other health issues such as

diabetes, heart issues, cancer, etc. which meet Medicare's medical requirements are covered. Medicare will not pay more for one health condition than Medicare will for another.

Medicare Part A covers skilled nursing and pays for a maximum of 100 days of skilled nursing care before those on Medicare must absorb the cost themselves. Because Medicare is controlling healthcare costs, most Medicare beneficiaries are receiving \$0 co-pays for days 1-20 in a skilled nursing facility and days 21-100 is a \$176 per day co-pay for 2020.

Medicare does not pay for long-term care. It is private pay or by a long-term care policy that may not pay all the long-term care expenses.

A long-term care can be very costly with the average annual cost ranges from \$60,000 to \$85,000 per year for semi-private nursing home stay to \$80,000 to \$93,000 per year for private nursing home stay.

However, depending on the level of assistance that you need, there are some inexpensive care options and ways to protect your retirement from excessive long-term care costs.

Long-Term insurance plans are based on one's health at time that the application is issued. Paula, hopefully your husband already has a policy in effect due to his health conditions. If not, then you will be using your retirement funds to pay for the care.

Below are a few options for affordable long-term

care policies or email info@tonisays.com for more information:

1) **Traditional Long-Term Care:** The younger you are when you purchase a long-term care policy, the lower the premiums can be. Seek policies before 65 and in relatively good health for lower rates.

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3) **Aid and Attendance Benefits:** There is over \$20 Billion dollars available for long-term care pension money just waiting for Veterans to apply for their Aid and Attendance benefits. You need to have a long-term care issue to qualify

4) **Medicaid:** Check to see if you can qualify for Medicaid. Many have to "spend down" to qualify.

Long-term care planning can be very complex. Seek the advice of an Elder care attorney who can help with long-term care and estate planning. **Be sure to have a power of attorney, living will and durable power of attorney in place before serious medical conditions start. **

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Less Highway Congestion is Not a License to Speed

Submitted by Jaime Coffee, California Highway Patrol

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Caltrans announced a joint effort with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to urge drivers in the state to slow down given a recent 87% increase in citations for speeding in excess of 100 mph that coincides with decreased traffic volumes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

From March 19 when the state's stay-at-home order began to April 19, the CHP reports issuing 2,493 citations statewide for speeding more than 100 mph, as compared to 1,335 during the same period last year. This increase in citations occurred as Caltrans has measured an average decline in traffic volume on state roads of approximately 35% as compared to this time last year.

"Excessive speed and unsafe driving threaten everyone using our highway system," said Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin. "Viewing less congested roads as an invitation to drive dangerously jeopardizes the safety of construction and maintenance crews who are working to maintain reliable access to our highways when people need it most."

"It is alarming to see the number of citations officers are writing for excessive speeds on California roadways," said CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley. "Higher speeds can lead to much more serious injuries and significantly increase the chance of death should a crash occur. Keep yourself and those on the road around you safe."

Slow down and drive at a safe, legal speed."

California's "Move Over" law continues to be in effect and requires all drivers to move over a lane or, if unable to do so safely, slow down when they see amber flashing lights on Caltrans vehicles, law enforcement and emergency vehicles, and tow trucks.

"Fewer cars on the road doesn't give drivers the green light to travel over the speed limit," OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. "Driving at a safe speed when you must go out is one way to keep you and your family safe during this pandemic."

California's more than 700 electronic highway signs will also soon display the following types of safety-related messages:

IF YOU MUST TRAVEL DO NOT SPEED

During the COVID-19 emergency, Caltrans continues to provide the general public with a safe and reliable transportation system. The department is maintaining all critical functions during this crisis, including ensuring roadway access to medical facilities and the convenient transport of essential goods and services throughout the state. Some non-essential work has been deferred to limit spread of the COVID-19 virus, but maintenance and construction crews are still addressing hazards, safety concerns and other critical functions on the highways.

Please slow down and Be Work Zone Alert.

For more information about COVID-19 <https://covid19.ca.gov/> ★

106,000 Clean Energy Jobs Lost in March Alone Due to the Economic Crisis

By Alex Frank, The Hastings Group

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - More than 106,000 clean energy workers lost their jobs in the month of March, and hundreds of thousands more clean energy job losses are projected in the coming months. That's according to a new analysis of unemployment data released by E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs), the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE), E4TheFuture and BW Research Partnership.

The analysis of Department of Labor data found that 106,472 workers in clean energy occupations filed for unemployment benefits last month, wiping out all 2019 clean energy job gains across renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean vehicles, energy storage and clean fuels. These include electricians, HVAC and mechanical trades technicians and construction workers who work in energy efficiency; solar installers; wind industry engineers and technicians; and manufacturing workers employed by electric and other clean-vehicle manufacturing companies and suppliers.

Clean energy has been one of the U.S. economy's biggest and fastest-growing employment sectors over the past decade, growing 10.4 percent since 2015. According to a separate report released by E2, U.S. clean energy jobs increased to nearly 3.4 million at the end of 2019. Clean Jobs America 2020 found the industry accounted for more than half of the entire energy sector's job growth in 2019, adding more than 70,000 jobs for a 2.2 percent growth rate – a faster pace than the U.S. workforce as a whole. At the

start of 2020, America's clean energy workforce accounted for more than one out of every 50 U.S. workers. That made clean energy by far the biggest employer of workers in energy occupations, employing nearly three times more workers than the fossil fuel industry.

But all that growth came to a screeching halt in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout. The March layoffs are just the first indication of how badly the clean energy industry will be hit by the crisis, with the analysis projecting that more than 500,000 clean energy workers – 15 percent of the entire clean energy workforce – will lose their jobs in the months ahead, unless Congress and the Trump administration take quick and substantive action.

A loss of that magnitude would erase the clean energy industry's total job growth over the last five years.

According to the unemployment data analysis, energy efficiency lost more jobs than any other sector of the clean energy industry in March, with nearly 70,000 people losing their jobs. The losses in the energy efficiency sector accounted for about two-thirds of all clean energy unemployment filings – as electricians, plumbers, construction workers, energy auditors and others were unable to enter homes, offices and other buildings because of coronavirus quarantines.

Renewable energy lost more than 16,000 lost jobs, and filings are expected to increase substantially in the coming weeks as solar and wind energy companies struggle with sudden and massive financing issues that are resulting in canceled and delayed projects.

The clean vehicle sector was also severely impacted, losing 12,000 jobs in factories that manufacture electric and hybrid vehicles and the parts that go in them. This represents the largest percentage job loss – 4.5 percent – of any clean energy sector. This does not include the 20,000 workers that Tesla Inc. furloughed, or other losses posted after this March data was collected.

The total clean energy jobs lost based on unemployment claims in the U.S. were 106,472 with a 3.1 percent decline, and the total clean energy jobs lost in California were 19,949 with 3.6 percent decline.

The widespread layoffs in clean energy risk derailing an industry that was leading the country in job creation. At the start of 2020, clean energy employment increased for the fifth straight year, growing to nearly 3.4 million workers nationwide. Renewable energy led the way, increasing 3.2 percent to about 523,000 jobs.

Energy efficiency continues to be the single largest section of the clean energy economy, employing 2.4 million Americans at the end of 2019, up 2.3 percent from 2018 despite federal rollbacks and delays of energy efficiency standards.

The clean vehicle sector was the only clean energy sector that saw job declines in 2019, dropping 2.3 percent to more than 266,000 jobs, in part because of industry uncertainty about rollbacks of federal vehicle emissions and mileage standards, which were recently finalized. The sector's job losses come after a record-setting year in 2018 that saw the clean vehicle industry grow 17 percent and add more than 40,000 jobs. ★



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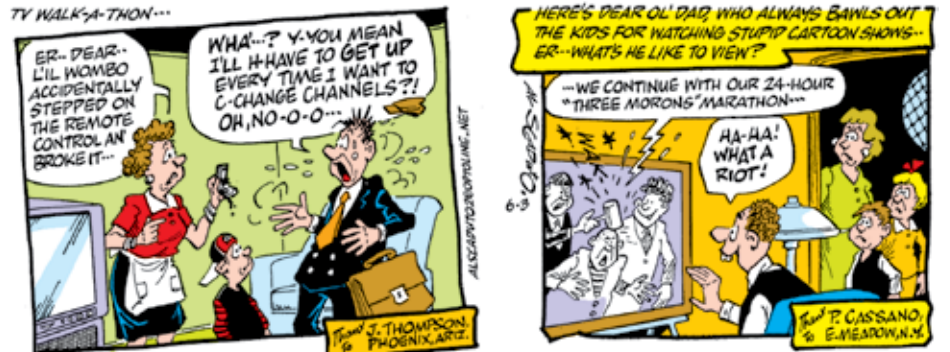
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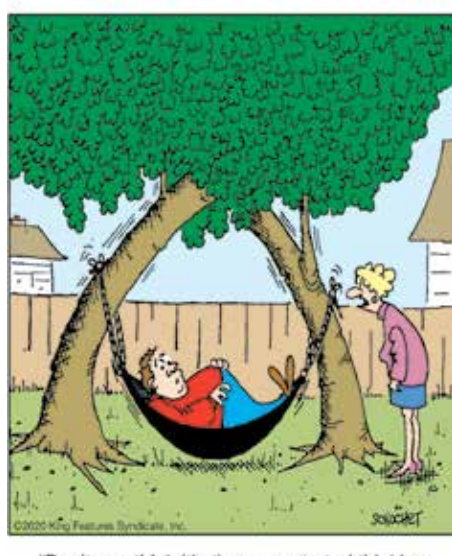
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1. "Ali Baba and the Forty _____" sing.
6. Eureka!
9. Schools of thought
13. Sound of artillery
14. Car nut
15. Without illumination
16. Nosey one
17. Kind of trip?
18. Lasso loop
19. "Little Women's" mom
21. "Tracee Ellis Ross on TV
23. _____'s shanter
24. Quitter's word
25. Like a fiddle?
28. Like Charles Dickens' Tim
30. Quarantine state
35. *Egyptian goddess of fertility
37. Insane, in Spain
39. Mother or daughter, in Italy
40. *Biblical Rebecca's son
41. Online reviews
43. Research facil.
44. Fisherman's decoys
46. Daytime entertainment
47. Furniture wood
48. End of the road, pl.
50. Blatant promotion
52. Swedish shag rug
53. Yours and mine
55. Little squirt
57. *Mother's mom
61. *She fought for Mother's Day, then against it
64. In advance
65. *Bambi's mom
67. Fancy tie
69. Less than fernier
70. I have
71. "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host
72. Fairies
73. Galley equipment
74. Feed the fire

DOWN

1. Kitchen meas.
2. Stay out of its way!
3. Pelvic parts
4. Tennis great Chris _____
5. Particular arrangement
6. Away from wind
7. *Mother's favorite gift?
8. Ancient marketplace
9. Part of a scheme
10. No neatnik
11. Sushi restaurant soup
12. One-pot meal
15. Like the States
20. *One of the Gilmore girls
22. Hill dweller
24. One-eyed giants
25. *She played Forrest Gump's mother
26. May edition, e.g.
27. *Worn atop the Queen Mother
29. Denials
31. Nike's "Just _____"
32. Private
33. "Take it back!"
34. *Mother in Kraków
36. Lard cousin
38. October birthstone
42. Plural of sputum
45. Rundown
49. Bottom line
51. Kind of ungulate, pl.
54. Where you'll find AM
56. Living room centerpiece?
57. Gamecock's spur
58. *Greek goddess of fertility
59. Bald eagle's nest
60. *Mums' mums
61. Opposite of cheer
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63. Puppet precursor, possibly
66. *Female gametes
68. Café alternative

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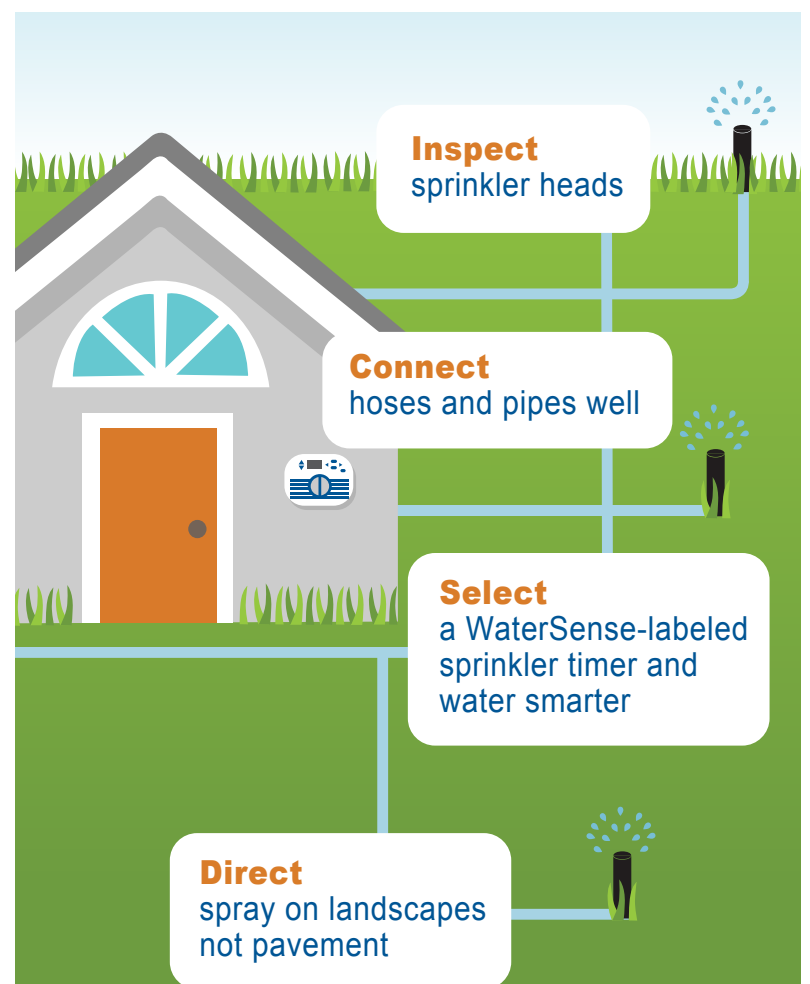
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Birthday Girl Celebrates Her 82nd on the Portico



Joanne Glaser celebrates her 82nd birthday with family. She is a Respite Resident of Aegis Living of Carmichael. Photo by Paul Scholl

By **Steffany Jamison, Aegis of Carmichael**

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Joanne Glaser became a Respite Resident of Aegis Living Carmichael in October of 2019, as her health challenges made it too difficult for her to remain home; to our delight, she transitioned to Permanent Residency by the end of the month. Most importantly, while Joanne was weak when she arrived at Aegis, she began to thrive, soon after; thus, instead of mostly staying in her apartment, she was able to engage in the many Life's Enrichment options, scheduled throughout the day in the community. Joanne endeared herself to the other residents & staff by always being kind & offering to help others.

Joanne was married fifty years to her husband George, who passed away a few years ago. She is blessed to have six children, eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren and a family who

is very attentive & loving to her, as deserved.

Joanne was a stunt double in a movie for Angela Lansbury jumping on a train! Later she was an accountant for the

We are celebrating Joanne's 82nd birthday at Aegis in a unique way, as the community is currently on lockdown, due to COVID-19. Thus, we will be serving dinner to



Family members of Joanne Glaser came to celebrate her birthday out front at the Aegis Living of Carmichael portico. From left to right: Austin Wehner, Lewis Wehner, Sarah Glaser, Amy Glaser, Jacob Glaser, daughter Shelly Wehner and son Mike Glaser. Photo by Paul Scholl

San Juan Unified School District. She is a very religious woman, thus, enjoying her church, bible classes and currently, the St. Matthews Lutheran Sunday Services, shared with her via FaceTime by her daughter Shelly.

Joanne, inside the front entrance of the community, with her daughter Shelly and brother Mike at a table twenty feet away under the outside portico. Hopefully, she will enjoy the festivities and have fond memories of them. ★

Water District Taps Cathy Lee for CEO

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excited by the District's new projects and its partnering with other water agencies to strengthen our supply reliability."

Taking reins during the COVID-19 crisis challenges any new executive. "Our first priority is to look after our people," she notes. "But a new job's harder when you can't interact as closely as you'd like. Teleconferencing with someone you've never met is not like sitting down and talking things over. But the current situation's at least given me time to study internal reports and get a clear understanding of our operation."

Lee grew up in Southern California and studied at UC Riverside. An intern

job at a waste water plant piqued her career interest. "I came to understand difficulties facing the industry," she explains. "California's economy depends on water; it's something equally critical to the whole world." Concentrating on water and waste water treatment she gained a Master's in environmental engineering and joined the State of California's Drinking Water Program.

"My job there as a sanitary engineer taught me why regulations are established." She says. "When I pour my kids a glass of water, I feel safe knowing they won't get sick from having it right out of the tap. That's something fundamental to our quality of life."

Lee later managed

Woodland City's water and waste water systems and did similar work in Roseville. Now commuting three miles a day, she's happily spending more time with a family that includes a dog and a bunny called Hoppy. Professional values are being passed on: "My sons are mindful every time they turn on a faucet," she says. "I've taught them not to waste water. It's a precious resource to be thankful for. Because of the CWD's ability to take it directly from the American River, we have the best water in Sacramento region. I teach my sons our river is the community's greatest asset - it's a jewel beyond price."

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New Measure for Transferring Property Tax Base Eligible for California's November Ballot

Secretary of State Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced that an initiative became eligible for the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot yesterday.

In order to become eligible for the ballot, the initiative needed 997,139 valid petition signatures, which is equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2018 General Election.

A measure can become eligible via random sampling of petition signatures if the sampling projects that the number of valid signatures is greater than 110 percent of the required number. The initiative needed at least 1,096,853 projected valid signatures to become eligible by random sampling, and it exceeded that threshold yesterday.

On June 25, 2020, the Secretary of State will certify the initiative as qualified for the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot, unless it is withdrawn by the proponents prior to certification pursuant to Elections Code section 9604(b).

The Attorney General's official title and summary of the measure is as follows:

CHANGES REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFERRING PROPERTY TAX BASE TO REPLACEMENT PROPERTY. EXPANDS BUSINESS PROPERTY REASSESSMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Removes the following requirements to transfer property tax base to replacement

residence for homeowners over 55 or severely disabled: that replacement property be of equal or lesser value; that replacement property be in eligible county; and that transfer occur only once. Allows three such transfers. Removes location and replacement-value requirements for transfers of contaminated or disaster-destroyed property. Adjusts replacement property's tax base, based on market value. Limits tax benefits for certain transfers between family members. Expands circumstances requiring business property reassessment. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Local governments could gain tens of millions of dollars of property tax revenue per year, likely growing over time to a few hundred million dollars per year. Schools could receive similar property tax revenue gains. Other local and state revenues each could increase by tens of millions of dollars per year. County property tax administration costs likely would increase by tens of millions of dollars per year. (19-0003.)

The proponent of the measure, Alexander Creel, can be reached c/o Kurt Oneto of Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Gross & Leoni, LLP at (916) 446-6752. The address for Nielsen et al., LLP is 1415 L Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CAMERON RICHARD TURNER, AKA CAMERON R. TURNER CASE No. 34-2020-00277689
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Cameron Richard Turner, aka Cameron R. Turner, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Richard B. Turner, Kathleen T. Turner, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Richard B. Turner, Kathleen T. Turner, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 14, 2020 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of

Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may

want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner is: Richard B. Turner and Kathleen T. Turner 545 W Shasta Avenue Chico, CA 95973 530-521-2128, 530-354-6118 Publish: April 24, May 1, and 8, 2020
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 (Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, subd. (a)(2))
FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSIDER PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING DRAFT ELECTION DISTRICT MAP(S) AND THE PROPOSED SEQUENCE OF ELECTIONS (IF APPLICABLE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District ("District") intends to hold a public hearing, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subd. (a)(2), at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of a draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of election, if applicable, for by-district elections (the "Proposed Action"). The time for the public hearing is: **May 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

The draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections, if applicable, for by-district elections are available on the District's website at the following internet address: <https://www.fcusd.org/domain/5606>. The draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections, if applicable, for by-district elections were published on the District's website at the foregoing address on or before April 30, 2020 and have and will remain available at that address at all times through the date and time of hearing.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 29-20, the public may participate in the meeting and provide public comment via Zoom video conference. The link to the meeting will be provided 15 minutes prior the start of the meeting on the District's website at: <https://www.fcusd.org/domain/5608>. Public comment may also be made on a "Google Document" through the link provided on the District's website at: <https://www.fcusd.org/domain/5608>.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 29-20, persons who require reasonable accommodation or modification to observe and/or offer public comment are directed to contact Kelly Goldsmith, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at 916-294-9001 or KGoldsmith@fcusd.org.

Testimony of all interested persons or of against the Proposed Action will be heard through the public comment session set forth above. Protests may be made in writing. Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularities and defects to which the objection is made. All written protests shall be filed with the District on or before the time set for the hearing. The District may waive any irregularities in the form or content of any written notice and at the hearing may correct minor defects in the proceedings. Written protests may be withdrawn, in writing, at any time before the conclusion of the hearing.

DATED: April 30, 2020

 Dr. Sarah Koligian, Superintendent
 Folsom Cordova Unified School District
 Grapevine Independent 5-1-2020

SacRT Purchases New Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicles

By Jessica Gonzalez, SacRT

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) announced a major replacement of their aging light rail fleet by issuing a notice to proceed on the purchase of 20 low-floor light rail vehicles from local manufacturer, Siemens Mobility, Inc. This is the first time in 20 years that SacRT has purchased new light rail vehicles.

"We are committed to providing innovative mobility solutions in our region and these new low-floor light rail vehicles are one step forward," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "The purchase of these new vehicles is long overdue and will begin the transition to a modern, low-floor fleet."

The purchase of the new vehicles is part of SacRT's overall light rail modernization plan, which also includes converting light rail stations to accommodate the new low-floor design and adding a passing track at two locations to provide 15-minute frequency to Folsom stations.

SacRT was awarded \$150 million in funding from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capitol Program and Proposition 1A to modernize the light rail fleet, including the purchase of the 20 low-floor light rail trains, which will provide better accessibility for passengers with disabilities, bicycles and strollers. In addition, it will save SacRT money in high maintenance and repair costs that are associated with keeping light rail cars in service past their 30-year useful life.

The 20 new trains will be manufactured by Siemens Mobility, Inc. at their Sacramento factory and the first vehicles are expected to be delivered in 2022. The contract, including the 20 trains, spare parts and tools is approximately \$100 million.



S700 interiors feature many safety innovations, including low-level boarding doorways for improved accessibility. Photo: SacRT

The remaining funding will be used for the modernization of the stations and supporting infrastructure.

"The award of this contract is a win-win for Sacramento. Not only will SacRT receive much needed replacement light rail vehicles to modernize and improve the reliability of their fleet to serve the entire Sacramento region, but this contract will also support hundreds of high-skilled manufacturing jobs at Siemens Mobility here in Sacramento," said Congresswoman Doris Matsui. "Given the state of this current crisis, this deal comes at a critical time for the recovery of our economy."

"I'm excited about the addition of 20 low-floor light vehicles to SacRT's fleet," said Congressman Ami Bera, M.D. "These modern cars will allow increased capacity for passengers with disabilities and will better-serve the greater

Sacramento region for years to come."

"This SacRT purchase using Proposition 1A money for new low-floor Light Rail vehicles will upgrade and modernize our regional public transit system in the Sacramento region," said Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento). "This step forward will ensure our public transit system better serves Sacramentans by offering more frequent and accessible services to its riders."

The SacRT Board of Directors voted to proceed with the contract, which includes the option to purchase up to 76 light rail vehicles. SacRT continues to pursue all funding sources with the plan of exercising the option for all 76 light rail vehicles.

"These new light rail cars from the Siemens here plant in Sacramento are a huge leap forward for Regional Transit to improve accessibility and comfort

for our riders from the disabled community, seniors, bicyclists and families with strollers," said SacRT Board Chair and Sacramento City Councilmember Steve Hansen. "As a growing region, the new modern low-floor cars will also help reduce traffic congestion and inspire new riders to get onboard."

"This announcement is a win for Sacramento transit riders, our transit advocates including those in our disabled community, our neighbors employed at the Siemens manufacturing facility, and the environment," said Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg. "Our region needs good news amidst this COVID-19 crisis; this investment by SacRT in modernized infrastructure to serve our economy and meet our carbon neutral goals is most welcome. I look forward to riding on the inaugural trip of our Sacramento-made train fleet in 2022!"

"The Sacramento region is home to nearly 1.4 million residents and our public transit infrastructure is essential to our growth as well as lowering our carbon footprint," said Assemblymember Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove). "These 20 new low-floor trains along with the new Blue Line light rail extension to Meadowview is exactly what our area needs to modernize our light rail system and propel us into future."

"For all of our employees at our Rail Car factory in Sacramento, it means a lot to be able to provide Siemens vehicles for SacRT's network and we are most grateful for the opportunity," said Michael Cahill, president of Siemens Mobility Rolling Stock, North America. "Our manufacturing facility on French Road in South Sacramento has been operating for more than 30 years, and it is great to be able to showcase our Made-in-Sacramento technology for the community that has supported us through our continuous growth and expansion."

The S700 light rail trains are the latest generation of light rail vehicles from Siemens Mobility and feature low-level boarding at every doorway, spacious seating design, and larger windows for better light and a better view. The vehicles feature improved ADA-accessibility with wider aisles to easily traverse into and around the car as well as built-in storage for luggage and bicycles. The electric powered vehicles are also emissions-free. The new light rail vehicles will operate in conjunction with SacRT's current fleet for a few years, as SacRT works on obtaining additional funding to replace all 97 light rail vehicles. This is the first order of new light rail vehicles since early 2000, in preparation of the first Blue Line light rail extension to Meadowview. ★

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