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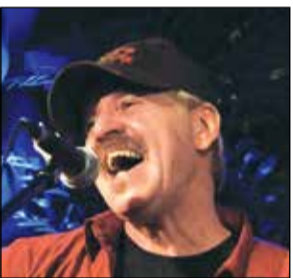
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Veterans and supporters gather for a Memorial Day service at the Vietnam Monument, Carmichael. The edifice commemorates La Sierra High School alumni who died in Vietnam.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Carmichael's Vietnam Monument was last weekend central to Memorial Day commemorations. Flags, flowers, and memories were shared by more than 100 visitors.

US Army Brigadier General Don Currier (retired) gave the address. "The vast amount of this country's success has come because of sacrifices made so we could have our freedoms," considered Currier. "This great nation did not happen in a day; it took more than 200 years -- and the blood and toil of those who came before us.

"Heroes aren't found in sports arenas or movies," he continued. "They're found on battlefields. We all benefit from these heroes, and from the pain shouldered by their families."

Reverend Kathleen Marie gave the invocation. The La Sierra High graduate is sister to Thomas Pigg, one of 15 Vietnam war dead commemorated by the steel monument. "My brother's death greatly affected our family," she recalled. "Though (most of the family) is gone now, they went bearing the pain of his loss."

A first-known monument to Vietnam War losses in California, Carmichael's memorial stands in Koobs Nature

Area. Dedicated in 1972, it honors La Sierra High School alumni who fell in the long conflict.

Those commemorated are Robert D. Anderson, Mark W. Burchard, Robert S. Byrnes, Jerry Cowsert, Kenneth R. Escott, Gary R. Field, Herbert Frenzell, Frank Thornburg, Ralph Guarienti, Larry H. Morford, Thomas C. Pigg, Randall B. Rainville, Kim Richins, Jeffry Tharaldson and Robert A. Willis.

Koobs Nature Area is located at 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael. Access is available first Saturdays monthly, March through October. For information go to Koobs Nature Area's Facebook page. ★

Students Illustrate the 1950s



Eleventh-graders present a skit about the typical life of a suburban family in the 1950s. Photo courtesy San Juan Unified School District

MPG Staff

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Mira Loma High School's fourth annual Pleasantville event was a rockin' good time!

On May 17, Mira Loma High School was transformed into a 1950s time capsule called Pleasantville, the annual culminating history project where 11th and 12th-grade students demonstrate the culture, innovations and historical events from 60-plus years ago through interactive presentations.

Nearly 700 visitors attended the Pleasantville morning event this year, including ninth- and 10th-graders, parents and community members.



The Mira Loma High School choir performs "Blue Moon." Photo courtesy San Juan Unified School District

Students were fully immersed in this time period, acting as key historical figures, according to San Juan Unified School District communication specialist Elysse Fresquez.

Two-hundred students presented their class projects about the historical

race and the birth of rock'n'roll were creatively showcased throughout Pleasantville.

Local Sacramento history was also highlighted, including Fairytale Town's opening day and the founding of the KCRA 3 news station in 1955. The Mira Loma Alumni Association organized a classic car show in front of the school.

"Congratulations to the students for hosting another successful Pleasantville event," said a San Juan Unified social media post.

Mira Loma High School, part of the San Juan Unified School District, has an enrollment of 1,700 students from Carmichael and Arden Arcade. ★

Evacuate Pets to Sheltering Annex



In times of evacuations, be sure to prepare for your pets' safety. On a side note, this puppy, Martin, is available for adoption at the county's Bradshaw Animal Shelter, 3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

When it comes to evacuations, the public needs to remember the five "Ps" before they leave: People and Pets, Prescriptions, Papers, Personal Needs and Priceless Items.

In some cases, Pets (and livestock) can pose a unique challenge during evacuations. Sacramento County is addressing this issue.

In December, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted an Agricultural Pass program to facilitate the coordinated re-entry of commercial agricultural producers to care for their animals.

The Board of Supervisors has now introduced additional guidance for safeguarding evacuated animals. During its May 21 meeting, the supervisors approved the Sacramento County Animal Sheltering Annex, which outlines new protocols for protecting pets and livestock during evacuations.

The Annex's development was driven by the necessity that arose from previous disasters in Sacramento County and aligned with new legislation. During the 2023 flood event, area farms reported more than \$38 million in losses, including losses of animals that could not be evacuated.

The Annex was a collaborative effort involving government officials and various agencies. It outlines the roles of entities such as the county agricultural commissioner, law enforcement, public health and the Office of Emergency Services in protecting or evacuating family pets and livestock.

With the support of partners such as the American Red Cross in coordinating shelter spaces that can accommodate animals and the appointment of an animal coordinator for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the plan aims to ensure that necessary measures are taken to address the needs of displaced animals. ★



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American River Trail Guide Released



Ashley Shult Langdon poses with her book, "Mildly Scenic: A Trail Guide to Sacramento's Lower American River." Photo courtesy of Ashley Shult Langdon

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Outdoor enthusiast Ashley Shult Langdon is on a mission to help residents find new ways to discover and enjoy Sacramento's wild and scenic river with her upcoming trail guide, "Mildly Scenic: A Trail Guide to Sacramento's Lower American River." The first-of-its kind book will be released on May 14.

"What began during the pandemic as a way to keep my

preschool-aged boys from climbing into the windows soon turned into delightful daily discoveries along the Lower American River," said Langdon. "It's the guide I wished I'd had at my disposal in 2020."

Langdon wanted to provide closer, easier doorways to nature for more residents.

"There's no need to drive far or wait for the weekend — there's a little slice of wild, natural beauty running right through Sacramento County," said Langdon. "Spotting river

otters on a run between work calls or finding wildflowers during an after-school outing is entirely possible."

In researching her book, Langdon became Sacramento's local expert for the vast network of trails, many of which have never been published in a trail guide or on a county map. So Langdon reached out to Sacramento State's Geography Department to set "Mildly Scenic" at the center of the upper division coursework last fall. In just

a few short months, the students and their professor, Dr. Anna Klimaszewski-Patterson, churned out 18 original maps prominently featured throughout the trail guide.

"We were thrilled to have

me build this super fun, engaging and beautiful book."

The result is a 136-page full-color trail guide with photos, easy-to-read maps, at-a-glance trail tips and more than 70 options for trails from down-



Ashley Shult Langdon covers 70 options for trails on the Lower American River. Photo courtesy of Ashley Shult Langdon

our undergraduates engage as a part of this story via their expertise in GIS and mapping to help put this valuable resource in the hands of explorers of all ages," said Dr. Klimaszewski-Patterson.

Looking to elevate "Mildly Scenic: A Trail Guide to Sacramento's Lower American River" beyond a basic trail guide, Langdon collaborated with Greg Traverso, graphic designer and pop artist, who is the mastermind behind the book's cover design.

"From the beginning, Greg looked beyond what I was doing with the book and saw 'Mildly Scenic' as a lifestyle," Langdon said. "And from there, he helped

town Sacramento to Lake Natoma that families, runners, walkers and sun-bathers can all enjoy. Put simply, if you're looking for an easy out-and-back loop in the sunshine or an affordable activity for out-of-town guests, "Mildly Scenic" has got you covered.

"I'm excited for people to be able to use this guide just in time for summer. How lucky are we to have the mildly scenic American River right in our backyard? It's wild and scenic," Langdon said.

"Mildly Scenic" will be available in print (\$24.99) at bookstores and in eBook (\$9.99). For more information, visit mildlyscenic.com. ★

Same-day care for your Summer needs.

It's that time of year—warm evening walks, backyard BBQs, later bedtimes. But the need for same-day care can happen year-round. If you're feeling under the weather, or you experience Summer-related medical conditions like excessive sunburn, heat stroke, bee stings, rashes, asthma, and more, Dignity Health Mercy Medical Group offers a variety of same-day care options. Schedule an in-person or video visit appointment with your doctor, or walk in to our Dignity Health same-day care centers in Midtown and now Roseville. We've even partnered with urgent care centers throughout Greater Sacramento to offer you care where you are, when you need it. Learn more about Mercy Medical Group's same-day care options at dignityhealth.org/same-day.



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Disabled Veteran Gets 'Best Buddy'

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - A four-legged friend has quadrupled happiness for a Mather veteran with PTSD syndrome. Former US Navy electrician Dennis Deutscher (55) recently took delivery of a service-puppy-in-training, golden retriever Lily.

"It's one of the brighter experiences of my life," says Deutscher. "For me and Lily, the sky is blue and the sky's the limit."

The adoption was made possible by a recent "Ride For Reason" fundraiser for the Carmichael-based Higher Purpose Foundation. Fronted by Tesla rock band singer Jeff Keith, the nonprofit organization sponsored a 400-rider motorbike convoy from Folsom to Roseville.

Although the event collided with a rainstorm, Keith and friends hung tough and raised \$24,000. Proceeds will help youth in foster programs and have provided Deutscher with a golden-coated companion.

The veteran and pup introduction brought tears to many eyes. At All Stage Canine Development in Citrus Heights, the 12-week-old golden retriever jumped from a trainer's arms, bounced past a dozen onlookers and claimed her future master.

"How did she know it was me?" marveled the vet. "It was like someone sprayed me with some magic dust. She was excited and kissing me. I could help but tear up."

Deutscher's military career ended in 1992. The aviation electrician serviced F 18 Fighters during Operation Desert Storm. At 19 years old, he was devastated by a 1989 explosion on board the supercarrier USS America.

"I was right by the explosion," he recalled. "Two of my friends died. My PTSD came mostly from then. I fought things I'd seen, also the stress of long wartime hours. In my generation, we hid



Veteran Dennis Deutscher, kneeling in the center, and pup, Lily, are joined by service dog sponsors, from left, AI Gonzalez, RRUFF Healing Heroes; Higher Purpose Foundation supporter Teri O'Sullivan; Foundation President Whitney Webb; Vicki Curtis, RRUFF Healing Heroes, All Stage Canine Development owner Miranda Viani; and Yvette Kroesing, Creme Brulee Goldens.

our feelings. I didn't know I had PTSD 'til a couple of years ago. It cost me jobs and ruined relationships. Substance abuse was the only way I could calm my brain."

After his troubled years and a spell of homelessness, Deutscher is now drug-free and lives in Veterans Village, Mather, where he's at last being treated for his emotional injuries.

"Lily is a game-changer," he said of his new friend. "I had dogs growing up. I knew a service dog would brighten my days and be a huge support for me."

Lily has not disappointed.

"She's so good," Deutscher said. "She sleeps by me and doesn't move 'til I wake up. Then she puts her arms on my shoulders and kisses me to say good morning."

"From the moment I met her, it's been awesome," he said. "I



Lincoln-based RRUFF Healing Heroes sponsors present a check contributing \$5,000 toward the cost of service dog Lily's training at All Stages Canine Development in Citrus Heights.

feel my anxiety level has changed. She makes me calm. We go on walks and if people talk to her, she'll give them a few seconds, then come right back to me. She

never leaves my side. she's my best buddy."

A Tesla fan since high school in Lodi, Deutscher connected with the Higher Purpose Foundation, a

cause his rockstar hero Keith supports, during the motorbike ride fundraiser.

Explained Foundation President Whitney Webb, a Carmichael resident: "We'd decided to use some of our funds for a dog for a veteran. When I met Dennis, we talked and both ended up in tears. I knew right away he was meant to receive this gift."

Bred by Crème Brulee Goldens, Sacramento, the dog's initial food, veterinary costs and training are covered by the gift. RRUFF Healing Heroes, a Lincoln-based agency that sponsors service dog training for disabled veterans, also contributed \$5,000 to training costs.

"I don't see how Lily could be better than she already is," Deutscher said. "But we'll learn skills together. If it makes her a better dog, it'll make me a better person."

"I'd wanted a service dog for some time. Because of the cost, it just wasn't possible. Everyone involved in this gift has shown me love and compassion," Deutscher said. "It's truly a God thing that

they found me and gave me this fantastic companion."

Learn about the Higher Purpose Foundation at www.higherpurposefoundation.org. ★

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Summer break can be fun and educational at the same time. Photo courtesy Food Bank Farm

Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank Farm

ORANGEVALE-FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - Summer is approaching and it's almost time for farm camp at the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank Farm.

Three farm camps run from June 12 to 14, July 17 to 19, and Aug. 7 to 9. The three-day sessions run from 8 to 11 a.m. Registration is open to students entering first- to fifth-grade in the 2024/2025 school year.

The program offers local children a hands-on exploration of food systems, agriculture and community involvement. Through interactive and engaging learning activities, children emerge with a newfound understanding of their role in shaping a sustainable and compassionate future.

Farm camp volunteer and Future Farmers of America member Aliyah Wong describes the camp as a way to teach participants about farming in an immersive environment while fostering a connection to agriculture and food. Food systems are not necessarily something residents think of when it comes to local agriculture, according to Wong.



Local children are all smiles at last year's Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank Farm Summer Camp. Photo courtesy Food Bank Farm

Wong has volunteered at the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank Farm summer camp for several years, something she takes pride in. "I am very big on community service and I like teaching people more about ag, things they didn't necessarily know before. I think it's important to know where your food comes from," Wong said.

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Each week at farm camp has a different theme so children can participate in all three but the activities and primary curriculum are similar. Children rotate activities and delve into various topics, such as seed germination, pollination, insect lifecycles, composting, garden care and food preservation.

Farm camp guarantees an adventurous and enriching summer experience for youth. They can explore exciting topics, get their hands dirty and develop a deeper appreciation for the crucial role of agriculture in nourishing the community.

Register for one week or all three weeks at <https://www.foodbank.farm/farm-camp>. Space is limited to 30 campers per session. ★

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John Ford Coley Performs June 7



John Ford Coley belts out a hit at a previous show. Photo courtesy of John Ford Coley

By Annie Kerr

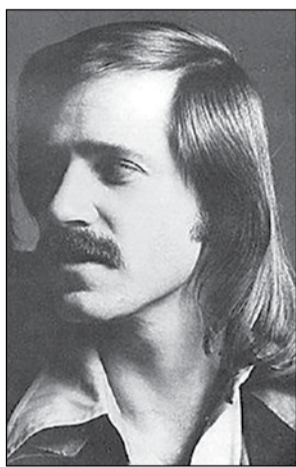
SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- Any fan of '70s music will probably recognize the name John Ford Coley. Most commonly known as half of the Grammy-nominated duo England Dan & John Ford Coley, Coley has seen major success in the music industry, written and recorded many notable hits, shared the stage with musical legends and even had an acting career in the '80s.

In the '70s, England Dan & John Ford Coley released 11 albums and nine singles. Their most famous song, 1976's "I'd Really Love to See You Tonight," was a No. 2 pop hit and a No. 1 adult contemporary hit. In the span from 1976 to 1979, the duo had six Top 40 singles. Among their classic well-known hits are "Love Is the Answer," "Nights Are Forever Without You," "It's Sad to Belong," and "We'll Never Have to Say Goodbye Again."

In advance of Coley's June 7 performance at the Hard Rock Live Sacramento, Messenger Publishing Group interviewed Coley prior to his show. Coley is 75 years old but has a youthful presence that is palpable when he speaks and performs. Currently living in Nashville, Coley is still writing music and maintaining a busy touring schedule.

A Dallas, Texas native, Coley grew up surrounded by opera and classical music and referenced Bach and Beethoven as musical influences. At age



In the heat of massive success, John Ford Coley poses for a photo in 1976. Courtesy photo

six, Coley started playing music and later participated in classical music competitions. Other musical influences include Buffalo Springfield, Joni Mitchell, and early Elton John, whom he would later perform with.

When Coley was 15, he and longtime friend Danny Wayland "England Dan" Seals joined a band called Theze Few. That band scored a hit, "The Smell of Incense" in 1969, which put Coley and Seals on the map.

It wasn't long until Coley and Seals broke away as a duo in the late '60s and the rest is history.

After being signed by A&M Records, they had their first breakout hit in 1971 with "Simone" and soon after were launched into stardom.

Throughout the '70s, England Dan & John Ford Coley took advantage of their whirlwind success, touring with music superstar Elton John in 1971 and going on to share the stage with acts such as Joni Mitchell, Carole King and

Led Zeppelin.

After the duo disbanded in 1980, Coley said an acting opportunity "fell in his lap" and he starred in multiple films throughout the '80s. He also proceeded to write a memoir, "Backstage Pass", in 2010 detailing his experiences in the music industry.

Seals unfortunately died from lymphoma in 2009. Coley kept his legacy alive by playing their hits to audiences and continuing to write music of his own. "It keeps me excited," he said about writing music and performing.

When asked what fans can expect from his shows, Coley said the shows can provide escapism and joy for his audiences.

"I hope that when they come, they have an enjoyable time and get away from divisive things like politics and religion, that they can go down memory lane. All these songs bring something up...good times, bad times, they make you remember people," Coley said. "I hope when they leave, they can say that they laughed."

Coley's June 7 performance will include "laughs and jokes" but will also feature other artists such as Ambrosia, Al Stewart and Peter Beckett. And of course, the hits from England Dan & John Ford Coley.

The show will be at 8 p.m. on June 7 at the Hard Rock Live Sacramento, located at 3317 Forty Mile Rd. Wheatland, CA. Snag your tickets to Coley's show before they run out at <https://johnfordcoley.com/shows>. ★

Effie Gala Back June 9



Auctioneer Keith McLane coaxes auction bids during an Effie Yeaw Nature Center gala.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Nature lovers will open their hearts and wallets for the Effie Yeaw Nature Center gala on June 9.

Dubbed Camp Effie Yeaw, the fundraiser has been reinvented as a glamorous camping experience with barbecue feasting and a S'mores buffet.

Supporters of the beloved Carmichael nonprofit organization will wine and dine in plein air and likely see wildlife within yards of their tables. The center's biggest fundraiser last year drew more than 150 guests.

Rio Americana High School musicians will provide a jazzy background as Good Day Sacramento host Molly Reihl emcees. Keith McLane will scare up auction bids. Much of the proceeds will fund programs for schools that could not otherwise afford nature experiences for students.

Gala fundraising includes raise-the-paddle opportunities and art sales. VIP donations this year include works from Carmichael painters Pat Mahony, Tom Sellas and the late Earl Boley. Most items are currently displayed for

preview at Sacramento Fine Arts Center in Carmichael.

The auction also offers immersive guided hikes, flight lessons, travel holidays and wildlife interactions. For theater lovers, tickets for the ballet "Dracula" and musicals "Hamilton" and "Tina Turner" will fall to the highest bidders.

Administered by the American River Natural History Association, Effie Yeaw Nature Center annually welcomes more than 100,000 visitors. An adjacent preserve is a protected home to wildlife. The facility, preserve and all its educational programs are supported entirely by public and corporate donations. The nature center is at Ancil Hoffman Park, 2850 San Lorenzo Way

Gala tickets are \$180 (\$165 for ARNHA members) per person.

Camp Effie Yeaw gala sponsors include Casino Mine Ranch, Rombauer and Vino Noceto wineries; River City Brewing Company; Kip and Illa Skidmore; cbec eco engineering. Catering is by Buckhorn Grill. For fundraiser information, visit www.sacnaturecenter.net.

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Community Bands Back June 1 and 2



Ophir Prison Marching Band is among ensembles scheduled at the Community Band Festival in Carmichael Park this weekend. The group presents trademark virtuosity and irreverence at 5 p.m. Neil Hillel (AKA Captain Rufus T. Whizbang) conducts.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Free to the public, a June 1 and 2 Community Band Festival will present two days of marches, pops, jazz and symphonic suites in Carmichael Park.

The Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association continues a 40-plus-year tradition with a blowout that fields volunteer bands from all over Northern California. More than 400 musicians contribute talent.

Performances begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 1. The Sacramento Youth Band is first on stage; different and diverse ensembles continue on the hour for the rest of the weekend.

A set by the AUSA "Sounds of Freedom" Band is a Saturday highlight. Affiliated to the U.S. Army, this California-based

volunteer group has received Congressional service honors. Its concert begins at 4 p.m.

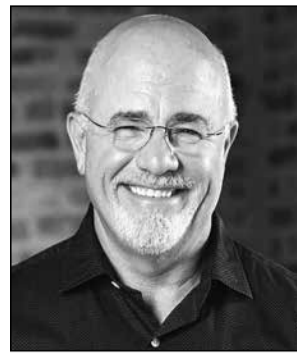
Saturday performances culminate with two jazz sets: the Fred Morgan Big Band (6 p.m.) and the Swing Masters Big Band (7 p.m.). Dancing is encouraged.

The Ben Ali Shrine Band kicks off music at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The Sacramento Symphonic Winds, whose 60 members have entertained at every Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association festival since the event debuted, has a 3 p.m. slot.

Sunday festivities end with a set by Swing Collective at 7 p.m.

Learn more about June 1 and 2 community band performances at www.svsba.net.

For Carmichael Recreation and Park District's spring and fall all concert schedule, visit www.carmichaelpark.com/concerts-in-the-park. ★



Compassion and Reasonable Boundaries

Dear Dave,

The fact that you're conflicted about this shows you have a good heart. Team members are individuals, not units of production. We all have unique hopes and dreams, and you should recognize and respect that. But it sounds like this particular employee also has a habit of making dumb mistakes where her time off is concerned.

I've experienced this kind of behavior from time to time as my company's grown. And as time's gone by, I've started listening to my gut to differentiate actual needs from stupidity. I try to treat other people the way I'd like to be treated, instead of just through the lens of what I want or what's good for Ramsey Solutions.

If a team member is going to make a series of bad choices, I'm going to assume at some point they don't really want to work

Dave Ramsey Says

here. You can be the nicest, sweetest person in the world and still do dumb things that make you unemployable. But holding someone accountable for their actions doesn't mean you lack compassion.

We've had situations at my company where someone runs through their PTO, then something comes up. We evaluate the situation, and we might extend some grace and give them extra paid time off. Sometimes we might give time off, but it's unpaid. Other times, it might be out of the question to give the time off (or for the person to keep their job at that point). Every situation's different, and we decide things like that on a case-by-case basis.

Now, there's absolutely nothing wrong with this lady's desire to have a family. I think that's a great thing. But she knew these treatments were in her future when she took the other PTO. You're showing great concern and compassion for your employee, Kate, but it's almost like you want her to win more than she wants to win.

God forbid, but let's pretend this lady's husband was in a bad car

wreck. She's going to need time off to help take care of him. Of course, she gets extra PTO. No question, that deserves some grace. And if any of your other employees don't understand that or like it, they can hit the road. But that's not the case, is it? This lady had a planned life event, and she messed up her time off situation all by herself.

I think in this situation, you probably let your compassion go a little too far, and now you're having a hard time with the consequences. If it were me, I'd give this lady a little extra PTO for the treatments, but I'd also have a gentle but firm talk with her about managing time off more wisely.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with putting reasonable boundaries on compassion.

- Dave

Leadership and small-business expert Dave Ramsey is the CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored eight national bestselling books, including "EntreLeadership," and he's a host of "The Ramsey Show" and "The EntreLeadership Podcast." ★

Patti LaBelle to Join the Toyota Concert Series on the Golden 1 Stage

California State Fair News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California State Fair is thrilled to announce that Philadelphia born, Patti LaBelle will be gracing the Golden 1 Stage as part of the Toyota Concert Series on Saturday, July 20.

For more than 60 years, Patti's resplendent voice has left an indelible mark all over the world. A solo artist since the 1970s, Patti has created timeless songs that have helped cement her place as a music icon and garnered her numerous honors, including GRAMMY Awards, American Music Awards, NAACP Image Awards, New York Times bestselling books and more.

Purchase tickets at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/39575839/patti-labelle-sacramento-california-state-fair>. ★



Patti LaBelle will be performing at the California State Fair in July. Photo courtesy of the California State Fair

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Decades Long Delta Tunnel Water Project May Finally Be Nearing a Historic Decision



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

It's been almost a half-century since I first heard the term "peripheral canal" uttered by William Gianelli, who was then-Gov. Ronald Reagan's top water official. The project, in one form or another, had already been kicking around for decades.

The California Water Project became operative in the 1960s and was the most prominent legacy project of Pat Brown, whom Reagan had defeated in 1966.

The project dams the Feather River near Oroville and releases impounded water to flow down the Feather into the Sacramento River and eventually into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Pumps at the southern edge of the Delta suck the water into the California Aqueduct, which carries it down the San Joaquin Valley to more pumps over the Tehachapi Mountains into Southern California.

Pumping water out of the Delta changes the massive estuary's natural flows and, as widely recognized, damages habitat for fish and other wildlife. The envisioned 44-mile-long peripheral canal would have carried water around the Delta to the head of the aqueduct thereby, it was said, improving water supply reliance and protecting fish.

However, there was

widespread opposition, mostly from environmentalists who doubted the canal would have a beneficial impact. The project stalled until Pat Brown's son, Jerry, became governor in 1975 and attempted to complete the last remaining link in his father's landmark water plan.

Brown relentlessly pressed the Legislature to authorize the canal and finally succeeded, but the compromise version failed to mollify environmentalists and alienated San Joaquin Valley farmers. The two disparate groups formed an odd-bedfellows alliance that defeated the project in a 1982 referendum, the same year Brown's bid for a U.S. Senate seat failed.

Voter rejection put the project in political limbo for two-plus decades, until Arnold Schwarzenegger became governor and proposed twin tunnels, instead of a canal, to bypass the Delta. Jerry Brown returned to the governorship in 2011 and once again sought to get it done.

It was still just an idea when Gavin Newsom succeeded Brown in 2019. Almost immediately he downgraded it to one tunnel and ordered the Department of Water Resources to get it going. The much-revised project barely survived a 2016 ballot measure that probably would have killed it, and with Newsom's governorship down to its last couple of years, it is nearing the decisive moment.

The project has undergone several name changes over the decades but is now dubbed the Delta Conveyance Project. Recently, the water agency released an updated report on the tunnel, raising its cost to \$20 billion but

insisting that it still pencils out in a cost-benefit analysis.

"For every \$1 spent, \$2.20 in benefits would be generated," Department of Water Resources officials declared. "The report also shows the very real cost of doing nothing, posing significant future challenges to supplying water to California communities."

Cost-benefit claims of big public works projects are notoriously subjective because they rely on notoriously unreliable cost estimates and equally squishy definitions of benefits.

The tunnel's \$20 billion cost is already many billions of dollars over earlier estimates. As costs climb, the willingness of downstream water agencies to cover construction bonds is still uncertain, and environmental groups are still as opposed as they were in 1982.

By its nature, a bypass tunnel would reduce water flows through the Delta. As Newsom's administration tries to clear financial and environmental issues, it is also trying to get San Joaquin Valley farmers to take less water from its rivers so that more can flow through the Delta.

The interplay between those two somewhat contradictory efforts is one of the project's most intriguing aspects.

Dan Walters is one of most widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. He began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981. He has been at CalMatters since 2017. ★

Controller Cohen Issues April Cash Report

California State Controller's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On May 10, State Controller Malia M. Cohen released her monthly cash report covering the state's General Fund revenues, disbursements and actual cash balance for the fiscal year through April 30, 2024. The state ended April with \$95.8 billion in unused borrowable resources, while fiscal year-to-date receipts continue below estimates contained in the 2024-25 Governor's proposed budget.

The Governor's Budget estimated that the state would collect nearly \$16.3 billion in personal income taxes in April. As shown on the State Controller's Office April 2024 Personal Income Tax Tracker webpage, the state exceeded the revenue target by approximately \$150 million.

"With April personal income tax revenues just tracking with the most recent budget estimates, fiscal year-to-date revenues continue at lower-than-expected levels," said Controller Cohen. "The high level of borrowable resources is due in large part to the \$26 billion the state has prudently built up and reserved for rainy

days and economic uncertainties. Maintaining enough cash to cushion against economic downturns has been one of California's strengths in its credit ratings and ensures the state will continue to meet its payment obligations."

Fiscal year-to-date receipts through April were \$169.8 billion, nearly \$4.8 billion below the Governor's Budget estimates, or 2.7 percent. The state's cash position is \$7.6 billion better than expected with disbursements of \$184.9 billion for the fiscal year nearly \$12.4 billion, or 6.3 percent, less than proposed budget project New Measure Eligible for California's November 2024 Ballot tions.

As the chief fiscal officer of California, Controller Cohen is responsible for accountability and disbursement of the state's financial resources. The Controller has independent auditing authority over government agencies that spend state funds. She is a member of numerous financing authorities, and fiscal and financial oversight entities including the Franchise Tax Board. She also serves on the boards for the nation's two largest public pension funds. Follow the Controller on Twitter at @CACController and on Facebook at California State Controller's Office. ★

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Volunteers Honored with DOVIA Awards

By Ornella Rossi,
photos by Bill Taylor

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The nonprofit Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA) honored 23 volunteers from communities throughout Sacramento County and Yolo County at its annual awards ceremony on May 16.

Since its inception in 1978, DOVIA Sacramento has played a crucial role in connecting professional volunteer managers and leaders. It serves as a hub for exchanging ideas and resources among those who oversee volunteers in different organizations. Additionally, it collaborates with various groups to raise awareness about the importance of volunteering in the community. By fostering communications between member agencies, institutions, and the public, it aims to create a more supportive environment for volunteerism to thrive.

"We are committed to honoring exceptional people in our community and training volunteer program managers from a variety of local service-organizations," said DOVIA board member Twyla Teitzel.

DOVIA has a variety of agency members ranging from hospices to food banks and local government organizations. It covers Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba, El Dorado and Placer counties.

The May 16 reception held at the Girls Scout Heart of California office honored the 23 nominees and winners of the Youth Volunteer of the Year, the Individual Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer Manager of the Year awards.

"The DOVIA executive board focuses on executing events such as this awards ceremony," said communication chair Jacqueline Ramirez. "Volunteer events broaden the awareness of volunteerism and the critical role volunteers play in helping meet local needs required for the



Patty Estopinal, center, winner of the Individual Volunteer of the Year accepts her award alongside Miss Sacramento County, Helen Dang, left, and Miss Capitol City, Nicole Vicks.



Riya Janardhan, center, Youth volunteer of the Year, accepts her awards alongside Miss Sacramento County, Helen Dang, left, and Miss Capitol City, Nicole Vicks.

community to function at its best."

Among the nominees, seven volunteers were nominated for Youth Volunteer of the Year, 13 were nominated for Individual Volunteer of the Year and three volunteer coordinators were nominated for Volunteer Manager of the Year. The evaluation was conducted by a panel of three judges: Barbara Fitzwater, retired volunteer manager at Kaiser Permanente; Tiffany Maese, volunteer coordinator at the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office; and Janice Wagaman, formerly associated with the Front Street Animal Shelter.

The Margaret Einspahr Youth Volunteer of the Year award acknowledges a youth volunteer under age 21 who has shown exceptional dedication to community service, having contributed a minimum of 25 hours of service between January and December 2023. Recipients of this award receive a \$500 scholarship funded by the Margaret Einspahr Memorial Fund to honor Margaret Einspahr's legacy as a dedicated leader in the field of volunteerism.

The 2024 winner of the Youth Volunteer award was Riya Janardhan, a high school junior, nominated by WEAVE, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting safe and healthy relationships and support survivors of

sexual assault, domestic violence, and sex trafficking in Sacramento. Janardhan was nominated for her dedication to advocating for women's rights and gender equality.

"Being a girl myself and having to experience different stereotypes, I don't want to have to experience this at such a young age," Janardhan said. "It's something I strive to want to fix."

Other nominees for this position included Kevin Leach, nominated by Meristem in Fair Oaks; Kai Nakaoka, nominated by Scouting America in Sacramento; Maximum Truong, nominated by the Sacramento Tree Foundation; and Kristy Yu, Flynn Ng, and Cara Taylor, nominated by the Sacramento Public Library.

The Individual Volunteer of the Year award is presented to a volunteer over age 21, who has dedicated a minimum of 25 hours of service. The award recipient receives a \$100 award for their organization.

The winner for this year's award was Patricia Estopinal, nominated by Court Appointed Special Advocates Sacramento (CASA), an organization focused on ensuring support for children in the foster care system through volunteer advocates.

"This award means so much because for the past 14 years being able to have a relationship with foster youth, to have a

relationship where you know that you're the one constant, no matter what is going on in their lives, it's just such a meaningful relationship," Estopinal said.

The nominees for the positions included Beatriz Bueno and Jane Shapiro, nominated by the Sacramento Medical Service Corps in McClellan; Anne Marie Christian, Daisey Maldonado and Karina Villanueva, nominated by Dignity Health Methodist Hospital in Sacramento; Mary Kay Edson, nominated by the Sacramento Public Library; Ron Hills, nominated by Vitalant in Mather; Marissa Honey-Plate, nominated by the Miss Sacramento County Scholarship Organization in Antelope; Rodney Horton, nominated by the American River Parkway Foundation in Carmichael; Nicky Smolter, nominated by the Lavender Library in Sacramento; Matthew Tran, nominated by the Sacramento Tree Foundation in Folsom; and Kristy Venrick Mardon, nominated by Only Sunshine Sanctuary in Fair Oaks.

Volunteer Manager of the Year honors a volunteer manager who demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to supporting volunteers. The winner received a \$100 award for their organization, along with a one-year complimentary DOVIA Sacramento organization membership.

The 2024 winner was Marlene

von Friedrichs-Fitzwater nominated for her work with Joshua's House and Health Communication Research Institute located in Yolo County. She has spent the past decade building Joshuas House, a hospice facility for terminally-ill homeless individuals. Von Friedrichs-Fitzwater has raised \$2.5 million and created a volunteer organization to provide high-quality care.

Other nominations included Marissa Honey-Plata nominated by Miss Sacramento County Scholarship Organization and Justin Rubio with Sacramento Tree Foundation.

During the ceremony, several guest speakers talked about the importance of volunteering and the work they have done throughout the years. Lynn Pesely, winner of the 2023 DOVIA Volunteer Manager award, talked about her work with the Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps. Helen Dang, Miss Sacramento County, and Nicole Vicks, Miss Capitol City, winners of the Miss Sacramento County Scholarship program, mentioned their work with advocacy and action for the houseless and Stomp Out Bullying respectively.

"One second, one minute, one action can change someone's life," Dang said. "All it takes is one good deed to build the foundation of lasting change." ★

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New Measure Eligible for California's November 2024 Ballot

California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. announced that an initiative became eligible for the November 5 General Election ballot on May 21.

In order to become eligible for the ballot, the initiative needed 546,651 valid petition signatures, which is equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2022 General Election.

A measure can become eligible via random sampling of petition signatures if the sampling projects that the number of valid signatures is greater than 110 percent of the required number. The initiative needed at least 601,317 projected valid signatures to become eligible by random sampling, and it has exceeded that threshold today.

On June 27, the Secretary of State will certify the initiative as qualified for the November 5 General Election ballot, unless it is withdrawn by the proponent prior to certification pursuant to Elections Code section 9604(b).

The Attorney General's official title and summary of the measure is as follows:

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The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1963 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 23-0021A1.

The proponent of the measure is Thomas Bannon. They can be reached c/o Kurt R. Oneto, Nielsen Merksamer LLP, at (916) 446-6752 and koneto@nmgovlaw.com. The address for Nielsen Merksamer LLP is 1415 L Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For more information about how an initiative qualifies for the ballot in California, visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/how-qualify-initiative>. ★

Two People Shot Near El Camino Avenue and Howe Avenue

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - At approximately 3:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office received a call from a local hospital reporting two gunshot victims had been brought into the emergency room. Deputies learned the shooting occurred near the intersection of El Camino Avenue and Howe Avenue in Sacramento. Both victims were identified as adult females and are expected to survive their injuries.

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Inmate Death At Main Jail

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Sunday, May 5, at approximately 10:30 p.m., a 45-year-old male inmate died while in custody at the Sacramento County Main Jail. The man had been in custody since May 2, 2024, when he was brought into custody by Sheriff's Patrol Deputies for a felony burglary warrant.

Main Jail Deputies were conducting a cell check in the 6-East 100 Pod, which housed inmates detoxing from drugs and other substances. Deputies looked inside a cell and noticed an unresponsive inmate who was

housed by himself. Deputies immediately entered the cell and administered first-aid as Main Jail medical staff and the Sacramento Fire Department responded. Fire personnel arrived and continued life-saving efforts, but the inmate was ultimately pronounced deceased at the jail.

The Sheriff's Department will complete a thorough inmate death investigation in accordance with department procedures and state laws. The Sacramento County Coroner's Office will determine the cause of death and forward its findings as prescribed by law. The Coroner's Office will release the name of the deceased after notification has been made to his next of kin. ★

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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.
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 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Melissa Robbins Coultts, Esq., McCarthy & Holthus, LLP, 2763 Camino del Rio S, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108, 619-685-4800.
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**SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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 PROPOSED PROPERTY EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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- O. Henry's specialty
- Printer brand
- Always, to a poet
- Extended family member
- "Breaking Bad" father
- "The Lion King" father
- Unit of length of yarn
- "Me Maybe"
- * Anderson, he knew best?
- The Supremes, e.g.
- Subject matter, pl.
- Same as ayah
- Plural of #14 Across
- Like less processed grain
- Kind of shark
- U.S. Airline
- Short for "and elsewhere"
- Opposite of digest
- Flabbigast
- Like Gulf Stream
- Most achy
- Not much (2 words)
- Reggae's cousin
- Rapunzel's abundance
- Maintenance closet staple
- * Rock of "Everybody Hates Chris"
- * "Finding Nemo" father
- Golfer's sun protection
- Aloha prop
- Only daughter of Michael Jackson
- Not active
- Emergency Medical Services
- In the cooler (2 words)
- * "Opie's father"
- Egyptian boy king, for short
- Button on electrical outlet

DOWN

- Nth degree
- Not many
- Turkish money
- Online troublemaker
- Mike Brady's children, e.g.
- Malicious look
- Before, in the olden days
- Culture Club 1983 hit "Chameleon"
- Solo at LaScala
- Fish eggs, pl.
- Cuzco valley empire
- Yellow #5, e.g.
- Stream of revenue
- Dog- pages
- Final, abbr.
- Medicated shampoo ingredient (2 words)
- * Evans Sr. of "Good Times"
- Idealized image
- "Prepare to meet your wrrats!"
- Wraths
- Exclamation in a stinky room
- Smidgins
- * "National Lampoon" father
- 1965 march site
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- Half a ticket
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- Casual top
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- Lethargy
- Speck in the ocean
- Heathrow craft
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Californians Will See Lower Electricity Rates and a New Fee That Won't Vary with Power Use



Here are power lines in Sacramento on Sept. 20, 2022. Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

By Ben Christopher
CALMatters.org

State utility regulators decided May 9 to let California's largest power providers stick their customers with a new monthly flat fee in exchange for a reduction in the overall price of electricity, a controversial change to the way that millions of households pay their utility bills with weighty implications for state climate change policy.

Under the new policy, utilities will be required to reduce the price households pay for the electricity they use every time they charge a phone or run an air conditioner. That rate cut will vary from between 8% and 18%, depending on the utility, season and time of day, according to the commission's analysis.

To make up for the lost revenue, regulators have introduced the concept of a "fixed charge," a break from California electric billing tradition. For decades electric bills from Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric have been the "pay as you go" variety, with households only paying for the electricity they use.

Starting in late 2025 for SCE and SDG&E customers and in early 2026 for those with PG&E, the state's investor-owned utilities will be able to charge customers a monthly fee regardless of how much power the customer draws from the grid. So-called fixed charges are a mainstay of electric billing across most of the country, with an average fee of roughly \$11.

The new California charge will be \$24 for most customers, but lower income households, who already qualify for discounted electric rates, will see fees of either \$6 or \$12.

WINNERS AND LOSERS FROM A FIXED CHARGE

For households that do not benefit from discounts, lower energy users will pay more every month.

The unanimous vote by the California Public Utilities Commission comes after months

of heated debate that pitted Assembly and Senate Democrats and Republicans against legislative leadership and the governor's office, advocates of rooftop solar against labor unions representing utility workers and environmental advocates against one another.

Backers of the billing change say it's a necessary step to bring down electricity rates in California, which are among the highest in the country. California regulators want all new cars sold to be electric by 2035 and are taking steps to discourage gas-powered indoor appliances. Those goals are hard to square with sky-high electric prices.

The state's planned "transition to all electric homes, cars and trucks is truly transformative," said CPUC President Alice Reynolds at today's hearing. Under the proposed change all customers "will be better off financially if they electrify — whether that's purchasing an electric vehicle or switching out a gas appliance with an electric one."

Opponents argue that the change in billing policy won't move the needle for most households considering dumping their gas-powered cars and appliances, which can cost tens of thousands of dollars, but will instead needlessly discourage energy conservation efforts while punishing rooftop solar customers.

The policy is a departure from 50 years of regulatory precedent in California, which is "if you use more you pay more and that encourages conservation," said Loretta Lynch, a former CPUC president and critic of what she sees as a "pro-utility" bias on the current body. Reducing the penalty on high energy use will also have "huge cost consequences down the road" for a grid that already struggles to keep up with summer-time demand, she said.

The ultimate impact of the policy change may be more muted than either side wants to admit, said Merideth Fowlie, a UC Berkeley economist and one of a handful of researchers to initially float the idea in 2021 of an income-graduated fixed charge as

one way to pay for reduced electricity rates.

The three-tiered CPUC-approved change doesn't vary much by income and its promised rate reductions are relatively modest, said Fowlie.

"Clearly, I'm disappointed, because I don't think it comes close to where I think we should be in terms of reductions," she said. "If this forces another conversation — which is, 'Why are we paying for wildfire risk mitigation, which is essentially climate change adaptation, or some of these major investments in decarbonisation, on bills?' — I think that's an important conversation to have."

WINNER AND LOSERS IN NEW CALIFORNIA UTILITY FEE

Though utilities won't earn any more revenue or profit as a direct result of the change, there will be winners and losers under the new billing program.

The reduced price of electricity will likely save money for people who use a lot of electricity, such as a large household in an AC-dependent part of the state or the owner of an electric SUV, a heat pump and an induction stove. That reduction will be more than enough to offset the cost of the new fee. Many, if not most, low-income households who qualify for the discounted fixed charge will also emerge as financial winners.

But there are sure to be plenty of losers, too. Smaller households, Californians living along the temperate coast, energy-conscious customers and people with solar panels on their rooftops are all more likely to see their total utility bills rise.

That group makes for a powerful political bloc that has fiercely rallied against the regulatory change for months. Many showed up or called in at the commission hearing.

"The big utility tax will increase monthly utility bills on four million households while doing nothing to encourage electrification," said Yvette DeCarlo, speaking on behalf of a coalition of environmental nonprofits,

tenant rights groups, liberal advocacy organizations and anti-tax activists.

Severin Borenstein, another Berkeley economist who co-authored the 2021 study with Fowlie, said modeling suggests that the lower electricity rates under the policy will only increase electric vehicle purchases by roughly 5% above what they would otherwise be.

"It's in the right direction, though, and I think that we can't get to where we need to go unless we start," he said.

The fixed charge policy was included in a budget proposal by Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration in 2022, but it wasn't until last year that many state legislators woke up to it. Twenty-one coastal Democrats, led by Thousand Oaks Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, introduced a bill ordering the CPUC to reverse course. So too did Senate Republican leader Brian Jones. Both efforts were quietly put on ice at the behest of legislative leadership.

In a letter Jones and the rest of the Senate GOP caucus sent to CPUC president Reynolds earlier this week, the San Diego Republican expressed some skepticism that the state regulatory body could be trusted to keep the fixed charge at its current level.

"We are particularly concerned that this will only be the beginning," the letter said. "The CPUC has been granted unchecked power to increase this new charge at any time. If the \$24.15 plan is approved, the next proposal may see the fixed charge hiked to \$50, \$100, or even higher!"

More over directed at the rooftop solar industry

For California's residential solar industry, the vote is just the latest regulatory broadside.

Over the last two years, the CPUC has slashed the payments that utilities are required to give to single family homeowners, apartment buildings, schools and businesses that install solar panels.

That's based on the argument, advanced by the commission,

the regulated utilities and many energy economists, that relatively well-to-do solar customers have been overcompensated in California since the early 2000s, which has had the effect of off-loading the costs of running the grid onto non-solar households.

Advocates for the fixed charge say assigning solar customers an unavoidable monthly charge is yet another way to balance out who pays for major utility line items like wildfire prevention, subsidies for low income households, EV charging networks and distribution system upkeep.

"What the fixed charge does is ensure that we're no longer going to have freeloaders," Scott Wetch, a lobbyist who represents many unionized workers employed by California's for-profit utility companies, told CalMatters earlier this month.

Outraged homeowners with solar panels were well represented among those who called in to give public comment.

"I have solar panels on the home, which we got right away to cooperate with California's move to have 100% renewable energy. But yet we're getting hit with this unfair tax," Joy Frew, a self-described senior citizen from San Diego County, told the commission over the phone.

"People that really invested in solar trying to do the right thing for the planet — all of a sudden we're being slapped in the face for doing it," said a caller named Steve Randall from San Clemente.

Not that every Californian with a solar panel above their head is opposed to the fixed charge. Fowlie, one of architects behind the idea, said her family hopped on the solar bandwagon as a way to bring down their monthly utility bill.

"I'm gonna be the biggest loser under this proposal," she said, prior to today's vote. "I would be in that higher income bracket and I have solar, so my bills would go up. But I think it's a win for California, so I'm a big supporter." ★




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REG. \$7.99 \$5.99 <small>ea</small> BIGEN SPEEDY HAIR COLOR (REFILL ONLY) ELECTRIC BBQ GRILL	REG. \$39.99 \$39.99 <small>ea</small> ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (4.5 QT)	REG. \$14.99 \$14.99 <small>ea</small> ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (5.5 QT)	REG. \$19.99 \$19.99 <small>ea</small> ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (7.5 QT)	REG. \$2.99 \$2.99 <small>ea</small> MODAMODA SHAMPOO 300 G	REG. \$4.99 \$2.99 <small>ea</small> WATERMELON SLICE KNIFE
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FROZEN & FISH DEPT

Dried Pollack 200 g REG. \$16.99/ea \$12.99 <small>ea</small>	 Turkey Breast Pepper \$12.49 <small>ea</small>	 Mixed Olives Salad \$4.69 <small>ea</small>
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