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## A Rocky Road for Business



Unless lawmakers intervene, the debt is set to be paid down by a tax increase for businesses that would show up on their 2022 taxes, said Barrera. Photo courtesy london | Dreamstime.com

**By Grace Gedye,  
CALMatters.org**

Clogged supply chains. Hiring struggles. New mask rules. A virus that trampled right over return-to-work schedules. Last year was chaotic for many businesses across California.

What does 2022 hold? Layered on top of pandemic uncertainty is the question of what policymakers might do for – and to – businesses.

“2022 is going to be a very busy legislative year,” said Jennifer Barrera, CEO of the California Chamber of Commerce.

Workers were guaranteed extended sick leave for COVID-19 quarantining or vaccine side effects in spring of 2021, and then saw it run out in September. “That expired, in our minds, at the worst possible time,” said Eduardo Martinez, legislative director of California Labor

Federation, mentioning the Delta variant surge, which seemingly peaked in late August.

With the rise of the Omicron variant, Los Angeles Democrat Wendy Carrillo said she’s looking for an opportunity to bring back extended COVID-19 sick leave. Last time California had federal assistance helping cover the cost; this time it would have to go it alone, she said. Pointing to the state’s projected \$31 billion budget surplus, she said “there’s an opportunity for the governor and for the legislature to ensure that the health of the 40 million people across the state of California is prioritized.”

Also potentially on the docket: legislation to boost the share of their wages that workers receive when they take paid family leave, according to San Jose Democrat Ash Kalra, who chairs the Assembly’s labor and employment committee. “The current (wage) replacement rate is especially

inadequate for low wage workers,” said Kalra.

A rate increase was passed by the legislature last year, but was vetoed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, who said it would create “significant new costs.” In his veto statement, Newsom said he looked forward to partnering with the legislature on the issue of family leave access.

In 2021, Oakland Democrat Buffy Wicks proposed a bill that would have required all workers to provide proof of vaccination to their employers or submit to weekly testing. Days later, with the end of the legislative session encroaching, she put the idea on hold, saying she would take time to work with colleagues and stakeholders “to make this the strongest bill possible headed into 2022.”

Since then, the Biden administration unveiled a vaccine requirement for large companies in November, which

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**Caltrans  
to Require  
‘Complete  
Streets’ in  
New Planning**



**Caltrans Press Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Caltrans announced its new policy for all new transportation projects it funds or oversees to include “complete street” features that provide safe and accessible options for people walking, biking and taking transit. This policy will expand the availability of sustainable transportation options to help meet the state’s climate, health and equity goals.

“California must reduce dependence on driving without sacrificing mobility and accessibility,” said Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin. “As Caltrans and local transportation agencies prepare for the influx of new federal infrastructure funding, it is important that we provide safe, convenient, sustainable and accessible alternatives to driving to achieve our climate goals while equitably serving all Californians.”

A complete street provides mobility for people of all ages and abilities, particularly those who are walking, biking, using assistive mobility devices, and riding transit. Complete streets offer several benefits, including enhancing safety and creating more sustainable transportation options to decrease dependence on driving and improving public health by encouraging active transportation like walking and biking.

As part of the new policy, Caltrans commits to remove administrative barriers and partner with communities and local agencies to ensure more projects on state and local transportation systems improve the connectivity to pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities, and accessibility to destinations. If not appropriate to the context or community of the project, projects must receive approval from Caltrans before complete streets features are excluded. ★

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## ARC History Professor Claims \$50,000 in JEOPARDY!

**JEOPARDY!  
Press Release**

**CULVER CITY, CA (MPG)** - Sam Buttrey, an Associate Professor of Operations Research at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., became the first-ever JEOPARDY! Professors Tournament champion, claiming the \$100,000 grand prize. Ed Hashima, a Professor of History at American River College in Sacramento, Calif., placed second and earned \$50,000; Alisa Hove, a Professor of Botany at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C., came in third, taking home \$25,000.

“This has been the greatest time, and to come out ahead of all these other great players is something I’ll remember forever,” said Buttrey. “The group was uniformly so smart, charming, and warm, and there’s been a real feeling of camaraderie



**Ed Hashima, American River College Professor of History, claimed the \$50,000 prize on Jeopardy!.** Photo courtesy Jeopardy Productions, Inc.

from the very beginning.”

Winning the Professors Tournament gives Buttrey an automatic berth in JEOPARDY!’s most prestigious event: the Tournament of Champions. The field for the next edition of the tournament is shaping up to

be incredibly competitive: recent super-streakers Matt Amodio, Jonathan Fisher, and current 13-game champion Amy Schneider will all return to the JEOPARDY! stage.

“I know there are some strong players, but I want to

go up against them,” Buttrey said. “I would like to play against Matt Amodio, he’s a strong player and I’d like to see how I can do.”

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# SAFE Donates \$20,000 to Nonprofits

**SAFE Credit Union  
Press Release**

**FOLSOM, CA (MPG)** - SAFE Credit Union employees collectively donated \$20,000 to nonprofits serving the Greater Sacramento region during its Joy & Kindness Campaign. Each team at SAFE was provided with \$300 to give to select nonprofits as cash grants or to purchase in-kind donations to support holiday gift drives and other services. This is the second

year SAFE Credit Union has held the program, doubling its budget from last year. “SAFE employees love to support our community,” says SAFE Credit Union Community Impact Manager Amanda Merz. “They give in so many ways throughout the year through volunteer opportunities, participating in Big Day of Giving, and serving on nonprofit boards. This end of the year event is unique in that teams can come together to choose



Members of SAFE Credit Business Banking team pose with gifts they purchased through the credit union's Joy & Kindness campaign to benefit a Sacramento area nonprofit who assist the homeless. Photo courtesy Safe Credit Union

which organization to give to directly and add more money if they wish.” SAFE employees could

choose from among dozens of nonprofits, including food banks, groups providing support to families battling cancer, organizations assisting Afghan refugees, and other organizations providing services to women, LGBTQ+, and underserved populations. Other teams volunteered to stuff stockings for children and sort food at food banks. SAFE provides \$400,000 in philanthropy, grants, scholarships, and direct

donations each year to nonprofits and students. SAFE focuses its giving on three pillars: health; financial education; and current and former military personnel. Learn more about SAFE's commitment to the community at [safecu.org/community](https://safecu.org/community). For more information about the Joy & Kindness campaign, please contact Senior Communications Manager Carole Ferguson at [carole.ferguson@safecu.org](mailto:carole.ferguson@safecu.org) or 916-836-6318. ★

## CHP Highlights Changes to State's Traffic Safety Laws

**California Highway Patrol  
News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative season and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. The laws take effect January 1, 2022, unless otherwise noted. **Sideshow Definition and Penalties (Assembly Bill (AB) 3, Fong):** This new law strengthens penalties for those convicted of exhibition of speed if the violation occurred as part of a sideshow. Beginning July 1, 2025, a court will be permitted to suspend a person's driver's license between 90 days and six months if the person is convicted of exhibition of speed and if the violation occurred as part of a "sideshow." Section 23109(c) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) (exhibition of speed) will define sideshow as an event in which two or more persons block or impede traffic on a highway for the purpose of performing motor vehicle stunts, motor vehicle speed contests, motor vehicle exhibitions of speed, or reckless driving for spectators. The courts will be required to consider a defendant's medical, personal,

or family hardship that requires a person to have a driver's license before determining whether to suspend a person's driver's license. **Equestrian Safety Gear (AB 974, L. Rivas):** Requires a person under the age of 18 to wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet when riding an equestrian animal, such as a horse, mule, or donkey on a paved highway. This bill also requires all riders or their equines to wear reflective gear or a lamp when riding after sundown. A person riding an equestrian animal in a parade or festival, or crossing a paved highway from an unpaved highway, is exempt from all helmet, lighting, or reflective gear requirements. **Tribal Emergency Vehicles (AB 798, Ramos):** This bill provides that any vehicle owned or operated by a federally recognized Indian tribe is considered an authorized emergency vehicle as defined by Section 165 CVC when responding to an emergency, fire, ambulance, or lifesaving calls. **Class C Drivers Allowed to Tow Trailer (Senate Bill 287, Grove):** Effective January 1, 2027, drivers with a class C driver's license may operate a vehicle towing a trailer between 10,001 pounds and 15,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating, or gross vehicle weight with a fifth-wheel and kingpin or bed mounted gooseneck

connection, provided that the trailer is used exclusively for recreational purposes for the transportation of property, living space, or both. The driver will be required to pass a specialized written examination demonstrating the knowledge of the CVC and other safety aspects relating to the towing of recreational vehicles on the highway and possess an endorsement on their class C driver's license. Currently, this exemption is in place for drivers towing a fifth-wheel travel trailer provided the driver passes a specialized written exam and obtains a recreational trailer endorsement. *As a reminder, the following law took effect on July 1, 2021:* **License Points for Distracted Driving (AB 47, Daly; 2019):** Using a handheld cell phone while driving is currently punishable by a fine. As of July 1, 2021, violating the hands-free law for a second time within 36 months of a prior conviction for the same offense will result in a point being added to a driver's record. This applies to the violations of talking or texting while driving (except for hands-free use) and to any use of these devices while driving by a person under 18 years of age. The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

## Climate Action Plan End of Year Update

**Sacramento County News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - In September 2021, Planning and Environmental Review (PER) – now part of the Community Development Department – released a draft of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) that was meant to be the Final Draft. Based on valuable community feedback, and in response to the Board of Supervisors resolution declaring a climate emergency, the CAP is once again being updated. Notable updates to the CAP include: Strengthening language related to achieving carbon neutrality by 2030, including work by the Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force on the Climate Emergency Response Plan expected to begin in early 2022, revising the Carbon Farming, Infill Development, Increase Organic Waste Diversion, and Urban Greening measures, incorporating measures from the Strategy Options Appendix F, and cleaning up errors identified during the outreach process. “We remain committed to developing the best Climate Action Plan for Sacramento County that addresses residents’ concerns and places us on a path toward the ambitious goal of carbon neutrality by 2030,” said Todd Smith, Principal Planner. “We are working hard on the CAP updates and look forward to the community’s feedback.” The next draft of the CAP is due out in February 2022. Public comments will be accepted for a period of 30 days following the release of the draft CAP. A board workshop on the CAP will be held in March 2022. *To learn more about the CAP, visit the PER website. Stay up to date on the CAP by subscribing to receive CAP Email/Text Updates.* ★

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# Early Winter Storms Provide Much-Needed Sierra Snowpack



Californians need to be aware that even these big storms may not refill our major reservoirs during the next few months. Photo Madsica | Dreamstime

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the first snow survey of the season at Phillips Station. Early winter storms this month provided a strong start to the season and some drought relief, but California remains in a drought.

The manual survey recorded 78.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 20 inches, which is 202 percent of average for this location on this date. 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 160 percent of average for this date.

“We could not have asked for a better December in terms of Sierra snow and rain,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “But Californians need to be aware that even these

big storms may not refill our major reservoirs during the next few months. We need more storms and average temperatures this winter and spring, and we can’t be sure it’s coming. So, it’s important that we continue to do our part to keep conserving – we will need that water this summer.”

Californians only need to look to last winter and the state’s disappointing snowpack runoff due to high temperatures, dry soil and evaporation as a reminder that changes to our climate mean it will take more than an average year to recover from drought.

“California continues to experience evidence of climate change with bigger swings between wet and dry years and even extreme variability within a season. A wet start to the year doesn’t mean this year will end up above average once it’s all said and done,” said

Sean de Guzman, Manager of DWR’s Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit.

December is the first of the three typically wettest months of California’s water year. Significant January and February precipitation would be required to generate enough runoff to make up for the previous two winters that were California’s fifth - and second-driest water years on record.

California has experienced wet Decembers before only to have storms disappear for the remainder of the season. In 2013, the first snow survey provided promising results after a wet December, similar to this year. However, the following January and February were exceptionally dry, and the year ended as the driest on record, contributing to a record-breaking drought.

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California’s water needs and the snowpack 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.”

As spring sets in, the snowpack begins to melt. Water that is not absorbed into the ground, called “runoff,” trickles into mountain streams, which feed rivers and eventually aqueducts and reservoirs, where it can be stored for use throughout the dry season. Climate change is affecting California’s snowpack, as more precipitation falls as rain and less as snow. Excessively dry soils and dry, warm spring temperatures are also reducing yearly runoff.

Due to these climate-induced

changes, DWR is investing in partnerships and implementing emerging and proven technologies to improve forecasts of precipitation, seasonal snowpack, and runoff to support more efficient water management now and to help estimate the impacts of climate change on future flood and drought conditions. Forecast improvements and monitoring enhancements increase the reliability of data used to inform water managers about flood risks, allowing opportunities to create more storage in reservoirs ahead of big storms while also ensuring water supply reliability in periods of dry or drought conditions.

DWR conducts five media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month from January through April and, if necessary, May. ★

## A Rocky Road for Business

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immediately drew lawsuits and is currently wending its way through the legal system, and New York City imposed a vaccine requirement for all in-person workers at private businesses.

“We cannot be a New York,” said Robert Lapsley, president of California Business Roundtable. “We need flexibility. And, so, hopefully, the governor, OSHA, et cetera, will not go down that path.”

It’s unclear if a similar proposal is in the cards for California. Wicks’ communications director, Erin Ivie, wrote that the office was “still in the process of considering what types of vaccine legislation we hope to introduce in the upcoming session.” When asked if Cal/OSHA had any plans to roll out a vaccine requirement for all workers, spokesperson Erika Monterroza said she was not aware of any such plans.

A final list of the initiatives that actually make it onto your ballot in November won’t be settled for many months. But there are already some proposals in the pipeline that could impact businesses:

Investor-turned-antipoverty-advocate Joe Sanberg has put forward a measure that would increase the minimum wage in California to \$18 per hour by 2025, with an additional year for small employers to comply;

A proposal aimed at housing affordability that would raise renters’ income tax credit and increase the amount of a property’s value that is tax exempt while raising taxes on commercial and residential properties worth more than \$4 million;

And a measure, backed by the California Chamber of Commerce and other business groups, that would repeal a law that lets employees sue employers over certain labor violations and receive monetary penalties, while requiring the legislature fund the labor rule enforcers adequately to carry out laws.

In addition to nearly \$1.2 billion federal dollars for loans potentially coming the way of California small businesses, state lawmakers will continue to try and aid them, said Corona Democrat Sabrina Cervantes, who chairs the Assembly’s committee on

jobs and economic development. She plans to continue work on a bill that would incentivize landlords to give small businesses rent relief.

The legislature may also take another look at how farmworker union elections are conducted. In 2021, Santa Cruz Democrat Mark Stone introduced a bill that would have given workers the option to fill out their ballot at home, rather than requiring they vote via an in-person election. Newsom vetoed the measure, which opponents said left workers more vulnerable to coercion, becoming the third consecutive California governor to veto such a bill. Stone will continue working on it in 2022, per his office.

Business groups plan to raise a stink about the debt that California’s unemployment insurance fund owes the federal government, which ballooned during the pandemic as more workers lost their jobs and collected benefits. Unless lawmakers intervene, the debt is set to be paid down by a tax increase for businesses that would show up on their 2022 taxes, said Barerra.

Also on the horizon is a debate about employee data privacy. Employee data was initially exempted from the data privacy law Californians voted for in 2020, but that carveout ends on the first day of 2023, creating a deadline for the legislature to figure out what they want to do, if anything, around worker data.

Martinez, from the labor federation, says he’s increasingly hearing from unions that employers are collecting data on workers without their knowledge or consent. “There’s an opportunity to get some privacy rights for workers to curb some of the abuses,” said Martinez.

But the ongoing pandemic could disrupt even the best laid legislative plans.

“If next year is anything like the past two years,” said Martinez, “you think you know what you’re working on and then all of a sudden something happens and – nope – you’re working on something else.”

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# 49 States Have Transparent Spending Reports

### Commentary by Marc Ang

As we approach the end of 2021, California's problems have become an embarrassing example of failure in management from the supply chain crisis to high rates of COVID despite draconian measures up and down the state on masks and vaccines. However, one topic that hardly got mentioned this year was the lack of transparency around California's spending. As of today, California remains the only state in the Union that does not have transparent spending reports.

Adam Andrzejewski, founder of Open the Books, hopes to change this through his lawsuit against California Controller Betty Yee. Article 1, Section 9 of the US Constitution, states that “a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.” Adam believes that with the age of the Internet, there should be no excuse to not be transparent. “Transparency is transformation. Transparency revolutionizes US public policy and politics.”

Controller Yee has refused to provide a copy of line-item vendor payments. In a Sacramento Superior Court, the organization is waiting for the judge's order, who has been "thoughtful and diligent", according to Adam. "Open The Books" files 40,000 Freedom of Information Act requests per year and they have made line-by-line spending since 2001 for 49 of the 50 states, transparent on their website. California is the lone holdout.

Adam believes Yee's arguments are weak. Yee has not disclosed and refuses to disclose even a single expenditure from last year. She rejected our requests, saying incredibly, that she can't 'locate any of the 50 million bills she paid last year.' In addition, she argued that the public interest served by not disclosing the line-by-line California checkbook to the people outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Says Adam, "they're basically telling you, 'Go away, you pesky citizen. We

know better than you. We are going to keep it hidden for your own benefit.' And we fundamentally reject that."

Adam's confidence that the books in California will eventually be opened is not without precedent. In 2012, they sued the Republican comptroller in Illinois who claimed the state "doesn't have a magical checkbook. And we reminded her the state doesn't have magical taxpayers either. Within nine months, we opened up seven years' worth of line-by-line spending. In 2018, we sued the Republican state auditor in Wyoming, Cynthia Cloud. She claimed that it would take years to produce a single year of state spending. When the new state auditor came in, within the first 30 days on the job, she opened up six years' worth of line-by-line spending."

In California, Adam expects to “fight tooth and nail. We expect to get a favorable order that starts the process of opening the books, and we fully expect the controller to appeal it. There's an interesting PR twist that won't serve the controller well. When Yee appeals that order to writ of mandamus, she's filing suit against the superior court judge who has ordered her to open the books. So, she's basically suing the judge in the appeals court, to keep the check-book hidden and we like the optics of that.”

Controller candidate Lanhee Chen is also using the need for transparency as his primary reason for running for office. He has now launched his campaign to provide an alternative to Yee. Chen told me in an exclusive interview, "We don't actually know how \$300 billion in the state gets spent. If you've used Excel before, we should be able to figure that out of the state of California. Even in Illinois, where past governors are in prison, they have transparency that we don't have here in California. It's unacceptable."

Why should national taxpayers be interested in this California suit? \$320 billion was spent last year in California. A third of the money came from outside of California, went through Washington DC

through Congress and then came back to California.

California is not the only offender of some of the most egregious spending in the United States. Open The Books was the organization that did the federal spending calculations on the haphazard pullout in Afghanistan, finding that \$83 billion was spent over 20 years, with expensive military equipment left behind. Some compelling visuals included the Blackhawk helicopter being flown around by the Taliban. That cost taxpayers \$21.3 million. There were also 200 airplanes delivered to the Afghan national security forces and a 7,500-member Afghan Air Force. None of this heavy investment was sustainable.

Interestingly, Adam's organization used data that was proactively captured ahead of time, as well as government audit reports. Likely because of the embarrassment, some previously available government data has now been removed. "We launched this [Afghanistan audit] in my column at Forbes. Within a couple of hours of the launch, the State Department gave guidance to the Government Accountability Office and the Special Inspector General for Afghan reconstruction, to rip down the audit reports that our reporting was based on. However, we had proactively downloaded those audit reports. They erased them from the internet almost immediately. We reposted them with our branding. When the Washington Post, for instance, linked to that report, it went to our website, which was the only spot on the internet [to find this data]." WaPo used Open the Book's data to fact check politicians talking about equipment left behind, also linking to their website's analysis.

Open The Books also exposed Mayor Bill DeBlasio's wasteful spending when he announced his presidential run last year. Working with the New York Times, they found out that DeBlasio's \$36 million rat extermination campaign was a gross failure and citizens saw more rats than ever. The headline was that the rats outfoxed the NYC bureaucrats. Working with CNBC's show

American Greed, Open the Books was featured heavily in the hour segment, where they were featured six different times, talking about how Congress writes the rules, the rules are lax and legal but unethical behavior results.

One of the biggest stories of 2021, besides the staggering costs of US military gear left behind in Afghanistan, was their investigation published in January. This was on the highest compensated federal employee in the land, Dr. Anthony Fauci. “When we launched our story, many people had questions like how a director of a sub agency of a sub agency out earn the President of the United States, or four-star generals of the United States military with millions of men and women in America under their command, and 4.3 million federal employees? This year and past years, he was number one. In 2019, he made \$417,000. This year, he made \$434,000. Many people don't know that his wife also makes a lot of money at the National Institutes of Health. She's actually the common ethics czar at the NIH. So, if Fauci is greenlighting gain of function experiments, she's approving that. She makes more than Nancy Pelosi makes. Pelosi makes \$223,500, a speaker of the house, Anthony Fauci's wife makes \$232,000.

We filed additional Freedom of Information Act requests for his job contract with all amendments, changes and vendors, his conflict of interest, financial disclosures, his job description, and the royalties from pharmaceutical customers if any, because that could be a potential conflict of interest during the pandemic. I wrote to Fauci directly. He was aware of our Freedom of Information Act request but did nothing about it. We partnered with the Legal Eagles, Judicial Watch, and sued them last month in federal court, so we expect to get that record.”

Open The Books also highlighted their audit on the Cares Act. The Paycheck Protection Program money, supposed to relieve American businesses, went to about 400 companies domestically that

were controlled or heavily invested in by the Chinese Communist Party. “So, this was PPP for the CCP.”

“In September, Joe Biden called a press conference, where he announced his vaccine mandate on private companies of 100 or more employees, an arbitrary number. We found the enforcement mechanism in the Social Infrastructure Act. On page 168, they were going to use the regulatory state, OSHA, to increase the fines by tenfold up to \$700,000 per willful instance. They want to bankrupt private sector companies that don't follow the rules. And thank God, the federal courts stepped in to stop this.”

Open The Books' objectives for 2022 include completing their Genome Project, named after the medicines mapping the human genome and ushering in a new era of medical reforms and technologies. Adam wants to see this transparency on all states' spending, with everyone posting every dime online in real time, which is their mission.

"It's not enough to open the books, you've got to audit the books or audit to make national news. Last year we did 42 investigations and audits and published them. This year, we'll complete 300. Next year, our objective is to do 500. I encourage everybody to go to our 'Waste of the Day' column. We publish a daily example of waste, fraud, corruption, and taxpayer abuse. It is also syndicated by Sinclair which is a Fortune 500 broadcast company with 190 ABC, NBC, CBS, and Fox affiliates across the country. So that's our objective in 2022: hold them accountable. There are no apparent terms about waste, fraud, corruption, and taxpayer abuse right now. We're on a war footing and are serious about shining a white-hot spotlight on all of it, the entire government complex."

You can follow Adam's work at [openthebooks.com](https://openthebooks.com) or [@openthebooks](https://@openthebooks) on Facebook and Instagram. Marc Ang [marc@aih2b.org](https://marc@aih2b.org) is a community organizer in Southern California and the founder of Asian Industry B2B. He is all about transparency and fiscal responsibility. Marc's book "Minority Retort" will be released in early 2022. ★

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# Redistricting Won't Change Democrats' Control



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters.org

Superficially, California's politics seem poised for a big upheaval in this election year, but appearances can be deceiving.

The illusion of major change comes from the redrawing of 172 congressional and legislative districts by the state's independent redistricting commission to reflect population shifts revealed by the 2020 census.

The boundary changes, driven by the 14-member commission's obsession with "communities of interest" that it defined in purely subjective, ever-shifting terms, will generate a substantial turnover in the 52-member congressional delegation, the 40-member state Senate and the 80-seat state Assembly.

Much of it will be a game of musical chairs as politicians shift from one venue to another. Several senior members of the congressional delegation are calling it quits, opening up opportunities for state legislators to advance their careers. The redistricting plans also throw a few incumbents into the same districts, forcing them to alter career plans.

The 2011 California redistricting and the 2012 elections brought a bumper crop of new legislators into the Capitol who will face automatic retirement in 2024

due to the 12-year limit on legislative service, so several of them are planning bids for Congress or statewide office this year.

The commission was attempting to comply with a set of conflicting mandates, not only to equalize the populations of legislative and congressional districts, but to meet the demands of ethnic and cultural "communities of interest" for dedicated legislative seats and to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act.

The Voting Rights Act indirectly mandates creating more districts likely to elect non-white members, thus increasingly the likelihood that more of those winning legislative seats in this year's elections will be Latino, Asian or Black.

The communities whose demands were met are overwhelmingly Democratic and even if the commission had ignored the Voting Rights Act and the "communities of interest" credo, its maps would favor Democrats because fewer than 25% of registered voters are Republicans and Democrats outnumber them almost 2-to-1.

If one defines "gerrymandering" as pre-ordaining who wins a legislative or congressional seat by drawing district lines, this was gerrymandering, albeit not for overtly partisan purposes. That said, the partisan effect will be to cement the Democratic Party's overwhelming control of the Legislature and the congressional delegation.

The current Legislature is roughly 75% Democratic and there's little doubt that the one elected in November

will be equally lopsided in partisan makeup. The faces may change but not the Legislature's left-of-center tilt.

The only real mystery emanating from the new maps is whether Democrats will increase their hold on the congressional delegation. In 2018, the state's disdain for Donald Trump manifested itself in a debacle for Republican members of Congress, cutting their ranks from a paltry 14 seats to just seven. The GOP rebounded a bit in 2020 and now holds 11 seats.

The state is losing a congressional seat due to slow population growth in the last decade, thus requiring an adjustment that wound up costing Los Angeles County one of its seats. Nevertheless, the overall thrust of the new congressional map favors Democrats and whether the party makes gains in California could play a role in which party controls the House.

Republicans need to gain just five seats to regain control and the increase in seats in fast-growing pro-GOP states such as Texas, plus Republican-friendly gerrymanders in those states and the nation's overall political sentiment favor a shift of power.

However, if it's closer than expected, Democratic gains in California could make the difference and a handful of tossup contests in the state's newly reconfigured districts will draw heavy attention.

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

# Recycle Your Holiday Tree

## Sacramento County Press Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - To be recycled, trees must be free of tinsel, lights, decorations, nails and stands. Flocked trees will be accepted but cannot be recycled and will go to the landfill. Please observe COVID-19 health and safety requirements (e.g. social distancing and wearing a face covering) at participating locations.

Hours and locations of participating drop off locations are:

**SMUD Corporation Yard**, 6100 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, CA  
January 8, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Free with a five tree limit per vehicle  
Learn more: SMUD Dec. 2021 Connections Newsletter

**North Area Recovery Station**, 4450 Roseville Road, North Highlands, CA  
January 8 - 9, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Facility fees will apply for loads of six or more trees.

**Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station**, 8491 Fruitridge Rd., Sacramento, CA

Monday - Saturday, December 27 - January 8, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Check with location for any restrictions/fees

Loads in excess of five trees will only be accepted at Elder Creek Recovery & Transfer, Dan Russell Rodeo Arena, Kiefer Landfill, and the North Area Recovery Station. Facility fees may apply.

Secure Your Load! It's the law. Loads must be properly covered or secured.

County residents can also recycle their live holiday tree (all decorations removed) by cutting it up and placing it in the curbside green waste cart. Please make sure the lid will close. The cart will be emptied on your regular green waste collection day. Flocked trees can be cut up and placed in the garbage cart for curbside collection. Please do not put holiday trees on curbs or roadsides!

For more information: Visit [SacGreenTeam.com](http://SacGreenTeam.com), or email [sacgre-enteam@saccounty.net](mailto:sacgre-enteam@saccounty.net). ★

# Sheriff Jones and DA Schubert Announce Arrest in Series of Hate Crimes

## Offices of Sac County Sheriff's Department and District Attorney

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - On December 22, 2021, detectives from the Sacramento Sheriff's Office arrested 33-year-old Nicholas Wayne Sherman in connection to a series of hate crime related incidents in Carmichael between October 4th and October 20th, 2021.

Sherman was charged with one felony count of desecrating a religious symbol on the property of the Shalom Le Israel synagogue in Carmichael. Sherman was charged with 12 additional misdemeanor counts of terrorism by symbol for placing Aryan Nation flyers containing a swastika on the doorsteps of numerous Carmichael homes, and one additional misdemeanor count of terrorism by symbol for placing similar flyers on the property of Deterding Elementary School in Carmichael.

The investigation was conducted by the Sheriff's Bias Crimes Unit and will

be prosecuted by the District Attorney's Hate Crimes Unit.

"All crimes hurt not just the victim, but the entire community. This is especially true of crimes motivated by hate", said Sheriff Scott Jones. "The Sacramento Sheriff's Office – just like our community – has no tolerance for hate crimes of any kind, and they will be investigated to the fullest extent of our capability, and offenders will be identified and arrested."

"Let me be very clear, hate crimes against a member of any group in our community is an assault on all of us and will not be tolerated," said District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert. "Those who target victims because of their race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, disability, gender or sexual orientation will be prosecuted by specially trained and experienced prosecutors. In addition to prosecuting hate crime offenses, my office works to educate the community on how to protect themselves and encourages them to report suspected hate crimes." ★




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FBNF2021-10595 Josh Sigal, 9433 Triathlon Lane Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Oasis Realty & Financial Services" 9433 Triathlon Lane Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2021 Publish: December 31, 2021 January 7, 14, and 21, 2022  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-10902 Christina Alisha Armstrong, 8725 La Rivera Drive Apt# 188 Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Organizing Higher" 8725 La Rivera Drive #188 Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2021 Publish: December 31, 2021 January 7, 14, and 21, 2022  
ORGANIZING 180201 1-21-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-10481 A&A Enterprises Inc, 1160 Tara Court Suite A Rocklin CA 95765 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "3 Monkeys Smoke Shop #8" 5323 Elkhorn Boulevard Suite B Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2021 Publish: December 31, 2021 January 7, 14, and 21, 2022  
MONKEYS 180201 1-21-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-11006 Ahmadi & Sons Automotive, 1900 Point West Way #275 Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Midass" 1900 Point West Way #275 Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2021 Publish: December 31, 2021 January 7, 14, and 21, 2022  
MIDAS 180201 1-21-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-10899 Enica Antonetti, 4116 Aura Way Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Premier Hypnotherapy of Sacramento" 10316 Placer Lane #F Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2021 Publish: December 31, 2021 January 7, 14, and 21, 2022  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-10334 Wayne C. Johnson & Associates, Inc, 1005 12th Street Lower Suite 2 Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Rosales Agency, Gateway Digital & Media, Amplify Government & Public Relations" 1005 12th Street Lower Suite 2 Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 29, 2021 Publish: December 31, 2021 January 7, 14, and 21, 2022  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-10869 Joseph Hickey, 5356 Locust Avenue Carmichel, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "J M H Flooring" 5356 Locust Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2021 Publish: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-10837 Sperber Investments, and A&L Properties 50 Fullerton Court #101 Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Razorbacks" 50 Fullerton Court Suite 101 Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 17, 2021 Publish: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-10448 TS7 Smart, 1271 Washington Avenue #450 San Leandro, CA 94577 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Install Pros" 1271 Washington Avenue #450 San Leandro, CA 94577. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2021 Publish: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-10971 3825 Annadale, LLC 1300 K Street Second Floor Modesto, CA 95354 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sundance Garden Apartments" 3825 Annadale Lane Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2021 Publish: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022  
SUNDANCE 180201 1-28-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-10943 Samuilah Nazar, 5119 Rolling Field Court Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Habib's Oriental Rugs" 6100 Fair Oaks Boulevard #B1 Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2021 Publish: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022  
HABIBS 180201 1-28-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-11139 Dayna Express, 5741 Aubrey Way Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dayna Events" 5800 Madison Avenue Suite V/W Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2021 Publish: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022  
DAYNA 180201 1-28-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-11110 DSB Trans Inc, 7484 Holyworthy Way #183 Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yashpreet Trucking" 7484 Holyworthy Way #183 Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2021 Publish: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022  
YASHPREET 180201 1-28-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-11135 Aneesa Enakaya-Ochoa, 3631 Truxel Road #1063 Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Healing Roots Counseling" 3631 Truxel Road #1063 Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2021 Publish: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022  
HEALING 180201 1-28-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-11161 Madeline Newsham, 8088 Poulson Street Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Liberty Tax Service" 7801 Grennback Lane Suite #D Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2021 Publish: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022  
LIBERTY 180201 1-28-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FBNF2021-11140 Tadpoles LLC, 8924 Sonoma Valley Way Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tadpoles Mobile Detailing" 8924 Sonoma Valley Way Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2021 Publish: January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022  
TADPOLES 180201 1-28-22

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
FBNF2018-09056 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "3 Monkeys SmokeShop #8 Sacramento" located at 5323 Elkhorn Boulevard Suite B Sacramento, CA 95842. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on November 13, 2018, in the County of Sacramento. Publish: December 31, 2021 January 7, 14, and 21, 2022  
MONKEYS 180201 1-21-22

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00309062

Edward Charles Lewis has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Edward Charles Lewis to Bernard Payne. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on January 26, 2022, 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 30, 2021  
Shama H. Mesiwala, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: December 17, 24, 31, 2021 & January 7, 2022  
LEWIS 180201 1-7-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00311403

Michelle Louise Sinclair has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Michelle Louise Sinclair to Michelle Louise Hansel. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on January 19, 2022, 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 19, 2021  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: December 17, 24, 31, 2021 & January 7, 2022  
SINCLAIR 180201 1-7-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00311496

Joseph Edward Hill has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Joseph Edward Hill to Joseph Edward Ellner-Hill. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on January 20, 2022, 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 19, 2021  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: December 17, 24, 31, 2021 & January 7, 2022  
HILL 180201 1-7-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00311494

Paul David Ellner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Paul David Ellner to Paul David Ellner-Hill. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on January 20, 2022, 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 19, 2021  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: December 17, 24, 31, 2021 & January 7, 2022  
ELLNER 180201 1-7-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00311685

Yulia Kononenko has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Yulia Kononenko to Julia Demidoff, Volodymyr Kononenko to Vladimir Demidoff, Sofia Kononenko to Sofia Demidoff, Andriy Gorbatskov to Andrey Demidoff. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in



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**ACROSS**

1. \*Lettuce variety
5. Drivel
8. \*Café alternative
11. \*Cantina cooker
12. \*Waldorf salad ingredient
13. Animal trail
15. Radio knob
16. Hurry up, acr.
17. One who accepts the offer
18. \*Anise-flavored spirit
20. \*Happily \_\_\_\_ after
21. Operatic solos
22. \_\_\_\_ Air in L.A.
23. Hairy vertebrate
26. Freed
30. In the past
31. Small type of drum
34. \*Wine in Italy
35. Charleston, e.g.
37. Chow down
38. a.k.a. honey badger
39. Wet nurse
40. Hervé Villechaize on "Fantasy Island"
42. Expression of doubt
43. Founding Father
45. City in Japan
47. Shock and \_\_\_\_
48. Jawaharlal's last name
50. \*Driest type of sherry
52. \*a.k.a. black treacle
55. Softly-softly, loris' cousin
56. A Flock of Seagulls' 1982 hit (2 words)
57. \*Cabbage amount
59. Alexandre Dumas' "The Black \_\_\_\_"
60. What seekers do
61. Consequently
62. Everything
63. Temporary craze
64. Swedish shag rugs

**DOWN**

1. Physique, informally
2. Pelvic bones
3. Spill the beans
4. Certain fir
5. \*Fusilli or ziti
6. Same as #39 Across, pl.
7. Supreme pontiff
8. Puff
9. Field worker
10. Be off base
12. Capital of Philippines
13. Be at the helm
14. \*Ballerina-inspired dessert
19. All worked up
22. \*Granola serving
23. Téa Leon's \_\_\_\_ Secretary
24. Old World lizard
25. Unicellular organism
26. Stroke on a green
27. Lithograph, for short
28. Japan to U.S. in WWII
29. \*Stuffed grapevine leaf
32. \*Flageolet or azuki
33. \*Popular breakfast cereal
36. \*Type of #34 Across
38. Lion sounds
40. One little piggy?
41. Easily available (2 words)
44. One clean one?
46. \*Betty Crocker fruit snack
48. Waterwheel
49. Serengeti grazer
50. Unplayable baseball
51. It will, contraction
52. Lrk
53. Like a ghost
54. Long novel

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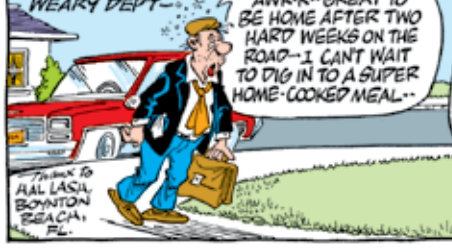


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# SMUD Slashes Solar Growth in Sacramento Region

**Commentary by  
Solar Rights Alliance**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Just a few days after President Biden’s Department of Energy released a first-ever blueprint calling for an immediate doubling of solar energy to fight climate change, Sacramento’s local utility company adopted a policy that will slow down new solar installations in the region while harming existing solar users. The policy comes a year after the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Board of Directors adopted its own climate emergency declaration and committed itself to getting off fossil fuels by 2030. That commitment will require a lot more renewable energy, yet neither the SMUD Board nor its staff have a plan for how it will get there, leaving environmentalists dumbstruck as they watch the utility deliberately slow down the growth of solar energy in the region.

“SMUD is killing rooftop solar at a time when they should be doing everything in their power to grow it,” said Lee Miller, Elk Grove resident and board member of the Solar Rights Alliance, an organization that represents solar users in the Sacramento region and across California. “This is utter madness. The state is burning. Hurricanes are raging. We need more solar, a hell of a lot more solar power, and we need it right now.”

In response to SMUD’s decision to slash solar incentives, solar users and environmentalists took to the streets, organizing a protest outside SMUD headquarters during a virtual board meeting.

“I went solar to help the planet, power my EV, and save money on my utility bill, but I never thought SMUD would claw back the

financial benefits of significant customer investments in clean, renewable, energy,” said SMUD customer Fatima Malik. “SMUD used to be a progressive utility, but they have become a backwoods bully. All they seem to care about is hoarding opportunities and monopolizing the solar energy market.”

At a board meeting Thursday night, the SMUD Board of Directors voted to adopt changes to a long-standing program called “net energy metering” or “NEM.” The program is popular with consumers because it is a simple way to make solar energy affordable for consumers while promoting the sharing of clean energy within neighborhoods. Under net metering, 36,000 SMUD homes have gone solar to date, including 2,000 low-income families on SMUD’s bill assistance program, and more than 400 businesses.

Specifically, starting March 2022, SMUD will reduce the credit customers receive for energy sent back to the grid and used within their immediate neighborhood by 44 percent, from 13.2 cents to 7.4 cents per kilowatt-hour. Such a move will make solar investments less valuable and therefore harm the financial benefits. Most consumers look to save money by investing in solar power. The policy changes will be retroactive to all existing solar users in SMUD territory starting in 2031. The reduced credits are also triggered by adding solar panels to an existing solar system, adding a battery, or selling your home. Making retroactive changes to net metering is something the state of California has rejected for customers of PG&E.

Today, 6,400 homes in Sacramento County invest in

solar every year, generating 27 MW of clean energy and supporting 2,700 jobs and dozens of local businesses. The California Solar and Storage Association estimates that under SMUD’s new program, the solar market for existing homes will slow down and reduce by as much as 40-50 percent from what it is today.

“We’ve seen this movie before. Other utilities have tried the same thing and the results are disastrous: less solar and fewer local jobs,” said Ben Davis, policy associate at the California Solar & Storage Association (CALSSA) representing dozens of local solar companies and their workers. “We see this kind of backwards policy making in other states, but you never really get used to seeing it in California, not to mention Sacramento. It is a shame.”

At a workshop of the SMUD Board of Directors two weeks ago, SMUD staff orchestrated public comment from local organizations and businesses they lined up to speak in favor of their anti-solar proposal. Many of the organizations receive grant money from SMUD and had little knowledge in the policy being debated. Meanwhile, members of the public, including existing solar users, were expected to wait more than three hours on a video call to testify against the proposal. Many individuals dropped off due to the long wait and feeling of disenfranchisement.

“I can’t believe SMUD is not supporting working families by allowing them to use solar to reduce their bills when we are struggling with COVID and under- and unemployment,” said Adriana Santana, a mother of six who lives in Del Paso Heights and went solar last year. “My bill used to be over \$400/month, and I

was drowning in debt. I was falling behind on my bill payments and was having to sacrifice because if I pay \$400 to SMUD, that’s money I don’t have for groceries for two weeks for my kids. I invested in solar to save money and it worked, but now SMUD is trying to pull the rug out from under me and my neighbors.”

In promoting their anti-solar plan, SMUD is touting their support of another program that they claim will spur the adoption of energy storage but is actually a lackluster initiative that raises a number of questions for consumers. Under the program, SMUD would provide an upfront rebate of up to \$2,500 plus \$200 per year. Combined, the payments will cover approximately 35 percent of the battery’s cost, but the homeowner would need to turn over 75 percent of the battery to SMUD for up to 200 days each year. The program is unlikely to spur significant adoption given the high cost of batteries and low subsidy payments combined with requirements that make the battery feel more like SMUD’s than the homeowner’s.

Meanwhile, SMUD is maintaining its large subsidies to consumers who invest in electric appliances and vehicles. The utility prefers homes that are all electric but that don’t have their own solar energy system to cover their increased electricity usage. In this way, consumers buy more of SMUD’s product: electricity, which increases the utility’s revenues significantly.

“We are all about solar energy and energy storage, and rooftop solar goes hand in glove with electrification efforts,” said Mr. Davis. “But consumers need solar power to charge their batteries and they need solar power to cover their

increased electricity usage. Killing the economics of solar while attempting to encourage batteries and home electrification is like taking one step forward and two steps back. This is how you squash an emerging market, not how you grow it.”

“I’m a retiree on a fixed income,” said Gisla Dewey from La Riviera. “I can’t just keep paying higher and higher electric bills and stay in my home. SMUD says they care about low-income residents but in reality they only care about their own revenues just like every other utility in the state.”

Utility interests, including SMUD, have promoted making major changes to the state’s net metering program through a trumped-up cost-shift argument. Their line of thinking claims homeowners, schools and businesses who generate their own power from the sun are not providing enough revenue for the utility, thereby forcing the utility to meet their revenue needs on the backs of other customers. Studies show that investing in local rooftop solar energy can save on utility costs, avoiding having to bring energy into cities like Sacramento from distant solar and wind farms. Utility revenues may shrink but their ability to pass along savings to all ratepayers from a more affordable, renewable electric grid grows.

“Everyone knows a stitch in time saves nine,” said Mrs. Miller. “Investing in rooftop solar energy today, will save all consumers billions of dollars in the years to come as we continue to fight climate change. That’s what President Biden’s call to action is all about and it is a shame the SMUD Board of Directors is going in the opposite direction.” ★

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