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To sweep homeless camps, California cities must offer shelter



An emergency non-congregate housing site in Chico on Sept. 6, 2023. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

**By Jeanne Kuang,
CalMatters.org**

Cities in the West can't legally clear encampments unless they can provide adequate alternative shelter to the camp residents. But what, precisely, constitutes "adequate shelter?"

Is it one cot among dozens in a congregate shelter? A top bunk for an elderly person? An individual tiny home? A strip of asphalt, without electricity or water, where rows of people can set up their tents?

The definition is at the heart of debates raging across California in the five years since a federal appeals court ruled that it's cruel and unusual punishment to evict homeless people from public spaces when they have no other options. The 2018 decision on that Boise, Idaho case by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, binding on states in the West, did

not require cities to set up enough shelter beds for their entire homeless population, but said it would be unconstitutional to criminally penalize people camping in public when they lack "access to adequate temporary shelter."

Last week a three-judge panel of that same court took another crack at the issue — this time declining to lift a temporary order that has, for nine months, halted San Francisco officials from sweeping the city's homeless camps.

The most recent order gave San Francisco officials confirmation that the city can sweep sites and cite residents who are "voluntarily" homeless: those refusing legitimate, adequate shelter offers. Officials said they haven't yet decided whether to do that.

California cities have been itching to get around the technical

bounds of the Idaho ruling as constituents with homes complain about encampments in public spaces, citing public health and other concerns. Many local governments say they can ban encampments and that they have the alternative shelter options to enforce it.

Calling it a necessary form of tough love, they're cracking down on public camps, pairing an offer of shelter — or a stern prodding toward it — with the threat of arrest or fine. San Diego in late July began enforcing a ban on camps in most public places during the day; other cities that have recently passed camping restrictions include Sacramento, San Rafael and Culver City.

Some say the carrot-and-stick approach is too weak a response to flagrant public health and safety concerns on the streets. Others say it's

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IRS Tax Filing Deadline Nears for Many

IRS Special Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Internal Revenue Service reminded taxpayers about the upcoming tax filing extension deadline. To avoid a possible late filing penalty, those who requested an extension to file their 2022 tax return should file their Form 1040 on or before Monday, Oct. 16.

Disaster-area taxpayers in most of California also have until Oct. 16, 2023, to file various federal individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.

Those with an IRS address of record in other areas covered by Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster declarations and those returning from a combat zone may have additional time to file. They include: Taxpayers affected by flooding in Illinois and Alaska. They have until Oct. 31, 2023, to file: Those affected by flooding in Vermont. They have until Nov. 15, 2023, to file: Taxpayers affected by recent natural disasters including those impacted by the recent Maui fires and hurricane Idalia in parts of Florida, South Carolina and Georgia. Those in the counties of Maui, Hawaii, and many counties in Florida, South Carolina and Georgia have until Feb. 24, 2024, to file various individual and business tax returns. This list continues to be updated regularly. Taxpayers potentially affected by recent storms should visit the disaster relief page on IRS.gov for the latest information.: Members of the military and others serving in a combat zone. They typically have 180 days after they leave the combat zone to file returns and pay any taxes due.

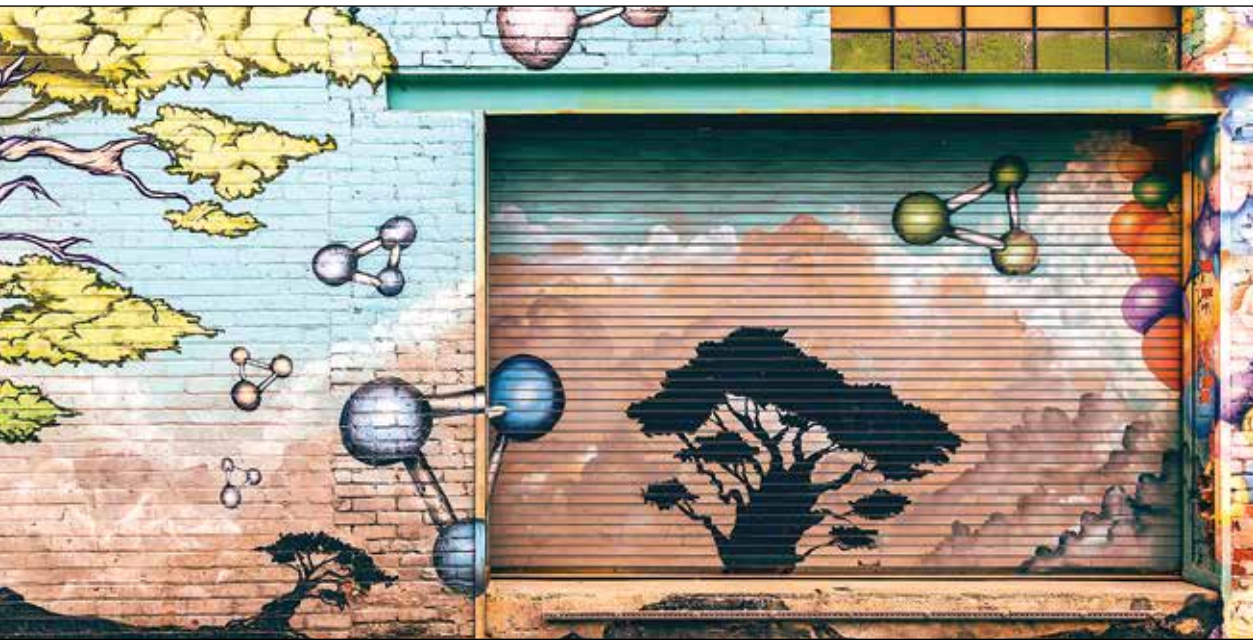
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IRS Free File is available through Oct. 16 and lets qualified taxpayers prepare and file federal income tax returns online using guided tax preparation software. It's available to any person or family with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$73,000 or less in 2022. Taxpayers can use IRS Free File to claim the Child Tax Credit, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and other important credits. IRS Free File Fillable Forms is available for taxpayers whose 2022 AGI was greater than \$73,000 and are comfortable preparing their own tax return.

Taxpayers can get answers to many tax law questions by using the IRS's Interactive Tax

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Operating expenses such as salaries and benefits for employees, fees for artists and contractors, mortgage/rent, utilities, insurance and marketing qualify in the grant program. Image courtesy of Shonejai/Pexels

**Sacramento County
News Release**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY,
CA (MPG)** - Sacramento

County's Office of Economic Development has partnered with the City of Sacramento's Office of Arts and Culture to

offer grants to nonprofit organizations located in Sacramento County that are focused on the arts, collections and exhibits, to

help them recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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an infringement on the rights of unhoused people who, if they refuse shelter because of personal circumstances, will get shuffled around town, lose belongings and contact with social workers, or be pushed to more remote or dangerous places to sleep.

Now Gov. Gavin Newsom says the state will intervene, arguing the courts had adopted a “perverse interpretation” of the Idaho case. Newsom, like other Democratic leaders, has blasted the judge’s decision for tying officials’ hands in street cleanups. He said in a Politico forum Tuesday evening that the state will file a brief supporting the city’s attempt to overturn the injunction.

“I’ve had it. We’re going to intervene,” he said. “I hope this goes to the Supreme Court. And that’s a hell of a statement for a progressive Democrat. But it’s just gone too far. People’s lives are at risk.”

Even if shelter spaces are open, unhoused people sometimes opt out.

Under the din of the Highway 99 overpass along the edge of Sacramento’s urban core, a man emerged from his tent on a recent weekend morning and sat at a makeshift breakfast table, shaking a box of cereal.

The man, who would only identify himself as 53-year-old Eric D., said he’d lived at this encampment of about five tents for about a month. His last campsite was a few blocks away near a freeway exit, and highway patrol officers told him he had to leave. The officers had given him a pamphlet with information about social services and shelter; he said “most of the information, a lot of the homeless people already know.”

Before the freeway exit site, Eric said he’d stayed at a shelter near downtown Sacramento for about two months, but said he got kicked out after missing



An emergency non-congregate housing site in Chico on Sept. 6, 2023. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

the curfew three times. The third time, he said he had been staying with relatives while attending a family funeral. Now, he walks or takes the bus two miles from the tent to the community college where he takes classes twice a week, and a social worker visits him occasionally, helping him search for an apartment.

Eric said not all shelter experiences are comfortable and some people chafe at the rules. If he tries one again, he would want it to be near the community college.

“A lot of people are living harder than they need to,” he said of life on the streets. “Me, I can’t stand it.”

His neighbor, Joel Martinez, bagged up trash on the sidewalk before sitting down to light a cigarette.

Martinez, 63, considers himself a caretaker for a friend he’s met on the streets. She lives around the corner in a van, and that morning she was leaning on its hood partially clothed, chattering to herself. Martinez worries about leaving her alone.

“She talks to people we don’t see or hear,” he said. “People were taking advantage of her. I don’t know if she’d fit in at a shelter.”

Still, Martinez said, he’s trying to talk her into moving indoors or to a sanctioned campground with him.

He said he understands why cities are moving to ban encampments, and said not all residents keep their camps clean, though some, he said, “police ourselves.”

“I know people don’t like to be reminded of the homelessness,” he said. “But it’s here, and it seems like the COVID thing really brought it all out.”

Federal courts have rarely defined the adequacy of specific types of shelter — though in one extreme case a judge said some things simply don’t count.

In Chico, a group of homeless residents sued the city in 2021 over its enforcement of a ban on camping on any public property. At the time, the city had 120 congregate shelter beds (capacity was diminished during the pandemic)

and more than 570 unsheltered residents.

In response to the suit, officials opened a temporary sanctioned campground that summer where residents were allowed to park trailers or pitch tents. The city said it could accommodate its entire homeless population.

Federal District Court Judge Morrison C. England — upon finding that the campground was a strip of asphalt alongside the local airport on the outskirts of town, with one awning erected for shade — was unconvinced.

“This raises the question, ‘What is shelter?’” he wrote, before quickly dismissing Chico’s “asphalt tarmac with no roof and no walls, no water and no electricity.”

Chico officials closed the airport site after less than three months, and last year settled the suit by agreeing to build a “pallet shelter” — 177 tiny homes — where those who are camping in a prohibited spot can be directed by outreach workers or police.

Under the settlement, when

the city plans to sweep a camp, it must count the number of people living there and confirm there’s enough open shelter beds for them, then notify the plaintiffs’ attorneys and conduct outreach to offer the residents shelter in a process that could take 17 days.

More than 300 people have stayed at the new site since April, either because the city was about to sweep their campsites or because they called the city shelter intake line themselves, said Amber Abney-Bass, executive director of the nonprofit Jesus Center which is contracted by the city to run the site. More than 140 of them left either for violating program rules or not returning to their bed for 72 hours, prompting the shelter to give the slot to somebody else, she said. Fourteen have moved on to more stable housing.


Abney-Bass said she’s glad the case caused the city to create more beds, but she’s wary that as congregate shelters fall out of favor, some will remain on the streets believing “nothing else is good enough” compared to a tiny home placement.

Her nonprofit has assessed more than 100 other people living on the streets since the settlement who have refused a shelter placement if they couldn’t get into the tiny homes site.

In another case, in Sacramento, a federal judge has temporarily halted encampment sweeps during heat waves twice since last year, after advocates pointed out in court that the city had been directing unhoused people to a sanctioned campground on unshaded asphalt. The site, city attorney Susana Alcala Wood said, does have meals, showers, restrooms and social services.

The city has asked the 9th Circuit to weigh in.

“In order to advise my client as to what constitutes sufficient shelter, I need the court to tell me,” Alcala Wood said. ★



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Let’s Ensure an Age-Friendly Future

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The age of the global population is shifting. Across the United States, a growing number of adults are 60 years of age or older. Sacramento County Senior and Adult Services (SAS) Division and Agency on Aging Area 4 are collaborating with community partners to ensure the well-being and quality of life for older adults in our community. Agency on Aging Area 4 is one of 33 area agencies on aging in California designated by the State to develop, coordinate, and fund programs designed to help older adults and people with disabilities maintain their health and independence.

Recent projections from California’s Department of Finance show that by the year 2026, the number of people who are 60 years of age and older is poised to surpass the number of children for the first time. There are several new collaborative efforts geared towards strengthening support networks for older adults in Sacramento County. These efforts include but are not limited to:

The Senior Connection Program: A joint effort between SAS and the Agency on Aging/Area 4 which provides people with access to essential resources and social

engagement opportunities.

The Blue Zones Project: Sacramento County Public Health is partnering with Blue Zones, a global leader in longevity research. The project will include a comprehensive assessment of the County to establish dementia-friendly communities and promote overall well-being.

Nottoli Place: A shelter for older adults who are eligible for Sacramento County’s Adult Protective Services (APS) and experiencing homelessness or housing instability. While at Nottoli Place, case management and housing services are provided.

WEAVE/Family Justice Center: A partnership to support domestic violence survivors. The initiative is dedicated to ensuring older individuals impacted by abuse from a partner or family member have access to the specialized care and resources they need to heal and rebuild their lives.

The Career Pathways Program: A joint effort between In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority and the Career Pathways Program to address the critical need for trained caregivers. This program equips caregivers with the skills and knowledge necessary to provide high-quality care to older adults.

Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation: A project funded by the California

Department of Social Services and administered by Sacramento County to preserve licensed senior and adult residential facilities that serve lower-income older adults. Funding will assist eligible facilities with operating costs and/or costs related to major repairs or upgrades that may prevent facility closure or the reduction in the number of beds available to older adults.

Through these partnerships and the ongoing hard work of its dedicated staff, Sacramento County and the Agency on Aging / Area 4 are shaping a future where aging is synonymous with respect, care, and empowerment.

“It is because of our strong partnerships with Sacramento County that we’ve been able to expand and enhance the services we can provide to older adults and people with disabilities – from programs to connect aging adults to resources to helping them out of isolation through case management, access to technology, and meal delivery,” says Pam Miller, Agency on Aging Area 4 Executive Director. “We look forward to strengthening our partnership to support our older adult population.”

As we navigate the demographic shift, the County and Agency on Aging Area 4 remain dedicated to collaborating with and supporting all residents as they age. ★

Women’s Empowerment Receives \$25K from Bank of America

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Communications

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Women’s Empowerment was recently awarded a grant of \$25,000 from Bank of America to help women experiencing homelessness in Sacramento improve their economic mobility by securing safe homes and steady employment.

“Bank of America has been a longtime partner of Women’s Empowerment, and we are thankful for the priority they place on making sure women experiencing homelessness can overcome the high obstacles they face today, including the ongoing housing crisis, so they can achieve their goals for their families,” said Lisa Culp, executive director, Women’s Empowerment.

Women’s Empowerment provides a two-month employment-readiness and empowerment program, paid job training, childcare and support services so

women and their children can break the generational cycle of homelessness. Women’s Empowerment offers the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically for women experiencing homelessness and their children. Last year, 121 graduates secured employment or enrolled in paid training or education. Since 2001, 1,837 women have graduated from the program with their 3,894 children. Women’s Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To make a donation: Womens-Empowerment.org.

“Addressing community needs through our philanthropic investments is just one way we deploy capital to help build a more sustainable community,” said Lori Rianda, market executive, Bank of America. “We’re honored to partner with Women’s Empowerment, which is helping to advance

economic and social progress, in particular for vulnerable populations.”

For many years, Bank of America has worked with nonprofit partners, elected officials, business and civic leaders, and others across Greater Sacramento to help drive economic opportunity and upward mobility. Recently, Bank of America announced its newly-expanded \$1.25 billion, five-year commitment to help advance racial equality and economic opportunity. The commitment supports investments that address racial justice, advocacy and equality for people and communities of color and further accelerates work already underway. Through direct action and investment, Bank of America is focused on creating opportunity in the areas of health, jobs/training, reskilling/up-skilling, small business support and affordable housing. For more information: About. BankofAmerica.com/en/Making-an-Impact. ★

Grants Available for County Art Organizations



The Arts and Cultural Nonprofit Recovery Program aims to support arts and cultural nonprofits in the region. Image courtesy of Pexels

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Program,” launched in 2022, aims to support arts and cultural nonprofits in the region.

“We know that cultural organizations are still feeling the effects of the pandemic,” said the City’s Arts Grant Manager, Melissa Cirone. “This is an opportunity for organizations that haven’t yet received a nonprofit recovery grant to secure vital operating support.”

To date, the program has supported 91 organizations Countywide with \$3.75 million. The grant program is funded through City and County federal American Rescue

Plan dollars.

Eligible organizations include nonprofit theaters, performing arts groups, community arts organizations, historical sites, zoos and botanical gardens, visual art galleries, and film or cultural festivals. Organizations must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status through the IRS and provide evidence of incorporation prior to March 1, 2020.

“Sacramento County’s local arts and nonprofit cultural institutions are an indispensable part of what makes our community so vibrant and special,” said the County’s Director of

Economic Development Crystal Bethke. “We are glad that this funding is available to support the recovery and sustainability of this critical sector and encourage all eligible organizations to apply.”

Applicants must produce, promote or engage in live performances, events, or exhibits intended for public viewing and those that preserve and exhibit objects of historical, cultural or educational interest.

Grants can be used for operating expenses such as salaries and benefits for employees, fees for artists and contractors, mortgage/rent, utilities, insurance and marketing.

Award amounts will be based on the total size of the grant pool and the organization’s submitted annual operating revenue for fiscal year 2021-22 or calendar year 2022. The total grant amount will be awarded over two years.

Grant applications must be submitted by Oct. 30 at 11:59 p.m. Only new applicants can apply. Find more information and eligibility criteria on the City’s website. ★

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California Legislature Passes Landmark Tax on Firearm Manufacturers and Dealers

From the Office of Jesse Gabriel

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On September 7th, 2023, the California State Legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 28, a landmark measure that would impose an 11 percent excise tax on firearms and ammunition sold by gun manufacturers and dealers. Having cleared both the Assembly and Senate by a 2/3 supermajority vote, AB 28 – which is officially known as the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act – is on its way to Governor Newsom’s desk.

Authored by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (D - Encino), Chair of the Legislature's Gun Violence Prevention Working Group, AB 28 would generate over \$150 million annually to fund school safety and violence prevention programs, including initiatives to prevent school shootings, bolster firearm investigations, reduce retaliatory violence, and remove guns from domestic abusers.

“I am grateful that a supermajority of the Legislature voted today to fund critical programs that will save lives and protect communities across the State of California,” said Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel. “It’s beyond shameful that gun manufacturers are reaping record profits at the same time that gun violence has become the leading cause of death for kids in the United States. The Gun

Violence Prevention and School Safety Act will help to ensure that we have the tools and resources necessary to better protect our kids and our communities.”

“California has a long history of paving the way for effective methods of reducing gun violence. It’s an undisputed leader in the fight for gun safety, and I am proud GIFFORDS has worked alongside gun violence prevention groups across the state and members of the legislature, including Assemblymember Gabriel, to help advocate for the state’s latest effort.” said former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords. “We urge Governor Newsom to prioritize the safety of California’s kids and communities and sign The Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act, a top priority for the gun violence prevention movement.”

Since AB 28 was introduced at the beginning of the current legislative session, the United States has experienced hundreds of mass shootings, including horrific incidents in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay. A recent report by the American Academy of Pediatrics found that the firearm death rate for American children increased 40 percent between 2018 and 2021.

“California is again proving why the Golden State leads the country on gun safety legislation. Imposing a modest tax on firearm and ammunition

sales to provide sustained and increased funding for violence intervention and prevention programs will help us better protect our communities from gun violence.” said Kris Brown, President of Brady. “Providing long-term investments in these initiatives is a proven way to stop gun violence before it begins. Brady thanks Assemblymember Gabriel and other bill sponsors for introducing this first of its kind tax bill, and calls on Governor Newsom to cement California’s position as a leader in the fight against gun violence and sign The Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act”

“California continues to lead the nation when it comes to gun safety. This bill will take that leadership one step further by providing essential resources to life-saving programs - including the California Violence Intervention and Prevention grant program - which rightfully centers solutions from the communities most impacted by our gun violence crisis,” said Angela Ferrell-Zabala, executive director of Moms Demand Action. “Since the introduction of this bill our grassroots army has been committed to working with our gun-sense champions to get it across the finish line. I urge Governor Gavin Newsom to continue his commitment to public safety and sign this bill into law for the well-being of all Californians.” ★

California Has A New Plan For The Delta But Faces The Same Conflicts Over Water



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California’s water warriors have a new arena for their perpetual conflict over the allocation of the state’s ever-evolving supply – a nearly 6,000-page proposal from the state Water Resources Control Board.

The draft essentially calls for sharp reductions in diversions from the Sacramento River and its tributaries to allow more water to flow through the environmentally troubled Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

“It is a consequential effort,” Eric Oppenheimer, chief deputy director of the board, said during a media briefing on what is technically an update of the agency’s management plan for the Delta and San Francisco Bay. “It reflects years of scientific analysis that we’ve undertaken and years of public input.”

The board had previously issued a similar policy paper for the San Joaquin River and its tributaries. The two rivers merge to form the Delta, a vast maze of islands and channels that is the West Coast’s largest estuary.

In addition to upstream diversions to irrigate fields and orchards and serve municipal users, federal and state projects pump water from the Delta’s southern edge into aqueducts for transfer to San Joaquin Valley

farms and homes as far south as San Diego.

The reduction of natural flows through the Delta have, scientists say, increased its salinity and otherwise made it unable to adequately support salmon and other wildlife.

The battle over the Delta has raged for decades with environmental groups, lately joined by American Indian tribes, pressing the water board impose reductions on diversions, and water users seeking to protect their supplies.

There are, in the macro sense, two conflicts: how much additional flows are needed to restore the Delta and how any reduction in diversions would be framed and enforced.

The water board’s new draft provides some additional focus on both, but doesn’t provide any solid direction.

For the better part of a decade, two governors, Jerry Brown and Gavin Newsom, have promoted the concept of “voluntary agreements” to reduce diversions, hoping to avoid a head-on political and legal collision.

“We want to thank Gov. Newsom for his continued leadership and commitment to using collaborative voluntary agreements between water users and public agencies to support water quality and fish populations throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta,” Farm Bureau president Jamie Johansson said in response to the new plan.

However, the water agencies have offered, in the main, much smaller reductions than the water board says are necessary to improve habitat.

The environmental

coalitions demanding larger reductions see the voluntary agreements as subterfuges to maintain the status quo and have pressed the board to simply set reduction numbers and enforce them by decree.

“Voluntary agreements serve as backroom deals that continue to leave tribes, environmental justice communities, conservation groups, fishing communities, and other vital stakeholders out of the government-led planning process,” the Restore the Delta coalition responded.

Imposing reductions would touch off a legal battle that Brown and Newsom have wanted to avoid because it would hinge on water rights, some of which date back to the late 19th century.

Environmentalists contend that those rights are anachronisms in the 21st century and should be set aside to give authorities the ability to allocate water rationally, particularly since climate change is affecting precipitation and thus the overall water supply.

However, when the water board tested its authority vis-à-vis ordering diversion reductions from senior water rights holders, it lost in court. Moreover, legislation that would have provided such authority didn’t make it through the Legislature this year, thanks to stiff opposition from farmers and other rights holders.

The water board’s new draft may provide more grist for debate, but it does not resolve the fundamental conflicts.

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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Assistant tool. Additionally, taxpayers can view tax information in several languages by clicking on the "English" tab located on the IRS.gov home page.

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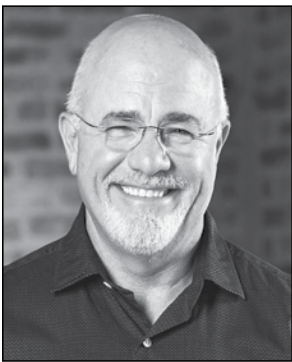
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Dave Ramsey Says

What's Fair to Everyone Concerned?

Dear Dave,

About a year ago, my husband and I offered an empty house we own to a young man at our church, who had lost his home and everything he owned in a fire. He has taken good care of the place, but has made no effort to pay rent. We don't need the money, because we're in good shape financially, and we were thinking about selling the other house, anyway. I'd like to simply write it off, and gift the home and title to this young man, but my husband feels he owes us something for putting a roof over his head all this time. What are your thoughts?

– Penny

Dear Penny,

I think you and your husband have good hearts. I also think you handled this situation poorly.

From the sound of things, you put him there originally on a charity basis, and now your husband wants to change the deal. You didn't set up any kind of rental agreement, but your husband feels you two are owed something? I'm sorry, but no. That's on you.

At this point, you have some big decisions to make. Were you providing free housing to someone who was struggling, or were you providing a free house to someone who was struggling? I understand this young man experienced a terrible tragedy. But at the same time, I'm not hearing lots of evidence that he's putting his life back together. If after this long the guy's not back on his feet and out on his own, you may be enabling bad behavior on his part.

Now, if you want to gift him the house, that's your decision. If you want to approach him with a rental agreement or sale proposal to which all parties are amicable, that's okay, too. If neither of these ideas are in the cards, I'd make sure to sit down with this young man and have a gentle—but firm—talk. I'd let him know I had been happy to help him over the last several months, but that he needs to start moving forward with his life. I'd set a very reasonable and patient timeline for a move-out date, and let him know once that time is up, I'll be selling the house.

That's fair to everyone concerned.

– 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. ★



Researchers Seek Standards to Test Smoke Taint in Winegrapes

As climate change and wildfires challenge California's wine sector, smoke taint has emerged as one of the primary threats to the state's most lucrative crop. Despite a growing body of research on smoke taint, scientists and growers say gaps in the still-evolving science mean wildfire smoke continues to cause unnecessary crop losses and financial damage even when it doesn't taint grapes. In 2020, up to 325,000 tons of winegrapes, worth hundreds of millions of dollars, went unharvested in California due to actual or potential smoke damage.

Farm Bureaus Secure Grant Funding for Soil Projects, Water Efficiency

Farm Bureaus in Butte and Solano counties were awarded \$10 million in grants through the California Department of Food and Agriculture to fund projects that support soil health and water efficiency. The two Farm Bureaus received \$5 million each from the state's Healthy Soils Program and the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program, or SWEEP. Grants for Butte County Farm Bureau support projects in Butte, Glenn and Tehama counties. Grant monies for Solano County Farm Bureau support projects in Solano, Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento and Yolo counties.

Citrus Growers on Guard in Ventura County after Pest Found in Residential Tree

Citrus growers in Ventura County remain vigilant after agricultural officials confirmed the region's first finding of an insect pest carrying the huanglongbing bacteria, which kills citrus trees. The discovery is a concern because Ventura County remains the state's top producer of lemons and grows other citrus fruits. The infected Asian citrus psyllid was found Sept. 19 in a residential citrus tree in the southwestern area of Santa Paula. It tested positive for the pathogen associated with huanglongbing, or HLB, also known as citrus greening disease.

San Joaquin Grape Growers Struggle to Get Permits to Burn Diseased Vineyards

Grape growers, facing a Jan. 1, 2025, deadline to end agricultural burning, say they're having difficulty getting burn permits from the regional San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Under a 2003 law, open-air burning of orchards and vineyard material within the eight-county district was supposed to be phased out by 2010, provided alternate, less-polluting disposal methods were available. But several biomass plants that were expected to accept the agricultural material have closed. The California Air Resources Board approved extending the deadline to end burning. ★



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Newsom Signs Law Holding the Media Accountable for Child Trafficking

By Katie Gonzalez,
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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Late last night, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 1394 (Wicks and Flora), making California the first state in the nation to enact a law that expressly both (i) permits survivors of child sex trafficking and abuse to sue platforms for millions of dollars for knowingly contributing to child sex trafficking and (ii) requires platforms to establish a mandated process by which survivors of child sex abuse can demand that platforms remove videos and images of their abuse.

That social media platforms facilitate blatant child sex trafficking and abuse has been repeatedly documented, including by The Wall Street Journal*. That the platforms routinely ignore the pleas of survivors to remove re-traumatizing images and videos showing their child sex abuse has likewise been documented.

“Everybody who cares about elevating the needs of sexually abused children above Big Tech profits should thank Governor Newsom and Assemblymember Wicks for their leadership,” said Ed Howard, Senior Counsel at the Children’s Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law, which co-sponsored the bill with

Common Sense Media and the American Association of University Women. The bill was opposed by TechNet and NetChoice, and several other business groups.

Jessica Heldman, Child Rights Professor at the Law School, added, “We have more to do to ensure these platforms do not knowingly cause other preventable harms to our kids, but today, California set an example for other states and Congress to follow in acting boldly to protect children.”

Ashlee Bryant, CoFounder and CEO of 3Strands Global Foundation, which works with survivors of child sex abuse and whose group was a prominent supporter of the bill, likewise expressed gratitude to Governor Newsom and Assemblymember Wicks and stated that “AB 1394 will permanently block reported child abuse material from being viewable on any social media platform and hold these platforms liable for playing a part in trafficking children.”

The text of the law, which goes into effect January 1, 2025, can be found here: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov

Information about the bill can be found at www.sandiego.edu/cai/documents/

*On June 7, 2023, The Wall Street Journal published an investigative report titled “Instagram Connects Vast Pedophile Network.” ★

Dollar General Generates Food Insecurity Awareness During Hunger Action Month

Dollar General News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - In the U.S., 34 million people are food insecure and more than a quarter of them are children. While every community faces food insecurity, rural communities bear the heaviest burden with a lack of retail options for food.

During Hunger Action Month, Dollar General is spotlighting several avenues in which the Company is addressing food insecurity. Since 2021, DG has partnered with Feeding America, the nation’s largest hunger-relief organization, to donate more than \$3 million as well as in-kind food donations, providing more than 13.4 million meals. DG seeks to contribute up to 20 million meals each year at full operational capacity.

In California, Dollar General partners with Central California Food Bank, Feeding America Riverside San Bernardino Counties, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Placer Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County and Second Harvest of the Greater Valley through the Company’s in-kind food donation program. Through August 2023, more than 725,000 pounds

of food have been donated to local Feeding American partner food banks in California communities.

“Dollar General’s rural footprint allows us to serve communities other retailers either cannot or have chosen not to serve,” said Denine Torr, vice president of corporate social responsibility and philanthropy. “Approximately 80% of our stores are in communities of 20,000 or fewer people. We are humbled to be able to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors through the donation of nutritious foods.”

Collectively, DG stores and distribution centers have donated approximately 9.4 million pounds of food in the first eight months of the year across 34 states, which equates to more than 7 million meals in the communities the Company calls home.

While Dollar General is not a grocer, the Company cares about and is invested in the well-being of the nearly 20,000 communities it serves. Today, approximately 75% of Americans are within five miles of a DG. With its expansive store footprint across 47 states, Dollar General is uniquely positioned to combat hunger by offering convenient access to a variety of nutritious foods at affordable prices. ★

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By Gene Kypke, Lions Club of Rio Linda

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - The members of the Lions Club of Rio Linda will be out in force this Saturday, October 14th for what is called White Cane Day! The National event is October 15, but Lions International, a World Wide organization recognizes it for the entire month of October. That being said, any Lions Club can raise money for their area at ANY time of the year, if need arises. This year, our club members will be located at two local businesses to raise funds to only be used for vision care, exams, glasses, etc.

In 1925, a woman came to the Lions organization and challenged them to be Knights of The Blind, and eyesight issues have been their main focus as a service organization. Thank you, Hellen Keller!

Today, Lions International has expanded the humanitarian efforts around the world to include Diabetes Awareness, Childhood Cancer, Youth Vision, Enviromental and Hunger. You can help greatly by coming by and dropping a few dollars at either of the two businesses this Saturday, October 14th! This donation will change people’s lives, and you can be proud knowing you played a big part! You will see a table, Lions members wearing yellow/gold vests with Rio Linda across the back, possibly a blow-up white cane and a donation can of some sort at these two locations between 8 am and 12 noon:

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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, 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. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06673 Jesus Rios Courier LLC, 6837 Fair Oaks Boulevard #6, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A-1 Rapid Live Scan and Mobile Finger Printing" 6722 Fair Oaks Boulevard #204, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2023
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PRINTING 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06785 Jazz Kashif Burney, 5624 Spyglass Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eljah's Resource" 5624 Spyglass Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 12, 2023
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ELJAH'S 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06503 Melinda Huntsinger, 8449 Lilac Ridge Court, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ventured Treasures" 8449 Lilac Ridge Court, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 1, 2023
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TREASURES 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06563 Kazim Arsalan, 5840 Watt Avenue Apt A, North Highlands, CA 95660 and Amanullah Rasoli, 3600 Karl Drive Apt B, North Highlands, CA 95660 and Shafigullah Faizi, 570 7th Street Apt #272, West Sacramento, CA 95605 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Watt Halal Market" 5840 Watt Avenue Suite A, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2023
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WATT 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06517 TLC Distribution LLC, 8001 Stutz Court, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TLC Distribution" 8001 Stutz Court, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 1, 2023
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TLC 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06573 Nar Fine Carpentry, Inc., 5600 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nar Design Group" 5600 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2023
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NAR 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05780 Lisa Lingham, 9270 Sungold Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sparkling Rose Cleaning Service" 9270 Sungold Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 4, 2023
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SPARKLING 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06833 B Family LLC, 4810 Morgan Oak Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MJ Residential Cleaning Pro's" 4810 Morgan Oak Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 13, 2023
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FAMILY 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06980 Levon Karapetyan, 11070 Hirschfeld Way Apt 1, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "L Sky Services" 11070 Hirschfeld Way Apt 1, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2023
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LEVON 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06899 Ecodriveusa LLC, 2183 Benita Drive Suite B, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "EV's Republic" 2183 Benita Drive Suite B, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 13, 2023
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EVS 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06713 Giambo Consulting LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento

Community Events" 1401 21st Street #4351, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2023
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GIAMBO 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06742 Cook Psychotherapy, Inc., 418 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA, 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sage River Psychotherapy" 418 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA, 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2023
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SAGE 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06682 Bridgette Bodine, 10091 Red Tail Hawk Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Bodine Group" 10091 Red Tail Hawk Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2023
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BODINE 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06226 Moonhaeng Lee, 9686 Mizzenmast Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Moonhwa" 9686 Mizzenmast Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 23, 2023
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MOONHWA 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06974 Igor Ryshko, 6425 Muana Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ProTile" 6425 Muana Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2023
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PROTILE 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07013 Tisha Torres, 848 U Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Riverview Realty One" 731 M Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2023
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RIVERVIEW 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07167 QPH Nail Salon LLC, 819 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Top Nail" 819 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 21, 2023
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TOP 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06988 Elizabeth Donham, 8274 Mediterranean Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Writer's Block Candles/Writer's Block" 8274 Mediterranean Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2023
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WRITERS 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06977 Yannah Brown, 2450 Wurth Court, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sweet as a Queen" 2450 Wurth Court, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2023
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SWEET 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07014 Café Floracion LLC, 1793 Azurite Way, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "La Café Flora" 1793 Azurite Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2023
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CAFE 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06222 Anna Bilivskaya, 5716 Eugenia Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nikola Trucking" 5716 Eugenia Court, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 23, 2023
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NIKOLA 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06619 Olga Zhertovskaia, 2702 Bravado Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Your Favorite cleaning Service" 2702 Bravado Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 6, 2023
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CLEANING 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06973 Ilona Timofey, 6145 Spruce Street, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Folsom Senior Retreat" 6145 Spruce Street, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2023
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FOLSOM 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06726 Wholesome Creations, LLC, 3501 Broadmoor Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "FOCUSSED. Mindset & Success Coaching Company" 3501 Broadmoor Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2023
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FOCUSSED 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06655 Rafaela Guimaraes Peres Freire and Murilo Soares Martins, 12813 Scholarly Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Super Couple Cleaning" 12813 Scholarly Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 7, 2023
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SUPER 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07115 Amina Afzal, 7759 Truffle Court, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AA Global Trade" 5839 Manzanita Avenue Suite #10, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 20, 2023
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07120 Bryan Diaz Rios, 37 Monaghan Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "On Time Pressure Washing" 37 Monaghan Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 20, 2023
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ONTIME 10-20-23

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PLUS 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07032 Pouya Foroutan, 5985 Deveccchi Avenue Apt #292, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Two of us Trucking" 5985 Deveccchi Avenue Apt #292, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 18, 2023
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TWO 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06601 T. Phillips LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Factor in Fitness" 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 6, 2023
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FACTOR 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06869 Michelle Sund, 8123 Sunrise Boulevard #229, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Michelle's Mobile Notary" 8123 Sunrise Boulevard #229, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 13, 2023
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MICHELLES 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06575 Khalifa CA, Inc, 3925 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Geo Wheel Works" 3925 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2023
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GEO 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06469 VP Auto Sales Inc., 825 M Street Suite 3, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "VP Auto Sales" 825 M Street Suite 3, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 30, 2023
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AUTO 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06675 Nestor Edgardo Romero, 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phenomenal Pool Plastering/Phenomenal Pools" 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2023
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PHENOMENAL 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07267 Lindsey Summer Kohl, 8596 Pershing Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nurse Organizes" 8596 Pershing Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 27, 2023

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NURSE 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07197 The Poet Tree, Inc, 1719 25th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Poetry Center" 1719 25th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 22, 2023
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SACRAMENTO 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07232 Roberto M. Soto, 9 Benoit Court, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blue Rock TC Services" 9 Benoit Court, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 26, 2023
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BLUE 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07002 Sandeep Singh Gill, 4840 Clyde Bank Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Just Send It Postal" 7889 Lichen Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2023
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JUST 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07280 Patrick J Clinton, 8001 Andante Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Construction Equipment Training Certification" 8001 Andante Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 27, 2023
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CONSTRUCTION 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06122 Tapia Lath and Plastering, Inc., 1000 Silvano Street, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tapia Lath & Plastering Inc" 5416 Jackson Street #49, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 17, 2023
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TAPIA 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07378 BD Empire LLC, 6248 Main Avenue Suite A, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Better Design Experience" 6248 Main Avenue Suite A, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 3, 2023
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BETTER 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07310 Brahm Enterprises, LLC, 2355 Gold Meadow Way #190, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Psily Stack/ Jessica Smith" 2355 Gold Meadow Way #190, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 29, 2023
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BRAHM 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07071 Bay Area Regional Science League, 4801 Old Kent Lane, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Santa Clara County Regional Science Olympiad" 4801 Old Kent Lane, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 19, 2023
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BAY 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06910 Hard Head Kitchen and Catering, 623 Howe Avenue #123, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hard Head Kitchen and Catering" 623 Howe Avenue #123, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 13, 2023
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HARDHEAD 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07298 Juan D. Arias Lopez, 3916 Sitting Bull Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "3 Santos Bornado" 3916 Sitting Bull Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 28, 2023
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SANTOS 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07119 Sergei Enic, 10790 Coloma Road #110, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "QB Construction" 10790 Coloma Road #110, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 20, 2023
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QB 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07024 ToFanelli Enterprises, Inc, 2721 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flap Jacks" 2721 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2023

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FLAPJACKS 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06975 Nightfall Reflections, 7408 Hanfield Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nightfall Reflections" 7408 Hanfield Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2023
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NIGHTFALL 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06642 GS Innovations LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "GlowbyG" 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 29, 2023
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GLOWBYG 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07042 Jennifer G. Holden, 5604 El Granero Way, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Spinning Chester Designs" 5604 El Granero Way, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 18, 2023
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SPINNING 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07388 Barry Carangelo, 701 Sterling Stone Place, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "BNC Enterprise" 701 Sterling Stone Place, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 4, 2023
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BNC 11-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07052 Ivy Campbell & Design, 8030 W. Stockton Boulevard #310, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sapphire Organize & Design" 8030 W. Stockton Boulevard #310, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 18, 2023
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SAPPHIRE 11-3-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07381 Stark Enterprises, 7532 Cedar Drive, citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cozy ADU" 7532 Cedar Drive, citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 4, 2023
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COZY 11-3-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV008143

Tyler Khalil Simmons has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tyler Khalil Simmons to Tyler Khalil Frederick Marshall.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 8, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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TYLER 10-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV006000

Jameelah Love has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jameelah Love to Erica Renee Parker.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 4, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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JAMEELAH 10-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV007752

Chenyale Ja'Nest Staples-Ware has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Chenyale Ja'Nest Staples-Ware to Ja'Nest Chenyale Staples.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 5, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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CHENYALE 10-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV007746

Pavel Anatolyevich Verbovshchuk has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Pavel Anatolyevich Verbovshchuk to Paul Verbovshuk, and Victoria Drobkov to Victoria Verbovshuk.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 1, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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PAVEL 10-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV007184

Mandie Dorene Blake has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of David Erik Hall JR to David Anthony Blake.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 21, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 22, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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BLAKE 10-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV008449

Jennifer Marie Mullen AKA Jennifer Marie Morgan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jennifer Marie Mullen AKA Jennifer Marie Morgan to Jennifer Mullen Morgan.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 14, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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JENNIFER 10-13-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV007231

Xavion Ray - Earl McDaniel has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Xavion Ray - Earl McDaniel to Xavion Ray Casey.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 23, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023
XAVION 10-13-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV008052

Julie Anne Hull has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Julie Anne Hull to Julianne Bird.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 7, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023
JULIE 10-13-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV007614

Miguel Gutierrez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Khaled Adel Awad to Khaled Adel Awad-Gutierrez.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 29, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023
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ACROSS

1. "Bow Wow Wow's "I Candy"

5. Money source

8. * ___'s Root Beer

11. Pelvic parts

12. Start of something big?

13. Round openings

15. RPM gauge

16. Cantina cooker

17. Car sound, to a toddler

18. "Ninepins namesake

20. Kiln for drying hops

21. They had

22. Division, abbr.

23. Informal wear

26. "Tail" on letter C

30. Kamakawiwo'ole's strings

31. Real estate sale agreement

34. Denials

35. 9 a.m. prayer

37. Even, to a poet

38. *Desert plant harvested for sweet syrup

39. Forbidden

40. Quickly or slowly, e.g.

42. *Sweet ___ brew

43. Breathe in

45. Westernmost city in Germany

47. Soldier's bed

48. Mensh, alt. sp.

50. Italian car brand

52. *Jolly livestock raisers?

55. Russia's hard liquor

56. Ctrl + Z

57. Consumes food

59. Checks out

60. Famous French couturier (1905-1957)

61. Heavy Metal's Quiet

62. Caustic soda

63. Newsmen Rather

64. Kill, as in dragon

DOWN

1. Clever humor

2. Unfortunately, exclamation

3. Actor Nolte

4. Island in French Polynesia

5. *Donut filler

6. Checked out

7. Bleats

8. Rocky & Bullwinkle and Mary Kate & Ashley, pl.

9. To a very great degree (2 words)

10. Not bright

12. Sacred choral compositions

13. Roundish

14. *Sweet tooth, technically

19. * ___ Musketeers, spelled out

22. Drops at dawn

23. * ___Frutti

24. Highlander's dagger

25. Sage and rosemary

26. *Scoop holder

27. Averse

28. "Drove my chevy to the"

29. Southeast Asian org.

32. Relinquish, as in property

33. Clergyman's title, abbr.

36. *Single serving treat

38. Embarrass

40. Arthur, to friends

41. Hard feelings

44. I to Greeks, pl.

46. TV's "Where everybody knows your name"

48. Opposite of depression

49. "___ a high note"

50. Same as fogey

51. Inactive

52. "Ant-Man" leading actor

53. Not top-shelf in a bar

54. Greek portico

55. Radio knob, abbr.

58. Farm pen

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River Gravel Project Roars Ahead



Carmichael’s iconic water tower stands amid the \$3.6 million project to restore salmon spawning beds on the American River. Water Forum Habitat manager Erica Bishop watches excavation progress near Ancil Hoffman Park.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Bulldozers and monster truck sightings are now as common as wildlife on the Ancil Hoffman Park walking trail. Though small boys might delight in the roaring excavators, big fish are the real beneficiaries. The area defined as Upper River Bend is the sight of a \$ 3.6 million project to help threatened salmonids. Started last month, the

eight-week project continues annual Sacramento Water Forum efforts. Chinook salmon and steelhead populations must have movable stones for nesting and egg laying. To this end, 30,000 cubic yards of small-diameter gravel will be moved from an adjacent bar into the river flow. Excavated areas will become a side channel and 11 acres of spawning and rearing habitat will result. New native plantings will provide shelter and attract insects to feed baby fish before their swim to the

Pacific. For millions of years, salmonids managed the process unaided. But since the Gold Rush, man-made river alterations have threatened migratory species. The American River and its tributaries once offered 200 miles of breeding sites. More than 150 years of river development have reduced possibilities to about 12 miles. Dam construction blocked spawning paths and barred natural gravel movement. “The lower part of the American River is

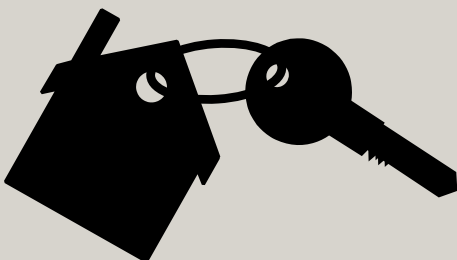
gravel-starved,” explains Water Forum Habitat Manager Erica Bishop. “Some salmon and steelhead return to home waters and can’t find a place to spawn. Fish can’t build nests without the right physical conditions. “Though the Nimbus Hatchery has a role in juvenile fish production, the Water Forum’s focus is to help adult salmonids complete life cycles naturally.” The current project must wrap before fall salmon migration crowds the passage. After Chinook giants,

steelhead nest in the same gravel beds. “Our work is targeted over time frames least likely to affect migrating fish,” says Bishop. “Swings between drought and flood condition create challenges; we focus on long-term habitat improvement.” A nearby 2021 Water Forum project supported 30 percent of threatened steelhead reproduction for that season. “Results are immediate,” notes Bishop. “Fish begin to spawn as soon as we finish our projects. Our restored habitats certainly

work.” The Ancil Hoffman project will wrap by mid-October. Though construction areas are fenced, park trails are still operational and rafting is not impacted. In-river work pauses at weekends. *Water Forum projects are supported by the Bureau of Reclamation, US Fish and Wildlife Service, CA Prop 68 funding, Sacramento City and County and signatory water agencies. Learn about the Water Forum at www.waterforum.org* ★



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