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## Misfortune Paves Way for Hope

*Yuba Water Employee Sets Up First Responder Grants*



Yuba Water and community partners honor Bill Shaw's commitment to funding Yuba County first responders. Photo courtesy of Yuba Water Agency

### Yuba Water Agency News Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Six years ago, Yuba Water Agency employee Bill Shaw was involved in a catastrophic accident at work. After Shaw recovered and returned to work, he wanted to find a way to give back to the first responders who saved his life.

On Sept. 5, 2023, the Bill Shaw Rescue Equipment and Training Grant Program has committed approximately \$400,000 in funds to Yuba County first responders, thanks to Shaw's vision and Yuba Water's continued commitment to the program.

"It's amazing that a mistake could turn into something so good," Shaw said. "It's exciting to see what the agency has done to keep the program going and all the ways it supports local emergency responders, many of

whom are volunteers, and the citizens of Yuba County. I very much appreciate it, and I know they do too."

The grants are exclusively for first-responder agencies in Yuba County and cover one-time costs of up to \$10,000 per applicant, per fiscal year, associated with purchasing rescue equipment or specialized personnel training. The grants must be connected to Yuba Water's missions to qualify.

Dozens of local police, fire, search and rescue and related groups have received funds in recent years to support swift water rescues, levee patrols, fire-fighting efforts, first-aid and emergency response training capabilities and more. Several of the grant recipients joined agency leadership, staff and other community members on Sept. 5, to recognize Shaw, who retired in July.

"Over the last few years, we've

been able to purchase all-terrain vehicles, a trailer and ramp for the ATVs, helmets and other safety gear, and we bought drones to monitor the levees in those hard-to-reach areas," said Marysville Police Chief Chris Sachs. "In a time when so many are seeing rising costs and shrinking budgets, the Bill Shaw grant program has been a huge help for Marysville P.D."

In addition to recognizing Shaw, the board approved a \$400,000 grant to help Yuba County complete a drainage infrastructure improvement project in Linda and Olivehurst. Yuba Water previously committed \$3.5 million for the project. The additional funds will cover an unexpected increase in costs due to supply-chain issues.

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## Hyatt Announces Plans to Build 113-Room Hotel in Marysville

### City of Marysville News Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On Wednesday, August 16, 2023, Marysville Mayor Chris Branscum announced that Hyatt Hotel Corporation will be building a hotel along B Street across from Ellis Lake in central Marysville. Hyatt Studios is described as Hyatt's first upper-mid-scale, extended stay brand in the Americas.

According to City Officials, Presidio Hotel Development LLC, an organization that the City entered into a DDA with in 2022, has entered into a franchise agreement with Hyatt for a 113-room Hyatt Studios hotel. The custom build-out will include meeting rooms and a conference center for local events. Developer Guneet Bajwa, President and CEO of Presidio Hotel Development stated that "the adaptability to tailor the product to my market's demands, are among the reasons we've chosen to invest in developing a Hyatt Studios hotel."

"It's gratifying to see hard work and tenacity pay off," said Marysville Mayor Chris Branscum. Now is Marysville's time to shine, and with the addition of a first-tier hotel chain like Hyatt, Marysville will be able to host overnight and extended-stay accommodations for travelers who will shop, dine and recreate, thereby bringing added vitality to our City."

The Hyatt Studio hotel will be built on the east side of B Street between 12th and 14th Street on the property acquired by the City of Marysville more than twenty years ago. According to Hyatt Hotels Corporation, Marysville is the ideal location to develop a Hyatt Studios Hotel due to the city's rapid growth in recent years, which has led to increased demand in the mid-scale segment.

"Moving this project from concept to reality has been exciting for our entire team," said Marysville City Manager Jim Schaad. "It has reinforced my belief that we have the right team in place, and they are accomplishing great things in our small but mighty city."

Hyatt Hotels Corporation is expected to open the doors to their Marysville location in 2025. ★

## Tri-County Youth Development Center Ribbon-cutting Ceremony



Elected Officials and community leaders from Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties celebrate the new Tri-County Youth Development Center. Photo courtesy of Caporusso Communications

### Caporusso Communications News Release

**TRI-COUNTIES, CA (MPG)** - On Thursday, August 10th, Colusa County joined its regional partners in Yuba and Sutter Counties to host a joint ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Tri-County Youth Development Center. The completion of this

juvenile detention facility represents more than a decade of work, resulting in the first regional partnership of its kind in California. Supervisor Merced Corona, Colusa County's representative on the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board of Directors, provided comments during the ceremony, recognizing the hard work and dedication of numerous individuals

over the past decade that went into making the project possible.

The Tri-County Youth Development Center is a 32-bed facility located across the street from the existing Tri-Counties facility in Yuba County. The new facility includes state-of-the-art housing, improved programming facilities,

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

ABC television news calls them “famous wild chickens.” Wikipedia ranks Yuba City, third in the United States for the most feral chickens, behind Vieques, Puerto Rico, and Fair Oaks, California. The San Francisco Chronicle described Yuba City as a place where chickens have “free reign.” National Public Radio carried a story claiming the chickens had completely taken over the parking lot of a Starbucks in Yuba City. CBS News has a headline entitled “Yuba Chickens takeover.” Clearly, the fame of the feral chickens of Yuba City is well-established. There are many legends about how the chickens along Highway 99 in Yuba City increased so much that they cannot be controlled. How they got there and why they have stayed is a topic of much debate. Many people believe there used to be a livestock Yard there and that, even though the building was demolished to make way for the city

to grow, these loyal chickens decided they would never leave. Another legend is that a truckload of chickens crashed at the intersection of Bridge Street and Highway 99 in the early 1950s, and the chickens took up residence there and never left. Last week, when I was at In-N-Out Burger, a woman was sitting outside at a table, and a chicken walked up to her and packed her on the ankle. I told her, “There’s a chicken down by your feet”. She said in a matter-of-fact tone, “Of course, this is Yuba City. She just wants a french fry.” Now, a new Chapter in the legend of the Yuba City Chickens begins. Over 40,000 people have gone through the Feather River Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Yuba City in the last two weeks as part of the community open house. There are around 200 LDS temples worldwide, and each has architectural and artistic features that reflect the culture, ambiance, and natural beauty of the area where the temple is built. As a part of Yuba Sutter culture and lore, the first carpet in the Temple has colorful orange poppies, the State Flower of California; there’s a framed painting in the front lobby, an image of Christ standing in a Rice field, something I’ve never seen before, it is usually a

wheat field, not another cereal grain (this portrait is proof Jesus loves people in Richvale and Biggs). The carpet down the main corridor on the bottom floor looks like a river leading to a baptismal font, like the twin rivers in Yuba/Sutter. There are also two landscape portraits of the foothills of Northern California in the atrium. The stained glass throughout has almond (or peach) blossoms. On my first trip through the Temple, I passed these works of art and kept looking for the design element that would be an artistic “tip of the hat” to the local famous chickens. I knew there was a basis in Christian scripture for chickens. Jesus himself said in the Books of Luke and Matthew, “I have longed to gather you together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings...” Then - when leaving the Celestial Room on the western side, there was a portrait of Jesus Christ with chickens by his feet - and with that, the famous chickens of Yuba/Sutter added another chapter to the many tales that surround their existence. They have been memorialized in the artwork of the Feather River Temple.

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*Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. Opinions expressed here are solely his.* ★

# Enloe Medical Center Earns High Marks in 8 Types of Care

## Enloe Medical Center News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - U.S. News & World Report recognized Enloe Medical Center as a High Performing hospital in eight procedures and conditions. This is the highest distinction a hospital can earn for U.S. News’ Best Hospitals Procedures & Conditions ratings. Enloe was recognized for:

Heart Failure, Diabetes, Kidney Failure, Stroke, Hip Replacement, Knee Replacement, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Pneumonia.

Last year, Enloe was recognized for seven procedures and conditions. U.S. News evaluated more than 4,500 hospitals across 15 specialties and 21 procedures and conditions. Hospitals awarded a “Best” designation excelled at factors such as clinical outcomes, level of nursing care and patient experience.

“Enloe Medical Center has become a symbol for quality and compassionate care in the North State,” said Enloe’s President and CEO Mike Wiltermood.

“This recognition validates all the hard work our caregivers perform daily. At a time when health care organizations in our region are struggling to stay afloat, it’s truly inspiring what our staff has been able to achieve.”

Additionally, the medical center was named one of the Best Regional Hospitals for the Northern Sierras for the 2023-2024 rating period, ranking No. 65 in California. Only 12% of the 4,500 evaluated hospitals earned a Best Hospitals ranking.

“The caregivers at Enloe have made this honor possible. Their remarkable work continues to make our community proud,” said Enloe’s Chief Medical Officer Marcia Nelson, M.D. “Being named, once again, among the Best Hospitals reignites our passion and commitment to medical excellence.”

Enloe Medical Center is a local, non-profit health care organization. For more information, please call 530 332-7300 or visit us online at [www.enloe.org](http://www.enloe.org). Enloe Medical Center is located at 1531 Esplanade Chico, Calif. 95926. ★

# DA Declines to File Homicide Charges in Homeowner Shooting Case

## Butte County DA News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County District Attorney has declined to file homicide charges against Darren Moran, 54, of Oroville.

On August 22, 2023, Moran was arrested by Butte County Sheriff’s deputies investigating the shooting death of Bruce Pagenkopp, 29, of Oroville, on the morning of August 22, 2023.

According to Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey, after reviewing witness statements and the results of the forensic crime scene investigation, it was determined that Moran could reasonably believe he was in imminent danger of death or great bodily injury at the time he shot Pagenkopp. “Based upon the totality of the current evidence, and given our burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that Moran did not have a reasonable self-defense argument, we will not be filing homicide charges,” Ramsey said.

However, Moran is being charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, possession of methamphetamine with a firearm, and possession of metal knuckles. In addition, Moran has a prior “strike” conviction from 2015 involving a felony assault with a knife at a local Oroville bar. Moran remains in the custody of the Butte County Jail on \$170,000 bail.

Ramsey said the Sheriff’s Office investigation determined that on the morning of August 22, 2023, Moran was inside his RV on Custer Lane, south of Oroville. Moran had been living in the RV on the property with the permission of the property owner. Around 8:00 a.m., Pagenkopp, and three others drove onto Moran’s property and parked in front of Moran’s RV. Pagenkopp claimed to the others that he had an ownership interest in a second RV parked on the property and stated he was going to the property to pick up the RV. According to Ramsey, Sheriff’s detectives determined that there was a second RV parked on the property but determined that it was not operable.

According to Ramsey, the investigation determined that, after parking, Pagenkopp

and the male driver exited their vehicle. Pagenkopp and the driver briefly walked around the property and found a generator, belonging to Moran, behind Moran’s RV. Pagenkopp and the driver picked up the generator and began carrying the generator toward their vehicle. Moran saw what was happening and armed himself with a loaded handgun he kept in his residence. Pagenkopp approached the door to the RV.

Ramsey said the investigation determined Pagenkopp and Moran engaged in a brief verbal confrontation through a window of the RV and Pagenkopp said he was affiliated with a local street gang and claimed ownership of a second RV on the property. When Moran opened the door, Pagenkopp physically attacked Moran in the doorway, driving Moran to the ground. Sheriff’s detectives later found abrasions on Moran’s back, consistent with him being driven to the ground. While on his back, on the ground, with Pagenkopp on top of him, Moran fired at least two shots into Pagenkopp. Based upon the physical evidence, the third was fired a few seconds later as the wounded Pagenkopp was disengaging from Moran.

Ramsey said after Pagenkopp was shot, the driver and female passenger fled the area in their vehicle. A female passenger remained behind and called 911 and stayed with Pagenkopp while attempting CPR. Moran also remained at the scene. Sheriff’s deputies arrived at the property within eight minutes of the 911 call. Deputies took over lifesaving aid and CPR. Pagenkopp was pronounced dead by paramedics who arrived shortly after the deputies. Moran was contacted by the deputies and admitted to shooting Pagenkopp. Moran was taken into custody without incident.

During a subsequent search of Moran’s RV and property, deputies located the firearm, additional ammunition, several metal knuckles, and methamphetamine. The firearm was determined to have been reported missing by Moran’s ex-wife in 2022.

Moran was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court this afternoon. He was remanded to the custody of the Butte County Jail and bail was set at \$170,000. ★

# Sheriff Seeks Information for Blue Toyota Minivan in Vehicle Shooting

## Sutter County Sheriff's News Release

**SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On September 2, 2023, at approximately 8pm, the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office was dispatched to the 1500 block of Countryside Drive, Yuba City regarding a car-to-car shooting that just occurred. Deputies arrived on scene and located a 17-year-old male with a gunshot wound to the shoulder/chest area. The 17-year-old was provided immediate medical attention and later transported to the hospital. The

17-year-old is in stable condition currently. The suspect vehicle is described as a blue Toyota minivan. The suspect, who was the passenger in the vehicle was wearing a mask so no description can be provided at this time. The driver of the van has been described as an Indian or Hispanic male. This is an ongoing investigation and as more details are brought to our attention, we will update the press release. If anyone has any information on the incident please call the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office Detectives at (530) 822-2245. ★

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# It’s Time for the Golden Autumn Wine Festival!

## Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way News Release

**WHEATLAND, CA (MPG)** - Wine lovers... rejoice! The 8th annual Golden Autumn Wine Festival will be held at Bishop’s Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland!

It’s Sunday, September 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the beautiful, shady apple orchard beer and wine garden. Thirteen area wineries will present wines for tasting and for purchase. Four specialty vendors will be on-site as well with their products to sample and purchase.

The event is sponsored by Sutter Health, Bishop’s Pumpkin Farm, and California Health and Wellness.

Enjoy live music provided by the Tu Tones. Purchase lunch and Bishop’s famous hard cider. Absolutely no one

under 21 will be admitted, including infants. Valid ID required.

Purchase your tickets now by visiting our website: [www.yscunitedway.org](http://www.yscunitedway.org) and click on “Upcoming Events” Choose from two wine tasting ticket times: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Your \$50 ticket includes wine samples from each of the 13 wineries! In addition, wineries will have bottles of wine to purchase for enjoying at home.

Proceeds benefit Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way’s programs and services, including our United Way Born Learning Academy, the Eric Pomeroy Memorial Scholarships, support of our 27 Partner non-profit agencies, and much more!

Parking at Bishop’s is free on the day of the event and there is never an admission fee to enter Bishop’s Pumpkin Farm. ★



# Tri-County Youth Development Center Ribbon-cutting Ceremony



Colusa County Supervisor Janice Bell (left) attended the ribbon cutting, together with Colusa County Supervisor Jose Merced Corona (right) who will be Colusa County's representative on the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board of Directors. Photo courtesy of Caporusso Communications

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and a design that allows for each pod to have its own classroom, and access to the yard/field. The smart design makes it easier to facilitate programs and

meet rehabilitative requirements.  
**Campus Facts**  
Covers 17,737 square feet; Modern, 32-bed occupancy; Expected cost of \$22.2M - funded by Senate Bill 81 and the

three counties (Colusa County contributed 20% of the construction costs); Contains therapeutic paint colors which help create a homelike atmosphere; Expected occupancy projected for Fall 2023.  
**Project Background**  
Recognizing a shared set of goals and standards, with the mission of working towards what's best for our youth being served, Colusa County partnered with Yuba and Sutter Counties to form a JPA to maximize use of the State funding provided to counties to construct new facilities. This partnership maximizes economies of scale and resulted in an economical solution for serving Colusa County youth.  
Colusa County contributed 20 percent of the construction costs and will pay 12 percent of all operating and maintenance costs. ★

# CalRTA Area II Division 53 Transitions to New President



CalRTA, an active organization which consists of retired teachers from Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba Counties, has been very busy this summer. On Thursday, June 8th, we had a luncheon meeting at the Moose Lodge in Yuba City. It was time to say thank you to retiring President, Sarah Pryor (standing on right), and welcome the new President Phillip Perry (stands on left back.) The executive team met again on Thursday, June 20th at the Dancing Tomato in Yuba City to plan the upcoming year starting in July. We had a thank you luncheon again at Dancing Tomato on Thursday, Aug. 10th to celebrate a successful year. There were 25 people in attendance. Everyone had a good time visiting. We plan to give 12 stipends to teachers currently teaching in the three counties, Colusa, Sutter and Yuba. The stipends are for teachers to use in their classroom for special things or projects that would enhance their students' learning. Photo courtesy of Sarah Pryor

# Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture Adds Three New Board Members

**YSAC News Release**

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - At its monthly board meeting on August 23rd, the Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture (YSAC) Board of Directors voted in three new board members: Jennifer Jelavich, Carolyn Sasaki, and Chris Bolton. Each are highly qualified individuals with expertise in a variety of fields.  
Jennifer Jelavich is an Organization Lead for the Blue Zones Project community wellness program. She recently

became a board member of the Yuba City Education Foundation. She is also an active member of P.E.O. International, a philanthropic educational organization. Founded in 1869 at Wesleyan College in Iowa, it provides support and motivation to help women reach their full potential. Jennifer is a member of Soroptimists of Marysville-Yuba City and when her three sons were still in school, she was an active member of the PTA.  
Carolyn Sasaki is a special services teacher with the Yuba

County Office of Education. She also has a law degree but does not currently practice law. Carolyn is a long time YSAC member and has been a tireless volunteer for many years having helped with the Yuba Sutter Youth Choir and Very Special Arts Festival. Carolyn has served on the Marysville Planning Committee to update the General Plan and has volunteered for Family Soup's equine therapy program. She is also an artist who works in watercolors and acrylics.  
Chris Bolton is an entrepreneur who has successfully owned

several businesses. His experience spans various fields including the arts, theater, and film industries. Coupled with practical skills in residential and commercial construction as well as IT and electrical work he has volunteered his multifaceted technical expertise to YSAC for several years. Chris is a member of both the South Yuba County Sunrise Rotary Club and the Yuba-Sutter Rotary Night Club. He looks forward to continuing to make a significant contribution as a YSAC board member.

The new members will join the current board which includes Susan Miller – President, Tom Galvin – Vice President, Narinder Dhaliwal – Secretary, Alondra Bains – Treasurer and members at large Don Blaser, Chris Branscum, Glen Everett, Dan Flores, Shon Harris, and Ashley Hernandez. The YSAC board meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6pm via Zoom. All are welcome.  
For additional information, contact Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture at email@yubausterarts.org. ★



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# News Briefs

MPG Staff

## Quilting in the Buttes

The Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild will host its 8th annual Biennial Show, Sept 16-17, at the Sutter Youth Building, 7780 Butte House Road, in Sutter.

The Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild is a group of 41 members who have made service an integral part of their guild.

“We are a small guild but we’re mighty in what we accomplish for our community,” said Diana Tatro. “We donate to Rideout Cancer Center, Dialysis Center, and Casa de Esperanza. Presently we are collecting quilts for Maui Fire survivors.”

The Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild will have over 100 works of art at the show. There will also be vendors, food available, an opportunity quilt, and lovely baskets available to win.

The show will be held from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, Sept. 16, and from 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday, Sept. 17. The public is invited to attend. Admission is \$7.

“We hope to see everyone at the show,” Tatro said.

## Museum to Honor Fallen Soldier

The Sutter County Museum will honor Colusa County’s Rueben “Boy” Lopez, a

U.S. soldier killed in action more than a decade ago, with a peace pole dedication on Sept. 21.

The speaker series program and the dedication will be held from 5:30-7 PM at the Museum, 1333 Butte House Road, Yuba City, on the International Day of Peace.

Lopez, 27, was Colusa County’s second casualty of the Afghanistan War. He was killed on Aug. 11, 2011, in the Kandahar Province, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his transportation vehicle.

Lopez graduated from Williams High School and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, out of Fort Drum, N.Y. The attack that killed Lopez killed four other U.S. soldiers.

Barbara and Scott Hankins, of Meridian, commissioned the peace pole, a hand-crafted monument that displays the message “May Peace Prevail.” Peace poles also have been placed in Lopez’s honor at various locations in Colusa, Williams, and Arbuckle, as well as at the State Capitol Building in Sacramento. A five-mile sketch of the Fallen Hero Memorial Highway, located 100 yards north of the Hahn Road and the Highway 99 intersection to the Williams city limits, is also dedicated to Lopez. ★

# State Auditor Removes Transportation Infrastructure from ‘High Risk’ List

Caltrans News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California State Auditor ton August 24, 2023, removed the state’s transportation infrastructure from its “high-risk list” after 16 years in recognition of the progress California has made in rebuilding and upgrading the state transportation system in recent years.

“The Auditor’s findings are a testament to the substantial progress Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission and our partners have made as we work together to improve and rebuild our state’s critical transportation infrastructure,” said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. “This progress has been especially noteworthy since the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 – landmark legislation that ushered in a new era of infrastructure investment to rebuild California. Our elected officials and the people of California entrusted us with their hard-earned tax dollars to upgrade the state’s aging infrastructure, and we have delivered and will continue to make good on that trust. Coupled with Governor Newsom’s infrastructure streamlining package and a \$15 billion investment in clean transportation infrastructure, along with recent increased federal infrastructure funding, our state is in an incredible and unique position to keep making progress and accelerate our transition to a cleaner, safer, more equitable and more connected transportation system that benefits all Californians.”

The Auditor first designated California’s deteriorating transportation infrastructure as a high-risk issue in May 2007, noting at the time that a long-term stable funding source was needed to address maintaining and upgrading the state’s aging roads and bridges, reduce traffic delays, improve goods movement, and increase options for transit, intercity rail and active transportation like walking and biking.

That all changed with the passage of SB 1, which provides more than \$5 billion in transportation funding annually that is shared about equally between state and local agencies. SB 1 represented the first significant, stable and ongoing increase in state transportation funding in more than two decades. To date, California has invested \$18.3 billion in SB 1 funding in more than 10,000 projects in communities throughout the state, creating more than 237,000 jobs.

As the Auditor notes, keeping California’s transportation infrastructure in good repair is important because it enhances safety and maintains the usable life of critical state assets, which currently consists of 50,000 lane miles of pavement, 13,200 bridges, 213,000 culverts and drainage facilities, and nearly 21,000 transportation management system elements (changeable message signs, meters, etc.). Caltrans already has

exceeded the 10-year SB 1 targets in three of the four primary infrastructure targets and is making substantial progress on the fourth. Since the start of SB 1, Caltrans has:

Enhanced pavement on nearly 15,000 lane miles on the state highway system so 99% of pavement is in good or fair condition – above the SB 1 goal of 98% by 2027;

Fixed 1,512 bridges – more than doubling the number of structures repaired annually and already surpassing the SB 1 goal of 500 additional bridges restored by 2027;

Repaired 578,285 linear feet of culverts – a more than three-fold increase from pre-SB 1 levels – and cleaned more than 1.6 million linear feet of culverts so 90% of drainage systems on the state highway network are now in good or fair condition, in line with SB 1’s 10-year goal;

Added or repaired nearly 6,200 traffic management system elements, with 77% currently in good or fair condition and on track to reach the SB 1 target of 90% in good condition by 2027.

To leverage this notable progress in upgrading and rebuilding the state’s critical infrastructure, Governor Newsom signed a \$15 billion clean transportation infrastructure package as part of the 2022-23 state budget to further the state’s ambitious climate goals. These historic multiyear investments are improving and expanding transit and passenger rail service throughout the state, increasing safe walking and biking options, making key safety improvements that will save lives, reconnecting communities, continuing progress on the nation’s first electrified high-speed rail line, and upgrading the state’s supply chain infrastructure to support a more efficient, sustainable and resilient goods movement system.

In addition to these historic state investments, California is receiving an influx of federal funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,” this represents a once-in-a-generation federal investment in the nation’s infrastructure to improve the sustainability and resiliency of the country’s energy, water, broadband and transportation systems. Since November 2021, California has received more than \$22 billion in federal infrastructure funding. That includes nearly \$16 billion in federal transportation funding to upgrade the state’s roads, bridges, rail, public transit, airports, electric vehicle charging network, ports and waterways. These transportation investments alone have already created nearly 48,000 jobs.

To review the latest news and information on state and federal infrastructure investments, visit [RebuildingCA.ca.gov](https://RebuildingCA.ca.gov), which contains data on the increased funding. Website visitors can learn more about the different state and federal infrastructure programs, track the amount of funding California is receiving, and find projects on an updated interactive map. ★

# Caltrans Awards \$41 Million for Sustainable Projects Standing Up to Climate Change

Caltrans News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Powered by an infusion of state and federal investments, Caltrans announced on August 31, 2023, it has awarded \$41.6 million in planning grants for 90 sustainable, climate-resilient transportation projects throughout California that address local and regional impacts of extreme weather events fueled by climate change.

The projects selected will help reduce planet-warming pollution, improve resiliency of the state highway system, enhance access to safe walkways and bike paths, and increase natural disaster preparedness. Nearly \$30 million comes from one-time state and federal sources made possible by Governor Gavin Newsom’s historic \$15 billion clean transportation package in the 2022-23 state budget to further the state’s ambitious climate goals. Another \$12.4 million comes from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. The awards will fund project planning and conceptual design efforts, helping move the projects closer to construction.

“California is at the forefront of planning transportation projects built to withstand the effects of climate change,” said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. “By working closely with local partners, we can maintain a sustainable, adaptable and resilient transportation system that will serve the people of California far into the future.”

In total, Caltrans will fund: \$20.2 million in Sustainable Communities Competitive and Technical Grants to 56 local, regional, tribal and transit agencies for transportation and land use planning, as well as planning for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This includes more than \$8 million to fund planning for 21 projects that improve safety and access for people who walk and bike;

\$18.1 million in Climate Adaptation Planning Grants – all from Governor Newsom’s clean transportation infrastructure package – to 26 local, regional, tribal, and transit agencies to identify transportation-related climate vulnerabilities through

the development of climate adaptation plans, as well as project-level adaptation planning to address climate impacts to transportation infrastructure;

\$3.3 million in federally funded Strategic Partnership Grants to eight projects that will plan for comprehensive highway corridors, rural agriculture and highway safety, tourism demand, intercity bus systems, transit centers, and other sustainability initiatives;

In addition, earlier this month Caltrans awarded \$12.5 million in SB 1 funding for Sustainable Communities Formula Grants to metropolitan planning organizations to advance regional transportation plans and sustainable community strategies, bringing the total investment in sustainable transportation planning this award cycle to more \$54 million. This wave of funding builds upon the Newsom Administration’s historic investments in clean transportation and sustainable communities. California has invested more than \$3.2 billion to improve public transit and passenger rail service this year alone, and just yesterday awarded more than \$750 million to create more affordable housing and clean transportation options.

Caltrans awards transportation planning grants each year through a competitive process to encourage local and regional projects. Applications are evaluated on how projects further state transportation and climate goals by identifying and addressing statewide, interregional or regional transportation deficiencies on the highway system.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually that is shared equally between state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1. To view the latest news and information on state and federal infrastructure investments, visit [RebuildingCA.ca.gov](https://RebuildingCA.ca.gov).

For a complete list of planning grant project awardees, visit the Caltrans website on Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants. ★

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# Will California’s New Math Curriculum Improve State’s Woeful Rankings?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom and other political figures like to brag about California’s role as a national or even international leader in all things wonderful. They tend, however, to gloss over or ignore indications that California is falling short in some very important indices of societal achievement, such as public education. When measured against other states, much less other nations, California’s nearly 6 million public school students rank among the lowest in national education testing for mathematics and language skills. The latest round of National Assessment of Educational Progress test results, released last fall, revealed that California’s fourth- and eighth-graders were once again in the bottom tier of states in reading and math. Moreover, California’s unusually long school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic reduced achievement even more, as a recent report from the Public Policy Institute of California revealed. Before the pandemic, 51% of students met standards in English language arts, or ELA, and it had dropped to 47%. In mathematics, proficiency declined from 40% to 33%.

“Only 35% of low-income students met state standards in ELA and 21% were proficient in math,” PPIC reported, “compared to 65% of higher-income students in ELA and 51% in math.” Furthermore, PPIC noted, the nationwide tests of reading and math proficiency “shows that California has consistently lagged behind most other states ... 38th in math and 33rd in reading.” We may not need more evidence that Californians lack competence in basic skills, but last week we got another data dose from the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, a global program of testing supported by the U.S. Department of Education. A new analysis of its data reveals that in “numeracy” – the ability of adults to use mathematics in daily lives – California ranks near the bottom of states, virtually identical to Georgia and other states in the second lowest tier. Within California, just one of its 58 counties – Marin – scored in the highest tier. By happenstance, the numeracy report was issued just a few weeks after the state Board of Education adopted a new framework for math instruction that advocates claim will increase the computational acumen of California students by making it more culturally relevant. Board member Gabriela Orozco-Gonzalez, an elementary school teacher in Montebello, said, “The framework’s focus on fundamental concepts, open-ended tasks, justice, student inquiry, reasoning and justification aligns with effective mathematics teaching

practices. I am encouraged by the incorporation of strategies to support diverse learners, such as promoting multilingualism, facilitating group work, employing visual aids, and establishing cultural connections.” Tom Loveless, a former senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who wrote a book on the Common Core standards, was one of many critics during a three-hour hearing prior to adoption, saying the framework sends a “message that math facts can be treated lightly.” The climactic board meeting reflected years of often bitter debate, dubbed the “math wars,” over how best to raise math skills, not unlike a similar conflict over language skills dubbed the “reading wars.” Traditionalist supporters of phonics finally emerged triumphant in the battle over reading but traditionalists lost on math. Ultimately, the board made a few tweaks aimed at placating critics but left the original concept of downplaying rote skills and early introduction to algebra largely intact. Obviously California has a math skills problem. Too many of our students and adults are “innumerate” – the mathematical equivalent of illiterate – and that has vast societal impacts, from lessening Californians’ ability to manage personal finances to depriving the economy of workers with critical skills. We’ll see if California’s new woke math curriculum improves its standing, or drives us even lower. *Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers.* ★



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## Buying a Used Car

A friend of mine called for my advice on how to buy a used car. I have previously covered how to buy a new car on Money Matters but never a used car. When I got out of a college, I started selling cars with a buddy of mine. At that time the price difference for a BMW model 2002 between Southern California and Northern California was about 25% and the 2002 was *the car* to own in Marin County in the early 80’s. We figured we could make about \$500.00 per car on average. That was pretty healthy for two kids’ right out of college. Eventually we branched off to include more makes and models, and in the process learned a lot about the used car business. On the buying side, there are certain things to look for at the onset. Once you’ve decided what make and model you want, check the web for reviews on the cars you are considering and begin the elimination process there. Some of the things making for a better car are higher freeway miles (versus around town miles), the condition of the car, if it has been repainted or not, and whether the owner has any service records. The ideal car for me is an original owner car, no accidents as verified by a Carfax document, and owned by a family who has all the service records. Although some cars won’t check all the boxes as to what is ideal, always take your time before buying as a car is an expensive investment. Oddly, I often found that original owners with proper documentation usually were the ones that didn’t ask a premium price. On the other hand, those that buy and sell cars on the side (called curbing) often ask a premium price. Original owner families can often be emotionally swayed to sell their “baby” (the car) to people they like. For that reason, always be super nice, dress sharply, be clean cut and forthright. Subjective I know but it works. As a general rule, we avoided used car lots, as the prices were a little bit higher, but I have bought cars from lots on occasion. Certain car lots can offer fairly good deals, and I’ve found the best deals there to be older models but with lower miles. One of my favorite ways of finding good deals was finding cars with for-sale signs on them when driving around town. I often found them to be family owned and many an original owner sells their cars this way. If you see a car in the driveway that looks pristine with a “*For Sale*” sign on it, chances are it could be a great find. Look for a car with low miles, in decent shape, has not been repainted, with lots of service records and a clean Carfax. I like older years but with low miles. Buy the miles is sound advice. You can research approximate car prices

on KBB or Edmonds, but prices I find there can be out of date. It is better to see what is actually selling on sites like CarGurus or another car selling page. Pages like Carvana are not a place I find helpful as they tend to ask dealer prices instead of realistic for-sale by owner prices. There are warning signs to look for when buying used cars. The pink slip (owner certificate) should be in the seller’s name. If they say they’re selling it for a friend or relative, beware. A *re-painted car is not a good idea*. When a car is repainted, the new paint is not as durable as factory paint. Especially avoid cars whose color has been changed. A car that has been hit or has an accident on its Carfax, unless it’s a verifiable very small accident, is a car I would avoid. Ditto with any title that says “salvage”. Because I’ve sold cars, I know how to drive them and feel what is going on with the vehicle, so unless you are a mechanic, it’s a good idea to take the car in and get it checked out. An honest seller should find a way to make this happen. Before you go that far however, look closely at all the areas of the car, inside and out, and test all the electrical functions. Cars that have been brought in from out of state should be inspected closely underneath the running boards and behind the wheel wells for corroded areas which are another no-no. Don’t buy any car with rust on the body. Also look down the sides of the car at various angles for rough finishes and waves which could signal previous body work. And make sure you look at your car at least once in broad daylight. In conclusion, look for cleans cars with original paint, clean titles with a clean CARFAX, and cars with lots of service records. The fewer previous owners the better. Add in good reviews and what appears to be a wholesome person or family behind the sale, and you improve your chances of getting a nice used car. “*Watching the markets so you don’t have to*” *This article expresses the opinion of Marc Cuniberti and is not meant as investment advice, or a recommendation to buy or sell any securities, nor represents the opinion of any bank, investment firm or RIA, nor this media outlet, its staff, members or underwriters. Mr. Cuniberti holds a B.A. in Economics with honors, 1979, and California Insurance License #0L34249. His insurance agency is BAP INC. that can be contacted at (530)559-1214. Marc was voted best financial advisor in the county 2021. Email: [news@moneymanagementradio.com](mailto:news@moneymanagementradio.com)* ★



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The Mountain Quilt Guild show is coming up this month: September 30 (10 am to 4 pm ) and October 1 (10 am to 3 pm) at the community center on Ponderosa Way in Brownsville. There is a \$6.00 admission fee which helps the guild buy yardage for their donated quilts. Each year many small quilts are made to donate to various community service groups. This group meets each Wednesday at 9 am and then sew together. At the show lunch will be served and vendors available. There are two small book groups that meet at Books & More on a regular basis. One meets every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 and is a small group that discusses the same book (as well as many other topics). Usually our books are non-fiction and we discuss a few chapters or articles each week. Then we talk about the fiction book we are currently reading. This group has met regularly for several years, but could use a new person or two. The other book club, Book Buddies, has met for many years; it used to be called RAG but changed the name. It meets monthly

and has a theme or author of the month. It is a group of 6 – 8 readers that meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30. Both book clubs stretch our reading choices a good bit, suggesting new (to us) authors, noticing details in the writing that we might have missed and, in general, helping us get more out of our reading. Come on by and check it out sometime. Don’t forget the End of Summer Festival next Saturday, Sept. 16, at the medical center circle. There will be lots going on: the showing off’ pets starts the day at 10 am. There are quite a variety of animals signed up, music will be on stage in the afternoon. The day starts with a breakfast at the firehouse, lunch and dinner at the Festival. This event is a chance to have several non-profit organizations take part, each making a little money, and close out the summer season. Hope you can make it. Look Back in Time – In 1900 60,000 pounds of freight were unloaded at Flack’s storehouse in Woodleaf (it was a “booming” place back then). ★

# 50 Years from Now?



By Kathy Craig Harteis

For a couple of hours last week we were 17 again. In Deadwood, SD we attended the Happy Together Tour. The groups from the 1960’s are in deed happy to be together again. Our favorite was Little Anthony but the others

were equally good. We were asked by another attendee if in 50 years the music of today would still have the draw that of the 60’s has now. Maybe not. It may have been a packed house of balding heads and a few wrinkles, but the house was packed. On the way out we met a 30 something couple. I commented that they were young and asked if they liked the show. “It’s great,” they said adding it was their second time seeing it. For a minute we remembered a time and a place from our youth. It’s funny how a song can take you back to a moment you thought you had forgotten. *Life is good today.* ★

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF YUBA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:  
RICHARD LEE WILSON, MICHEAL ALY’CE  
WILSON, PETITIONERS  
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 23-00878  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:  
10/09/2023  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) RICHARD LEE WILSON and MICHEAL ALY’CE WILSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Richard Lee Wilson  
to: Richard Lee Mendenall, Jr.  
from: Justice Ryan-Beverley Wilson  
to: Aly’ce-Katherine Justice Mendenall

**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 8/29/2023

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

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Name:  
James Powell  
Richard White  
Dennis Harris  
Renee Edwards Cocoltzi  
Lydia Carranza (2 Units)  
William Edwards  
Maricela Damian  
Steven Sargent Echevarria Jr.  
Roxanne Ellis  
Staci May  
Jamie Snook

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH only. All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. 530-742-6898 (TD) Sept. 1, 8, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2023F-201

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**LadyBug Lilly Designs**  
1192 Dark Horse Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
1) Shannon LeAnn Parks  
1192 Dark Horse Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/15/2023.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:  
**Shannon LeAnn Parks**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on May 15, 2023, indicated by file stamp.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2023F-265

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**COUTURE FANTASY  
COUTURE FANTASY ART  
COUTURE FANTASY  
MAGAZINE**

13337 Rice’s Crossing Road  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
Mailing Address:  
200 Coyote Street Unit 5  
Nevada City, CA 95959  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
ITW Group, Inc.  
2108 N Street, Suite N  
Sacramento, CA 95816  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/22/2023.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:  
**Margaret Campbell  
CA CEO**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 08/23/2023.

DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
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September 1, 8, 15, 22,  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF YUBA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:  
CANDY ERMINA BERMEJO, PETITIONER  
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 23-00888  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:  
10/09/2023  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) CANDY ERMINA BERMEJO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Candy Ermina Bermejo  
to: Dulce Herminia Bermejo

**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 8/29/2023

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

LAND PATENT

I, Jessica Maslan, am bringing forth a Land Patent benefit for the following parcel located at 5445 Wolf Trail, Loma Rica, California. Any party interested in viewing or challenging this claim can view the associated documents here

<https://www.statenationalhelp.com/jessica-maslan>  
(TD) Aug. 18, 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2023

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF YUBA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:  
PARDEEP KAUR, PETITIONER  
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 23-00775  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:  
9/11/2023  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Pardeep Kaur filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Pardeep Kaur  
to: Pardeep Kaur Dhesi

**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 8/1/2023

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2023F-264

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**Porcelain Paradox**  
11624 Vickie Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Phillip J. Smirh  
11624 Vickie Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/17/1996.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:  
**Phillip Smith**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 08/23/2023.

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By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF MICHAEL DEAN MILLS  
Case NO. PRPB23-00114

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **Michael Dean Mills**.

**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by: Toni Mills in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): Toni Mills be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 9/25/2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.**

**If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

**If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either **(1) four** months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate code, or **(2) 60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

**Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.**

**You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for Petitioner:** SHELDON C. HADLEY  
230 5TH STREET  
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901  
**Phone No.:** 530-743-4455  
**PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH:**  
**September 1, 8, 15, 2023**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 2023F-266**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**Pine Squirrel Studios**  
18205 Challenge  
Cut Off Road  
Forbestown, CA 95941  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:

1. Deborah A. Aseltine Neilson  
18205 Challenge  
Cut Off Road  
Forbestown, CA 95941  
2. Douglas J. Neilson  
18205 Challenge  
Cut Off Road  
Forbestown, CA 95941

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/26/2015.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:  
**Deborah A. Aseltine  
Neilson**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 08/24/2023.

DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 2023F-259**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**Copy City**  
1712 Ash Way  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Cheryl Ann Robbins  
1712 Ash Way  
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/01/2000.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:  
**Cheryl Robbins**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 08/14/2023.

DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
August 25, September 1,  
8, 15, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 2023F-247**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**Crave Aesthetics,**  
1261 Pecos Way,  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of YUBA  
Registrant Information:  
LAHN Management CA LLC,  
1261 Pecos Way,  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961;  
State of Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/18/2023.

LAHN Management CA LLC  
S/ Lindsey Kissinger,  
Member

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 07/31/2023.

DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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By Bridgette Evans,  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 2023F-258**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**The Brick Coffee  
House Cafe**  
316 D Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Whats a Matta?, Inc.  
4053 Eugene Drive  
Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:  
**Kymerly Matta  
CA CEO/Owner**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 08/11/2023.

DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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# Maui, Devastation Can Happen Anywhere

Commentary by Dr. Glenn Mollette

Maui has long been the go-to destination for millions to experience paradise. Life has changed.

Maui is now the site of the deadliest fire in modern U.S. history. At this writing, over 90 persons are being reported dead. The lovely town of Lahaina is nothing but charred remains and embers.

The news reports of people fleeing for their lives via any means of escape possible are horrific. People who were trying to escape in automobiles have been found unrecognizable except through eventual DNA testing. The entire island is now a humanitarian crisis. Medical supplies, food, and shelter are at crisis levels.

Like you, I've watched it on my television. Maui is a tragic global news story that no one wants to hear. Maui's story reminds us that devastation can happen anywhere. It was a hurricane that swept away Ft. Myers Beach last year. A Tornado and flood destroyed parts of Kentucky. Or it may be the fires that have destroyed so much in California. Maui reminds us that no paradise is untouchable.

You might feel safe and isolated in Appalachia. You may feel very comfortable in some remote Western terrain. You may live in a comfortable suburb or city surrounded by all types of Emergency Responders; you may be living in a tropical paradise. There are

no guarantees that your community is insulated from disaster.

When a tornado, hurricane or flood cripples a community there is nothing to do except pick up the pieces and try to start over. Likewise, Maui has no other choice, but it will take years. There is no overnight recuperation for disaster.

There will be ongoing questions about Maui's emergency response abilities. What kind of fire department did Lahaina have? How often had they drilled and prepared for the possibility of a widespread fire? Was it even something that the island thought possible? As the smoke settles, these questions and more will be asked.

If you are reading this in the comfort and safety of your home or apartment, then consider this; value what you have when you have it. We all take the present for granted. We take our towns, schools, stores, jobs, incomes, residences, food, health, and each other for granted. We look back to the past and cherish a town that used to be. We cherish a parent or friend who used to be with us. We value and cherish old jobs and past experiences. It's good to cherish the past. However, why not look around you today and value what and who you have today.

In the meantime, we certainly pray for the hurting people of Maui. Most Americans will do what they can to be helpful and supportive. We always do. That's one of many reasons our country is so great and blessed. ★

# Farm Bureau President Applauds Assembly Passage of SB 505

**California Farm Bureau News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson praised on August 24, 2023, the California Assembly for the passage of Senate Bill 505 to expand the insurance "clearinghouse" program of the California FAIR Plan, the state's insurer of last resort.

SB 505, by state Sen. Susan Rubio, D-Baldwin Park, previously passed in the state Senate and now heads to Gov. Gavin Newsom for his signature.

California Farm Bureau and the California Department of Insurance co-sponsored the bill, which will allow commercial policies under the FAIR plan to move back to the competitive market with coverage protecting farming and ranching operations.

"Farmers and ranchers have truly felt the pain of California's insurance crisis," Johansson said. "Many lost their insurance after devastating California wildfires. We earlier worked with Sen.

Rubio to help them gain access to coverage under the FAIR plan. Now we thank her for her leadership on SB 505, which will help those farmers and ranchers – and all Californians – gain access to affordable residential and commercial property insurance.

"Our farmers and ranchers want to focus on producing America's food supply, not on trying to become experts in procuring what was once routine insurance coverage," Johansson added. "We urge Gov. Newsom to support them by signing this important legislation."

Sen. Rubio earlier carried Senate Bill 11 on behalf of California Farm Bureau. Signed into law in 2021, it allowed agricultural properties to get fire insurance coverage under the FAIR Plan.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SATURNINO NAVARRO AKA SATURNINO D. NAVARRO Case NO. PRPB23-00119**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **Saturnino Navarro aka Saturnino D. Navarro**.

**A Petition for Probate has been filed by:** Jesus Navarro in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): Jesus Navarro be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/2/2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.**

**If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

**If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either **(1) four** months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate code, or **(2) 60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

**Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.**

**You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for Petitioner:** SHELTON C. HADLEY  
230 5TH STREET  
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901  
**Phone No.:** 530-743-4455  
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it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NBS Default Services, LLC 14841 Dallas Parkway, Suite 300 Dallas, TX 75254 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Marissa Adams, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0439383 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 08/25/2023, 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Yuba County Community Services Commission board meeting Tuesday, September 26 at 3:00 p.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, CA 95901.

Contact Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation at 530-751-8555 or [ysedc@ysedc.org](mailto:ysedc@ysedc.org) for any questions.







# Huskies Rally Against Lancers, Indians Stuffed by Spartans

Story by Steven Bryla,  
photos by Chris Pedigo

**RENO, NV (MPG) - Sutter 27, McQueen (Reno) 24** - The Sutter Huskies improved 2-1 on the season after coming back from 18 points down in the second half to beat the McQueen Lancers on the road on Friday, September 1.

Sutter (2-1) head coach Ryan Reynolds expressed to the Dispatch the Huskies battled throughout the night and showed a lot of grit to overcome adversity.

He added McQueen was big in size as they play division 5A football which is the highest and most competitive level of football in Nevada.

The Lancers were able to cover the Sutter pass attack that has been successful throughout the first couple weeks of the season sporadically, but that didn't mean they were able to stop the run.

Reynolds told the Dispatch the Huskies were able to get the ball up and down the field successfully running the ball during the game.

Reynolds added that Sutter senior quarterback Jagger Beck was confident in the running attack and saw McQueen had issues to stop it.

The Huskies trailed 15-6 at the half after junior kicker Josiah Thompson successfully made a 28 and 19-yard field goal in the first half.

Sutter fell behind 24-6 early in the second half, but started making their comeback later in the third quarter as the rushing attack took over.

There were three primary rushers in the backfield on the night for the Huskies as it was highlighted by junior running back Dominic Souza, senior running back Tristan Watkins and senior fullback Eric St. Onge.

Watkins scored the first two touchdowns to cut the Lancers deficit to 24-19 late in the fourth.

After Sutter and McQueen both traded fumbles inside the Lancers 20-yard line, the Huskies took the lead after St. Onge scored the go ahead touchdown in the final minutes of the game with a 5-yard touchdown rush.

Following a successful



Sutter senior running back Tristan Watkins (3) rushes toward the end zone in the Huskies 54-7 victory over Carson on Saturday, August 19.



Marysville senior quarterback Jace Erickson (3) looks to throw the ball downfield in the Indians 44-0 victory over Woodland on Friday, August 18.

two-point conversion run by Watkins, the Huskies held on for the 27-24 victory.

Sutter rushed for 257 yards in the win and Watkins led the way with 112 yards on the ground from 11 touches with two touchdowns.

St. Onge led the Huskies in touches with 15 and Beck tossed

131 yards in the air off of six completions.

The Sutter defense had every-one chip in throughout the night as they combined for five tackles for loss and four sacks on the night. Huskies senior linebacker Jeevan Chatha led the way with seven tackles and a sack.

Sutter senior lineman Tristan Leal caused the fumble late in the fourth quarter that led to the Huskies comeback. Leal also had five tackles and a sack.

Sutter hosts Bradshaw Christian of Sacramento tonight with kickoff at 7:15 p.m.

**NICOLAUS, CA (MPG) - East Nicolaus**

**14, Marysville 13** - The Marysville Indians came up just short against the East Nicolaus Spartans as they lost 14-13 on Friday, September 1 in a tight knit battle.

The game was a defensive battle for most of the game but Marysville head coach Will Claggett told the Dispatch they just made a few offensive mistakes that eventually cost them in the end.

The Indians scored on the opening possession of the games as junior running back Dennis Syders scored on a 4-yard touchdown rush to give Marysville a 7-0 lead.

The Indians defense kept East Nicolaus off the scoreboard until late in the third quarter when Spartans sophomore quarterback Mason Taylor found junior wide receiver Logan Cleary for a 26-yard touchdown reception, but after a failed extra point, Marysville kept a 7-6 lead.

The Indians had a couple key fumbles throughout the game that ended drives and momentum. East Nicolaus took the lead late in the fourth quarter when Spartans senior lineman Aiden Keiper scored on a 1-yard touchdown rush.

Marysville (2-1) got within striking distance in the final few minutes of the game as Syders scored on a 5-yard touchdown rush.

Claggett told the Dispatch they went for the win as they went for a two-point conversion, and it was unsuccessful as senior quarterback Jace Erickson was stuffed at the line of scrimmage.

Claggett added the defenses on both teams were great on the night. The defense was led by Marysville senior lineman Gerald Prescott as he had 14 total tackles on the night as well as four tackles for loss that included two sacks. Senior linebacker Bradford Pietz also had a big night with 12 tackles.

Offensively for the Indians, Erickson led Marysville in rushing on the night with 58 yards on nine rushes and completed five passes for 56 yards.

The Indians travel to Gridley tonight and will look to get back to get in the win column as the Indians have won the previous two meetings against the Bulldogs. ★

# Lady Falcons Still Working to Bring Everyone Together

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) -** The River Valley girls' volleyball fell to Nevada Union Miners in straight sets on Wednesday, August 30 in a non-league matchup.

This was the third loss in a row for River Valley as the Lady Falcons battled in the straight set defeat to the Lady Miners (25-18, 25-19, 25-17).

River Valley head coach Kellie Tongson expressed to the Dispatch that a tournament the Lady Falcons competed in the weekend prior was good for them as they came together after a heart-to-heart conversation.

River Valley went 1-2 in the tournament where they beat McClatchy in three sets but got swept by Bradshaw Christian and Liberty Ranch in straight sets.

"A lot of the girls are really good at certain things, but we've had a hard time gelling it together," Tongson said. She added that after the heart-to-heart at the tournament, it was the flick of the switch and the girls started to get on the same page with one another.

Tongson told the Dispatch that she wants to see more of the meshing between all of the girls going all out.

One of the notable girls who Tongson mentioned that gives it her all consistently every match is Lady Falcons senior outside hitter Rylee Bringgold.

Bringgold is one of the leaders that Tongson mentioned to the Dispatch that gives it her all. When you watch River Valley (1-5) play, it's obvious to see Bringgold diving all over the court to attempt a dig or whether she is jumping in the air and locked in ready to smash the ball into the opposing lines.

Tongson told the Dispatch



River Valley junior outside/middle hitter Kendall Brown (4) is about to hit the ball in the Lady Falcons 3-0 loss to Nevada Union on Wednesday, August 30.



Multiple River Valley players attempt to dig the ball in the Lady Falcons 3-0 loss to Nevada Union on Wednesday, August 30.

Bringgold is a leader who leads by example and that coincides with being all over the floor, but Tongson added it's a struggle because everyone expects it. "With them expecting it, they back off," Tongson said.

Bringgold had 11 digs, one ace from serving and two kills on the night. The other leader on the court for the Lady Falcons that was mentioned by Tongson was senior setter Emily Molina.

Tongson expressed to the Dispatch that the new role that Molina has acquired is being the more vocal leader on the floor as she used the comparison of a setter being the like of a quarterback to football.

Molina had six digs and 13 assists in the loss to Nevada Union.

Other highlights for River Valley included senior middle hitter Awynn Williams who had three blocked shots and the team lead with five kills on the night.

Additionally, Lady Falcons junior libero Payton Smith led River Valley with 22 digs and junior outside hitter also had 12 digs.

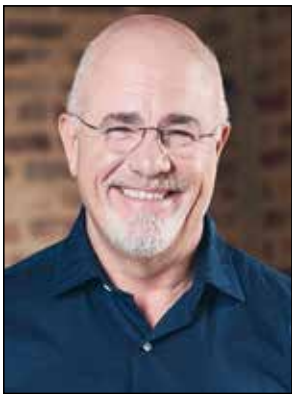
The Lady Falcons lost to Pioneer of Woodland in four sets the following night. River Valley started Capital Valley Conference play this past Tuesday when they traveled to Antelope.

Molina told the Dispatch she wants to see everyone bring the same hard effort to every match and Bringgold added that she is going to continue trying and uplift her team on a daily basis.

Bringgold said the positive mindset of this team is there and they will continue giving their best effort on a nightly basis.

The young River Valley squad has six returners from last year's squad as they look to finish better than their sixth-place finish in the CVC from last season. ★





Helping Take Care of Mom

Dear Dave,

My mother-in-law is 85, and she's had some health setbacks recently. The family got together with her, and as a group, we decided it was time to sell her property and move her into an apartment at a nice senior living facility. She should see a little over \$300,000 from the sale of her house. Aside from that, she has about \$10,000 in a savings account. The problem is, she'll only receive \$2,100 a month in Social Security, and rent at the facility is \$2,600 per month. Plus she loves making donations to charities. With interest rates where they are, is a CD ladder a good place to put the money to help her cash flow expenses in the future?

– Ed

Dear Ed,

If this were my mother-in-law, I'd want her to do better than a CD (certificate of deposit) ladder. Even with the deficit between her Social Security income and the cost of rent, she'll

Dave Ramsey Says

only need to see \$6,000 a year from the investment to make up the difference. And plus, she's 85. Even if she got nothing in terms of interest, the chances of her burning all the way through her nest egg before she dies are almost zero. I know the thought of her passing away isn't pleasant, but it's something you have to take into consideration.

As far as the charities go? Right now, she's the charity. Maybe not in the traditional sense of the word, but it's time for mom to come first. Only the strong can help the weak. I didn't let my toddlers carry our newborn. And when it comes to money, you've got to have the financial strength—to carry others. Take care of your own household first. That's her responsibility at this point.

Ed, you're not going to mess this up unless you put the money in crypto, or something stupid like that. If you want to do some high-yield savings as a part of it, that's fine. If it were me, I'd probably end up investing some of it too. Here's the thing: Overall, if you could make 8% on it, that's \$2,000 a month, and it lasts indefinitely. That's not even touching the

principal. But like I said before, even if you make nothing on it, just divide \$6,000 into \$300,000. See what I mean? It's probably going to last as long as she does.

Of course, there may be some other medical bills, and you'd probably want her to have a life other than just paying bills. That's why I'd like to see that extra \$2,000 a month happening. It would provide a little cushion. And there may be a few other little things from time to time the family would have to pick up, but that's not unusual in a situation like this.

You all can make this work for her. Just don't be super aggressive, but don't be super conservative either.

– Dave

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



LOCAL FISHING

Baum Lake Shasta County

The final stage of the Mayfly { egg, nymph, dun, spinner } is a spinner. After mating and depositing their eggs on the water surface, the Mayfly Spinner becomes weak and "falls" onto the water surface. To fish the spinner fall, use a Blue Wing Olive (BWO) on a floating line, and gingerly roll-cast to rising trout. Best time is in the evenings. (b)

Night Fishing for Rainbow Trout

Big rainbow trout become active after the sun goes down. Trout have bad night vision and rely on vibration and scent to locate their prey. Trout color sensitivity is blue and red. Use a green light to attract the bait fish, big rainbow trout follow the bait fish. Try: Nightcrawlers covered with Garlic scent under bobbers. (b)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Entire San Francisco Bay has excellent halibut fishing. Try: Live Anchovy. (b) Sherman Lake in the delta is windy, we got water over the bow and had to use the bilge pump. Fish the incoming tide 12'-14' deep. Boated 30-keeper stripers. Use braided line with mono leader. Try: Heddon Zara Spook. (b)



Heddon Zara Spook

COASTAL WATERS

Fort Bragg; 5-fathom fishing in effect, offshore fishing is 6-miles out. Rockfish... Try: Tray Bait. (b) Lingcod...Try: Jigs. (b) S.F. Coast; crab and rockfish combo

limits. Try: Fish Offal. (b) Tray Baits. (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS

Lake Alpine near Arnold; stocked with 1800 lbs. of 13" catchable rainbow trout. Shore fishermen...Try: Berkeley Garlic Power Bait. (b) Fly casters...Try: Woolly Buggers. (b) Note: Cast a sliding bobber on your line, set at 10-ft. Folsom Lake; Fish the main body for rainbows to 20-inches. Try: 1 ½" Spoons w/ Flasher. (b) Eagle Lake ; rain and wind. Tui-chub bait fish found at 13-17 ft. deep. Eagle Lake Strain rainbows to 4 ¾ lbs. Try: Jigs. (a)

RIVERS

Truckee River; Hirshdale to Ca/Nev State Line. Fish until the water temperature reaches 68 degrees, then stop. Hatches of PMD, Yellow Sallie, and Caddis insects. Use the Euro-nymphing technique to fish the tailwaters and eddies. Try: PMD, Yellow Sallie nymphs, Caddis nymphs, all work well. (b) Feather River at Boyds Landing. Stage 32 ft. Flow 7500 CFS. No fishermen activity? Klamath River; flash flooding, all fishing impossible. (gg) Hat Creek trophy trout section; October Caddis hatching. Try: October Caddis (b) North Fork Yuba River; low water temperature of 68 degrees. Catching 8"-14" rainbows. Try: Stonefly nymph, Grasshoppers. (b)



l/r Stonefly Nymph Grasshopper

He said, "Use a Doohickey Bait." ~ Brownie





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**A New California Avocado, Luna Ucr, Readies for its Market Debut**

A new avocado, developed by the University of California Avocado Breeding Program, is about to hit the world market. The Luna UCR avocado will complement the widely known Hass avocado. According to UC researchers, the Luna variety grows on a tree of about half the size while producing approximately the same yield per tree as the Hass variety. The original Lunas were planted in Camarillo and advanced trials were conducted in Tulare, Orange, San Diego and Ventura counties.

**Researchers: Chemical that can Harm Crops Increasing in Forests**

University of California researchers say satellite data is revealing increasing levels of nitrogen dioxide in remote forest areas of the state. The chemical can harm plants and crop yields. While short-lived in the atmosphere, it contributes to ozone and particulate pollutants, which can cause respiratory issues and asthma. Researchers say wildfire and soil emissions are contributing reasons for the increase in nitrogen dioxide levels. Their findings from satellite data were published in the journal Environmental Research Letters.

**Grant Awards to Support Climate-Smart Demonstration Projects**

University of California Cooperative Extension scientists will be partnering with regional farms to demonstrate climate-smart agricultural practices. The project, to be led by the UC Agricultural and Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program, recently received a nearly \$2 million funding award from the UC office of the President. The effort will strengthen the California Farm Demonstration Network and support regional farms in practices such as cover cropping, reduced tillage, composting, hedgerow planting and optimized irrigation.

**USDA Announces \$800 Million Investment in Rural Infrastructure**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced an \$800 million investment to help rural cooperatives and utilities improve infrastructure and increase electric grid reliability. The funding will also provide clean water and sanitary wastewater systems in rural areas. The USDA said the program will benefit communities in California, 35 other states and two U.S. territories. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said, "Powering people with modern infrastructure creates good-paying jobs and supports opportunities for people to build brighter futures." ★

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