

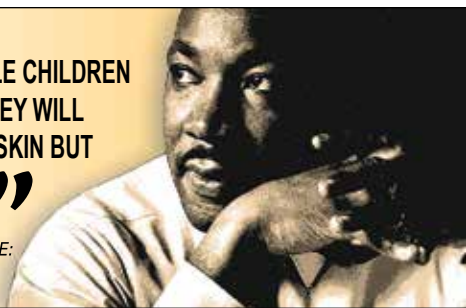


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## Storms Provided Big Totals



Despite heavy rain and snow, relief from drought conditions still depends on coming months. Photo courtesy of needpix.Com

### DWR Special Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the first snow survey of the season on January 3 at Phillips Station. The manual survey recorded 55.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 17.5 inches, which is 177 percent of average for this location. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of DWR's water supply forecast. Statewide the snowpack is 174 percent of average for this date.

California is expected to see continued rain and snow over the next seven days, with the threat of flooding in parts of California. Conditions so far this season have proven to be strikingly similar to last year when California saw some early rainstorms and strong December snow totals only to have the driest January

through March on record.

"The significant Sierra snowpack is good news but unfortunately these same storms are bringing flooding to parts of California," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "This is a prime example of the threat of extreme flooding during a prolonged drought as California experiences more swings between wet and dry periods brought on by our changing climate."

One year ago, the Phillips survey showed the seventh highest January measurements on record for that location. However, those results were followed by three months of extremely dry conditions and by April 1 of last year, the Phillips survey measurements were the third lowest on record.

More telling than a survey at a single location are DWR's electronic readings from 130 stations placed throughout the state. Measurements indicate that statewide, the

snowpack's snow water equivalent is 17.1 inches, or 174 percent of average for this date. This January's results are similar to results in 2013 and 2022 when the January 1 snowpack was at or above average conditions, only for dry weather to set in and lead to drought conditions by the end of the water year (September 30). In 2013, the first snow survey of the season also provided promising results after a wet December similar to today's results. However, the following January and February were exceptionally dry, and the water year ended as the driest on record, contributing to a record-breaking drought. In 2022, record-breaking December snowfall was again followed by the driest January through March period on record.

"Big snow totals are always welcome, but we still have a long way to go before the critical April 1

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## Update on Outreach and Sheltering of Unhoused

Sac County  
News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County opened a second location to shelter unhoused individuals coming off the American River Parkway due to flooding and park closures. The Howe Park Community Center (2201 Cottage Way) opened Wednesday, January 4, and currently has three individuals one dog sheltering there. This location has cots, blankets, water and snacks for guests, as well as crates for pets. Persons coming off the Parkway are being provided rides through transportation contracts managed by our non-profit partners.

In addition to an evacuation center, Howe is welcoming unhoused individuals in search of weather respite from the City of Sacramento. Regional Transit is providing direct service to the Howe Park Community Center for persons coming from downtown Sacramento and providing transport back to downtown when they are ready to leave.

Howe Park Community Center has capacity for up to 50 people, as well as pets. The duration these locations are open will be evaluated based on weather conditions.

Howe Park has been added to a list of other respite locations opened by the County and the City for unhoused that are either being evacuated off the Parkway, or in search of weather respite.

Additional locations will be opened as needed.

The County of Sacramento activated its motel voucher weather respite program ahead of the original storm on New Year's Eve and is currently sheltering more than 200 people.

In addition, the County increased capacity at its North A Shelter (Dec. 31) an additional 55 beds, which have been filled, but will welcome new guests as beds are vacated. Both these locations accommodate pets.

The City of Sacramento activated weather-respite operations at both its Outreach and Engagement Center and the North Fifth Street Shelter lobby on Wednesday through at least Saturday morning.

The Outreach and Engagement Center (3615 Auburn Blvd.) opened as a 24-hour weather respite center at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Walk-ups are accepted, and the space can accommodate 50 people, with families and pets welcome.

The North Fifth shelter  
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## Flooding Continues

By Julie Cart  
and Alastair Bland,  
CALMatters.org

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA** - Raising questions about whether California's elaborate system of flood protections will hold, another dangerous storm is barreling toward the Sacramento Valley, where rains already punched through some levees and floods killed at least one person.

Last weekend's storms have already tested the flood-prevention infrastructure across the region, which sits at the confluence of two major rivers and bears the brunt of heavy rains. "It's a bathtub, basically," said Beth Salyers, deputy district engineer for the federal Army Corps of Engineers in Sacramento.

An estimated 1.3 million people and \$223 billion worth of property in the Central Valley are protected by the state-federal



The state has established emergency shelters in Sacramento County and has stockpiled 3.7 million sandbags. Photo courtesy of DWR

systems of levees, dams and other structures.

California spends \$48 million annually for operating flood protections but needs much more — "\$3.2 billion over the next five years of implementation," according to the state's Central Valley Flood

Protection Plan, a document produced in 2012 and updated last month. Of that, the state's responsibility ranges from \$1.8 billion to \$2.8 billion.

An estimated \$25 to \$30 billion in funding over 30 years could help the state "avoid the astronomical

cost of catastrophic flooding in the Central Valley estimated to be as high as \$1 trillion, in addition to an incalculable toll on lives and public well-being," the plan says.

So far, this winter's storms have been severe  
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# SMUD Crews Respond to Storm Outages

**SMUD Special Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

- The Sacramento region was hit by heavy rains and 70-mph winds by the latest storm that ripped through Northern California overnight. Storm damage knocked out power to more than 345,000 SMUD customers at its height around 2 AM. As of 3:45 PM, approximately 60,000 customers remain without power.

The most recent storm was the worst storm in more than 30 years, eclipsing last week’s New Year’s Eve storm. So far, SMUD has identified more than 80 downed power poles and dozens of downed trees impacting utility equipment. These numbers will grow significantly as assessments are completed.

SMUD line crews, trouble-shooters and other field personnel will work 24/7 to restore power to customers if it’s safe to work. Crews made steady progress throughout the day Sunday to assess damage, make repairs and restore power. Thanks to partnerships with other local utilities and contract crews, SMUD has nearly doubled the typical number of crews in the field working to restore power from 16 to 30. Additional mutual aid crews are incoming, which will bring total crew count to approximately 40 on Monday.

Due to extensive damage, many customers will experience lengthy outages that last overnight, and many will last well into the coming week. SMUD is contacting customers we expect to be out of power overnight directly so they can make arrangements.

When storms knock out power, SMUD works around-the-clock to restore electric service as safely and as quickly as possible, but restoration efforts can be slowed when winds are too high for crews to safely work, or access is limited or not

possible due to floods.

**SMUD prioritizes where crews will be sent during a storm:** Public safety hazards (power lines down, poles down); Hospitals and critical flood control pumps; Areas with large numbers of customers out of power; Scattered, smaller outages.

Safety is a top priority and SMUD is providing tips for customers to stay safe.

**If the power goes out;** Check to see if the lights are out in neighboring homes — if so, it’s likely a larger outage; Report the outage at [smud.org/outages](http://smud.org/outages).

If you are the only one without power, visit [smud.org/storms](http://smud.org/storms) for instructions on safely checking/resetting your main breaker.

**If stormy weather knocks down a power line;** Stay away and call SMUD at 1-888-456-SMUD (7683) or 911 immediately; Assume the line is “energized” and stay away and warn others to do the same; Do not remove fallen tree limbs or other debris from power lines. Tree limbs and other objects can conduct electricity that can shock anyone coming in contact with them.

SMUD urges people to check on family, friends and neighbors who may experience outages. For those experiencing prolonged outages, SMUD is working with its customers on an individual basis to provide for specific needs during the storms. In case of extended outages or for those with medical needs, SMUD urges customers to have a back-up plan for accommodations if needed.


While homes can get cold without power, SMUD warns customers **not** to heat homes with propane heaters, grills, hibachis or BBQs. They produce carbon monoxide, a clear, odorless gas that can be fatal to humans and animals. ★



SMUD crews were out in full force to repair damage caused by the high winds. Photo courtesy SMUD.



Downed power lines were found throughout Sacramento County during the latest storms. Photo courtesy SMUD.



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Sisters Working for Christ, Inc.  
Announces News of New Store

By Sandie McGouran

**RIO LINDA, CA (MPG)** - January 7, 2023 was the Grand Opening of the second Free Store for our company. This one is called God's Little Lambs Free Store. It is for babies from 1 - 2 years old.

We opened at 9 AM and had people waiting in line at 8:30 when I got there. I kept the group entertained with my story about why you become a mom, and asked each mom and grandmother their names and how many blessings they each had.

At 9 AM we held hands and prayed and opened the store. It was amazing seeing moms, dads, grandmothers and grandfathers shopping for needs of their blessings. Some came in carrying donations. Others came back later with donations.

We served chocolate chip cookies and hot chocolate and had two raffles going. The atmosphere was happy. I had the pleasure of holding and playing with the babies. We had a pram, strollers, bassinets, play pens, and fancy walkers and other pieces of baby stuff. The tables were laid out by size, diapers, formula and baby food was in abundance. We were open until one and they just kept coming. By the end of the day we had over 200 parents and grandparents and lots of sweet blessings.

One of the churches that I go to Bible study brought over a donation. Pastor Deonte of New Beginnings church where we have the new free store and his wife were working hard right along with the rest of us.

Some of my volunteers from Sisters in Christ Free store were there to help too. Our Pastor Peter and his wife Diana came to view the miracle that happened that day.

The other miracle was it was supposed to rain, yes we have a few showers lately, but God waited until the store closed.

Our next store will be opening on January 18th in Del Paso Heights, and it will be called Mt. Calvary's Angels Free Store. This store will cater to Men and Women only.

We are about to receive a \$800 donation from my clinical trials doctor this month. We are so blessed with all of you who have donated either monetarily, with your volunteering at the Free Store, being on the board, running our ads, going into the homeless camp sites or just your prayers. We could not serve the Lord if it wasn't for all of you.

We are also hoping to open two more stores in the next five months, one downtown Sacramento where the homeless population is great and one in South Sacramento also. We are growing with the Love of the Lord.

Here's hoping your new year is as sweet as ours has started.

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total,” said DWR’s Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager Sean de Guzman. “It’s always great to be above average this early in the season, but we must be resilient and remember what happened last year. If January through March of 2023 turn out to be similar to last year, we would still end the water year in severe drought with only half of an average year's snowpack.”

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California’s water needs and is an important factor in determining how DWR manages the state’s water resources. Its natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California's “frozen reservoir.” A below-average snowpack impacts water users across the state, putting further stress on the environment and critical groundwater supplies.

Due to these increasing swings from dramatically wet to dry conditions, Governor Newsom’s recently released “California’s Water Supply Strategy, Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future” calls for investing in new projects and technologies that will modernize how the state manages water. In alignment with the Administration’s strategy, the recently adopted 2022 Update to the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan identifies actions needed to adapt much of California’s flood infrastructure to a rapidly changing climate. Current climate research indicates the state will see bigger swings from extreme heat and dry conditions to larger and more powerful storms that deliver temporary large boosts to the state snowpack as well as flood risk.

DWR encourages Californians to visit [SaveOurWater.com](http://SaveOurWater.com) for water saving tips and information, and to continue to conserve California's most precious resource, rain or shine.

DWR conducts five media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, May. The next survey is tentatively scheduled for February 1.

\$200K in PG&E Scholarships Available; Deadline is Feb. 24

PG&E News Release

**OAKLAND, CA (MPG)** - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) announced that scholarship applications are now being accepted for college-bound high schoolers as well as current college and continuing education students with a primary residence in Northern and Central California.

More than 150 awards totaling more than \$200,000 are being made available through scholarships created by PG&E’s 11 employee resource groups (ERG) and two engineering network groups (ENG). These groups support and advance diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging within PG&E and the hometowns it serves.

These scholarships are awarded annually to help offset the cost of higher education. ERG and ENG scholarship winners will receive awards ranging from \$500 to \$6,000 for exemplary scholastic achievement and community leadership.

PG&E ERG and ENG scholarship information, including criteria and applications, is available on PG&E’s website. To be considered for a scholarship, all applications must be submitted by Feb. 24, 2023.

“Many recipients of our ERG and ENG scholarships are the first in their families to attend college. These awards help develop our future leaders and breakthrough thinkers and are part of how we’re living our purpose at PG&E—delivering for our hometowns, serving our planet, and leading with love,” said Marie Waugh, PG&E Vice President, Chief Talent, Culture and Inclusion Officer.

“I do not have enough words to express my gratitude for the award, especially as a first-generation college student. I’m excited to see where my future education and experiences will take me. I couldn’t be more thankful for your kindness in supporting my future,” said Alexis Renihan, a 2022 Women’s Network ERG scholarship recipient, who’s majoring in dietetics at Point Loma Nazarene University.


Since 1989, PG&E’s ERGs and ENG have awarded more than \$5 million in scholarships to thousands of recipients. The funds are raised totally through employee donations, employee fundraising events and Campaign for the Community, the company’s employee giving program.

More than 10,000 PG&E coworkers belong to ERGs and ENG. Each group helps further the company’s commitment to serving its hometowns and growing coworker engagement.

PG&E’s ERG and ENG scholarships are available through these 13 groups:

Access Network (individuals with disabilities), Asian, Black, Latino, Legacy (tenured coworkers), MEENA (Middle East, Europe, and North Africa), National Society of Black Engineers (STEM career coworkers), NuEnergy (newer coworkers), PrideNetwork (LGBTQ+ coworkers), Samahan (Filipino), Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers (STEM career coworkers), Veterans, Women’s Network.

In addition to the PG&E scholarships, the Pacific Service Employees Association (PSEA), a nonprofit mutual benefit organization serving PG&E coworkers and retirees, also provides scholarships for dependents of company coworkers.

**MEMORIAL**


**WILLIAM LOCKLING • 5/29/1925 – 11/10/2022**

William (Bill) Lockling was born on May 29, 1925, in Mondamin, IA. He passed away on November 10, 2022, in Roseville, CA.

Bill, a WWII veteran, married Carlene on Dec. 5, 1953; they would have just celebrated 69 years together. They moved to Rio Linda, CA, in 1956, where Bill was owner & operator of Rio Linda Electronics TV shop for 30 years. For 15 of those years, he and Carlene delivered the Sacramento Union newspapers on their bicycles, retiring in 1990. Later, they worked part-time for Brashers Auto Auction for 15 years. Bill also coached Little League baseball for his son's teams.

He is survived by his wife, Carlene; daughter, Lorelle; sons David (Diana), Brent, Roger (Lea) and Timothy (Gay); brother, Gene; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Bill was laid to rest on Nov. 23, 2022, at Sunset Lawn in Sacramento. A memorial will be held on Jan. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Cottage Way Christian Church (2117 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA).



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# Defendant Sentenced for Shooting Murder

*Sac County DA News Release*

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Honorable Curtis Fiorini sentenced Lorenzo McCoy to 25 years to life in prison.

On March 30, 2022, a jury convicted McCoy of the second-degree murder of Onaje Lynch. The jury also found true a personal use of a firearm allegation.

On December 7, 2020, McCoy and

the victim got into an argument behind the Wienerschnitzel in Del Paso Heights. McCoy approached the victim and put a loaded, cocked pistol to his chest. A struggle ensued and the gun fired, hitting and killing the victim. At the time of the murder, McCoy was on probation from a 2019 felony assault and was prohibited from possessing a firearm. The firearm used in the murder was never recovered. ★

# Repeat DV Offender Convicted of DV, Assault, Battery w/Serious Injury

*Sac County DA News Release*

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Eduardo Godinez was convicted by a jury of domestic violence, assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury and battery with serious bodily injury.

The jury also found true great bodily injury enhancements and the aggravating factor that Godinez engaged in violent conduct that indicates a serious danger to society. It was also found true that Godinez has a prior 2019 felony domestic violence conviction.

Godinez and the victim began dating in February 2020. The victim reported that Godinez started physically abusing her

in the summer of 2021, but she did not report the past abuse. On February 14, 2022, Godinez became angry with the victim and repeatedly called her names and accused her of cheating.

Godinez then forcefully hit the victim in the back, causing her extreme pain. The victim went home without seeking medical attention. The next day, the victim became dizzy and passed out. She was taken to the hospital where it was discovered that one of her ribs was fractured, her spleen was lacerated and she had internal bleeding caused by the blow to her back. The victim remained in the hospital for several days.

Godinez faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. ★

# Defendant Sentenced for 41 Counts of Child Molest

*Sac County DA News Release*

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Honorable Steve White sentenced Michael Leonard to 775 years to life in prison.

On March 3, 2022, a jury convicted Leonard of 41 counts of various child molestation and exploitation charges involving 12 victims. The jury also found true a multiple victim enhancement.

For nearly 16 years, Michael Leonard lured children into his home where he molested and exploited them. He met many of the victims at different children's events and venues he would frequent. Several of the victims were between the ages of 8 and 13 years old.

Leonard also communicated with minors for illegal purposes, spoke

inappropriately to children about sex and attempted to conduct an inappropriate video filming of a child. A citizen contacted law enforcement about a video Leonard wanted to make, which ultimately led to his arrest. This case involved multiple investigating agencies.

Nearly a dozen victims provided victim impact statements to the Court or attended the sentencing. Many of the victims have been haunted by his actions. Some indicated today's sentence will provide some closure.

Leonard's criminal history involving allegations of inappropriate conduct with minors goes back to the late 1990's, including two prior convictions for felony and misdemeanor annoy or molest of a child. ★

# Defendant Sentenced for Fatal Stabbing in Carmichael

*Sac County DA News Release*

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Honorable Stephen Acquisto sentenced Stephen Jackson to 26 years to life in prison.

A jury convicted Jackson of the first-degree murder of Jaitu Keys. The jury also found true the allegation that Jackson personally used a knife in the commission of the murder.

On November 9, 2019, Jackson and a friend went to a high school football game

together. After the game, Jackson asked the friend to come inside his house but she declined. He then hid a device with GPS tracking in the trunk of her car. The friend left and went to meet the victim in Carmichael.

The victim joined the friend in her car and sat in the front passenger seat to talk. Jackson approached the car, smashed the front passenger window and stabbed the victim four times, including once in the heart. The friend drove the victim to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased. ★

# Defendants Sentenced for Abusing 2-Year-Old Boy

*Sac County DA News Release*

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Honorable Shelleyanne Chang sentenced Yanik Kryshstal to 12 years and 8 months in prison on May, 20, 2022.

Laura Freitas was sentenced to 180 days county jail and 4 years formal probation. On April 8, 2022, Kryshstal pled to three counts of felony child abuse and admitted to personally inflicting great bodily injury. Freitas pled to one count of felony child abuse.

On June 13, 2020, a 2-year-old boy was taken to the hospital with numerous bruises all over his body. A CT scan confirmed he suffered blunt force trauma and had fluid around his pancreas, healed linear scars, burns on his leg, injuries inside his mouth, skin abrasions and burns on his hands. Child abuse doctors opined the injuries were not accidental. Witnesses confirmed Kryshstal hit and kicked the victim, sometimes using a belt or dog leash.

Kryshstal also locked the

victim in dog crates as a form of discipline, and on at least one occasion had the victim sleep outside in a dog crate overnight. Kryshstal tied the victim's arms or legs to door knobs and crib railings with handcuffs, dog leashes and necklaces. Freitas was aware of the abuse and also put the victim in dog crates as a form of punishment. Sacramento County sheriff's detectives found that Kryshstal also poured boiling water on the feet of a 3-year-old girl in 2014, which resulted in permanent scarring. ★

# Defendant Sentenced for Shooting Murder, Attempted Murder on Truxel Road

*Sac County DA News Release*

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Honorable Delbert Oros sentenced Adrian Castillo on March 11, 2022, to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

On November 19, 2021, a jury convicted Castillo of the first-degree murder of Kenyatta Dawson and attempted murder. The jury also found true the special circumstance that the murder was committed during a drive-by-shooting and a personal use of a firearm allegation on both counts.

On November 8, 2019, Castillo and his juvenile friend arranged to sell a ghost Glock to a gun buyer. The parties met in the Natomas Marketplace parking lot and exchanged the gun for an envelope. When Castillo realized the buyer had shorted him, he directed his juvenile driver to follow the buyer's car. There were two other males and two females who were also in the buyer's car, with Mr. Dawson driving. No one else in the car had any interest in the gun

purchase. When Castillo's car caught up to the buyer's car on Truxel Road, Castillo opened fire with a .45 caliber Glock.

This gun had been illegally altered to be fully automatic and Castillo fired 10 rounds in a matter of seconds. Mr. Dawson was killed instantly and the victims' car sped out of control until it hit another vehicle. With the victims' car disabled and all five occupants still inside, Castillo's car approached again and he fired six more rounds into the victims' car using a second gun. The gun buyer was shot through the jaw, breaking both jaw bones, and shot through both legs.

The victims' car contained the gun bought from Castillo, but no ammunition. There was no evidence that anyone from the victims' car returned fire. Castillo fled the scene but was captured by Sacramento police detectives less than four days later. Investigators recovered both guns used in the shooting and both guns were legally purchased and registered to Castillo. ★

# Defendant Sentenced for 1st-Degree Murder of Girlfriend

*Sac County DA News Release*

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Honorable Ernest Sawtelle sentenced Damion Horton to 76 years and 4 months to life in prison.

On September 13, 2021, a jury convicted Horton of the first-degree murder of Dajha Richards, discharging a firearm causing death and felon in possession of a firearm. The allegation that Horton suffered a prior 2016 strike conviction for attempted robbery was also found true.

On January 8, 2019, a 12-year-old boy called 911 to report that his 19-year-old sister, Dajha Richards, had been shot in the

chest. When sheriff's deputies arrived on scene, the victim was able to report that the father of her child and boyfriend, Damion Horton, was the person who shot her.

The victim was quickly transported to the hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. Immediately after the shooting, Horton fled the scene with the gun leaving the victim alone with their 4-month-old son and her brother. Horton turned himself in more than 24 hours after the victim's death, but the gun was never recovered. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that Horton had an extensive history of domestic violence with the victim. ★

# Defendant Convicted of Sexually Assaulting Child in Two Counties

*Sac County DA News Release*

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Roberto Lopez was convicted by a jury of two counts of forcible lewd act upon a child under 14 years old and two counts of rape of a child under 14 years old by a perpetrator more than 10 years older than the victim.

The jury also found true that the victim was vulnerable and Lopez took advantage of a position of trust when he sexually assaulted the victim.

Lopez was a family acquaintance and father figure to the victim. Lopez raped the victim when she was 12 years old, and again when she was 13 years old. The

first rape occurred in Sacramento, the second rape occurred in Yuba City. In both instances of rape, Lopez held the victim down and forced himself on her. In the final incident which lasted longer than the first, he inflicted painful physical trauma to the victim which lasted for days.

An allegation that Lopez has a prior strike conviction for possession of drugs for sale for the purposes of a criminal gang and additional aggravated circumstances will be determined at the sentencing hearing.

Lopez faces a maximum sentence of 65 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for December 9, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 36 before the Honorable Stephen Acquisto. ★

# Defendant Sentenced for Sexually Abusing 5-Year-Old Child

*Sac County DA News Release*

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Honorable Steve White sentenced Jose Navarrete to 126 years to life in prison. On June 11, 2021, a jury convicted Navarrete of 10 counts of child sexual assault charges.

Navarrete committed multiple substantial sexual assaults against the victim when she was approximately 5 years old and continued to do so for approximately three years. In August of 2018, the victim and her family reported the abuse to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office. ★

# Defendant Sentenced for Assault at Homeless Camp

*Sac County DA News Release*

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Honorable Shama Mesiwala sentenced Jeffery Cross to 25 years to life in prison.

On March 2, 2022, a jury convicted Cross of assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury, criminal threats and intimidating a witness. Allegations that Cross has prior strike convictions for involuntary manslaughter with the use of a firearm, criminal threats and first-degree burglary were also found true at sentencing.

On May 31, 2021, Citrus Heights police officers responded to a report of an assault at a homeless camp on Greenback Lane.

One victim knew Cross and stated Cross kicked him, which may have caused him to lose consciousness.

Officers observed dried blood on the side of the victim's head and a red mark in his rib area. A witness saw Cross punch and kick the victim multiple times. The witness told officers that Cross then also punched him in the face, causing him to fall backwards onto the ground. In follow-up investigations, both victims identified Cross as the person who had assaulted them from a photo line-up. One of the victims also indicated that Cross threatened him, telling him to keep quiet. ★

# How Environmental Law is Misused to Stop Housing



By Dan Walters, [CALMatters.org](http://CALMatters.org)

It's well known that the California Environmental Quality Act, signed by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan in 1970 and meant to protect the natural environment in public and private projects, is routinely misused to stop or delay much-needed housing construction.

Anti-housing NIMBYs in affluent communities misuse it to stymie high-density, multi-family projects, arguing that their neighborhoods' bucolic ambience would be altered. And construction unions misuse it to extract wage concessions from developers.

It's a long-running civic scandal and a major factor in California's chronic inability to reduce its severe housing shortage, one that cries out for CEQA reform, which former Gov. Jerry Brown once described as "the Lord's work." But neither Brown or any other recent governor has been willing to take on the task, which would mean confronting environmental groups and unions, two of the Democratic Party's major allies.

In the absence of comprehensive reform, governors and legislators sometimes grant CEQA exemptions for particular projects, such as sports arenas, or narrow categories of housing. However, CEQA misuse continues

and the courts have become venues for battles over its application.

Two recent state appellate court actions in the crowded San Francisco Bay Area – one expanding the use of CEQA by those who oppose housing projects and another that restricts its use – underscore the law's chaotic role.

Just before Christmas, one panel of the First District Court of Appeal issued a preliminary ruling that could open a new avenue for using CEQA to halt projects. It declares that a University of California student housing development in Berkeley violates the law because UC didn't consider the impact of having more people – 1,100 students – in the neighborhood, citing the potential of late-night parties and other gatherings that could worsen a "persistent problem with student-generated noise."

In other words, the court said that the presence of more people is an environmental impact – a novel theory that could hand anti-housing groups everywhere a potent weapon.

As UC law professor Chris Elmendorf tweeted about the draft decision, "The court's reasoning is devastating ammunition for racist white homeowners who would leverage CEQA to keep poor people and minorities out of their neighborhoods."

For example, he continued, "using the court's statistical-associations logic, white homeowners could argue that CEQA requires affordable housing developers to analyze and mitigate putative 'gun violence impacts' from any lower-income housing project in an affluent neighborhood. The homeowners would point to statistics

showing that poor people, and African Americans and Hispanics, are statistically more likely than affluent people and whites to be victims of gun violence."

A few days later, another panel of the same appellate court rejected efforts by a group opposing a 130-unit project in downtown Livermore, called Save Livermore Downtown, to employ CEQA. Attorney General Rob Bonta had interceded in the case, supporting the city's approval of the project and its win in Superior Court.

"Timing is critical for affordable housing projects, which often rely on time-sensitive funding sources like tax credits to finance development," Bonta said while intervening, adding, "Our state is continuing to face a housing shortage and affordability crisis of epic proportions. CEQA plays a critical role in protecting the environment and public health here in California. We won't stand by when it is used to thwart new development, rather than to protect Californians and our environment."

After the appellate court action, Bonta tweeted, "CA's housing crisis is dire. We won't stand by and let people misuse our laws to avoid being part of the solution."

The outcomes of both cases underscore the need for a fundamental CEQA overhaul to reinstate its original purpose, rather than continuing wasteful project-by-project skirmishes.

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

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# SAFE Credit Union Partners with Financial Literacy App Zogo

## SAFE Credit Union Press Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - SAFE Credit Union has partnered with Zogo, a financial technology company, to bring the Zogo financial literacy app to its members. The app guides people through more than 400 bite-sized financial educational modules. As users successfully answer questions, they accumulate points they can redeem for gift cards and other rewards. “Fostering financial wellness is at the heart of everything we do,” says Community Relations AVP Rebecca Delmundo. “We are so excited to partner with Zogo and bring fun and engaging financial education to our members and community.” The gamified financial literacy app rewards users for completing financial literacy lessons on intelligently saving, spending, and managing their money. The app includes modules in 22 topics, from

opening a bank account to saving for retirement – and everything in between. The app is geared to all ages and can be particularly useful for teens and young adults to learn financial basics in an engaging and rewarding way. Zogo’s content meets the national standards for financial literacy education. Bolin Li, CEO, and co-founder of Zogo, says, “With Zogo, we wanted to create a financial education experience our peers would actually use. We are excited to partner with SAFE Credit Union to bring this vision to life.” The Zogo app is now available to SAFE Credit Union members at no cost and can be downloaded from the Apple App and Google Play stores. Use code SAFE when signing up. *For more information on SAFE’s launch of Zogo, please contact Senior Public Affairs Specialist Ashley Tate at 916-496-4067 or ashley.tate@safecu.org. ★*

# Update on Outreach and Sheltering of Unhoused

*Continued from page 1*  
lobby (700 North Fifth St.) is operating from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. It also will accept walk-ups and has space for up to 20 people. (Please note that North Fifth is for adults only and is unable to accommodate pets.) Regional Transit is providing free shuttle transportation to both the Outreach and Engagement Center (OEC) and the North Fifth Street Shelter. The pick-up location is City Hall on 10th Street

between I and H streets, with shuttles arriving at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. The route includes a stop at the North Fifth Shelter, which also is serving as a pick-up location for the OEC (shuttle space permitting). In addition, people can use SacRT light rail and buses for free to go to and from any weather-respite location. The SacRT light rail station at Watt/I-80 station connects to bus Route 1, which has a stop near the City’s OEC. ★

# Flood Risk and Preparedness

## Commentary by Thomas Slater

In California, extreme weather patterns are cyclical, with floods often following a drought. Over the last 20 years, every county in California has been declared a federal disaster area at least once. With climate change, we anticipate extreme weather events will be more frequent and intense. A study released by scientists at UCLA in August 2022 shows that climate change will make catastrophic flooding twice as likely, and they predict that extreme storm sequences are projected to generate 200% to 400% more runoff by the end of the century. Contemplating these higher risks is timely as October 22-29 is California Flood Preparedness Week. In the early part of the 20th Century, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed a vast flood protection system in the Central Valley, comprised of 1,600 miles of levees, seven relief bypasses, and numerous pumps to efficiently evacuate floodwater from the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and tributaries out to the ocean. Turned over to the State of California in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s for ongoing operation and maintenance, these now aging State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) facilities require constant work to maintain the original design standards, deal with seasonal levee repairs after storms, and in recent years levee improvements in order to meet modern design standards and to protect against larger flood events than the original system was intended to handle. The flood risk in the Central Valley has long been recognized as being amongst the highest in the nation. We have been fortunate to have avoided the flooding disasters experienced in Louisiana, Texas, and Kentucky. After witnessing the devastating impacts of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, voters in California subsequently approved \$4 billion in bond funding for improved flood management in the Central Valley. In 2012, a Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) was adopted to guide flood risk reduction actions, and a deadline was set to achieve

the new standard of 200-year level of flood protection for urban communities with more than 10,000 residents. A flood control system is only as strong as its weakest link. The majority of the 1,600 miles of SPFC levees are in rural areas protecting small disadvantaged communities and habitat for terrestrial, avian, and aquatic species. Most small communities protected by SPFC levees do not meet FEMA 100-year standards, and this rural levee system is in need of significant investment to meet U.S. Army Corps standards necessary to be eligible for federal levee repair funding after storm damage. Currently, only two of the eight urban metropolitan areas protected by SPFC flood control system meet the State’s 200-year urban levee requirements; and five of these do not meet the state urban levee standard or the federal FEMA 100-year requirements, and one has only a 7-year level of flood protection. The Newsom Administration has taken the first step in recognizing the state’s vulnerability to natural disasters under climate change when it hosted a “Drought to Flood Symposium” on October 17, 2022. Now it is time for us to take the next step and seize the opportunity to mitigate impacts anticipated from more intense atmospheric river events, before disaster happens in a changing climate. We need to be proactive and increase the pace of implementing shovel-ready flood risk reduction projects, but multi-year flood control construction projects cannot start and stop due to changing political priorities or lengthy bureaucratic permitting processes. Local flood management agencies hope the Administration’s recent formation of a Climate Executive Team will lead to expedited implementation and increased, consistent State Budget appropriations to advance flood risk reduction priorities outlined in the state’s 2022 CVFPP Update. *Thomas Slater is an Elected Trustee and Acting Manager of Reclamation District 999, and President of CA Central Valley Flood Control Association Board of Directors. ★*



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TAPATIO 1-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09028  
Jesse Saldivar, 4135 Eastwood Village Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capitol Cabinetry" 4501 Auburn Boulevard, Suite 105-A, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2022  
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JESSE 1-13-23

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Bobbie Perry, 10625 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "RSpot Bar" 10625 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2022  
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Sedigi Brothers Global Products LLC, 3138 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zeeshan Market" 3138 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2022  
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ZEESHAN 1-20-23

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LUCKY 1-20-23

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Ngina Danish, 1628 Bell Street, Apt. 206, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Negeen Style" 1628 Bell Street, Apt. 206, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2022

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Personal Chef Services for Seniors, LLC, 6601 Oakcrest Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Chefs For Seniors" 6601 Oakcrest Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 23, 2022  
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CHEFS 1-20-23

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Kenneth Thomas, 11059 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KAT Construction" 11059 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2022  
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Ecaterina Fediuc, 6200 Desimone Lane, Apt 28A, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kafe Kali" 6200 Desimone Lane, Apt 28A, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2022  
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KAFFE 1-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09112  
Ryan Rieley, 6225 Sunmist Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Screen and Shade Solutions" 6225 Sunmist Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2022  
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Free Will Foundation, Inc. 320 E. Bidwell Street, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Upscale Thrift" 6634 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 23, 2022  
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U.S. Auto Sale LLC, 1236 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "U.S. Auto Sale" 1236 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2022  
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ALMBI Inc., 9719 Lincoln Village Drive, Suite 504, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MoorePark Enterprises / WorkFlow Lounge / ALMBI Inc. / Infoprincess Graphics / We Serve 4 Your / ALM Business Coaching Institute / ALM Business Academy" 9719 Lincoln Village Drive, Suite 504, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2022  
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ALMBI 1-20-23

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Newsham Business Services, Inc., 7801 Greenback Lane, #D, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Liberty Tax" 7801 Greenback Lane, #D, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2022  
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Ltang's Korean Foodie House, 3643 Bradshaw Road #J Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jang Su" 3643 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2022  
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JANG 1-27-23

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Cory Devon Swenson-Scott, 8408 Menke Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cory Swenson Art" 8408 Menke Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2022  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09264  
StoneBrook Realty Group, Inc., 4744 Winding Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "StoneBrook Realty Property Management," 4744 Winding Way, Sacramento, CA

95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2022  
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STONEBROOK 1-27-23

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Austin McManus, 5858 Lorraine Court, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Public Land / Public Land Store" 2598 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 23, 2022  
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Kurt H. Josephson and Denise J. Josephson, 4749 Isabella Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stan-Pack" 7940 California Avenue, Suite 12, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2022  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09381  
Sabaoon Rahimi, 1326 Gentry Lane, Tracy, CA 95377 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bab-ul-Jannah Tour Agency" 2775 Cottage Way, Suite 6, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2022  
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Hamayoon Faryadi, 2211 Villa Font Way, #C, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Deluxe Auto Detailing and Tint" 2444 Glendale Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2022  
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Andrews Family Revocable Trust 2016, 5524 Clarendon Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wayside Properties" 4100 Wayside Lane, #110, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2022  
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WAYSIDE 2-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09328  
Andrews Family Revocable Trust 2016, 5524 Clarendon Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "River Garden Apartments" 4100 Wayside Lane, #110, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2022  
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RIVER 2-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08920  
Stephanie Barden, 4724 Marguerite Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Selling Sacramento" 1610 R Street, Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2022  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-00061  
J&B Rental Services, Inc., 8 Kam Court, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SacTown Car Rental" 8 Kam Court, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 4, 2023  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-00032  
Sampatti Enterprise, Inc., 770 Alcantar Circle, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sampatti Enterprise, Inc. / SRB Construction" 770 Alcantar Circle, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2023  
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SAMPATTI 2-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09068  
Brian Crampton and Krystle Crampton, 5306 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crampton Baits" 5306 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2022  
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Type A Solutions LLC, 5504 Claiborne Way, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Leadway" 5504 Claiborne Way, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2022  
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Naima Haidari, 12780 Riding Trail Drive, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "R&S Elegance Home Decor" 12780 Riding Trail Drive, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2022  
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Armin Ghaeini, 3219 Rustic Villa Drive, Kingwood, TX 77345 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Winn Day" 3219 Rustic Villa Drive, Kingwood, TX 77345. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2022  
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Life Coach Unlimited, LLC, 933 San Mateo NE, #500-341, Albuquerque, NM 87108 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Life Coach Unlimited" 4200 E. Commerce Way, #151, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2022  
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PMI 2-3-23

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Campus, Inc., 5221 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Campus / MTI College / Paul Mitchell the School at Campus / Paul Mitchell the School at MTI College" 5221 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2023  
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Teletherapy Direct, 2701 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on 3/28/2022 in the County of Sacramento, and is being abandoned by: Karen Heidebrecht, 8500 Diamond Oak Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. The business was conducted by: Individual.  
Date of abandonment: 12/29/2022.  
Publish: Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 2023  
TELETHERAPY 2-3-23

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00330812

Juliana Khong Saetern has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Juliana Khong Saetern to Juliana Saetern Khong.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 6, 2022  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 23, 30; Jan 6 & 13, 2023  
JULIANA 1-13-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00331079

Tam Hoang Dimanno has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tam Hoang Dimanno to Tammy Hoang Dimanno.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 9, 2022  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 23, 30; Jan 6 & 13, 2023  
TAM 1-13-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00331182

Scott Guy Shahan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Scott Guy Shahan to Bryan Scott Whitaker.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 12, 2022  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23  
SCOTT 1-20-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00329644

Alfredo Crespo Gonzalez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alfredo Crespo Gonzalez to Alfredo Crespo.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 14, 2022  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23  
ALFREDO 1-20-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00331658

Frank Angeleo Didonato has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Frank Angeleo Didonato to Fyodor Sirius Angel.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: December 22, 2022  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23  
FRANK 1-20-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00329683

Summer Ann Simo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Summer Ann Simo to Summer Ann Rogers; Samuel Adams Simo to Samuel Adams Rogers-Simo; Reyna Elizabeth Ann Simo to Reyna Elizabeth Ann Rogers-Simo.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 14, 2022  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23  
SUMMER 1-20-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00331807

Sohail Iqbal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sohail Iqbal to Sohail Abbas Iqbal.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 23, 2022  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023  
SOHAIL 1-27-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00331650

Teresa Lynette Schnackel has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Teresa Lynette Schnackel to Teresa Lynette Moon.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 21, 2022  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023  
TERESA 1-27-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00331548

Md Shafiu Haque has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Md Shafiu Haque to Shafi Haque.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 19, 2022  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023  
SHAFI 1-27-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-0033

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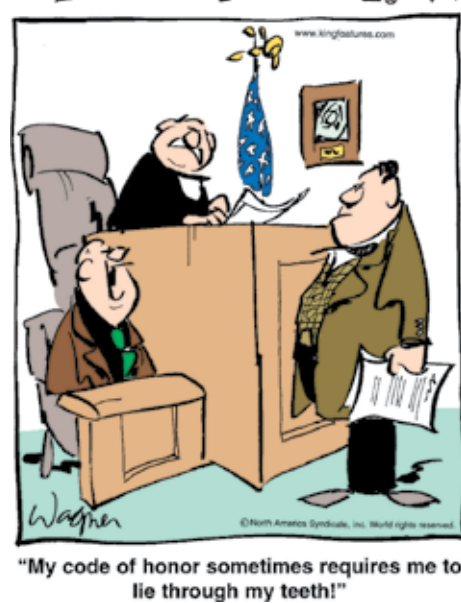
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CHM PLU 569

# Flooding Continues

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but not catastrophic: The New Year’s Eve storm “stalled out” over the watershed of the Cosumnes River. Portions of privately owned levees on the river gave way, flooding nearby areas. The levees, constructed to reclaim the land for agriculture, are generally rated only to handle a 10-year flood, according to Sacramento County officials. The breaching of the levees shut down Highway 99 and stranded motorists.

But the region’s two major reservoirs held, and the Sacramento and American rivers did not experience major floods.

“The investments we’ve made to the flood system have absolutely helped,” said Gary Lippner, the Department of Water Resources’ deputy director of flood management and dam safety. “At the larger scale, our system is much more ready for high-water events.”

The Central Valley has a long, painful history of deluges: The Great Flood of 1861-2, triggered by weeks of rain and snow, is still remembered as the worst disaster to ever befall California, inundating the entire valley, killing thousands of people statewide and devastating the economy.

The state’s capital city was built in a floodplain and requires an extensive system of dams and levees to protect it. Even now, federal, state and local authorities are in the midst of upgrading those defenses, particularly in the Sacramento region, where multi-year, multi-billion-dollar projects are underway.

Major improvements have been made in the region and more are underway, thanks to about \$1.8 billion in state and federal funds. The Army Corps and state have been upgrading about 45 miles of levees over a 5-year period, and work on the final 2.8 miles is scheduled to begin in the spring.

Among the structural upgrades are raising levee heights, boring as deep as 150 feet to reinforce levees to prevent seepage and piling rocks on riverbanks to reduce erosion.

“All of the work that we’ve done along the American and Sacramento Rivers are helping the current situation. We are not seeing flooding off these rivers,” Salyers said. The completed projects are now weather-tested, she said, and “performing the way we wanted them to.”



A car stops on a flooded Lambert Road off Interstate 5 in Sacramento County on Jan. 3, 2023. Northern California was hit by a major rainstorm that caused power outages, landslides and flooding over the New Year’s holiday weekend. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters



Another dangerous storm is barreling toward the Sacramento Valley, where rains already punched through some levees. Photo courtesy of DVR

State officials expressed confidence that the Central Valley’s levees and bypasses will contain the deluges coming tonight and next week.

“We do have a significant amount of capacity within the bypass system in that 1,600 miles of levee, and I don’t anticipate ... there to be emergency management needs,” Lippner said.

But every flood-protection system has its limits.

Michael Anderson, a climatologist with the California Department of Water Resources, noted that impacts from the upcoming storm system could escalate to a “worst-case scenario” if it “becomes an unrelenting series of storms.”

Forecasters are warning residents in the Sacramento region and the Bay Area to

prepare today and Thursday for yet another assault, this time from a “bomb cyclone” spinning in the Pacific that will not make landfall but will amplify rain, wind and frigid temperatures along the coast and foothills.

Forecasters are expecting more atmospheric rivers — the powerful streams of tropical moisture that deliver most of California’s winter rainfall.

In the mountains that supply California’s reservoirs, snow levels are now above average. The Department of Water Resources’ first snow survey of the season took place on Tuesday at Phillips Station, in the Sierra Nevada, west of Lake Tahoe. Scientists measured 55.5 inches of snow and a

snow water equivalent of 17.5 inches. That’s 177% of average for this location. Statewide, snowpack levels are at 174% of average for that date.

Statewide, this is the best start to the snow season in 40 years, according to Department of Water Resources officials.

It would be hasty, though, to assume the ongoing storms and wet forecast mark an end to the prolonged drought. In 2021, record rains and heavy snowfall arrived between October and December. Then, California experienced its driest January-through-March — typically the state’s wettest months — in recorded history.

Experts say consecutive storms are made more

dangerous by an already-soaked landscape’s inability to absorb more water. In addition to creating swollen creeks and mudslides, incessant rain reduces soils’ ability to hold vegetation, and California’s millions of drought-ravaged trees can easily fall over. Areas with wildfire burn scars are at risk of flash-flooding, officials said.

The state has established emergency shelters in Sacramento and San Mateo Counties and has stockpiled 3.7 million sandbags.

Some experts think the flooding from the incoming storms could be tempered by the fact that the developing system is relatively cold. This will translate into more snow and less rain, at least at high elevations.

Last weekend’s storm

was relatively warm and produced rainfall at high elevations, where the liquid water fell on several feet of snow, melting it and magnifying the runoff into streams and rivers.

The flood board updated Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, released last month, warns of “1,000-year storm events ... and the need to act with renewed urgency and purpose before the next large flood event occurs in the Central Valley.”

The plan calls on nature-based solutions, like restored floodplains, and infrastructural improvements, like fortified levees near urban areas, to help reduce the impacts of higher-energy storm systems expected as a result of the warming climate.

Most of the historic floodplains along the Central Valley’s rivers have been separated from the water by levees. Scientists now say that restoring floodplains can be an effective flood control strategy by allowing surging rivers to spill their banks and shed their energy on unpopulated flatlands, rather than bursting through aging levees surrounding populated areas. Floodplains also provide fish and wildlife habitat and serve as groundwater percolation beds.

“It takes a lot of time for that water to find a way out,” said Mark Dickman, associate director for data at the U.S. Geological Survey in Sacramento. “There’s just nowhere for it to go.”

It’s a persistent and familiar challenge: What to do with water when there’s too much and how to manage when there isn’t enough.

“We are built for this,” said Jeffrey Mount, a water specialist at the Public Policy Institute of California. “We built the system around the notion that we get occasionally wet years and mostly dry years. But, unlike the Colorado River Basin, where they can capture and control four years of runoff, we are full after one year. Our ability to store surface water is limited.”

The ongoing rains are already boosting California’s water storage system. Major reservoirs are rising, some rapidly. Folsom Lake was 29% full on Dec. 20, and as of Jan. 2 it jumped to 61%. The much larger Lake Oroville jumped from 29% to 38% in the same window — an increase of more than 300,000 acre-feet. ★

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