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businesses. The Gala recognized members and trustees and provided the chamber with a chance to hand out awards to citizens and businesses that have helped the Elk Grove community over the past year.

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The award recipients were announced earlier in the month.

TrendE Boutique, a women's clothing boutique on Elk Grove Boulevard in Old Town, took home the coveted Business of the Year award. The chamber highlighted the shop's commitment to donate \$1 from every purchase to local charities on a quarterly basis via its "purchase with purpose" program.

In 2024, the shop donated close to \$40,000 to local charities, including local youth sports, academic and afterschool programs.



Shelter Shines Light on Needy Animals



Dogs are held at the shelter.

Story and Photos b y Pia Manez, Franklin High School, Sacramento School Beat

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Animal Shelter has been assisting pets for more than five years, focusing on providing care and humanely giving sheltered animals a sense of hospitality.

After the Elk Grove City Council approved the building of an animal shelter in 2016, construction for the \$18 million shelter officially began in 2018. With help from Elk Grove city employees and the Elk Grove Police Department, a new animal shelter, and even an Animal Services Branch of the city government, was created.





"I was a stay-at-home *Continued on Page 3*

Amy Labowitch was named board chair at the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce's 73rd annual Volunteer Recognition and Board Installation Gala.

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Council Debates Zoo Name, Postpones Decision



An illustration of what the proposed Elk Grove zoo could be. Rendering courtesy of city of Elk Grove

By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove City Council tabled a decision on the official name of the new Zoo that is slated to begin construction in Elk Grove in 2027, after some council members took issue with the proposed name at its Wednesday, Jan. 22 meeting.

The Council seemed

prepared to select "The Greater Sacramento Zoo at Elk Grove" as the official name for the project but opted to table the discussion until its next February council meeting after Council member Darren Suen proposed the name should place more prominence on the city of Elk Grove, considering Elk Grove's significant financial contribution to the project. "This is the largest capital project that this city has ever embarked on," Suen said. "It is on the scale of Golden One Arena. It's in the City of Elk Grove and we are going to name it after our sister, our beloved city of Sacramento? Nothing against Sacramento, but we, the city of Elk Grove, are investing in it. But we are going to give our naming rights away and call it the Sacramento Zoo at Elk Grove?"

Suen proposed naming the zoo, "The Elk Grove Zoo of Greater Sacramento."

"Having it say Elk Grove Zoo of Greater Sacramento is very similar to The Greater Sacramento Zoo at Elk Grove," Suen said.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen, Council member Rod Brewer, the

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Its website, elkgrovecity. org/animal-services/adoptions, showcases several animals currently at the shelter and any fees people need to know about before adopting.

Koreena Walsh, the shelter's animal services volunteer and events coordinator, said there are lots of programs to be excited about.

"Doggy Day Out is our field trip foster program, and we originally initiated it back in 2019," Walsh said. "Construction was a little behind, so we had animals in our care a few months before the shelter could open (physically)."

Walsh said a fostering program helped get things started.

"We couldn't have volunteers yet, so we recruited foster parents who would drive up to our construction site, let us put a dog in their care, and spend a few hours providing them with love and enrichment," she said. "We decided to maintain the program even after we were able to open our volunteer opportunities, and it has proved to be one of our most successful community programs."

After experimenting with the program several times, Walsh said she is proud the program helps with matching animals to

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Zoo Project Hits Fundraising Milestone

By Sean P. Thomas **City Editor**

ELK GROVE, CA - The Sacramento Zoological Society announced it had raised \$17.5 million of the \$50 million needed to start construction of the new zoo expected to move to Elk Grove in the near future.

The funds, in the form of pledges, inch the unnamed zoo closer to its goal of moving from its current 14-acre location in William Land Park to a nearly 65-acre plot of land near Kammerer Road and Lotz Parkway in Elk Grove.

The announcement was made at the Elk Grove City Council's Jan. 22 meeting.

Deputy City Manager Kara Reddig said the zoological society expects to raise \$27.5 million by May 1, \$30 million by Jan. 1, 2026; \$40 million by May 1, 2026; and the full \$50 million by Jan. 1, 2027.

"We are overwhelmingly grateful and pleasantly surprised by the support we have received from our



The Elk Grove City Council received an update on design work for the currently unnamed zoo that is slated to move to Elk Grove in the coming years, including a peek at the giraffe zone, entryway, savanna, flamingo and okapi enclosures. The design work is about 30% complete. Rendering courtesy of city of Elk Grove

community," Elizabeth Stallard, board president of the Sacramento Zoological Society said. "We are confident we will get there."

If the fundraising milestones are not reached at any time, the city could suspend design work and not issue any further work orders until the milestone is achieved.

City manager Jason

Behrmann clarified that the pledges can be met through cash contributions, naming or sponsorship rights proceeds or in-kind material contributions.

Behrmann said that when pledges are made, city staff is sent to "verify" the accuracy of the pledges.

Only \$1.9 million of the total fundraising amount has been in cash and remitted to the city, according to Behrmann.

"Before we go to construction on the zoo, we have to have the full \$50 million, cash in deposit in the bank account, before we go to construction," Behrmann said. "Until we go to construction, pledges or a combination of cash are sufficient. That is what

the funding agreement says."

The cost-sharing agreement requires an operating agreement between the city and the zoo by June 30, which city staff said is currently being worked on.

The city is currently about 30% into the design phase, which city staff plans to complete by 2026. City Senior Engineer Sam Grimm provided a design update to the City Council before the fundraising milestone was announced.

It included a look at early concepts for the giraffe zone, entryway, savanna, flamingo and okapi enclosures.

The hope is to start construction in early 2027, if all fundraising agreements are met.

Later in the meeting, the City Council opted to table a decision on the new zoo's name, after council members voiced concern with the proposed name "The Greater Sacramento Zoo at Elk Grove."

Following the discussion, the council agreed to direct staff to continue working on a name that potentially highlights Elk Grove in a more prominent manner, and return with three potential options at its Feb. 12 meeting.

Stallard said she was concerned that not having a name could hurt fundraising efforts.

Council Debates Zoo Name, Postpones Decision

Continued from page 1 Sacramento Zoological Society, city staff and public relations experts were part of a 20-person group to suggest potential names.

The group came up with 10 names including the Sacramento Metro Zoo at Elk Grove, the Sacramento Valley Zoo at Elk Grove, Golden State Zoo, the Elk Grove Animal Kingdom, the Elk Grove Wild Frontier, the Adventure Kingdom at Elk Grove and the Animal World at Elk Grove.

Singh-Allen said "The Greater Sacramento Zoo at Elk Grove" was the only name to receive unanimous support.

"It captured what the hopes were for the zoological society, what we think in terms of public relations and of course, if we move forward with this name, it really does kick off that fundraising drive," Singh-Allen said. "When you

have that name, it certainly helps."

Sacramento Zoological Society President Elizabeth Stallard said moving away from Sacramento Zoo "breaks the continuity" of the name that donors have supported over the zoo's 100-year history.

"The reality is most people are going to call it the Sacramento Zoo," Stallard said. "So we want to embrace that and then point out that we are in Elk Grove, and that we wouldn't be doing this without Elk Grove. It is important that Elk Grove be part of the name."

Suen said he didn't necessarily agree with Stallard's assertion that people would still call it the Sacramento Zoo if the name was changed.

"I just think we are making a huge investment of resources and capital costs and efforts to help fundraise," Suen said. "Unless you are going to tell me that the Sacramento City Council, I love all of them dearly, are they going to be helping us fundraise for this as well? If the city of Sacramento is not going to be putting up resources, we are putting up all of these resources and giving up our naming rights."

Stallard added there are concerns that fundraisers' efforts could be impacted by the name change.

She said while the issue didn't have to be settled at that meeting, not having a name is a challenge for fundraising efforts.

"With respect to the society, the fundraising consultants, it's not so much about the city of Sacramento," Stallard said. "We are in Sacramento County, and the Sacramento Zoo is an institution with a 100year legacy of supporting the community, and we believe those values matter in terms of keeping the name."

Council member Kevin Spease believed that notion to be overstated.

"The biggest fundraisers are Elk Grove taxpayers," Spease said.





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Chamber Gala Honors Local Businesses



Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen hugs outgoing board chair Josh Green



Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Robert Rhymes hugs incoming board chair Amy Labowitch after accepting his award.



The incoming Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce board takes the oath of office.

: Jack and Tracey Edwards accept the Chamber Service Award.

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mom for a few years, and I owned a business before and I just felt like there was a need for a small boutique in this town," Erica Jordan, TrendE Boutique's owner said during her acceptance speech. "People were missing that one-onone service. Just a place to come together and gather, and to be a vehicle for that has just been amazing... thank you for supporting."

SagePoint, a mental health clinic on Dwight Road, was awarded Small Business of the Year. The clinic provides care and support for adults with mental health and substance abuse disorders, both in person and virtually.

Owner Caroline Bentley thanked the chamber and the business community for its support and encouragement, as well as her staff for the commitment



Erica Jordan, owner of TrendE Boutique, accepts the Business of the Year award from outgoing board chair Josh Green.



Caroline Bentley accepts the Small Business of the Year award at the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Recognition and Board Installation Gala.



Tina Lee-Vogt, board chair of Runnin' for Rhett, smiles after accepting the nonprofit of the year award.



and the clients for their trust.

"In the midst of this mental health crisis I am so proud to be able to offer services to those in need," Bentley said.

The Rookie of the Year award, which is only for businesses that have been in business for less than two years, went to RISE Women in Business, which provides a space for women entrepreneurs, professionals and moms to network and build their businesses.

The nonprofit was founded by Brittany Davis and Jill Johnson. Davis said they had no idea how big the nonprofit would become. She added that over \$150,000 in revenue was driven to Elk Grove through connections made

through RISE. "It was just so exciting and very cool to see that there was a need for this," Davis said. "It's just really cool; we see a fun rotation of different women every month and we see them and get to connect with them.'

Runnin' for Rhett, which began as a way for the parents of Rhett Seevers to honor their son, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and later died due to

complications from the disease, was named Nonprofit of the Year.

The group fundraises money for free fitness programs for children; to date, 53,000 kids have participated in the afterschool program. The program also hosts an annual 5K race.

"We have a small but very able staff and a great group of volunteers," said Tina Lee-Vogt, board chair. "I want to thank the chamber for recognizing us and welcoming us into the organization, and if you ever feel like you want to get up and run, come and run with Rhett. We are

Brittany Davis, left, and Jill Johnson, center, co-founders of RISE Women in Business, stand with Executive Director Cherise Gallego after accepting the Rookie of the Year award.

always there for you; just look for the baby blue."

Earlier in the evening, Robert Rhymes, who serves as president of the Laguna Springs Rotary Club, was named Ambassador of the Year.

Jack and Tracey Edwards, who have been active in a number of community organizations including the Elk Grove Lions Club and the American Legion Elk Grove, earned the Chamber Service Award.

The chamber also installed its incoming board for 2025.

The event closed out with outgoing board chair Josh Green passing the gavel to incoming board chair Amy Labowitch, who gave a speech outlining the chamber's plans for 2025.

The goals include

building a stronger ambassador and leadership team, increasing benefits for members and heightening its social media presence.

"Businesses together as a group are going to be building a better community," Labowitch said. "We are stronger in numbers...I want to change the narrative, and it's going to be what we can do together. Is everyone with me?"



Servant Leadership has always been a part of Robert's life for as long as he can remember. Robert served in the Marine Corps to give back to the County that I care about deeply. He has also served in several youth organizations, most recently, The Boy Scouts of America, giving back to young boys and now young girls, providing them guidance to help them be prepared for what life throws at them.

Robert works with my wife Kathy serving Adults with Development Disabilities. Their company, ZenCar Services, Inc. provides the services that allow for these individuals to have the ability to do things in the community that we take for granted. They have a 15year-old son JD who is an Eagle Scout, and a 9-year-old daughter Taziz who is following in her father and brother's footsteps

Robert is currently the President of the Laguna Springs Rotary Club. He also volunteers at the Teen Center USA, Elk Grove Food Bank, Christy Cares, and many other Non-Profits around Elk Grove and Sacramento. Robert also belongs to Post 55, Masons of California, Marine Corps League, and lastly, The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Once Robert joined the Chamber, he instantly was ready to jump in and get to work. The Chamber opened his eyes to the unlimited value and comradery of being a Chamber member

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Students Win National Awards at 2025 Junior Theater Festival



The students from Musical Mayhem Productions took home the festival's Excellence in Dance award for their production of" Finding Nemo Jr." Photos courtesy of Print Shop PR

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Students representing Musical Mayhem Productions and Katherine L. Albiani Middle School received awards and recognition at the 2025 Junior Theater Festival Atlanta on Jan. 17-19, a weekend festival dedicated to rewarding and celebrating excellent student-driven musical theater programs.

At the festival each group performed 15 minutes of a Broadway junior musical for the judges.

Musical Mayhem Productions, an educational non-profit located on Kent Street, received the festival's excellence in Dance Award, and the troupe's Anthony Cochran and Henry Pullen were named Junior Theater Festival All-Stars. Pullen also earned awards for Outstanding

Individual Performance and Student Direction and Choreography.

Musical Mayhem Productions presented "Disney's Finding Nemo Jr." to Kenny Shepard, assistant teaching professor of Theatre and Dance at Ball State University and resident chorographer of the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

"The presentation featured a wonderfully supportive cast with a lovely Nemo and Dori, and extraordinary Dad (Marlin)," Shepard said in a news release. "These students showed great imagery throughout. The way this ensemble looked after each other is indicative of a strong program."

Rosemary Newcott, Alliance Theatre artistic director of Theatre for Youth and Families, also judged the performance, calling it a "fantastic underwater journey."

"The choreography and staging for this production were beyond impressive. The use of the actors as waves, barnacles from a boat, a shipwreck, and coral reefs was so smart and so engaging,' Newcott said in the news release.

"This was definitely a standout performance for me and shows what musical theater is all about: teamwork, storytelling, and a shared focus to engage and move an audience. Musical Mayhem Productions is turning out triple threats like Anthony Cochran, Henry Pullen, Juna Anderson. This talented ensemble is also learning valuable skills in musical theater in all disciplines. What a treat to see them in action!"

Katherine L. Albiani Middle School received



The students from Katherine L. Albiani Middle School were presented with the Excellence in Dance award at the Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta on Jan. 17-19 for its performance of "Something Rotten Jr."

the Excellence in Acting award, and Ryan Karver and Owen Maclatchie were named Junior Theater Festival All-Stars.

The middle school presented "Something Rotten Jr." to Gordon Greenberg, Broadway writer and director of "The Heart of Rock and Roll" and "Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors."

Greenberg called the performance "delightfully daffy."

"Each student delivered an animated performance," Greenberg said. "It certainly seems like they have fun in the rehearsal room, and you can see how that translates on stage."

Jenn Katona, executive director of Educational Theater Associations also judged the performance, along with Derek Bowley, iTheatrics master teacher.

Katona said the actors demonstrated "great comedic timing," while Bowley noted the production showed that the students are learning not only to deliver a joke, but also the skills to sing and dance their way through big, old-fashioned musical theater numbers.

"Through skillful connection of faith and voice, they nailed the jokes and had the audience rolling with laughter," Bowley said.





beloved mother, grand-mother and friend, passed away peacefully on Dec. 17, 2024, in Elk Grove, one dav shy of her 88th birthday. She was born on Dec. 18, 1936, in Sacramento.

Diane was preceded in death by her husband of 56

vears, Thomas N. Leonard. She is survived by her brother, Rod Cecchettini; three daughters, Kristen Kelly, Karen Nelson (Damon), and Julie Moriyama (Cliff); and her eight cherished grandchildren: Hunter Kelly, Amanda Kelly, Travis Kelly, Jack Nelson, Brandon Moriyama, Emily Moriyama, Evan Moriyama, and Alex Moriyama.

Diane had a lifelong love of the beach, baking and crafting. She loved holidays, especially Christmas, and enjoyed her book club and bridge group.

She was raised in Sacramento and graduated from McClatchy high school before beginning a career with



to the chief of administration for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

In 1965, Diane moved to Elk Grove, where she dedicated herself to raising her daughters. She was actively involved in the community,

serving as president of the women's club and leading efforts to fund scholarships for Elk Grove High School students. She also contributed her time and energy to the local preschool.

Diane returned to the workforce when her daughters entered school. ultimately retiring in 1999 as school secretary at Herman Leimbach Elementary School. In retirement , she found joy in traveling and spending time with her family.

Diane's kindness, creativity and dedication to her family and community will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

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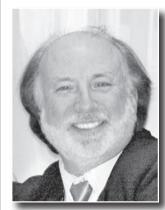
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California Continues to Prioritize Young Children 2025-2026 Budget Highlights Initiatives for All California Kids

First 5 California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - First 5 California thanks the Governor and administration for their ongoing dedication to early childhood education, infant and early childhood health, and the protection of early childhood care systems outlined in the 2025-2026 budget proposal.

"As a champion for children aged 0 to 5, First 5 California commends the Governor and Legislature for advancing a budget rooted in values that prioritize young children and families," said Jackie Thu-Huong Wong, executive director of First 5 California. "We are grateful for the Governor's commitment to initiatives that provide meaningful support to families, such as free diapers for newborns, smaller class sizes and expanded learning opportunities in Transitional Kindergarten, and English proficiency tools for multilingual learners. These investments, along with First 5 California's statewide programs like Raise CA Strong to address the childcare



First 5 California remains steadfast in its mission to support the well-being of children during their critical early years. Image by kp yamu Jayanath from Pixabay

crisis, the Fatherhood Initiative and This Is How Dads Do It podcast to support fathers, and the Dragon Song campaign to promote young children's mental health, create a lasting foundation for California's families and communities.'

First 5 California remains steadfast in its mission to support the well-being of children during their critical early years. The organization drives impactful statewide initiatives such as the Stronger Starts campaign, which raises awareness of toxic stress response in young children. Additionally, programs supporting maternal health, educator professional development, and parenting resources are further strengthening California's early childhood landscape.

Wong added, "While the

decline in tobacco tax revenue challenges the sustainability of our programs, this budget represents a vital step in protecting and expanding essential services that reflect a deep commitment to equity and opportunity for all."

The budget proposal underscores significant long-term investments aligning with First 5 California's mission to deliver healing-centered, equity-focused programs. Recognizing that 90 percent of brain development occurs during the first five years of life, First 5 California provides essential services to children ages 0 to 5, including family strengthening programs, infant and early childhood mental health services, and high-quality early learning and literacy initiatives.

To maintain this momentum, First 5 California will continue advocating for robust state investments that help ensure the future of these essential programs so that all of California's youngest children thrive for generations to come.

To learn more, visit www.ccfc. ca.gov.



Sacramento International Airport will offer seasonal direct flights to Anchorage starting June 14. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Beginning June 14, Sacramento International Airport (SMF) will offer a new seasonal nonstop flight to Anchorage, Alaska with Alaska Airlines. This marks the first-ever nonstop service from Sacramento to the State of Alaska in the airport's history.

Perfect for a summer vacation, Anchorage offers a wide range of exciting activities, from breathtaking cruises to wildlife viewing, hiking and exploring the majestic landscapes that make Alaska so special. Whether you're an adventure-seeker or simply looking to relax in nature's beauty, Anchorage has something for everyone. 'We're thrilled to partner with Alaska Airlines to announce Anchorage as our newest nonstop destination from SMF," said Stephen Clark, C.M., deputy director of Airport Commercial Development at the Sacramento County Department of Airports. "This new route reflects the strong partnerships we've built to deliver travel

options that balance the needs of our business community and the growing demand for family-friendly and leisure destinations. It's another step in our commitment to serving our region with convenient and exciting travel opportunities."

The new nonstop service to Anchorage comes on the heels of Alaska Airlines starting four new flights, including the launch of new nonstop service to Orlando, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and Tucson, Arizona. Additionally, this past Saturday, Alaska Airlines began nonstop services from Sacramento International Airport to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Nonstop Flights to Anchorage Offered Supervisor Chair, Vice-Chair Elected



At the Jan. 7 Board of Supervisors meeting, Phil Serna and Rosario Rodriguez were elected as chair and vice-chair respectively. Photo courtesy Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The annual vote to elect a new chair and a new vice-chair of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

This year's elected chair is Supervisor Phil Serna of District 1, and Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez of District 4 was elected vice-chair.

meetings; the vice-chairperson assumes the role in the chairperson's absence or inability to act. If the chair and vice-chair are absent or unable to preside, the members present will select a member present to act as temporary chairperson.

The board chair also acts on procedural matters or questions, recognizes a board member desiring to speak on an item; is enti-

This new flight is just one of many recent additions as Sacramento International Airport continues to grow and enhance its offerings. By July, Sacramento International Airport expects more than 196 daily nonstop flights on 12 domestic and international carriers, connecting travelers to 36 destinations across the globe.

For more information, visit the Sacramento County Department of Airports website at https://sacramento.aero/smf. \star

"I am honored to be sworn as the 2025 Chair of Sacramento County's Board of Supervisors," said Serna. "As we move forward, my priority will be to foster collaboration and unity in our community and ensure that all voices are heard. I am ready to address the challenges our county faces and build a stronger, more inclusive future for all residents. I look forward to serving with my colleagues and continuing the important work that lies ahead this year."

Board chair responsibilities are listed below.

The board chair presides over the board

tled to vote on all matters before the board, participate in discussion relating to any matter, make motions without relinquishing the chair, and second any motion without relinquishing the chair.

The board chair also sits on other boards/commissions as a representative of Sacramento County and is the point of contact for questions from the public regarding the meetings (i.e., coordination of resolutions/presentations and general questions not specific to a district).

The chair and vice-chair serve annual terms.

California Farm Bureau Elects Three New Board Members

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Three new members joined the California Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and another seven were re-elected, during the organization's 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey.

Richard Schmid, a beekeeper from Homeland, replaces Scott Hudson in serving District 2, representing Farm Bureau members in Inyo-Mono, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Schmid is the past president and a longtime member of Riverside County Farm Bureau. He has served on the California Farm

Bureau Rural Health and Safety Committee for many years.

Steve Kafka, a forester from Avery, replaces Paul Sanguinetti in serving District 12, representing Farm Bureau members in Calaveras and San Joaquin counties. Kafka is a graduate of Leadership Farm Bureau, a longtime member and chairman of the Forestry/Public Lands Committee, and past president and a longtime board member of Calaveras County Farm Bureau.

Martin Spannaus, a hay farmer and cattle rancher from Corning, replaces Jim Morris in serving District 20, representing Farm Bureau members in Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties. He is a past president and current board member of Tehama County Farm Bureau.

Each will serve two-year terms.

Daniel Jones of Dixon was elected to a one-year term as chair of the Young Farmers & Ranchers State Committee. He is a member of the American Farm Bureau YF&R Committee, a Leadership Farm Bureau graduate and a member of Solano County Farm Bureau. He works full time as an insurance adjuster and raises cattle, almonds, hay and olives.

Re-elected to two-year terms on the California Farm Bureau board were Kevin Merrill of Los Alamos in District 4 (Santa Barbara and Ventura counties); Roger Everett of Porterville in District 6 (Tulare County); April England of Hollister in District 8 (Monterey, San Benito and San Luis Obispo counties); Jan Garrod of Saratoga in District 10 (Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco and San Mateo counties); Joe Fischer of Auburn in District 14 (Amador, El Dorado, Placer and Sacramento counties); Garrett Driver of Woodland in District 16 (Colusa, Glenn and Yolo counties); and Daniel Suenram of Kelseyville in District 18 (Lake

and Mendocino counties).

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass and First Vice President Shaun Crook were elected to serve as delegates at next month's American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention in San Antonio. Second Vice President Ron Peterson and Mary Lou Coffelt of Hollister, San Benito County, were elected to serve as alternate delegates.

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members.

Farm Bureau Responds to State Budget Plan

California Farm Bureau **News Release**

CALIFORNIA STATE (MPG) -California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass commented on the budget plan announced Jan. 10 by Gov. Gavin Newsom: "Fees, taxes and increasing labor costs continue to negatively impact

California food producers. The latest data shows that the state lost more than 7,000 farms and fallowed nearly 1.5 million acres of productive lands in the past five years, all while costs increased more than \$150,000 per farm in the same timeframe. These are family farms and businesses disappearing from California at an alarming

pace, preventing opportunities for beginning farmers and underserved populations from any pathway to launch agricultural businesses. We've heard promises from legislative leaders about focusing on California's affordability, and we hope that every regulation and law that the governor and Legislature propose keeps affordability top of mind. It's clear that any action on key issues such as Cap-and-Trade reauthorization, the insurance crisis and agricultural overtime laws must work for farmers and ranchers and, importantly, the employees who put food on our tables. Only with agriculture as a partner will the governor's goals to advance economic development in rural

communities find success. The future of California's rural economies depends on it."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members. \star

MEETING MINDERS

Community members can watch these meetings online and submit public comments for the officials to review.

The Elk Grove City Council has its regular meetings at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. To view the meeting, visit the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its online meetings at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month.

A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has in-person meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

It governs the Cosumnes Fire Department as well as Elk Grove's parks and recreation system.

The CSD board meetings can be

watched live at www.CosumnesCSD.gov and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. This meeting is in-person at the Robert L. Trigg Education Center Board Room, 9510 Elk Grove Florin Road.

Members of the public can also view it by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www.

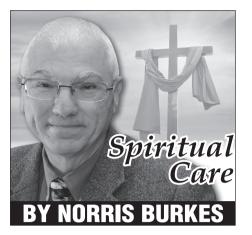
EGUSD.net.

Past board meetings can be watched on the district's YouTube channel, "ElkGroveUnified."

The Florin Resource Conservation District Board, which governs the Elk Grove Water District, holds online meetings every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are held via the Zoom application.

To access them, visit www.egwd.org. \star

Are You One of Those Evangelicals?



Like most pastors, I send out a weekly email to church members and friends previewing my sermon topic and promoting our upcoming events.

After the election, I received this jarring email from a person we'll call "Joe Christian."

"Please remove us from your e-mail list." Joe asked. "I wish to get as far away as possible from the poison in this country that is evangelical Christianity."

I have to admit, the email saddened me a bit.

But I understood.

Joe C. understandably mistook me for those evangelicals that I call the 'Christ-mericans."

That's what I call the believers who've morphed Christ into their American patriotism. These are those who promote a certain candidate, issue, or who insist on a certain form of biblical interpretation on both Christians and non-Christians.

These "Evangelicals" are led by those trying to convince parishioners that they are being persecuted and that they've lost their freedom to profess their beliefs and follow Christ.

They urge their communities to ban library books, install their evangelical choice on the city council using methods that exploit hot issues like gay rights, abortion, and immigration.

If that describes your church, would

Joe in no uncertain terms, "I am evangelical, just not THAT kind of evangelical.

"I am not the kind of evangelical who engages with the political process to protect my 'Biblical values.

"I do not use my pulpit to preach for or against issues such as abortion, euthanasia, gay rights, or science."

And during the eight Sundays I'm away from my pulpit, I invite a local woman pastor to fill my preaching duties. (Shout-out to Cherise. My folks love you!)

So, as some evangelical churches preach the "Christ-merican" idea, they may enjoy some "growth," - for just a little bit longer, anyway.

But in the meantime, I accept all as my brother.

And even as some dismiss me as their "Liberal brother," I'll continue to interpret Jesus' teaching in the light of modern knowledge, science and ethics. I'll lean forward using reason and experience over doctrinal authority.

I'll address folks like Joe in more relatable language, admitting that, yes, I am evangelical. But only in the sense that I think Jesus spoke with common sense. I encourage all to consider Jesus's ideas, and I will try to make my church a welcoming place to explore faith.

I'm evangelical because I believe the Holy Bible retains a message for every generation. I'm evangelical in that I believe Jesus loves all of us the way he loves each of us. AND he intensively loves each of us as if we were the only ones on earth.

So, I'll keep standing in my small pulpit with the same message I always bring "Love the Lord Your God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself.'

Eventually, Joe replied with the kindest of words.

"Thank you, Norris. I apologize for my abrupt tone. I painted with too broad of a brush."

RELIGION NEWS

Elk Grove Presbyterian

Our JAZZ & BLUES HOUR has concluded for the year but will resume in the spring. Scotty Inman performed for the community on Nov. 15 at District 56. It was a wonderful evening concert of worship and fellowship.

Joining Scotty was the Herb Henry Family, California's First Family of Gospel Music, along with Faith Valley.

A portion of the ticket proceeds went to benefit several charities: One Thousand Schools (formerly Students Helping Honduras), Chicks in Crisis, Elk Grove Food Bank Services and Sacramento Stand Down.

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd.

For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services

Community members are invited to the Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. at 9624 Melrose Ave., Elk Grove.

Sunday School and nursery services are available. For more information, visit www. FieldOfHopeUCC.org.

Grace Church Now Hosts Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry offering help in finding freedom



from the issues (hurts, hang-ups and habits) controlling your life.

Meetings are held weekly on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at Grace Church, located at 9766 Waterman Road, next to Mel Dogs Restaurant.

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10 a.m. For more information call (916 714 3444) or email; office@gracechurcheg.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic **Church's Mass Schedule**

Elk Grove's St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to celebrations of Holy Mass at 8700 Bradshaw Road..

Mass will be held there at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays.

They also have weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit www.SMGCC.net, or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321.

Chabad of Elk Grove Torah Classes

Local community members are invited to attend free weekly Torah Classes that will be offered by Chabad of Elk Grove. Each class will be held from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at a private location.

The course, "Flashbacks in Jewish History," will examine how our past informs our future. Rabbi Chaim Groner leads the discussion.

For location, call (917) 724-4443.

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Call 916-691-3568

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Full Gospel Church 9286 E. Stockton Blvd.. Elk Grove, CA 95624 **Pastor Daniels** 916-531-8429 Tuesday Prayer Healing 6pm

Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am St. Peter's Lutheran Church 8701 Elk Grove-Florin Rd. Pastor Joe Dapelo 916-689-7300

Service Hours: Traditional - 8:30 am Contemporary - 11:00 am Sunday School - 9:45 am 5th Sunday - 9:30 am

Website: https://stpeterseg.org

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ABOUT TOWN

Widowed Persons Activities

Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Gathering at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m. - WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

Feb. 3, Noon - Lunch at Sarom's Southern Kitchen, 6624 Laguna Blvd, #102, Elk Grove. Contact is Barbara at 916-516-6009.

Feb. 6, Noon - No-host lunch and Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

Feb. 7, 10 a.m. - Pinochle at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

A widowed person may attend up to three events while deciding if they wish to join WPSC.

Contact Bonnie at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership.

Lunar New Year Feb. 1-2

The NorCal Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce, alongside the Community Partners Advocate of Little Saigon

Sacramento, the Cosumnes Community Services District and the city of Elk Grove, will host a two-day Lunar New Year Celebration starting at 10 a.m. Feb. 1-2.

The free event will take place at the Elk Grove Regional Park, 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road, and will celebrate the beginning of the 2025 lunar calendar and the Year of the Snake. It will run from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. 1 and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 2.

The event will include food vendors, libations, a parade, lion dancers, live music and more.

Toy-Anime-Comic Con Feb. 2

The Elk Grove Toy-Anime-Comic Con will take place at Soccer World on Feb. 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

John Morris, who voiced Andy from "Toy Story," will be in attendance and a cosplay contest will take place at 2:30 p.m. Sign up in advance on the day of the event near the admissions table.

Entrance is \$8, but if you mention the flier or coupon, \$1 will be taken off admission. Cash, debit, credit and Apple Pay are accepted. Kids under 10 are free.

Soccer World is at 9756 Kent St., Unit 110, Elk Grove 95624. More information is available at ohanacomiccon.com.

Community Band Feb. 3

The next Elk Grove Community Concert Band Concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3 at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd.

The band's future concerts are April 7 and May 19. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org.

Butterfly Ball Feb. 7-8

Enjoy an evening of dancing and create a beautiful memory by attending the Butterfly Ball, hosted by the Cosumnes Community Service District at Laguna Town Hall on Feb. 7 and 8.

The event includes a DJ, dancing, professional portraits and special activities for each child.

Pre-registration is required, and both the parent and the child must register together.

A link can be found to register online at cosumnescsd.gov/390/Butterfly-Ball. People can also register in-person at a customer service location or by phone at 916-405-5600.

The event will take place 6-9 p.m. on Feb. 7 and 5-8 p.m. on Feb. 8.

Power of the Purse Feb. 8

Soroptimist International of Elk Grove is hosting a Power of the Purse fundraiser on Feb. 8 from 2-6 p.m.

The event allows attendees to purchase high-quality purses, handbags and other accessories to help benefit its Helping Hands Program.

The organization is currently accepting donations of high-end purses for the event.

The event is \$40 per person and will take place at The Center at District56 at 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Caregiver Coffee Feb. 8

Local caregivers are invited to a support group at the Elk Grove United Methodist Church (8986 Elk Grove Blvd.). This is open to all as a way to share experiences in caregiving as well as resources. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. This month it will be on the second Saturday of February.

For more information, contact Ruth at (916) 509-1414.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09678 Jason Dorminey, 9727 Elk Grove Florin Road, Suite 180, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Greenhaven Orthodontics" 9727 Elk Grove Road, Suite Florin 180, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 31, 2024 Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025

GREENHAVEN 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00014 Kendall C. Dixon, 4801 Laguna Boulevard Suite 105-316, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Short Consultants/Third Eye Scovil Aerial/3RD Eye Aerial" 9673 Street, Elk Grove, CA Gage 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025

Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 SHORT 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00102 Adaptive Living Renovation Inc. 10471 Grant Line Road, #120, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "American Tubs" 10471 Grant Therapy Line Road, #120, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2025

Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025 TUBS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-09573 Mitchell Alvarez, 9270 Emerald Crest Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Wellness" "Elevation 9270 Emerald Crest Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 26,2024

Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025 ELEVATION 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09615

Alicia Wolfe, 9061 Weeping Fig Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Queens of the Stage" 9061 Weeping Fig Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2024 Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025

QUEENS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00165 James Geary, 8525 Deodar Crest Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) 8525 "Interwebs" Deodar Crest Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2025

Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025 INTERWEBS 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00248 Thomas Uebelhoer, 9157 Rizes ing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "El Dorado Pest Services" 9157 Rizes Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 13, 2025

titled matter appear before this court on May 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 30, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

HAIBO 1-31-25

> CALIFORNIA ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV015278

Heidi June Johnson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Heidi June Johnson to Heidi June Keith Johnson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54. located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 11, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025 JOHNSON 2-7-25

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

#25CV000551 Said Eide Mohammad Elyar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Said Eide Mohammad Elyar to

Saeed Elyar IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: January 8, 2025 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025 **ELYAR** 2-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV025110

Jaspreet Lochab-Dogra has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jaspreet Lochab-Dogra to Jaspreet Lochab Dogra.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 9, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025 DOGRA 2-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV000554 Said Erfan Ahmad Elyar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Said Erfan Ahmad Elyar to Erfan Elyar IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: January 8, 2025 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025 2-14-25 ERFAN SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV001319 Trudy Linn Perdun has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Trudy Linn Perdun to Trudy Lynn Perdun. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 4, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: January 8, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025 PERDUN 2-14-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RENE PERDUE FRENCH CASE NO. 25PB000031

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Rene Perdue French aka Rene Perdue Foreman.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Trevor Allen Foreman, in the Superior Court of California. County of Sacramento, requesting Trevor Allen Foreman be appointed as personal represen-tative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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 February 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County Sacramento, William R. of Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may

be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, vou must file vour claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are 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: Sally C. Gonzales, Law Offices of Gonzales & Pfaff, PC, 5740 Windmill Way, Suite 13, Carmichael, CA 95608; (916) 613-2229 Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025 2-7-25 FRENCH

the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code, Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are 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: Timothy Kelly, 5061 Oak Park Way, Santa Rosa, 95409

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE # ADJ16790828 Surinder Singh vs. S. Line Transportation: Aiaib Singh Kahlon, of 9971 Phoenican Way Sacramento, CA 94829

Applicant/ Surinder Singh: Plaintiff Ajaib Singh Kahlon, S Line Transportation: Defendants This is a Workers Compensation action that is set/located at the Oakland Workers Compensation Board in Oakland, California.

1515 Clay St. 6th Floor Oakland CA 94612 Ajaib Singh Kahlon has not been able to be located to be served, this publication is a substitute for personal service. The next hearing/trial on the case is on 02/25/2025 at 08:30 am.

Ajaib Singh Kahlon must appear at the hearing/trial on that day. He can get a copy of the Complaint/Application and all documents on the case by contacting the Fletcher Brown Law Firm at tel:5109860441. Surinder Singh is seeking benefits/damages for an injury at work that occurred on 12/13/2021. 2/7/2025 Published 1/31/2025.

2/14/2025, 2/21/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 2-21-25

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 24-69177 APN: 132-1620-006-0000 NOTICE TRUSTEE'S SALEYOU ARE ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/6/2006. 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.A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: REGINA D CÉPEDA AND MANUEL CEPEDA JR., WIFE AND HUSBAND AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY .Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 2/8/2006, in Book 20060208, Page 0212, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento California, Date of County, Sale:2/18/2025 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: East Main Entrance. Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$476.083.71Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 10220 SHOECH WAY GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95757Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust .A.P.N # .: 132-1620-006-0000The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 (855) 976-3916 or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-69177. 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: 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) 976-3916, or visit this internet website tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 24-69177 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." vou should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 1/15/2025 ZBS LAW, LLP , as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920For Sale Information: (855) 976-3916 www.auction. com Rvan Bradford, Trustee Sale OfficerThis office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 42352 Pub Dates 01/24, 01/31, 02/07/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 2-7-25 Trustee Sale No. F24-00180 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. Mesa Laguna Ti-2410105-05 tle Order No. You Are In Default Under A Construction Deed Of Trust, Assignment Of Leases And Rents, Security Agreement, Assignment Of Contracts And Plans, And Fixture Filing Dated 12/20/2021 And More Fully Described Below (The "Deed Of Trust"). 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 Proceedings Against You. You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashiers check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to Assured Lender Services, Inc.), will be held by a duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made. 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 the Deed

of Trust, with interest and late

charges thereon, as provid-

ed in the note(s), advances,

under the terms of the Deed

to County, California; Date of Sale: 02/18/2025 at 01:30PM Place of Sale: the east main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$24,000,776.18 The purported property address is: 10371 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757-9525 Legal Description See Exhibit "A' attached hereto and made a part hereof Personal Property Description See Exhibit "B' attached hereto and made a part hereof Assessors Parcel No. 132-0050-034-0000 The beneficiary under the 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 Under Construction Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement, Assignment of Contracts and Plans, and Fixture Filing (the "Notice of Default and Election to Sell"). The undersigned caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. 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. 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 bidder at highest 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 (877)440-4460 or visit this internet web-site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F24-00180. 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: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 (877)440-4460 or visit this internet website site

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2025-00236 Heidi Elizabeth Chote, 10312 Alta Mesa Road, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "First Chance Farm" 10312 Alta Mesa Road, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 13, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00262

IP. Project Investment Inc. 9785 Ellsmere Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tandoori Pizza" 8234 Laguna Boulevard, Suite #130, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 14, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00186 Taco Express #7 LLC, PO Box 292638, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Taco Exxpress" 9146 Harbour Point Drive Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2025

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LIEN SALE

LIEN SALE 2/6/25 9AM AT 3534 51ST SACRAMENTO AVE, 17 INFINITI LIC# 9NCB879 CA VIN# JN8CS1MW4HM416556 Elk Grove Citizen 1-31-25

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV026698 Haibo Jacobs has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Haibo Jacobs to Haibo Wang. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-en-

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV000940

Mushtariy Sadikova Mohammed has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Miran Faiz Mohammed to Milan Faiz.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in De-partment 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: January 13, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025 FAIZ 2-21-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF **BARRY STONE** CASE NO. 25PR000140 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Barry Lee Stone.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sian R Stone, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Sian Stone be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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 February 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 720 9th Sacramento, CA 95814. Street.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, vou must file vour claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within Legal Advertising Hotline 916-483-2299 Legal Advertising Fax 916-773-2999

LEGAL ADVERTISING

The Elk Grove Citizen Adjudicated For and By the County of Sacramento, Case No. 14303 - Octorber 14, 1910 The Elk Grove Citizen Adjudicated For and By the City of Elk Grove, Case No. CS01032 - August 25, 2000

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TRUSTEE SALE

www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F24-00180 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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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.* NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BID-DERS: WE REQUIRE CER-

TIFIED FUNDS AT SALE BY CASHIER'S CHECK(S) PAY-ABLE DIRECTLY TO "AS-SURED LENDER SERVICES, INC." TO AVOID DELAYS IN ISSUING THE FINAL DEED. THE PROPERTY COVERED IN THIS ACTION INCLUDES ALL SUCH REAL PROPER-TY AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN WHICH THE BENEFICIARY HAS A SECU-RITY INTEREST DESCRIBED IN EXHIBITS "A" AND "B" ATTACHED HERETO, RE-SPECTIVELY, IT BEING THE ELECTION OF THE CUR-RENT BENEFICIARY UN-DER THE DEED OF TRUST TO CAUSE A UNIFIED SALE TO BE MADE OF SAID REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2924F(b)(2) OF THE CALI-FORNIA CIVIL CODE. Date: 1/16/2025 Assured Lender Services, Inc. Cherie Maples, Vice President of Trustee Operations Assured Lender Ser-

vices, Inc. 111 Pacifica Suite 140 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (714) 508-7373 Sales Line: (877)440-4460 Sales Webwww.mkconsultantsinc. site: com Reinstatement Line: (714) 508-7373 To request reinstatement and/or payoff FAX request to: (714) 505-3831 This Office Is Attempting To Collect A Debt And Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. Exhibit "A' All that certain real properly situated in the City of Elk Grove, County of Sacramento, State of California, being Tract 1008, as shown on the Plat of "H.J. Goethe Company's Colony Number 10", recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, California August 18, 1903 in Book 5 of Maps, Map No. 22. Excepting therefrom that portion thereof described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Tract 1008, which is the Southerly line of Elefa Avenue and which said

point is distant Westerly 363 feet from the Northeast corner of said Tract 1008, which said Northeast corner is the intersection of a fence line running Easterly and Westerly along the South line of said Elefa Avenue and a fence line running Northley and Southerly along the East line of said Tract 1008 and running thence Southerly from said Point of Beginning and parallel to the East line of said Tract 1008, a distance of 91 feet to a point and running thence Westerly and parallel to the North line of said Tract 1008, a distance of 112 feet to a point and running thence Northerly and parallel to the East line of said Tract 1008 a distance of 91 feet to a point in the North line of said Tract 1008 and running thence East-erly along the North line of said Tract 1008, 112 feet to the Point of Beginning, as conveyed by Rose Zgraggen, a widow, to Edwin Zgraggen, her son, by Deed dated November

10, 1947, recorded November 10, 1947, in Book 1412 A of Official Records, Page 329. Also excepting therefrom the South Four Acres of said Tract 1008. Also excepting therefrom that portion thereof described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the South Four Acres of said Tract 1008, thence from said point of beginning along the West line of said Tract 1008, North 00º 44' 29" East, 324.52 feet; thence leaving said West line, South 89° 15' 31" East, 625.96 feet to the East line of said Tract 1008: thence along said East line, South 00º 23' 23' West, 304.66 feet to the Northeast corner of said South Four Acres; thence along the North line of said South Four Acres, South 88º 55' 46" West, 628.15 feet to the point of beginning. As also described as Resultant Parcel A in that certain Boundary Line Adjustment/Certificate of Compliance recorded November 27, 2007 in Book 20071127 at Page 1163. Also excepting therefrom any and all mobile home(s). Exhibit "B" (Personal Property) All equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Trustor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or disposition of the Property.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the David Reese Elementary School, Paving Upgrades project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until 2:00 p.m., local time, on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of \$100 per set. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at www.egusdplans.com

It is mandatory that all General Contractors (GCs) and Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) Subcontractors who intend to submit bids fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the District. MEP is defined as subcontractors holding the following license classifications: C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and/or C-46. No bid will be accepted from a GC that has failed to comply with these requirements, or submits a bid that lists MEP Subs that have failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid on a project as a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid. Prequalification application packages are available by contacting the Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove CA 95624, via telephone at (916) 686-7711, or via email at facilitiesbids@egusd.net.

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at David Reese Elementary School, 7600 Lindale Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828. The District's Representative and Architect will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project includes the removal and replacement of asphalt pavement at hardcourt areas and fire lane access, installation of new basketball standards, volleyball and tetherball equipment, including game court and playground striping, replacement of turf and paved surfaces in the Kindergarten area, minor fencing replacement and additions, and repair and replacement of irrigation systems as necessary. This project requires a Class A or B license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. This project has a goal of 3% Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE) participation per the State Allocation Board requirements. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

NOTE: The complete Notice to Contractors is included in the bid documents.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, California

Michael Bean Senior Construction Manager Elk Grove Unified School District

Elk Grove Citizen 1-24, 1-31-2025

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the Prairie Elementary School, Roofing 2025 project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until 3:00 p.m., local time, on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of \$25 per set. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list, so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at www.egusdplans.com

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at the Prairie Elementary School, 5251 Valley Hi Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project involves roof replacement on designated classroom wings. This project requires a Class C-39 license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. This project has a goal of 3% Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE) participation per the State Allocation Board requirements. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements apply to this project.

NOTE: The complete Notice to Contractors is included in the bid documents.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, California

BY: Michael Bean Senior Construction Manager

Elk Grove Unified School District

Elk Grove Citizen 1-24, 1-31-2025

City of Elk Grove INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 - according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on Thursday, February 20, 2025 for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

2025 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT - PAVEMENT REPAIRS (WPR025)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: repair existing pavement at various locations throughout the City (Work).

City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

DUNISCH GPA, REZONE, AND MAP (PLNG22-047) – GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (MAP AND TEXT), REZONE, TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP, SUBDIVISION DESIGN REVIEW, TREE PERMIT, AND DETERMINATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY:

The Project consists of a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Regional Commercial (RC) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) and Parks and Open Space (P/OS), a Rezone from Shopping Center (SC) to RD-10 and Open Space (O), and a Tentative Subdivision Map and Subdivision Design Review to merge the existing parcels and re-subdivide the site into 111 single family residential lots. The Project includes a General Plan Text Amendment to modify footnote 'd' under Table 8-4, Noise Performance Standards for New Projects Affected by or Including Non-Transportation Noise Sources. The Project also includes a Tree Permit for the removal of three Trees of Local Importance and a Determination of Consistency with the General Plan for the Abandonment of existing right-of-way.

The Planning Commission reviewed this matter at its meeting on January 16, 2025, and voted 5-0 to recommend the City Council approve the Project.

l	PROPERTY OWNER:		PROJECT APPLICANT:					
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	ZONING/GENERAL PLAN:	Shopping Center (SC) / Reg	ional Commercial					
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Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner, (916) 478-2245 or skirchgessner@elkgrovecity.org; or to the Office of Community Development - Planning, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

The live meeting can be viewed via the City's website at http://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/ city_government/live___archived_broadcasts

If you challenge the subject matter 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 City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Dated/Published: January 31, 2025

JASON LINDGREN CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$2,374,358 (basis for award). The Opinion of Probable Cost for the Base Bid is \$789,065 and Add Alternate A is \$1,585,293.

Bidder shall have current standing as a City approved pre-qualified Bidder prior to submitting a bid for this Project. Bidders that submit a Bid without being pre-qualified shall have their Bid deemed non-responsive.

In order to bid on or to be listed on the bid proposal for this Public Works Project all Contractors and subcontractors shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and be qualified to perform Public Work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code. Unregistered Contractors may still submit bids provided the bid is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by either Section 10164 and 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code and all Contractors including subcontractors are registered with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform Public Work pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1725.5 at the time the bid is submitted. DIR registration is not required on Projects that do not exceed \$25,000, which are for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work or for public works projects for maintenance when \$15,000 or less.

Construction License:

Bidder must possess a current valid Class "A" General Engineering or Class "C-12" Earthwork and Paving Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

For Pre-Bid Information and Information Pertaining to the Construction Plans and Specifications, Contact:

Robert French, Operations Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department Telephone: (916) 478-3648 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Whitney Yann, Management Analyst I, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department Telephone: (916) 687-3062 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$15.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$20.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. In person requests for Addendum shall not be accepted by the City during the pandemic.

By:

Date: January 15, 2025

Christina Castro, PE Capital Program Division Manager

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POLICE LOGS

Jan. 21

1:36 a.m., 7400 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony McGee, 30; and Joshua Miller, 41, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

3:05 a.m., Promenade Parkway/Kammerer Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Danielle Wild, 38, on warrant charges.

7:26 a.m., West Stockton Boulevard/Eschinger Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Oscar Canteperez, 49, on driving without owner's consent charges.

11:43 a.m., 10000 block of Willard Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Jaiden Misciagna, 22, on burglary, receiving stolen property, possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

5:59 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Timothy Knight, 43, on warrant charges.

7:05 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Victor Wyatt, 61, on DUI/drug charges.

9:15 p.m., 9600 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Pauline Bailey, 53, on public intoxication charges.

11:53 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Jonathan Williams, 22, on public intoxication, trespassing and warrant charges.

Jan. 22

7:54 a.m., Emerald Vista Drive/Feickert Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Kevin Scherer, 36, on possession of a controlled substance and warrant charges.

7:45 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Highway 99, Elk Grove Police arrested Jonathan Miller, 32, on DUI/drug and possession of cocaine or heroin charges.

Police arrested Subaan Moosa, 28, on trespassing charges

7 a.m., 6100 block of Jefjen Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Tyler Daffin, 21, on possession of an assault weapon and possession of a firearm without a serial number charges.

5:08 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Bruceville

Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Wilfredo Cruzmaldonado, 32, on evading a police officer, reckless driving, violation of parole, possession of burglary tools and possession of a controlled substance charges.

7:38 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Edin Vargas, 37, on domestic battery and child endangerment charges.

7:38 p.m., 2200 block of Longport Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Danilo Puac, 31, on battery with serious bodily injury charges.

10:25 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Erika Veramartinez, 38, on domestic battery charges.

10:50 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Keaston Libre, 44, on public intoxication charges.

10:53 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Orlando Winrow, 34, on robbery charges.

Jan. 24

12:21 a.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Silverberry Avenue, Elk Grove Police arrested Ivory King, 39, on warrant charges.

1:33 a.m., 9100 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jahmar Weber, 42, on possession of brass knuckles charges.

2:38 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Mitchell Dixon, 44, on burglary and trespassing charges.

8:20 a.m., confidential

Latoya Hicks, 42 on resisting arrest charges.

7:14 p.m., 7700 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 17, on warrant charges.

11:28 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Quinn Delrio, 24, on burglary and trespassing charges.

Jan. 25

1:41 a.m., 8300 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Ora Livingston, 50, on DUI/ drug charges.

3:31 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Subaan Moosa, 28, on trespassing charges.

4:37 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Tera Bach. 43, on burglary charges.

5:37 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Connie Leonard, 53, on trespassing charges.

5:19 p.m., 8600 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Rahson Richardson, 30, on possession of a large-capacity magazine charges.

7:25 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Cresleigh Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Tomas Jauregui, 31, on public intoxication and resisting arrest charges.

10:44 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Jones, 36; and Dupri McKinnie, 23, on burglary and DUI/drug charges.

Jan. 26

7:06 p.m., 6000 block of Laguna Vale Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Robert Reid, 36, on making criminal threats and resisting arrest charges.

9:48 p.m., Sheldon Road/Barmarcia Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Bill Tsui, 42, on DUI charges.

9:59 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Timothy Flores, 28, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

Sky River Casino Donates \$3,000 and Food to Elk Grove Food Bank



Members of the Sky River Casino team helped donate \$3,000 to the Elk Grove Food Bank during the holiday season. Photo courtesy of Sky River Casino

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - In an effort to help curb food insecurity in Elk Grove. members of the Sky River Casino Team donated \$3,000 and almost 900 pounds of food to the Elk Grove Food Bank.

The donations were made over the holiday season and presented last week, during a time when funds and additional food donations are sorely needed, according to a news release from the casino.

"Sky River Casino is deeply committed to giving back and supporting the Elk Grove community," said Michael J. Facenda,

president of Sky River Casino. "Our owners, Wilton Rancheria, have a longstanding partnership with the Elk Grove Food Bank.

"It's powerful to see that now extend to our Team Members. Working together, we are making a difference in the lives of those who need it most."

According to the news release, the food drive generated more than double what was collected the prior year. Every dollar donated to the food bank provides two meals to feed those in need in the local community.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sky River and their incredible team members for the generous donations collected over the past few months," said Marie Jachino, executive director of the Elk Grove Food Bank.

"So many of our neighbors are struggling to meet basic needs and facing hunger on a daily basis. We are ever so grateful to Sky River for their support of our mission, and we look forward to continued partnership to help those who need it."

For information about donating to the Elk Grove Food Bank or accessing services, visit elkgrovefoodbank.org.

More information about Sky River Casino is available at skyriver.com.

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8:34 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Ethan Cook, 32, on burglary and repeat-theft charges.

Jan. 23

1:38 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jennara Davis, 19; Izayah Basped, 18; Michael Muhammad, 23; and Sofia Grey, 20, on robbery, burglary and conspiracy to commit a felony charges.

3:43 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove

location, Elk Grove Police arrested Wei Wang, 42, on corporal injury to an intimate partner, assault with a deadly weapon, making criminal threats, assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury and false imprisonment charges.

11:27 a.m., confidential location. Elk Grove Police arrested Roger King, 61, on corporal injury to an intimate partner charges.

3:53 p.m., Bond Road/ East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested

10:54 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 17; a female juvenile, 16; and a male juvenile, 15, on robbery and conspiracy to commit a felony charges.

11:01 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Tasheika Haley, 38, on warrant charges.



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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE LEVYING AND APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL TAX IN TERRITORY ANNEXED TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2003-2 (POLICE SERVICES) (ANNEXATION NO. 76) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.18.010. The purpose of this Ordinance is to levy the special tax at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in Resolution No. 2025-006 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on the parcels in Annexation No. 76. Introduced January 8, 2025; Adopted January 22, 2025; Effective February 21, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: BREWER.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, January 31, 2025 A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org

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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 02-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE LEVYING AND APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL TAX IN TERRITORY ANNEXED TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2006-1 (MAINTENANCE SERVICES) (ANNEXATION NO. 100) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.19.010. The purpose of this Ordinance is to levy the special tax at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in Resolution No 2025-008 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on the parcels in Annexation No. 100. Introduced January 8, 2025; Adopted January 22, 2025; Effective February 21, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: BREWER.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, January 31, 2025 A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org

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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 03-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.50 (FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION) AND CHAPTER 23.100 (GENERAL DEFINITIONS) FOR FLOODPLAIN ALLOWANCES FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND NON-HABITABLE STRUCTURES. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 16.50 (Flood Damage Prevention) and Chapter 23.100 (General Definitions) as shown in Exhibit A (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) regarding floodplain allowances to allow for the development of public improvements such as trails, maintenance facilities, and other non-habitable structures within the 100-year floodplain on a case-by-case basis. Introduced January 22, 2025; to be adopted February 12, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: BREWER.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, January 31, 2025 A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org

ARTS CALENDAR

Art Workshops for Adults

Enhance your visual arts skills or learn a new technique in an art class or workshop at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.

We periodically offer workshops for younger people, dependent upon the instructor and type of class. If you're looking for basic to advanced instruction in Batiking, Ceramics, Clay, Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media, Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!), you will find it here. To learn more, visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org/ workshop.

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. They are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit us every First Saturday from 4-7PM at the Center for refreshments, an opportunity to

meet featured artists, and enjoy live music. For more information, please visit ElkGroveFineArtsCenter. org or call (916) 685-5992.

First Saturday at Elk Grove Fine **Arts Center**

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center will host "A Celebration of Art with Students from the Elk Grove Unified School District" from Feb. 1 through Feb. 20.

The event promotes artwork from young artists in art programs at Elk Grove high schools. The participants will earn awards and ribbons during the First Saturday reception on Feb.

The gallery will also include several works by represented artists and selections for its community art display as well as refreshments, live music and an opportunity to meet the featured artists.

View Artwork from Elk Grove

At webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/. The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events in Elk Grove.

If you know of a piece or event that should be included, contact the city of Elk Grove's community event center manager, Lana Yoshimura at lyoshimura@ elkgrovecity.org.

Call for Artists at Fine Arts Center

All art competitions require online submission through Smarter Entry. Fees may be paid directly online through this system.

Visit the individual exhibition pages to explore deadlines, fees, awards, and to download the prospectus.

For more, please visit https://elkgrovefineartscenter.org. \star

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I firmly believe the schedule makers for the NBA have a mean streak in them.

After back-to-back wins over the Wizards and Warriors, the Sactown boys were forced to travel to Denver and play in back-to-back games. The travel, altitude, and Nikola Jokic were too much for Kings as the Nuggets registered a 132-123 win over a tired Sacramento squad.

Amazingly, the Kings mounted an unlikely comeback, coming from 25 points down and bringing the game to within five points late in the contest.

Michael Malone was so concerned, he brought back Jokic late in the game to insure the victory.

Jokic had a historic performance, registering his fifth triple-double in a row, scoring 35 points, claiming 22 rebounds, and dishing out an unheard of 17 assists. His performance was one for the record books, and at the end of the day, the furious comeback by the Kings was no match for the 3-time MVP.

For the basketball purest, you had to just sit back and watch a true master of the hardwood at work.

Domantas Sabonis countered with 23 points and 17 rebounds, but on this night, Denver would not be turned away.

Rumors continue to swirl as the Kings shop the market for the missing link, that being a power forward that can tip the scales.

My hope is that the recent success the Kings have had will calm the front office and allow them to realize what this team is capable of doing. Wins like the one at the Boston Garden serve as a wake-up call to Monte McNair, and scream don't give the store away!

Make absolutely certain you know what you have before you give away a future allstar, and by all means pay attention to your rookies.

Players like Isaac Jones are just waiting for an opportunity to shine, and his recent accomplishments in the G league should serve notice to every fan that his big man has some real game. Jones played for three colleges in three different conferences and earned awards wherever he went. Finally arriving at Washington State Jones earned All-Pac-12 conference honors. Amazingly, 6'9" Isaac Jones was overlooked in the 2024 NBA draft, and before it's over there will be a lot of teams that will wonder what their scouts were looking at.

When I see the infrequent time that Isaac has had with the Kings, I'm constantly impressed with the way he carries himself on the court, and in this young rookie the Kings have a legitimate forward who seems to get better every time he takes to the hardwood.

In recent G league performances, he has looked like a man among boys and registered three straight 30-point plus performances. Not an easy thing to accomplish, but it tells me Isaac Jones needs more minutes at the NBA level. By all means, put him on the no-trade list along with Sabonis, Fox, and Keon Ellis.

What I'm loudly saying is build from within before you give away talented players that you have not fully realized. Isaac Jones is one of those players and same can be said of Devin Carter. It's essential that the Kings allow rookies to develop, and coach Christie needs to find playing time for them.

The Sactown boys are 10-3 under Doug Christie, and I don't believe it's a fluke. The Kings are currently on a torrid 6-game road trip, and will face the Nets, 76ers, Thunder, and Timberwolves before they set foot in the friendly confines of Golden One Arena.

If the Kings can win two of the remaining four games, I would consider it a victory, as the Thunder and Timberwolves are tough matchups for Sacramento.

The recent 7-game win streak seemed to regenerate Kings fans, and the upside for Sacramento is looking probable rather than just fortuitous.

Let's celebrate our stars and root on our rookies. Great things are yet in store!

If the Kings don't make a trade by the trade deadline of Feb. 6, don't lose heart. This team as assembled can make the play-offs, and I believe McNair will make an acquisition at some point.

We are witnessing some great performances. Enjoy them! More to come.

All the best Kings fans!

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Social Security Matters *Clarification of Medicare IRMAA and MAGI*



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am confused by an article in my local newspaper which said that "MAGI" (modified adjusted gross income), on which my Medicare Part B premium is based, is my Adjusted Gross Income, plus any non-taxable interest, plus 50% of the social security I received. The part that is confusing is the 50% part. When I look at my tax return my Adjusted Gross Income includes the taxable portion of my Social Security benefit which, in my case, is 85% of my total benefits. Why must 50% of benefits be added to my AGI if it is already included in my total AGI? Signed: Confused

Dear Confused: The article you refer to was misleading for stating that the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) used to determine your Medicare premiums includes your normal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your income tax return, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had, plus 50% of the SS

benefits you received during the tax year. What the article should have said was that the MAGI which determines your Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) to your Medicare premiums consists of your normal AGI from your tax return (which includes the taxable portion of your Social Security benefits), plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

For additional clarity, the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) is a supplemental amount added to the standard Medicare premium for those with higher incomes. The thresholds at which the IRMAA supplements apply depend on your IRS filing status, and your MAGI determines the amount of supplement which will be added to the standard Medicare premium. Single filers with MAGI over \$103,000, or married filers with MAGI over \$206,000 will see an IRMAA supplement added to their Medicare premium. Those whose MAGI is under the first IRMAA threshold pay the standard Medicare premium, but those whose MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold above will pay more. How much more depends on how much their MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold by. The IRMAA supplement (the additional premium amount)

could be anywhere from \$69.90 to \$419.30 per month for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), or an additional \$12.90 to \$81.00 per month to the Medicare Part D (prescription drug plan) premium - again dependent on how much over the initial MAGI threshold the person is for their IRS filing status. You can see the MAGI levels and corresponding IRMAA supplements at this Medicare website: www.cms.gov/newsroom/ fact-sheets/2024-medicare-parts-b-premiumsand-deductibles

IRMAA and MAGI can be confusing. If you have questions about your Medicare premiums, help is available at SSadvisor@ amacfoundation.org, or at 1.888.750.2622.

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Trump Jumps Back into California's Water Wars with a Pro-Farmer Decree



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By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

It would be impossible to overstate the complexity of water supply management in California.

Hundreds of federal, state and local agencies decree who or what is supplied with water, when and how much will be delivered, and the prices recipients must pay.

Moreover, there are policy differences within those broad categories. For instance, local agricultural water agencies and municipal providers to homes and businesses often have different priorities.

The politics of water are even more convoluted, involving not only the public agencies but seemingly countless outside stakeholders, ranging from developers who need water supply commitments for their projects to commercial fishermen who want to protect spawning salmon.

The proliferation of competing agendas explains why it is so difficult to reach the consensus needed to move policy forward. It's not unusual for proposed projects and policies to kick around for years, if not decades, before something concrete occurs.

For example, the proposed Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley now seems likely to be built, but only after 70 years The long-planned expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir in Contra Costa County collapsed recently when the East Bay Municipal Utility District pulled out, citing ever-rising costs.

More than six decades ago, state water officials proposed a canal to carry water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. After gaining legislative approval, a 1982 referendum blocked construction, and 40 years later, a proposed tunnel beneath the Delta remains stalled by a political stalemate.

Operations of existing of dams and canals are similarly fraught, particularly divvying up water among farmers, municipal users and flows to protect fish and other wildlife as supplies fluctuate due to climate change.

For years, federal and state authorities have sought to reduce diversions by agriculture — by far the largest water users — to bolster habitat flows. Farmers have resisted.

The state has sought "voluntary agreements" from farmers in the San Joaquin River watershed between Stockton and Fresno to enhance natural flows, threatening to order reductions if agreements are not reached. But unilateral action by the state would spark a legal battle over water rights whose outcome could not be predicted.

Another player in California's high-stakes water game emerged eight years ago when Donald Trump became president for the first time. He forcefully backed farmers in their conflict with state water managers, ordering the Bureau of Reclamation and other more agriculture-friendly policies.

Four years later, after Trump was defeated by Joe Biden, the policies were reversed. Just days before Biden's tenure ended, federal and state water managers last month announced a new operational agreement.

This week, when Trump once again became president, he essentially sought to cancel that agreement and reinstate his previous policies. Based on a memo to federal water agencies, he directed them to draft a plan "to route more water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to other parts of the state for use by the people there who desperately need a reliable water supply."

Trump not only cited farmers' needs for a reliable water supply but reiterated his belief that a lack of water deliveries to Southern California made it more difficult to fight deadly wildfires — a contention that has no basis in fact. Los Angeles had plenty of water to fight fires, but hydrants ran dry because the system was designed for fighting individual building fires, not massive wildfires, and was overtaxed.

Despite the media splash, it's doubtful that Trump's decree will be anything more than a relatively brief pause in efforts to resolve California's water conflicts simply because they are measured in decades, not any one president's term.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and 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. DONALD KENDRICK, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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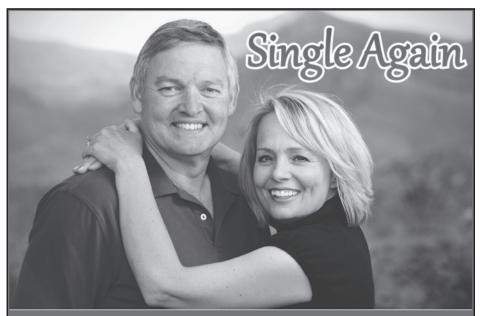
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Delta League Schedules

Editors Note: Start times below

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Laguna Creek @ Cosumnes

Elk Grove @ Pleasant Grove

Men/Women's Basketball **Start Times** Varsity: 7:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity: 6 p.m. Frosh: 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31

Men's Basketball

Elk Grove @ Monterey Trail Sheldon @ Cosumnes Oaks Franklin @ Pleasant Grove Laguna Creek BYE

Women's Basketball

Monterey Trail @ Elk Grove Cosumnes Oaks @ Sheldon Pleasant Grove @ Franklin Laguna Creek BYE

Men's Soccer

Monterey Trail @ Pleasant Grove Laguna Creek @ Sheldon Elk Grove @ Franklin **Cosumnes Oaks BYE**

Women's Soccer

Pleasant Grove @ Monterey Trail Sheldon @ Laguna Creek Franklin @ Elk Grove **Cosumnes Oaks BYE**

Monday, Feb. 3

Men's Basketball Pleasant Grove @ Sheldon Cosumnes Oaks @ Elk Grove Monterey Trail @ Laguna Creek

Franklin BYE

Women's Basketball

Sheldon @ Pleasant Grove Elk Grove @ Cosumnes Oaks Laguna Creek @ Monterey Trail Franklin BYE

Men's/Women Soccer Start Times Varsity: 6 p.m. Jr. Varsity: 4 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Sheldon @ Franklin

Monterey Trail BYE

Franklin @ Sheldon

Men's Soccer

Women's Basketball

Cosumnes Oaks @ Laguna

Pleasant Grove @ Elk Grove

Monterey Trail BYE

Sheldon @ Cosumnes Oaks

Pleasant Grove @ Elk grove

Cosumnes Oaks @ Sheldon

Elk Grove @ Pleasant Grove

Friday, Feb. 7

Pleasant Grove @ Laguna

Cosumnes Oaks

Women's Basketball

Laguna Creek @ Pleasant

Monterey Trail @ Cosumnes

Elk Grove @ Franklin

Monterey Trail

Sheldon BYE

@

Laguna Creek @ Franklin

Franklin @ Laguna Creek

Monterey Trail BYE

Women's Soccer

Monterey Trail BYE

Men's Basketball

Creek

Grove

Oaks

Sheldon BYE

Franklin @ Elk Grove

Oaks

Creek

Wrestling Start Times Weigh-in: 4 p.m. Start Time: 5 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Elk Grove @ Monterey Trail Cosumnes Oaks @ Franklin Laguna Creek @ Pleasant Grove Sheldon BYE

Women's Soccer

Monterey Trail @ Elk Grove Franklin @ Cosumnes Oaks Pleasant Grove @ Laguna Creek Sheldon BYE

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Men's Basketball

Monterey Trail @ Pleasant Grove Laguna Creek @ Franklin Elk Grove @ Sheldon **Cosumnes Oaks BYE**

Women's Basketball

Pleasant Grove @ Monterey Trail Franklin @ Laguna Creek Sheldon @ Elk Grove **Cosumnes Oaks BYE**

Friday, Feb. 14

Men's Basketball

Sheldon @ Laguna Creek Franklin @ Monterey Trail Pleasant Grove (a)**Cosumnes Oaks** Elk Grove BYE

Women's Basketball

Laguna Creek @ Sheldon Monterey Trail @ Franklin Cosumnes Oaks @ Pleasant Grove Elk Grove BYE

SCOREBOARD

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Men's Basketball Franklin, 72, Elk Grove, 48

Monterey Trail 72, Cosumnes

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Monterey Trail 70, Cosumnes Oaks 42 Laguna Creek 53, Pleasant Grove 51 Franklin 48, Elk Grove 14

Men's Soccer

Franklin 2, Sheldon 1 Monterey Trail 2, Laguna

Women's Soccer

Cosumnes Oaks O, Pleasant Grove 0 Monterey Trail 2, Laguna Creek 0 Franklin 5, Sheldon 0

Friday, Jan. 24

Men's Basketball

Sheldon 64, Laguna Creek 51 Pleasant Grove 68, Cosumnes Oaks 45 Monterey Trail 72, Franklin 61

Laguna Creek 79, Sheldon 75

Monterey Trail 61, Franklin 29

Women's Basketball

Men's Soccer

Monterey Trail 1, Sheldon 1 Elk Grove 3, Cosumnes Oaks 0 Franklin 2, Pleasant Grove 0

Women's Soccer

Franklin 2, Pleasant Grove 1 Cosumnes Oaks 5, Elk Grove 0 Monterey Trail 1, Sheldon 0

Coaches/parents: Send scores and stats to sean. thomas@mpg8.com.





Council Approves Public Art for Library

By Sean P. Thomas **City Editor**

ELK GROVE, CA - The Elk Grove City Council approved a public art piece for its soon-to-be relocated Elk Grove Public Library at its Jan. 22 meeting.

The council voted unanimously to approve the contract with Mainebased artist Aaron T. Stephan to construct his piece, "Radiant Eddy," in honor of Harriet Eddy, the woman who founded the first library in Elk Grove at Elk Grove High School. The branch eventually became the first County of Sacramento library branch in 1908. Eddy also served as the first female principal at Elk Grove High School.

"He really wanted to acknowledge that in this piece," said Shelly Willis, executive director of the Sacramento Metropolitan Public Arts Commission.

The piece features 30 streetlights, twisted into a spiral, like the ones that can be found around Old Elk Grove. The piece is 12 feet tall at its highest point and will sit on a 17-foot-diameter pedestal. The light poles will light up at night and "serve as a beacon" for passing traffic. The design is still conceptual.

The contract for the project is for \$140,000 and comes from the city's Percent for the Arts Program. The program was approved in 2016 and requires 2% of the cost of certain projects to be spent on public art.

Stephan was one of five

"It gives shelter dogs the opportunity so important for their mental and physieral months.'



The Elk Grove City Council voted unanimously to approve the construction of "Radiant Eddy" from Aaron T. Stephan outside of the soon-to-be relocated Elk Grove Public Library on the southwest corner of Elk Grove Boulevard and Waterman Road. Rendering courtesy of city of Elk Grove

finalists out of 118 applications after a request for qualifications was put out in April. A six-member panel, including two Elk Grove arts commissioners, Sally Guttridge and Liz Irons, voted on the design.

Stephan has a background in public art. He's installed pieces at the Tampa International Airport, the Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis and the San Diego International Airport.

He also was a 2005 Louise Bourgeois Fellow at Yaddo in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and an artist in resident in Arts/Industry program in Kohler, Wis., in 2008.

"Generally, his work, which I love, he takes

those ordinary objects that we are very, very familiar with: ladders, and stones and in this case, lampposts, and he turns them into these extraordinary sculptures and installations," Willis said.

Council member Kevin Spease said while he's sometimes challenged by public art, he liked what Stephan proposed.

"I saw it; I liked it; I am supportive of it," Spease said.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said she was appreciative of the name.

"I really appreciate that we raised the bar from books to public art, which we sorely need in Elk Grove," Singh-Allen said.

Local Military Community to Honor Immortal Chaplains

American Legion Post 55 News Release

ELK GROVE, CA - Each year the members of American Legion Post 55 along with support from American Legion Post 233, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2073 and the Marine Corps League Detachment 1238, host an annual remembrance of the Four Chaplains.

The men being honored are four soldiers of the U.S. Army Chaplains Corps and are known to history as the Immortal Chaplains. Also noteworthy was the timely efforts of a lone coastguardsman who rallied his shipmates to save more lives from the bitter cold North Atlantic.

These two spontaneous legends, occurring during the same tragic event off the coast of Greenland, speak to the brotherly love within us all.

On Feb. 3, 1943, the United States Army Transport (USAT) Dorchester was transporting soldiers to fortify a forward-deployed position when it was attacked by a German submarine. Among the troops aboard the Dorchester were four chaplains of varied denominations.

As the ship began its inevitable journey into the ocean depths, there was fear and chaos everywhere. Many surviving soldiers spoke of these chaplains as calmly moving among the soldiers and sailors, handing out life jackets, guiding



Seorge L. Fox, Alexander



men to the lifeboats and

providing as much comfort

Discovering that there

were not enough life jack-

ets to go around, each of

the chaplains gave their

own life jacket to other

soldiers so they could be

saved. As the Dorchester

slipped under the waves,

departing survivors saw

these four chaplains on

deck, praying together,

still a calming influence on

cutter Comanche, those on

deck were initially reluc-

tant to go over the side to

check for survivors in the

icy waters. To many of the

sailors, the risk outweighed

Aboard the Coast Guard

those around them.

and direction as possible.

Photo courtesy of fourchaplains.org

the possibility of finding

survivors among so many dead in lifeboats and adrift, until a ship's steward, with no obligation to be on deck at all, went over the side to check for survivors.

His success inspired others to join in lifesaving efforts. After several successful rescues, the steward, exhausted, collapsed on deck and was taken to sick bay. He remained ill and weeks later died of pneumonia.

Please join your Elk Grove veterans at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at District56 Community Center as we honor the Four Chaplains.

Shelter Shines Light on Needy Animals

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new families.

to explore new environments, which is cal health, and it often helps us learn more about their personalities in the 'real world' so we can better 'matchmake' them with potential new families," Walsh said. "We also very much rely on our more traditional foster families who bring shelter pets into their home for longer periods of time, and for some foster parents, it's a few weeks and for others it may be sev-



Cooper Pouley, another volunteer who has been working at the shelter for about a year, said he strongly recommends taking time to volunteer for your community.

"Volunteering builds towards getting

Even for people who aren't able to adopt, she said there are multiple ways to help these animals.

"If folks aren't able to adopt, at any point, but especially in the holiday season, we would love for them to consider fostering a pet, whether it's even just for a weekend or over a holiday," Walsh said.

She said another way to help the shelter is to donate.

"Donations are always appreciated," Walsh said. "Donations of both physical items to use at the shelter, such as toys, towels, blankets and treats are fantastic."

When animals are taken to the shelter, the shelter makes it a priority to provide the best possible care.

"If someone must make the difficult decision to not keep their pet, animal shelters would usually be there as a safety net to keep the pet from being turned loose on the street," she said. "Unfortunately in recent years most animal shelters have been so full they can't open their doors to surrender, but we do our best to offer support and other resources to help prevent pets from ending up on the street.'

Ashley Elamrani, a shelter senior customer service specialist, said he shelter's programs are designed to help spread awareness of the needs of sheltered animals.

"Throughout the holidays, all year round, we do fostering, we have Doggy Day Out programs, but through the holidays, we do a big push for people to keep the animals in their home during the holidays," she said. "Even if they're not adopting, they can do fostering over Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's."

The giving tree, in the shelter's lobby, is another way where people are able to help out sheltered animals throughout the holidays.

A collage shows a variety of animals at the Elk Grove Animal shelter

"Our sponsorship tree that's in the lobby is where you can see pictures of the animals, you can sponsor their adoption fees, in which their adopter doesn't have to pay it, or you can pick out different toys for them," Elamrani said. "A lot of people like to get animals as gifts for the holidays, so we also sell gift certificates so that you don't buy a gift for somebody that they might not be expecting. Instead, they can come and pick out their own animal."

In addition, she said she highly recommends adopting an animal over buying for multiple reasons.

"(Sheltered animals) are already here and needing a home, as opposed to new animals being born that are unaltered, not fixed, and then they create more animals," Elamrani said. "Those animals, a lot of times, will end up in an animal shelter."

Elamrani said another reason to adopt is because of the amount of information and evaluations adopters can gain from the shelter.

"We do fostering and adopting, because we can get information from people and convey that to an adopter," she said. "Shelter animals generally are pretty sturdy. They go through evaluations, they are already medically checked, so as opposed to buying an animal online, where you might not get all the information, we're able to do our own evaluations and give them a vet check."

Lastly, the cost of adopting and buying strongly varies.

"If you get an animal online, they're already vaccinated, already licensed, and then you also get some follow up care and behavior help, so they're gonna come with a whole bunch of things that would typically cost about \$1,000 from the start," she said. "Our adoption fee at most is \$150, so it's a good place to start."

For those thinking of adopting an animal, Elamrani said the process is simple.

"When someone comes in, they're welcome to just look around, you don't have to sign up or have an appointment," she said. "If you're interested in any of the animals, you just ask the front desk to meet with them, and one of our animal care staff will take them out for you, they'll go over any information we have about owning a pet, and then you come up to the front desk if you decide you want to take them home. We register the microchip to you, so it's not as much of an application, it's just like a questionnaire, so we have all your information, and then you take them home.'

June Kashiwada has been volunteering at the shelter since it was first opened and especially appreciates the value of the fostering program.

"If the public would like to foster some of the animals and take them home ... there's always staff here every single day of the week, and volunteers even on holidays, so a lot of our dogs went home to people for four or five days, and then our cats, too," Kashiwada said. "We had cats go out for four or five days."

As a cat volunteer, Kashiwada said there are lots of different elements that make up her duties."I feed them twice a day when their kennels get empty because they've been adopted, we clean the kennels, help staff, meet with the people, introduce them to the cats, answer any questions that they have, and then help with the adoption, if they decide to adopt," she said.

into college because of community service hours and gaining experience," he said.

Throughout the holiday season, more people come in looking for animals as gifts, giving the animals communication time.

When people donate, the donations go to the adopters or their animals.

"(The shelter) can give you items for your adopted animal," Pouley said. "We have a donation table, and they give you stuff from that donation table. Sometimes it's bowls, food, or toys, but they give you items to help you get started."

Carly Saletnik, who is looking to adopt a sheltered dog, is one of many who signed up for the Doggy Day Out program.

"I had to fill out an application to foster dogs," Saletnik said. "I wanted to see if she was in my home environment and see how she did outside of the shelter, and she did really well."

After her experience with Doggy Day Out, she recommends it to others looking to help sheltered dogs in any way possible.

"When the weather's nice, you could take a doggy out for a walk, a hike, and just give them a break from the shelter because it's a really high-stress environment," Saletnik said. "You can just tell when a dog is scared, in a loud room surrounded by other dogs, so you might as well get them out of here once in a while."

Saletnik said she is proud to help sheltered and fostered animals in any way possible and hopes to spread more awareness about adopting from a shelter.

"Sheltered and foster animals are overlooked, and most of the time, people look for trendy or cool dogs," she said. "We don't know what happened to put an animal in shelter care, so I think it's very important to take a look at all of your options since all animals deserve love."

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