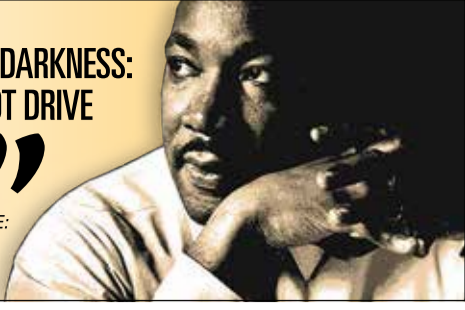




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## No Water for You!



California's proposed water conservation rules too stringent and costly, analysts say. Photo courtesy of Tolga Ahmetler - Pexels

By Rachel Becker,  
CALMatters.org

California's legislative advisors lambasted the state's ambitious proposal to regulate urban water conservation, calling the measures costly and difficult to achieve, "in many cases without compelling justifications."

The proposed rules, unveiled in August, call for more than 400 cities and other water suppliers serving about 95% of Californians to meet conservation targets beginning in 2025.

The state Legislative Analyst's Office suggested significant changes to the State Water Resources Control Board's proposal, warning that the regulations would set "such stringent

standards for outdoor use that suppliers will not have much 'wiggle room' in complying." They also warn that the added costs will ultimately be borne by customers.

"Whether the benefits of the new rules ultimately will outweigh the costs is unclear," the report says. "These doubts are particularly worrisome given we find that suppliers will face notable challenges complying with these requirements."

The report recommended that lawmakers direct state regulators to "make several of the proposed requirements less stringent (such as the residential outdoor standard), consider how to target state funding to assist lower income customers, and extend some of the deadlines for suppliers to ensure they can actually

achieve the framework's goals."

Water board officials didn't comment on the criticism or recommendations, but spokesperson Edward Ortiz said the report, along with other feedback received from industry and the public, will be considered. He said a new draft of the rules will be released this spring.

"With changing weather conditions threatening to reduce the state's water supply 10% by 2040, California is advancing an all-of-the-above strategy to bolster water supplies throughout the state, including conservation," Ortiz said.

Heather Cooley, director of research at the Pacific Institute, a global water think tank, said

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## Local Animal Control Looks to the Community for Help



Gridley's Animal Control Officer Jennifer Weiss holds up this sweet little kitten housed at the shelter. With spring right around the corner, litters of kittens like this will soon flood local shelters needing homes, or end up part of the feral cat colonies. You can help by spaying and neutering your animals. Photo courtesy of Gridley Animal Control

By Zandon Stinnett

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - It seems cat breeding season never ends, and the City of Gridley needs help keeping the feral cat population down.

The City of Gridley's Trap-Neuter-Release Program (TNR) is a city fund set aside specifically for members of the community to spay/neuter feral cats residing within city limits.

The purpose is to prevent the feral cat population from increasing by spay/neutering, ear tipping, vaccinating, and releasing them back to the location they came from at no cost to the residents.

Any local community member can utilize this resource by following these steps:

1) Make a TNR appointment with PAWS in Oroville, 530-534-0900 / 3557 Oro Dam Blvd. E, Oroville, CA 95966.

2) Notify Animal Control of the appointment date and address where the cats are located, either by phone 530-846-4825 or email: animalshelter@gridley.ca.us.

3) Animal Control will then be able to provide the community member with a voucher to cover the cost of surgery, humane cat traps, and tips on how to safely and successfully trap and transport cats.

4) The community member will transport the cats to PAWS on the day of surgery, and pick up at the end of day, to be released back to the same location the cats originally came from.

If you provide any stray cats with food, they are not considered "feral" and are not eligible for the TNR program.

In addition, Gridley Municipal Code 6.09.020 Maximum Number of Cats

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## The Paid Sick Day Dilemma

By Sameea Kamal,  
CALMatters.org

California workers will be guaranteed five paid sick days a year starting Jan. 1, up from the three days that employers are currently required to provide, thanks to Senate Bill 616.

The bill, authored by Long Beach Democratic Sen. Lena Gonzalez, also extends protections against retaliation to workers who are in a union, but excludes provisions that would have granted railroad employees access to unpaid sick leave.

It was a significant, but partial victory for proponents, including advocacy groups for families and women and dozens of unions. They originally sought seven days, but the final version was reduced in negotiations during the legislative process.

The California Work & Family Coalition hailed the law — one of several measures last session aimed at improving work-life



The National Federation of Independent Business lists the new law among its top five "compliance headaches" for California's small business owners. Photo courtesy of Marcus-Aurelius Pexels

balance — as "a common-sense change."

But trade associations representing various industries such as the California Grocers Association and California Hotel & Lodging Association, as well as chamber of commerce groups throughout the state, argued that the law would hurt small

businesses that have not recovered from the pandemic, are now dealing with inflation and can't afford the additional cost of covering for sick workers.

The National Federation of Independent Business lists the new law among its top five "compliance headaches" for California's small business owners in

2024, along with SB 848, which makes it unlawful for employers to refuse as many as five days of "reproductive loss leave" for miscarriages, failed adoptions and other events.

The state Chamber of Commerce had the sick leave law on its "job killer" list and recently issued

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Big news to start 2024 has arrived. In-n-Out Burger has made a change to its very abbreviated menu. They have added Cherry Coke as a beverage option, as well as light pink lemonade. This makes them the first new menu items since 2018. The Minute Maid light Lemonade has been sent packing. All lemonade is now pink.

Another piece of news worth noting is the death of the Chico News & Review newspaper. It was started in 1977 as a spin-off of the Chico State Campus newspaper; the liberal alternative-type news weekly expanded into Reno and Sacramento before finally ceasing operation sometime in December. No one has come forward to save the paper, and it will go "online" only from

now on. That means it is no longer a newspaper. By law, for a newspaper to be a newspaper in California, it has to have a circulation (readership) that is verified by a judge. Newspapers that are not deemed authentic by legal standards cannot run public notices and legal advertising. So, another newspaper bites the dust as competing media sources like the internet, television, radio, billboards, and other communication tools continue to experience massive technology-driven disruption. Audacity, the largest radio and podcast purveyor in the U.S., filed for bankruptcy last week. Small community newspapers seem to be doing better than the rest of the industry, but the costs of making real paper and ink are also squeezing those businesses. So the News & Review joins the Biggs Argus and the Live Oak Times in the history books. Even if you rejoice in the demise of the News & Reviews, the loss of another tool of social cohesion that comes from groups of people sharing a common reference point for information is not good. The America we liked more embraced the

concept of many voices in the public square and tolerance of differing opinions. Having everyone get only the news they want in a format that leaves them socially and intellectually isolated is the starting point for discord, strife, and political instability.

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The third item of news-worthy news is the law to disallow licensed and registered people from carrying a gun has been struck down before it could be implemented starting in 2024. It was widely anticipated that the new restrictions on law-abiding people carrying a weapon for self-defense (or any other reason) would be struck down. There is a long-standing amendment to the U.S. Constitution, indeed the 2nd of the amendments protecting human rights, that California always runs up against. Nonetheless, the elected types in Sacramento seem to do it over and over again, and the courts and the Constitution continue to stop them.

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Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley. Opinions expressed here are his own. ★

# Butte County Recognizes January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

## Butte County News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - In Butte County, women are dying of cervical cancer at one of the highest rates in California. Butte County Public Health (BCPH), in collaboration with Soroptimist International of Chico (SIC) — an organization dedicated to transforming the lives of women and girls — have come together to increase awareness of this deadly disease, encourage residents to recognize that cervical cancer is preventable and support women in our lives to take charge of their health. In support of this mission, today, the Butte County Board of Supervisors joins with many other counties and esteemed organizations in adopting a resolution recognizing January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. The motion was unanimously passed.

"In 2015, I lost a dear friend and colleague to Cervical Cancer...she was 34. Cervical cancer is preventable, yet the current data is alarming. In the United States, six out of ten cervical cancers occur in women who have never been screened. We are working closely with the Public Health Department and local healthcare agencies to educate and empower women to make informed health decisions and emphasize the need for regular pap smears," said Amy Louis, president of SIC.

Cervical cancer is cancer that starts in the cells of the cervix, the lowermost part of the uterus, and is primarily caused by an infection with the human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV is passed from one person to another during sexual contact, including skin-to-skin contact. All women are at risk for developing cervical cancer, however, vulnerable communities lacking access to healthcare and life-saving prevention tools are disproportionately impacted.

Preventing HPV and screening for cervical cancer are the two most effective actions every woman should take to protect against cervical cancer. HPV can be prevented by using a condom every time

you have any kind of sex, getting tested and treated for sexually transmitted infections, not smoking or vaping, and getting the HPV vaccination.

Cervical cancer screening is performed by getting an HPV test and a pap test. Both can be done in a doctor's office or clinic that offers these services.

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Soroptimist International of Chico is sponsoring two Cervical Cancer Screening Clinics at Ampla Health in Chico for women ages 21-65. To book an appointment, call Ampla Health: 530-342-4395. Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome.

-January 16, 2024, 1:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
-January 20, 2024, 10:30 am - 7:30 pm  
(Please bring a photo ID. No insurance is required.)

Ampla Health clinic services will include: Pap Test, HPV Test, HPV Vaccine, Health Education, Gift Cards and more!

Butte County Public Health Clinic | Cervical Cancer Screening (Free or Low-Cost)

Cervical cancer screenings are available at the BCPH Clinics in Chico and Oroville for women who have Medi-Cal, do not have health insurance, or qualify based on income. Additionally, Family PACT (familyact.org/) and Every Woman Counts (EWC) (www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Cancer/ewc/Pages/default.aspx) programs are available to qualifying women.

Call today to schedule your cervical cancer screening appointment with BCPH: Chico Public Health Clinic, 695 Oleander Ave., 530-552-3959  
Oroville Public Health Clinic, 78 Table Mountain Blvd., 530-552-3918

For more information about cervical cancer prevention and screening, please visit the BCPH website: www.buttecounty.net/684/Breast-Cervical-Cancer-Screening. ★

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# Little League Registration Closing Soon!

## By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Baseball season is right around the corner and Gridley Little League is currently registering players!

Registration is \$115.00 for T-ball through Juniors age groups. Children must be four years old on opening day,

March 16th, 2024, in order to qualify for T-ball.

If your child is interested in playing, please register them at <https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/gridleyllbca?> by January 17th. No late registrations will be accepted.

Play ball! ★

# Animal Control Program Alerts Public about Impersonation

## Butte County Public Health News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Department of Public Health's (BCPH) Animal Control Program is alerting residents, especially those who live in the unincorporated areas, that several Animal Control

vehicles were broken into earlier this week. Some items stolen, including blank

animal control forms, could be used in an attempt to impersonate an Animal Control Officer.

If residents are approached by an Animal Control Officer, they should ask to see their Butte County Animal Control personnel ID badges. Residents who suspect they have been approached by someone impersonating a Butte County Animal Control Officer are asked to contact Animal Control at 530-552-3888. ★

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# Princess Melly the Fighter

# Harmeet Dhillon Named Guest Speaker At 2024 Lincoln Dinner



Melly Spurgeon in the holiday spirit. Photo courtesy of Lillis Spurgeon

Garcia and her daughter Maddie, the 2nd runner-up for Miss Teen Butte County, to be chosen as one of this year's participants for "Princess for a Day."

The "Princess for a Day" is a program that provides a fun and exciting day for the youth in Butte County who have overcome a challenge in their lives. The event will have the Princesses playing fun games and enjoying good food.

In addition, the Princesses will also be crowned by Miss Butte County Scholarship Program Titleholders as honorary members of the local Court. The nominees will also be invited to join this year's Biggs 4th of July Parade.

The "Princess for a Day" event is currently scheduled for Saturday January 27th, but is open to change depending on future nominees' availability.

If you are interested to learn more about Melly's battle against brain cancer, please visit the Facebook page #mellythefighter. ★



Harmeet Dhillon

## Republican Central Committee Press Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Sutter County Republican Central Committee will host their annual Lincoln Dinner on Thursday,

January 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Exhibit Building at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds. The dinner will be catered by Hillcrest Catering of Yuba City and will host special guest speaker, Harmeet Kaur Dhillon.

Harmeet Kaur Dhillon is an American attorney, political activist, and the national committee-woman of the Republican National Committee for California. Dhillon has been a prominent figure in legal and political circles, known for her involvement in various high-profile cases and her commitment to conservative causes. She has also

served as the vice chairwoman of the California Republican Party and is recognized for her contributions to the legal profession and advocacy for civil liberties.

A live auction and raffle will be held at the event, which raises funds to support Republican causes.

Sponsorships are available, some of which include a private meet & greet with Dhillon prior to the event. Sponsorships and Individual tickets are available for purchase at [www.suttergop.org](http://www.suttergop.org).

For more information, call (530) 682-3833. ★

## By Zandon Stinnett

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Melody "Melly" Spurgeon was only two years old when she was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer in August of 2019.

Since then, Melly has fought through a

combination of dozens of MRIs, two open brain surgeries and is currently on her third round of chemotherapy. The story of her heroic struggle has spread throughout the local community.

Melly's name was submitted by Stephanie

# Local Animal Control Looks to the Community for Help

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they can contact the Gridley Animal Control Officer by phone or email. This role would include helping community members that have TNR needs but are unable to transport or trap by themselves. The volunteer would work with the animal control officer and community members to trap and transport cats in need of TNR services.

Currently, the Gridley Animal Control Center is in need of monetary donations that help secure the TNR vouchers. Animal Control Officer Jennifer Weiss says that the shelter is currently very limited on the number of TNR vouchers due to lack of funding.

Donations can be mailed to Gridley Police Department Attn: Animal Control at 685 Kentucky St., Gridley, CA 95948, or made in person at the GPD lobby. The Gridley Animal Shelter is located at 895 Sycamore St., Gridley, and can be contacted at (530) 846-4825. ★

Residents are discouraged from feeding feral or stray animals, including those in large colonies. The belief is that if the animals are not being fed, they will disperse. If someone would like to volunteer to be a feral cat advocate for our community,

For purposes of this section, a person who feeds a cat shall be deemed to "own, control and possess such cat." Therefore, if someone is feeding a cat in the city of Gridley, they have taken responsibility for that cat, and they may only own up to four.

Therefore, the group has started a luggage drive and intends to collect lightly used luggage and duffel bags throughout the month of January. The public is welcomed and encouraged to donate as well. Manzanita 4-H plans to wrap its collections up at the end of the month. If you plan to donate and need your items picked up, simply contact a 4-H member. Items will be provided to Gridley's Children's Hope Foster Family Agency. ★

guidance for employers to navigate the law's complexities. There's no federal law that requires employers to give workers paid sick leave. California became the second state in the nation to adopt a paid sick leave policy in 2014, but now provides less time than 15 states and many of its own cities, including San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

Upon signing the bill on Oct. 4, Newsom said too many people were still having to choose between skipping a day's pay and taking care of themselves or their family members when they get sick. "We're making it known that the health and wellbeing of workers and their families is of the utmost importance for California's future," he said in a statement. This isn't the first time a sick leave expansion has been introduced, but the COVID-19 pandemic amplified the need. In March 2021, a new law required larger employers to provide as many as 10 more days for quarantines or vaccine side effects. But that benefit went away, along with federal tax credits that paid for it, six months later. ★



# 4-H Luggage Drive for Hope

## By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - For their first service project of 2024, Manzanita 4-H is looking to help youth in need, but maybe not the type of need you would be expecting.

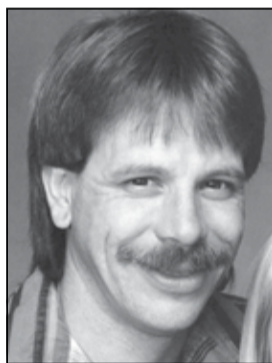
According to the 4-H group, they have learned from local foster family agency, Children's Hope, that many times when children are removed from a home due to unsafe or abusive conditions, their belongings are often shoved into a

plastic garbage bag. Therefore, the group has started a luggage drive and intends to collect lightly used luggage and duffel bags throughout the month of January. The public is welcomed and encouraged to donate as well. Manzanita 4-H plans to wrap its collections up at the end of the month. If you plan to donate and need your items picked up, simply contact a 4-H member. Items will be provided to Gridley's Children's Hope Foster Family Agency. ★

## MEMORIAL

**EDWARD PAUL SULLIVAN • 08/19/1955 – 09/19/2023**

Edward Paul Sullivan, 68, of Taylorsville, CA, passed away on September 24, 2023, after a life full of adventure. He was born on August 19, 1955, and was the first "chosen child" of Donald E. Sullivan, M.D. and Loretta "Joan" Sullivan as a newborn.



He attended Gridley schools and entered the United States Navy in 1975 where he served as an aviation mechanic. After his military service, he worked in property management

and was a skilled handyman. He settled down to a quiet life in the beauty of Plumas County where he enjoyed fishing and riding his ATV in the hills with his dog Bear.

Ed is survived by his sisters Kathy (John) McHenry, Laurie Sullivan, and brother Bill Sullivan (Tina), as well as his daughter Hannah Easley. He will be missed by his family and friends.

**A Celebration of Life will be held at Casa Lupe in the banquet room on Saturday, January 13, at noon. If Ed touched your life in any way, please feel free to come by with a story or remembrance to share with his loved ones and celebrate his life.**

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# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church

Words can heal, words can kill. Words can build up; words can tear down. Salt water and fresh water do not come out of the same spout just like harsh and kind words don't flow forth together.

God's word tells us the that the hardest thing to tame is our tongue. We bridle horses and train them to go where we want them to go. Farmers yoke cattle, mules, and oxen in order to plow and cultivate the land. If it was as easy to train our mouths, maybe the world would run much smoother.

An unkind and harsh word can break a person's spirit in an instant. We can crush a child's joy with hurtful words. We can break an elderly person's personal happiness with just a cruel hateful spoken sentence.

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" is not true a true statement. Social media and the internet have proven that. Young people have taken their own lives because of the ugly words spread across



the internet.

Out of our mouths comes the truth of our hearts! What we really believe, and think will rush forth against another person without a second thought. STOP! THINK! Words cannot be taken back. Words can linger for a lifetime. Can you recall a

degrading statement said to you years ago that you still remember to this day? I can and it still hurts.

Invisible scars, deep wounds that can't be seen but still cause real pain and suffering linger in our minds. A single word said in anger to cause hurt and pain can have costly reactions.

Think before you speak. Don't become a "spirit crusher" to someone who just needs just a kind word to carry on. Speak out of love and caring. Lift up and don't tear down. Put a halter on your tongue and guide it to better things.

At Gridley United Methodist Church we try to lift up with both words and actions. Please, join us on Sunday at 10 am to be a spirit builder. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

I always enjoy old wife's tales. One old wife's tale is about Woolly Worms. By the way 8 out of 9 Woolly Worms agree it will be a mild Winter. This might be hopeful thinking on the part of the Woolly Worms who don't go through their metamorphosis until Spring. There is some discussion about how to tell what a Woolly Worm is forecasting. One has to examine

the hairy covering of the Worm and compare to Worms viewed in the past. The hair is longer if the Winter is going to be harsh, shorter if it is going to be milder. Some folks must have a great memory for the length of Woolly Worm hair. Also involved is how wide the black bands are and if there is black on the hind end. I understand examining various critters, I do it with many and especially with snails. But still you really have to be diligent to make a decision about Winter based on Woolly Worm observations. These observations need to be done before the wily Woolly Worm finds a cozy warm place to hunker down for the Winter. No matter how

mild or harsh, the Woolly Worm will freeze up (they live in areas that freeze at some point in the Winter) under the leaves and litter it chooses as its Winter home. Once Spring arises all these little frozen, fuzzy caterpillars will thaw out. They then make their cocoons where they pupate and the transformation takes place from worm to butterfly or in this case a moth. We have 28 plants in our area that the Isabella Tiger Moth caterpillar likes to eat. If we are diligent, we can find Woolly Worms in this area somewhere. This means we can participate in examining Woolly Worms for weather forecasting. At least we don't have to deal with Prairie Dog holes. ★

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Date filed in Butte County: December 8, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 27, 1993  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001035  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bess Electric, 550 Vallombrosa Avenue Suite 8884, Chico, CA 95927  
Lumina Sparks LLC, 2073 Rochester Drive, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: December 11, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 16, 2023  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001055  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Californiaalmond Blossoms.com, 2265 Maclovina Avenue Apt 108, Chico, CA 95928  
Brian J Young, 2265 Maclovina Avenue Apt 108, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: December 19, 2023, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 2, 2022  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 CALIFORNIA 1-26-2024

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The following person(s) are doing business as: Chico Nails and Beauty, 968 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Tin Thanh Nguyen, 2777 Eaton Road #83, Chico, CA 95926 and David Minh Le, 2189 Huntington Drive, Chico, CA 95928  
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The following person(s) are doing business as: Atrium Aesthetics, 1550 Humboldt Road Suite 6, Chico, CA 95928  
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Date filed in Butte County: January 2, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 1, 2023  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001069  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Warm Hearts Caregiving LLC, 429 California Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV03529  
Petitioner Kayla Leilani Vasquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kayla Leilani Vasquez to Kayla Leilani Pizarro-Vasquez.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 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 February 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on December 21, 2023  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 2024 VASQUEZ 1-26-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV03528  
Petitioner Raeven Maxine Barrett filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Raeven Maxine Barrett to Raeven Maxine Pizarro-Vasquez.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 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 February 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE  
KRISTINA LEE RENDINA FORMERLY KNOWN AS KRISTINA LIPUMA CASE NO. 23PR00622  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Kristina Lee Rendina formerly known as Kristina Lipuma.  
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The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: January 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.  
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.  
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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Mindin J. Reid, ESQ, 950 Tharp Road Suite 701, Yuba City, CA 95993; 530-674-9761  
Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 2024 LIPUMA 1-12-24

TRUSTEE SALE  
T.S. No. 115935-CA APN: 009-103-001-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/22/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 3/6/2024 at 3:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 6/25/2020 as Instrument No. 2020-0025081 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Butte County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: EVAN WILLIAMS, A SINGLE MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; At the main entrance to the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1595 OAK ST, GRIDLEY, CA 95948 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$318,030.91 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. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE

TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 758-8052 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.HOMESEARCH.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 115935-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 115935-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 758-8052 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108 GRIDLEY HERALD Publish 12/29/2023, 1/5/2024, 1/12/2024 GRIDLEY HERALD 1/12/2024

T.S. No.: 9543-3577 TSG Order No.: 2834744 A.P.N.: 116-263-015-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/26/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 12/13/2016 as Document No.: 2016-0007485, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by: WILBUR N STUBBLEFIELD, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 01/24/2024 at 11:00 AM Sale Location: Sale will be held at HUDSON MARSHALL. At the Main Entrance to the County Courthouse Located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 250 KAREN ST, QUINCY, CA 95971 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$115,776.10 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a

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# Try Outdoor Journaling and Art Experiences

## Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is proud to announce the continuation of its free, outdoor nature programs geared toward getting the community outside to enjoy guided hiking, art, and journaling adventures. It is all made possible thanks to a \$200,000 Outdoor Equity Program Grant it recently received from the California State Parks & Recreation Department. The funding is part of a California State Parks statewide initiative that has provided \$57 million in grant funding to 125 communities, including Yuba-Sutter, to help advance its "Outdoor Access for All" initiative. The funding helps establish hubs for local activities and trips to natural areas for underserved communities.

The next adventure will be held on Saturday, January 20, to the Empire Mine State Historic Park from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meet at Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, 624 E Street in Marysville to pick up supplies and organize carpools. Located in Grass Valley, Empire



The Empire Mine park trail. Photo courtesy of YSAC

Mine consists of over 800 acres and 14 miles of trails. The event includes time for nature instruction and journaling, sketching, and photography. The hike will include the Upper and Lower Union and Indian Ridge Loop, a total of 3.8 miles. A visitor center, gift shop, and guided tours

of the mine itself are available for any who wants to extend the day. Art supplies and snacks are all provided. The event will be held rain or shine. If it rains, the hike will be shortened, and indoor areas of the park will be explored.

Last year's near-sold-out

experiences included guided trips to the Sutter Buttes, South Yuba River State Park, Table Mountain, Hidden Falls, Fairy Falls, Grey Lodge, and Ellis Lake. These trips are free of charge and park admission fees, supplies, and snacks are included. Pre-registration is required at [yubasutterarts.org](http://yubasutterarts.org).

You will receive a list of what else you will need to bring once you register. There is a refundable \$10 per person fee at the time of registration. Participants will receive a cash refund upon arrival. There are no refunds for no-shows. This new rule is necessary due to the number of no-shows last year which caused organizers to turn away others wishing to attend once we reached trip capacity.

Why is access to the outdoors important? Nature is a public good that's crucial for adults as well as children's health and well-being. Scientists estimate that every \$1 spent on creating and maintaining park trails can save almost \$3 in health care alone. Additional studies show that access to parks and green-space can increase children's physical activity, reduce stress in children, and improve academic performance.

Announcements about further 2024 outdoor art adventures will be made soon. For updates follow Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture on Facebook, go to [yubasutterarts.org](http://yubasutterarts.org), or call 530-742-ARTS (2787). ★

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## BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENT TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 24 (ZONING), ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 1 (OUTDOOR FESTIVALS) TO ESTABLISH NEW STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR OUTDOOR FESTIVALS, AND REPEALLING CHAPTER 12 (LICENSES), ARTICLE III (OUTDOOR FESTIVALS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **January 25, 2024, at 9:00 am**, or shortly thereafter, in the Board Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville CA 95965. Public comments will be accepted in person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to remotely view, or listen to, the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

Link: <http://bccdds.net/PlanningCommission>

or

Phone number: United States Toll Free: 1-408-418-9388 Event Password: Planning

Meeting Number: 2558 416 3706

Summary of Amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Zoning Ordinance – Outdoor Festivals, and Chapter 12 (Licenses) (Project #: ZCA23-0004):

This is a County-initiated amendment to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance (Butte County Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 1, Outdoor Festivals) to establish new "Temporary Uses" regulations for Outdoor Festivals, and repeal Butte County Code Chapter 12, Article III, Outdoor Festivals. The previous Outdoor Festival License requirement through the Butte County Treasurer will be repealed and replaced by a requirement for an Administrative Permit pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance, ensuring that the proposed use is compatible with the outdoor festival site's applicable zone and surrounding land uses, and that appropriate operational standards are applied.

It is determined that this Zoning Ordinance amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

At this hearing, the Planning Commission will make its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to be heard at a future date.

A full copy of the amendment summarized above is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by entering the project number (ZCA23-0004) at <https://permits.buttecounty.net/eTRAKIT/Search/project.aspx>. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date.

Comments regarding this amendment may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the public hearing. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Assistant Planner Austin Forde, at [aforde@buttecounty.net](mailto:aforde@buttecounty.net) or 530.552.3686.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact us at (530) 552.3662. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

Paula M. Daneluk, AICP, Director, Butte County Department of Development Services

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: January 12, 2024  
TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations  
SUBJECT: **Gray Lodge Wildlife Solar Project — BUTTE COUNTY, CA**

The California Department of General Services (DGS) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Solar Project (Proposed Project). DGS has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

**Project Location:** The Proposed Project is located at 3207 Rutherford Road, in Gridley, Butte County, California within the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area facility, which is owned and operated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

**Project Description:** The California Department of General Services (DGS) Gray Lodge Wildlife Solar Project (Proposed Project) is a solar Photovoltaic (PV) power generation system that would include 468 ground-mounted solar arrays that would occupy 35,000 square-feet. The Proposed Project will convert sunlight to Direct Current (DC) electrical power which would then be converted to Alternating Current (AC) by string inverters before being delivered to the PG&E distribution system. The total system is expected to be approximately 204 kilowatts. The Proposed Project would support energy reduction goals, the Global Warming Solutions Act, and Governor's Green Building Order S-20-04.

**Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts:** Potentially significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, and geology and soils were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

**Hazardous Waste Sites:** Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, DGS acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the Project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

**IS/MND Document Review and Availability:** The public review and comment period for the Draft IS/MND will extend for 30 days starting January 12, 2024 and ending February 12, 2024. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, printed hard copies will not be available to the public. However, the Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

<http://www.ecorpcconsulting.com/docs/DGS-Gray-Lodge-Wildlife-Solar-Project-Draft-IS-MND-WITH-APPENDICES.pdf>

**Comments/Questions:** Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to:

Terry Ash, Senior Environmental Planner  
Department of General Services, RESD, PMDB  
cc: Amberly Morgan  
2525 Warren Drive  
Rocklin, CA 95677  
or  
[amorgan@ecorpcconsulting.com](mailto:amorgan@ecorpcconsulting.com)

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## BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENT TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 24 (ZONING ORDINANCE), ARTICLES II, III, AND VII, RELATING TO RESTRICTED PERSONAL SERVICES LAND USES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **January 25, 2024, at 9:00 am**, or shortly thereafter, in the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Room, County Administration Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California. Public comments will be accepted in-person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to remotely view, or listen to, the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

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Meeting Number: 2558 416 3706

#### Summary of Amendments to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Zoning Ordinance

A County-initiated zoning code amendment (ZCA22-0005) to (1) deleting the Restricted Personal Services definition under Chapter 24, Article VII, Division I of Butte County Code, and including these land uses into the Personal Services classification; (2) deleting the *Restricted Personal Services* land use classification from the Use Regulation Tables under Chapter 24, Article II; and (3) deleting the *Restricted Personal Services* land use classification from Table 24-93-1 -Onsite Parking Requirements. The amendment will effectively remove the requirement to obtain a conditional use permit for such businesses as tattoo parlors, body piercing, fortune telling, massage establishments, and other similar uses.

The zoning code amendment is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which exempts activities covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects with the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment.

At this hearing, the Planning Commission will make its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to be heard at a future date.

A full copy of the amendments summarized above are on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965.

Comments regarding the zoning code amendment may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Senior Planner Rowland Hickel at [rhickel@buttecounty.net](mailto:rhickel@buttecounty.net) or 530.552.3684.

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Paula M. Daneluk, AICP, Director, Butte County Department of Development Services

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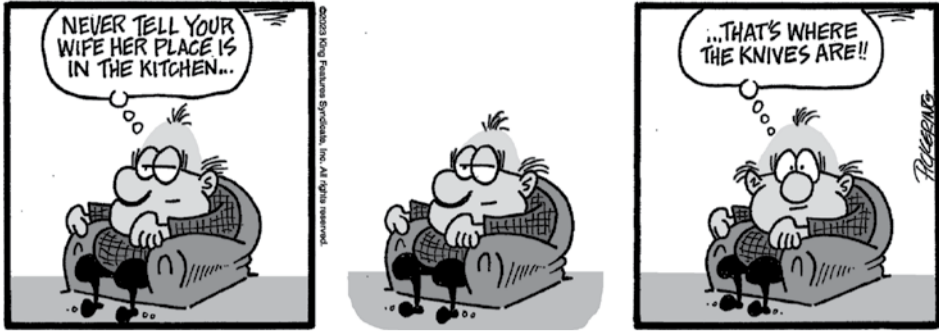
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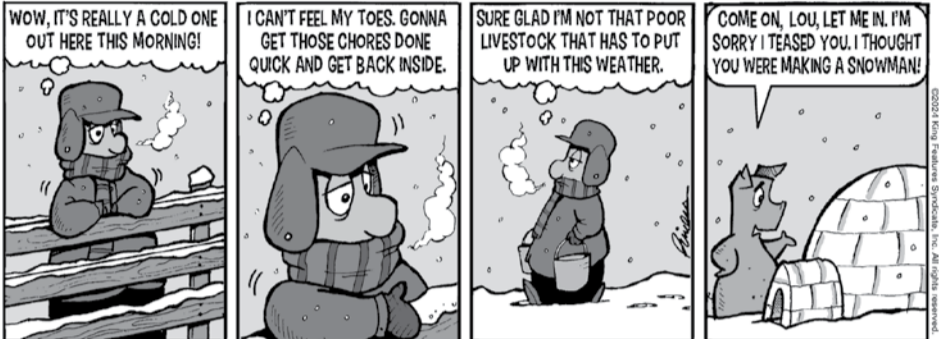
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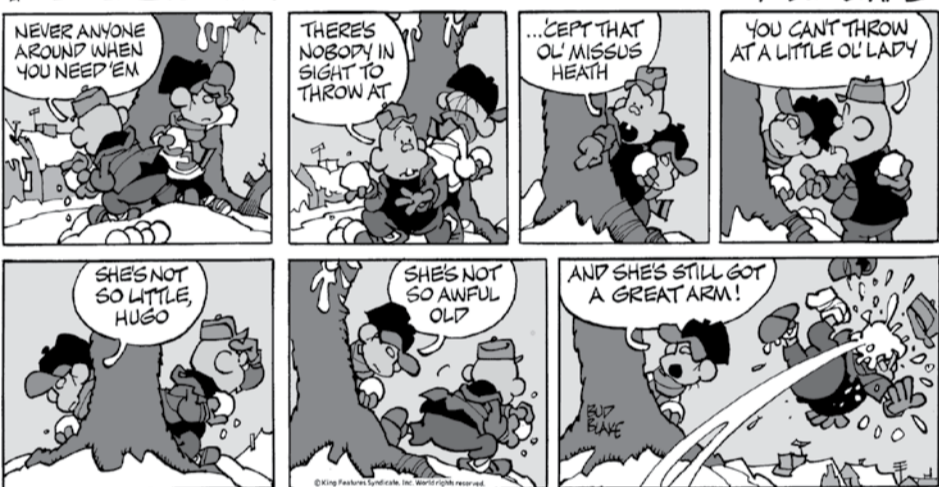
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# Gridley and Live Oak Soccer Teams Begin Quest for League Crowns

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

## GRIDLEY

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley boys and girls soccer programs opened Butte View League play January 11 as they both hosted the Corning Cardinals.

The Gridley girls soccer team is looking for its first season to finish above .500 in the MaxPreps era. The Lady Bulldogs are currently 4-2-1 entering BVL play and the pre-season records in the past couple of years have been above .500, but instantly go under that threshold in league season.

The only team that Gridley has had success against in BVL play over the last couple of seasons is Oroville, as the Lady Bulldogs have all of its four league wins over the Lady Tigers in the past two seasons.

Gridley is led by a duo of senior strikers in Janessa Delgado and Rafaela Anguiano, as Delgado leads the team with 11 goals and Anguiano right behind with 10 as of Sunday, January 7.

Anguiano also led the Lady Bulldogs in points (26) and assists (6) heading into the matchup with Corning yesterday.

The Gridley boys soccer team is looking to continue and build off of a deep playoff run from last season that included trips to the Northern Section Division II final and a trip to the CIF Division V NorCal Regional Final.

The Bulldogs opened up the 2024 part of the season with a dominant 16-0 victory over Durham on Thursday, January 4, and snapped their previous two-game skid of losses against Yuba City and Pleasant Valley.

Gridley head coach Jesse Barajas told the Herald that his heavy roster of 26 players is great to have as they are all locked in, but getting them all into the mix is difficult.

He added heading into league play that health is going to be a key for success. Bulldogs junior Nolan Weagant is the Northern Section leader with 18 goals as Gridley headed into their opening matchup against Corning yesterday.

## LIVE OAK

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak boys and girls soccer programs started Sacramento Valley League play, and both teams are aiming towards league titles and deep playoff runs, as they opened league play this past Tuesday, January 9, on the road at Los Molinos.

The Lady Lions are off to another hot start as they entered league play at 9-1-1 under Head Coach Jose Acosta.

Acosta has a deep roster that is adjustable all-around the entire field with veteran leadership in junior midfielder Johanna Petrone, and a pair of seniors in defender Maya Goodson and striker Mckayla Holman.

Acosta told the Herald that with the trio playing with one another for the last three seasons, that they matured and physically have not been stronger.

"Their leadership has grown from learning how to adapt with the younger group as well," Acosta said.

Acosta added that freshman midfielders Isabella Tinoco, Cecilia Caracheo and Nathalia Gutierrez have made an impact on the field and looks for them to learn from the older leadership.

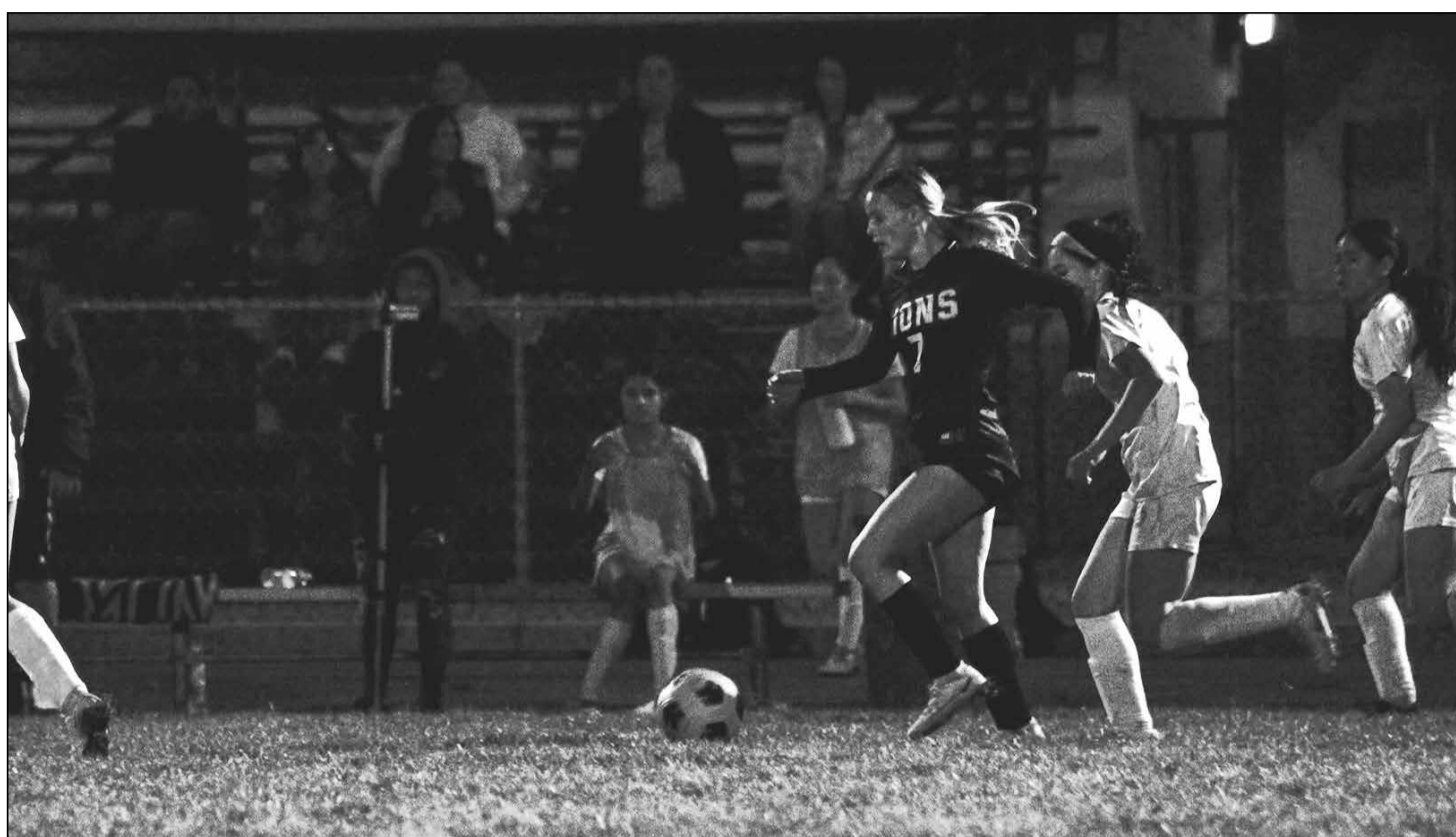
Petrone and Holman, who were number one and two nationally in points last season, according to MaxPreps, are currently ranked number one and two again in the Northern Section.

The Lady Lions biggest competition in SVL play will be with Winters as the Lady Lions were beaten and tied last season by Winters.

The boys' program is looking to win a second consecutive SVL title and Head Coach Rudy Rosales expressed to the Herald they are going to continue the grind they have all season.

Rosales is in his first season at the top of the program, and he told the Herald that they are still looking for a definitive striker, but the best part of their team has been its attention to defense.

Senior midfielder Esteban Alvarado is the team leader with six goals and seven assists on the season. The Lions biggest competition in the SVL will be Winters, as both teams shared the SVL title with an 8-0-2 record last season. ★



Live Oak senior striker Mckayla Holman (7) dribbles the ball in the Lady Lions 2-1 win over Yuba City on November 20, 2023.



Gridley junior Nolan Weagant (1) passes the ball forward in the Bulldogs 2-0 loss at Yuba City on December 12, 2023.



Live Oak senior forward Noah Cuevas (14) dribbles the ball in the Lions 1-1 tie against River Valley on December 12, 2023.



Live Oak senior defender Maya Goodson (4) kicks the ball upfield in the Lady Lions 2-1 victory over Yuba City on November 20, 2023.

# No Water for You!

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conservation and efficiency are the cheapest, fastest ways to meet California's water needs as climate change renders supplies more variable and uncertain.

"We have to take real action to ensure we can provide safe, clean, reliable water for California communities," she said. "Retrofitting and taking out old devices, transforming our landscapes, all of those things have a cost. But it's far less than developing new sources of supply."

Mandated by a package of 2018 laws, the intent of the rules is to make conservation "a way of life" in California. The rules, which are two years behind schedule, are expected to be adopted by the water board this summer before taking effect in October.

The rules don't target individuals or businesses, instead setting individualized conservation targets for urban water agencies across the state based on goals for indoor and outdoor water use, leaks and other factors. By 2035, water providers will

collectively need to reduce water use by 14%. The savings would be enough to supply about 1.2 million homes every year, or about 1% of the state's total water use.

The report called this amount "modest," noting that "the agricultural sector uses about four times as much water as the urban sector."

Water agencies and city officials warned state regulators last fall that complying would be costly, roughly \$13.5 billion from 2025 to 2040 for rebates and other efforts to cut residential use. The benefits are anticipated to reach about \$15.6 billion, in large part because suppliers and customers will buy less water.

The Legislative Analyst's report noted that an assessment by a consulting firm commissioned by a water supplier raised questions about those calculations. They noted that customers, particularly low-income households, would likely bear the brunt of rates increased to cover the costs.

"Even if benefits outweigh

costs in the long run, whether they merit the amount of work and costs to implement the requirements as currently proposed is uncertain," the report said.

Jay Lund, vice-director of the Center for Watershed Sciences at the University of California, Davis, called the report "an unusually frank assessment."

"Although there is good room for further conservation, this additional State effort seems like it is probably not needed, or at least, need not be as stringent and complicated as it seems. It has been asked, 'Is this juice worth the squeeze?'" he told CalMatters in an email.

During the last three-year severe drought, which ended last year, the Newsom administration set voluntary conservation goals that were largely ineffective. Californians used only about 6% less water from July 2021 through the end of last year compared to 2020, far less than Gov. Gavin Newsom's 15% goal.

Some areas, especially in hot, inland areas of the state, will

require more stringent conservation than others under the proposed rules. Inland and eastern California will be required to cut back the most, with the biggest cuts, up to 34%, needed in desert areas, followed by the Tulare Lake region.

Even in the North Coast area, which as a whole is not expected to need to cut back at all to meet the 2035 targets, two large suppliers serving more than 1.6 million customers will nevertheless need to reduce their water use by a quarter.

But increasing conservation in the places that need it most will seem a bargain when inevitable longer and drier droughts occur, said Felicia Marcus, former chair of the water board and now a visiting fellow at Stanford University's Water in the West Program.

"The goal is both to make each locality more resilient to the nightmare curveballs climate change is throwing at us, and to do it in a way that integrates efficiency first and foremost as the most cost and carbon effective

measure in the long run," Marcus said.

Sonja Petek, the principal fiscal and policy analyst who authored the report, said the office isn't saying to abandon the conservation regulations, it's just recommending changes to make them more feasible.

"Water conservation is one of the important components of the state's overall water management strategy," she said, citing more severe and prolonged droughts and the need to reduce reliance on overdrafted groundwater basins. "Our concern is that if these regulations were adopted as written, it could lead to a scenario where compliance is not feasible for some water suppliers, so the state might not achieve its ultimate goals."

Assemblymember Laura Friedman, a Democrat from Burbank and an author of the original legislation, said the report "raises some valid concerns with the rulemaking process thus far, however, I have faith in the water board to do its due diligence in implementing the standards that were passed." ★

## National Average Price of Gas Projected to See Yearly Decline in 2024

### GasBuddy News Release

**DALLAS, CA (MPG)** - GasBuddy, a PDI company, today released its annual Fuel Price Outlook with some good news for drivers: expect lower gasoline and diesel prices in 2024. The outlook highlights key trends in gasoline and diesel prices, forecasting that, after two years of above average gas prices, 2024 will bring relief at the pump for consumers as several factors contribute to less of a pinch at the pump. GasBuddy expects the yearly national average will drop from \$3.51 per gallon this year to \$3.38 in 2024.

Highlights from GasBuddy's 2024 Fuel Outlook:

Gas prices still could fall below a national average of \$3 per gallon this

winter before starting to rise in late-February, getting close to \$4 per gallon as summer approaches, then mildly declining into summer, with hurricane season presenting uncertainty in late summer.

Drivers in some California cities could again briefly see prices above \$6 per gallon if major refinery issues develop during the summer, although most major U.S. cities will see prices peak at or slightly below \$4 per gallon in 2024.

Americans are expected to spend a combined \$446.9 billion on gasoline in 2024. Average yearly spending per household will fall to an estimated \$2,407, down 2% from 2023, and over 12% less compared to 2022.

Electric vehicles (EVs) and the 2024

presidential election have the potential to impact fuel prices in the year ahead, with a potential slowdown in the EV transition at stake.

Memorial Day will be the priciest 2024 holiday at the pump, with the national average price of gasoline expected to be \$3.56-\$4.04 per gallon on the holiday.

"As 2023 fades away, I'm hopeful those \$5 and \$6 prices for gasoline and diesel will also fade into memory," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "The global refining picture continues to improve, providing more capacity and peace of mind that record-setting prices will stay away from the pump in 2024. I anticipate that we'll still have some volatility, unexpected outages and

disruptions, and potentially weather-related issues, but I do not expect it to lead to record prices. Offsetting OPEC+'s production cuts is contributing to the rise of U.S. oil production, which now stands at record levels. Combined with Canada, North American oil production could further stabilize countries that have decided to curb oil production."

The outlook forecasts the highest prices will be seen at the peak of the summer driving season in May, with the national average potentially rising as high as \$3.89 per gallon. More uncertainty is expected with hurricane season in late summer. Diesel prices are also predicted to fall incrementally from 2023, peaking at \$4.13 per gallon in March 2024. ★

### Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

#### The Basics of Bookkeeping Accounting (Orland)

Learn basic concepts for setting up your bookkeeping and develop an understanding of financial statements to better manage your business. Learn and understand common terms used in bookkeeping so you can converse confidently with lenders and financial advisors. Learn key concepts for good record keeping for your business.

**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 1366 Cortina Dr. Orland

#### How to Start a Successful Food Truck Business (Colusa)

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**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 425 Webster St., Colusa

#### Understanding Food Costs and Pricing (Chico)

Join Butte College SBDC for a 2-hour workshop on understanding food costs and pricing. This training is for both existing and startup restaurants and food businesses. Topics will include: Understanding profit and loss statements; Industry benchmarks for food costs; How to work from a budget; Industry techniques for calculating plate costs; How to price for profitability; and best practice for managing inventory.

**Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

#### New Venture Series for New and Startup Businesses (Orland)

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**Dates:** Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 1366 Cortina Dr, Room 125, Orland

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**Dates:** Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 1566 Huntoon St, Oroville

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