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Three officers and 82 new members were installed during the Dec. 7 ceremony establishing the new Elk Grove Moose Service Center #2731. Photos by Rick Sloan

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A ceremony instituting the new Elk Grove Moose Service Center #2731 was held Dec. 7 at Elk Grove Park Pavilion, drawing California-Nevada Moose Association chapter members, chairmen and 82 new members for a celebratory social gathering.

The California-Nevada Moose Association is a regional affiliate of Moose International, which unites local lodges across California and Nevada in

support of community service. Its efforts include support for Mooseheart, a residential childcare facility; and Moosehaven, a senior retirement home, as well as other Moose charities through coordinated programs and events.

City officials were also on hand for the occasion, including Rancho Cordova City Councilmember Linda Budge.

“What a great time to strengthen our Fraternal Organization in our 5th year of continuous growth,”

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Pictured from left are new Elk Grove Moose Service Center #2731 President Jason Evans being presented with the gavel by West Coast Regional Manager Mo Khan on Dec. 7.

Council Hears of Homeless Shelter Stats, Successes



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By John McCallum

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - As the city moves forward with siting and construction of a new homeless shelter, the existing facility continues to do good work providing services for those seeking assistance while also keeping crime down and the city a bit cleaner.

At its final meeting of the year, Dec. 10, council received a report on operations of the shelter in 2025. The shelter, which opened in November 2024, is a partnership between four organizations: The Gathering Inn (TGI), Turning Point, Elk Grove HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) and the Elk Grove Food Bank, along with nonprofit and faith-based organizations that provide periodic dinners and donations.

Located in Calvary Christian Center at East Stockton Boulevard and Banff Vista Drive, the shelter can serve up to 30 adults per night, with five emergency beds available for use by the Elk Grove Police Department. Operated by TGI, the shelter is available by referral only and allows guests to bring their pets along with a reasonable number of belongings.

In her report to council, Elk Grove Housing and Public Services Manager Sarah Bontrager said 93 adults stayed at least one night at the shelter in 2025, with an average nightly enrollment of 24. This figure equates to 9,396 bed nights provided to date.

The shelter offers not only a place to sleep but three meals a day plus snacks along with restrooms, showers and laundry facilities.

It provides services for individuals such as connections to behavior health counseling through Turning Point, employment assistance, transportation to appointments, and moving assistance such as deposit help and furniture through Elk Grove HART.

Shelter guests ranged in age from 19 to 74, and included 64 men, 28 women and one binary individual, with three individuals being military veterans.

More than half had some disability, with 23% having a chronic health condition. All guests reported living

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A Legacy of Service

Project R.I.D.E Director Tina Calanchini Retires

Story and photos
by Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A longtime member of the Project R.I.D.E team has set down her riding gear and stepped into a well-earned retirement after dedicating a career of providing care through equine therapy.

Project R.I.D.E is a local nonprofit that provides therapeutic recreational horseback riding instruction to children and adults with special needs and serves 11 counties, including Sacramento County. The organization supports about 600 participants across its service area.

On Dec. 8, Project R.I.D.E staff and board members gathered to celebrate Tina Calanchini, who retired from her position as executive director. Vice Mayor Darren Suen attended the event to present a certificate recognizing Calanchini's contributions to the community on behalf of the city.

Suen reflected on his personal connection with Calanchini, which he said began about 20 years ago



Pictured from left are Elk Grove Vice Mayor Darren Suen and retiring Project R.I.D.E Executive Director Tina Calanchini on Dec. 8.

when he sought help for his oldest child and later continued through collaboration after he entered politics 11 years ago.

“It’s an incredible difference that you and this organization have made in this community, since 1979,” Suen said. “The

passion you’ve demonstrated that from what I’ve witnessed over the years is just incredible and a testament to what a great community we have here in Elk Grove.”

“We are so grateful for your service for all these years,” he added.

Calanchini, who began volunteering with Project R.I.D.E in 2000, emphasized that volunteer support is the lifeblood of the program.

“... this has been the best job, and I say that all the time. I have the best

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said CNMA President Bill Jackson in a letter. "As we look upon the new members and Officers of Lodge 2731, let us rejoice in the strength and benefits we all share with our members, communities and families as we go forward together, stronger and united."

Jackson also credited Committee Chair John Ingram, who spearheaded the effort to institute a Moose lodge in Elk Grove. Further recognition

came from Sacramento Valley District 4 President Will Roberts, whose congratulatory letter was also read aloud to the crowd. The new lodge was formally assigned to District 4 of the California-Nevada Moose Association, which includes Moose lodges located in Northern California cities such as Roseville, Rancho Cordova, West Sacramento, South Lake Tahoe, Placerville and Pacifica, among others.

"The CNMA Executive Committee wishes to thank John Ingram, the Chair of the New Lodge Development Committee and his committee members," Roberts said. "Our sincere thanks to everyone that made this happen."

During the ceremony, three officers were installed for the new service center: President Jason Evans, Vice President TJ Homer and Treasurer Chanty Barnhardt.

Evans addressed the

crowd as an officer of the new service center, thanking everyone who helped to bring the effort to fruition.

He also noted the significance of the ceremony, saying the establishment of the service center creates new opportunities for the Elk Grove community to give back.

"I know that the community of Elk Grove will be thankful for a lot of the future events that we are going to provide and some



Pictured from left are new Elk Grove Moose Service Center #2731 Treasurer Chanty Barnhardt, President Jason Evans and Vice President TJ Homer. Photo by Rick Sloan

of the teams that we will be building with the different community organizations here," Evans said.

To learn more about the California-Nevada Moose Association, visit ca-nvmoose.org.

Council Hears of Homeless Shelter Stats, Successes

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outdoors or in vehicles, with 51% unhoused for a year or more.

Bontrager detailed a number of program successes, beginning with 14 individuals moving into permanent housing at either affordable housing complexes, room rentals, family and friends or market-rate housing. Fifty-four percent of guests were referred to behavioral health services and 25% were successfully linked to health care providers.

"Many think the homeless are unemployed," Bontrager said. "We saw seven people come into the shelter with jobs."

Additionally, 12 people found new or better employment while at the shelter, she added.

Elk Grove Police Department Sgt. Josh Magdaleno said the shelter gives officers a "real option" for helping individuals they encounter who have no place to go. Department officers

utilized 25 emergency beds this past year, with 8 to 10 individuals slated to go to transitional or permanent housing.

Magdaleno said the "most dramatic statistic" is a 65% decline in the use of homeless encampments in the city this past year. That has led to a "significant decrease" in debris removed during the city's bi-weekly homeless encampment trash cleanups, amounting to a reduction in waste of over 40,000 pounds.

"It's helped reduce the encampments and given officers an effective, compassionate option," Magdaleno said.

Magdaleno added there has been a 9.1% increase in reported crime activity in a 0.3-mile radius of the shelter, with a 115% increase in suspicious trespass calls mainly from businesses south of the shelter such as Walmart and the Elk Grove Village shopping center.

"The key takeaway here is the shelter is not creating a crime burden," he added.

Bontrager said they have taken measures to eliminate any neighborhood impacts from the shelter. Police and staff make frequent neighborhood patrols, and the shelter recently hired a new manager.

"We're receiving relatively few neighborhood complaints," she added.

Elk Grove HART co-founders Frank Lucia and Debbie Schoeneshoefer wrapped up the presentation, sharing photos and stories about shelter client successes. Schoeneshoefer reminded people of the importance of the shelter, particularly as the weather gets colder, noting hypothermia claimed the lives of several individuals living on the streets in Sacramento this year.

"It has been a place to escape the elements, especially on cold nights like tonight," Schoeneshoefer said.

Council members expressed appreciation for city and shelter staff work

as well as law enforcement in helping unhoused people in the community. Councilmember Darren Suen praised the efforts in not only providing a roof over individuals' heads and meals but also for establishing dignity and providing the opportunity for people to improve their lives.

Councilmember Kevin Spease said the issue of homelessness is personal to him because he has a family member who has been homeless for the past eight years.

Spease acknowledged it can be difficult for people to ask for help, and he expressed gratitude not only to shelter and city staff but the public at large for being willing to step up and find ways to help the homeless, including passage of the "Safety & Quality of Life" tax initiative (Measure E) by voters in November 2022.

"Those tax dollars have been very helpful in moving the needle as discussed today," Spease said. "We

Suen Appointed New Vice Mayor

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - At its Dec. 10 meeting, the Elk Grove City Council appointed Councilmember Darren Suen to serve in the role of vice mayor for 2026.

Suen will replace Sergio Robles, who has served as vice mayor in 2025. The vice mayor presides at council meetings, attends community events and performs other ministerial duties in the mayor's absence.

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers at



Pictured is Vice Mayor Darren Suen. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

8400 Laguna Palms Way. Meetings are livestreamed on the city's website at elk-grove.gov/councilmeeting.

The City Council will reconvene for its first meeting of 2026 on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

can't solve the problem, but we can manage the problem, and we are managing that very, very well.

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By your local dentist Dr. Ashkan Alizadeh, Master at Academy of General Dentistry

Losing a tooth is more common than most people realize, whether it's from decay, gum disease, or an accident.

But even one missing tooth can affect more than your smile. It can make chewing more difficult, lead to shifting of nearby teeth, and even change the shape of your face over time.

The good news is, there are several ways to replace missing teeth. Understanding the options can help you make the best decision for your health and comfort.

- 1. Do Nothing (Not Recommended)**
While it may seem easier to leave the space empty, this can cause nearby teeth to drift, throwing off your bite and leading to more tooth wear or jaw pain. Once teeth move out of proper alignment, it becomes harder to clean, increasing the risk of cavities and gum disease. It also becomes more challenging to replace the teeth if you wait too long to replace the teeth, so it's best not to wait too long.
- 2. Removable Partial or Full Denture**
A removable denture is a simple and affordable way to replace one, several, or all missing teeth. These appliances are taken out at night and cleaned daily. While they can restore your smile and chewing function, they tend to cover a large portion of the mouth and can sometimes feel bulky or less secure.
- 3. Fixed Bridge**
A bridge is a permanent option that connects an artificial tooth to the natural teeth on either side of the gap. This provides a more natural look and feel than a removable denture. However, the neighboring teeth must be shaped to support the bridge, and it's not ideal if too many teeth are missing.
- 4. Dental Implants**
Dental implants are the most advanced and long-lasting option. An implant is a small titanium post that replaces the root of a missing tooth and supports a crown, bridge, or even a full denture. Implants look, feel, and function like natural teeth, and they help preserve the jawbone beneath the gums. Implants aren't for everyone, though. Factors like bone quality, health conditions, and medications can affect whether they're the right choice. Your dentist can take X-rays and discuss if implants are a good fit for you.

The Bottom Line
Replacing missing teeth is about more than appearance. It's about maintaining good oral health, proper chewing, and a confident smile. Whether you need to replace one tooth or a full set, there's a solution that can fit your needs and lifestyle.

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Program Bolsters Air Traffic Workforce Pipeline

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Rep. Ami Bera gathered with leaders of the Los Rios Community College District, Sacramento County and regional aviation on Monday, Dec. 8 at the Modern Aviation Terminal Building to recognize Sacramento City College's (SCC) process in becoming an enhanced Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative (AT-CTI).

Pending final approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Sacramento City College would be one out of only two institutions in the nation to have dual certification for students to train for both tower and en route air traffic control.

This major milestone gives students a chance to complete the FAA training in Sacramento instead of needing to travel to Oklahoma City, where the FAA Academy is located. This provides students with benefits while attending school and a chance to be hired upon graduation. Sean Tener, adjunct professor in the Air Traffic Department at Sacramento City College, said, "We are helping California advance their economic growth by providing education and training that continuously contributes to the work force."

Having a lower cost, local training and being able to use financial aid toward their careers are some of the benefits that can relieve the burden that students take on when they attend the academy instead of Sacramento City College.

Students are also given a chance to make personal connections with their instructors.

They are given three semesters to absorb the needed information from the same instructors at Sacramento City College, while the academy gives the students only four months to learn the information from multiple instructors.

Rep. Ami Bera stated, "It's incredibly important that we have well trained aircraft controllers keeping us safe and



Adjunct Professor Sean Tener talks to CBS 13 at the Modern Aviation Terminal Building at Sacramento Executive Airport.

confident in the skies."

Bera said he understands how important it is to have air traffic controllers as he flies back and forth across the country on a weekly basis, especially during the government shutdown.

With the shutdown, and the shortage of controllers, there are some instances where cargo needs to divert to Reno, Nevada, or to the Bay Area before being transported to Sacramento.

Karyme Perez, who is in the Air Traffic Control Program at Sacramento City College, stated, "The government shutdown made me even more motivated as a student. Seeing how much this affects us as a nation and the shortage of the controllers that are needed right now, I feel students like me are even more motivated to be able to do this career and help out the community."

Upon approval from the FAA, the opportunity for being an air traffic controller is going to be higher than before by giving students a more direct pipeline for a career after graduation.



"It's incredibly important that we have well trained aircraft controllers keeping us safe and confident in the skies," Rep. Ami Bera said.



Sacramento City College student Karyme Perez talks about new enhanced programs in air traffic education.



Rep. Ami Bera chats with student Karyme Perez and her parents.

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Hanukkah Celebration Dec. 14

Rabbi Chaim Groner and Chabad of Elk Grove invite the entire Elk Grove community to its fourth annual Hanukkah celebration "Light Up Elk Grove" from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at Old Town Plaza.

Hanukkah, one of the most widely observed Jewish holidays, is an eight-day festival often referred to as the "Festival of Lights" and celebrated with candles, food, family and friends. Each night's added candle brings both literal and symbolic light.

Meaning "dedication" in Hebrew, Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian army in 165 B.C.E. and the subsequent liberation and "rededication" of the Temple in Jerusalem. There was only enough oil to light the Temple menorah for one night, but the flame miraculously lasted for eight days until a rider could bring fresh oil.

Traditional food including latkes (potato pancakes) and doughnuts will be served. Activities include a bounce house, balloon twisting, a caricature artist and strolling magician. The event is free.

For more information, contact Rabbi Chaim Groner (917) 724-4443.

Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

Special Christmas Celebration Concert: The "Journey to Joy" concert will feature the wonderful voice of Virginia Ayers-Dawson, with special guest Marcus Dawson. The concert will be held 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at our church, described below. Everyone is invited, donation admission.

Church Services During Advent: Dec 14: third Sunday of Advent. "Not What I Was Expecting."

Dec 21: fourth Sunday of Advent. "Beyond the Rational." We will give our Christmas Joy offering this day.

Dec 24 at 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Service. Please gather with us for a wonderful service of music and a message, the "Festival of Lessons and Carols."

Please join us for the above events or any Sunday. We meet Sundays at 10 a.m. and our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd. We have open Communion the first Sunday of the month. For more information, Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elk-grovepres@gmail.com.

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Meals on Wheels Offers Seniors Dine Out Option



The City of Elk Grove announced in its latest newsletter that senior residents can dine out at Brickhouse Restaurant (9027 Elk Grove Blvd.) through the Meals on Wheels-Sacramento County Restaurant Program. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove seniors can enjoy a delicious, nutritious meal while connecting with others through the Meals on Wheels-Sacramento County Restaurant Program.

Participants in the program can dine at the Brickhouse Restaurant on Elk Grove Boulevard using a reloadable Meals on Wheels restaurant meal card, which provides meal credits for specially approved senior menu options.

This program was created to give older adults more variety and flexibility

in their dining choices while promoting social connection and reducing isolation.

To be eligible, participants must be age 60 or better (or the spouse of an eligible participant), live in Sacramento County and meet program priorities such as income qualification and food security needs.

Meals can be enjoyed during regular restaurant business hours, and participants must use at least five meals per month to remain active in the program.

For more information, contact ntc@mowsac.org or call 916-444-9533. ★

Casino, Tribe Contribute \$63,500 to Food Bank

Sky River Casino News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - On Friday, Dec. 12, Sky River Casino and Wilton Rancheria celebrated a contribution to the Elk Grove Food Bank during a special ceremony.

In a month-long, internal initiative to address food insecurity, Sky River's Team Member Food Drive

mobilized over 1,600 team members to collect food and monetary donations, benefiting the Elk Grove Food Bank.

The ceremony recognized the engagement of Sky River team members whose efforts resulted in a collection of 1,000 pounds of canned goods and non-perishable food items alongside a total financial donation of \$3,500,

sourced from the monetary donations received and funds matched by Sky River Casino.

This donation effort builds upon the recent contribution from Wilton Rancheria, which provided \$50,000 and 418 turkeys to the food bank to assist families impacted by the federal government shutdown.

The funds from Wilton



Sky River Casino team and Wilton Rancheria tribe members present a \$3,500 donation to Elk Grove Food Bank Services, adding to a combined \$63,500. Photo courtesy Sky River Casino

Rancheria, along with cash and food donations from Sky River's Team Member Food Drive, and the casino's annual sponsorship commitment of \$10,000 to

the Elk Grove Food Bank, totals \$63,500 in support this year.

"It was so very thoughtful and generous of all your team members who

participated in this event," said Dr. Suman Singha, Elk Grove Food Bank board chair.

"Donations such as these allow us to meet our mission and ensure that no one goes hungry."

Sky River Casino and Wilton Rancheria remain committed to uplifting the Elk Grove community and look forward to continuing their impactful partnership with Elk Grove Food Bank services in the years to come. ★

A Legacy of Service

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job; I get to play with kids and horses all day," Calanchini said.

She added that the work brought something unexpected but welcome into her life, giving her the opportunity to help children who are challenged in their own ways by offering them a place where they can confide and feel supported.

Looking ahead,

Calanchini said retirement means doing "anything I want." She plans to visit her mother in the Midwest, catch up on books she has wanted to read and possibly return to serve on the board after taking a break.

Reflecting on her time with the organization, Calanchini told the Elk Grove Citizen she hopes she is leaving Project R.I.D.E better than she found it. She noted that

when she first began volunteering, there was little in the way of formal systems or operations to help the program run smoothly or expand its reach.

Once the program was able to better extend its services, Calanchini said, Project R.I.D.E was able to enroll about 400 youth who had previously been on a waiting list for therapeutic recreational horseback riding. She explained that

growth came through years of fundraising over time to reach the program's current capacity.

"I got an opportunity to work here and pretty much I just hope that I'm leaving it better, and that I'm leaving it on a more solid foundation so that it's here for the kids," Calanchini said.

Calanchini noted that she feels confident leaving the organization in good hands, with individuals who want to be there and are dedicating themselves to the program's continued development

and its mission of helping children.

"It's good work, good work on this Earth and good work for a day's work. So involving both humans and animals and the connection that goes along with it, there's magic," Calanchini said.

"For a few minutes or 30 minutes that a child can be free of their disability that has given them something that they can't find in many places."

Project R.I.D.E Board President Kim Hettrick said she has

proudly worked alongside Calanchini since they both started with the organization.

"Project Ride was incredibly fortunate to have her as its leader for all of these years; building a solid, strong foundation that will undoubtedly sustain the organization for generations to come," Hettrick said. "Because of her commitment to and love of this program and our R.I.D.E community, future children will have the ability to experience the joy of their own 'special place.'" ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Sacramento Kings had a rough week. Whether it's at Golden One or on the road, the 2025-26 campaign has not been a pleasant experience.

Diehard fans will likely point to injuries, and you would have a point, but injuries alone cannot account for losing 20 games in the first 26 contests. There is more to the story.

The Kings as they are currently assembled do not match up with bigger teams. Does that mean that the Kings need to build a team that resembles the Oklahoma City Thunder? Well, it wouldn't be a bad idea, but easier said than done, it's important to note that there are a host of players under 6 feet, 6 inches that are difference makers in this league.

Well, I don't pretend to be able to read the mind of Scott Perry, but if you listen to him, he will tell you that he has autonomy and will be the architect of what is apparently going to be a rebuilding season. Perry has alluded to this experience likely taking three to five years, which no one wants to hear.

For me, I can condense the process to five players that I would keep at all costs.

Domantas Sabonis has had little time on the hardwood this season due to injury, but make no mistake about it, he is a difference maker. Any player that can lead the league in double-doubles, year over year, while also leading the league in rebounding three years running, is someone you need to covet. Sabonis also led the league in triple-doubles two years ago, so there you have an anchor on your team that simply needs to stay.

The Kings are guard heavy, but their young guards have yet to see their potential. Players like Nique Clifford and even Devin Carter have not had sufficient time for fans to see what could be an incredible upside. Keep these youngsters and remember why you made them number one draft choices.

Keegan Murray had a rookie season three years ago that was eye popping because he was living up to his hype. The NCAA scoring champ out of Iowa set a Sacramento franchise record of 11 consecutive threes, and a total of twelve three-pointers in one game.

Keegan's experience in Sacramento has been up and down, but this year could be a breakout year for the young baller that has not just the shooting ability, but a knack for defense as well. Keep him!

Maxime Reynaud is getting game time due to Domantas being sidelined and he is giving Kings fans a glimpse of what this seven-footer can do. He is my fifth pick to stay.

As our Sactown ballers lost three games last week by a total of 56 combined points, I glanced around the league to see who might be a player that could bring a steadiness to this lineup. One player, although a guard, was Austin Reeves, who managed to drop 51 points on the Kings earlier this season when both LeBron James and Luca Doncic were sidelined with injuries. The same Austin Reeves that just 4 years ago went undrafted by all 30 NBA teams and would eventually be signed to a two-way contract as a walk-on by the LA Lakers.

In high school, Reeves scored 73 points in one game and won back-to-back state titles. Reeves went on to play for Oklahoma averaging 32 points per game as a senior while making the NCAA tournament. How does the entire league miss on a talent that is having the time of his life playing in the NBA?

As I've said before, the Kings need to find someone that can assess talent and hit home runs. It needs to happen sooner rather than later, so right now would be just fine.

Are you listening, Doug Christie? You have a player sitting on your bench by the name of Doug McDermott that can shoot threes like everyone else shoots free throws, and he needs to find a place in your rotation. With six wins to show for the season, what are you waiting for?

Just as Austin Reeves was a welcome surprise, maybe McDermott could bring some much-needed energy to this team.

Stay tuned Kings fans because we're only 25 percent of the way into the season!

All the best and a very Merry Christmas!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Trump Sides with Agriculture Again in California's Never-Ending Water Wars



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

From the onset of his foray into presidential politics a decade ago, Donald Trump has been obsessed with managing California's water, often interjecting himself into decades-long conflicts over how the precious commodity should be divvied up.

During his first stint as president, Trump was heavily influenced by the Westlands Water District, a huge agricultural water agency in the San Joaquin Valley that sought more irrigation water for itself and other farm interests.

That relationship led to an extremely controversial contract that guaranteed Westlands as much as 1 million acre-feet of water each year from the federal Central Valley Project, solidifying the district's supply situation. Lacking water rights, Westlands had historically depended on temporary contracts to meet members' demands.

The new contract angered environmental groups because it threatened to reduce flows through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for wildlife habitat. The groups sued and won rulings against the contract in trial and appellate courts.

After Trump moved back into the White House in January, he immediately picked up where he left off, issuing an order to federal water officials to maximize deliveries in California.

He also complained that

a shortage of water deliveries to Southern California was a factor in the rapid spread of deadly wildfires in Los Angeles County, claiming that the state's efforts to protect "an essentially worthless fish called a smelt" was at fault.

"Governor Gavin Newsom refused to sign the water restoration declaration put before him that would have allowed millions of gallons of water, from excess rain and snow melt from the North, to flow daily into many parts of California, including the areas that are currently burning in a virtually apocalyptic way," Trump wrote on his social media site, Truth Social.

Newsom's office rebuked the claim, saying, "There is no such document as the water restoration declaration - that is pure fiction."

Meanwhile, Trump's executive order pushed the Bureau of Reclamation to modify how it operates the Central Valley Project, a complex of reservoirs - and canals that captures runoff from Northern California mountains and supplies water agencies in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

Last week, the bureau announced an operational modification that would increase annual water deliveries by 130,000 to 180,000 acre-feet from the Central Valley Project and another 120,000 to 220,000 from the State Water Project, the latter chiefly generated from the Oroville Dam on the Feather River. The two projects share management of the Sacramento River and its tributaries.

"This updated operations plan reflects our commitment to using the best available science to increase water deliveries while safeguarding the environment and honoring the legacy of the Central Valley Project's

90 years of service," Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum said in a statement.

The announcement sparked reactions, both pro and con, that reflect the state's long-running water allocation battles - praise from Westlands and other agricultural water agencies that are facing supply reductions from regulation of groundwater use and condemnation from state officials and environmental groups.

"These operational refinements reflect a thoughtful data-informed approach that strengthens water supply availability for growers while maintaining California's commitment to environmental stewardship," Westlands said in a statement.

Newsom spokesperson, Tara Gallegos, had another take: "The Trump administration is putting politics over people - catering to big donors instead of doing what's right for Californians. As per usual, the emperor is left with no clothes, pushing for an outcome that disregards science and undermines our ability to protect the water supply for people, farms, and the environment."

For their part, state water officials say they have no intention of matching the Bureau of Reclamation's new operational rules.

So here we go again, another chapter in the war over water that began when California became a state 175 years ago. It's probably headed to the courts and will probably outlast not only Newsom's governorship but Trump's presidency.

Dan Walters is one of the 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. ★

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Patricia A. Sosa, 8792 Mannington Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "My Bedding Cove" 8792 Mannington Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2025
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Ikramallah Jiddi, 9673 McKenna Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Service Medical" 9673 McKenna Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2025
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The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: W Squared Search, 1601 R Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95811.
W Squared LLC, 5924 Bar Harbour Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on April 26, 2022 in the County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: April 26, 2022.
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The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on April 14, 2023 in the County of Sacramento.
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV027817

Palo No Given Name has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Palo No Given Name to Palo Kaur.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 12, 2026, 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: November 19, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
PALO 12-19-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CAITLIN INGRAM MACCALLA AKA CAITLIN I. MACCALLA AND CAITLIN MACCALLA CASE NO. 25PR003881

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of CAITLIN INGRAM MACCALLA also known as CAITLIN I. MACCALLA and CAITLIN MACCALLA.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by MARY AMANDA MACCALLA, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, The Petition for Probate requests that MARY AMANDA MACCALLA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 7, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. 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, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Gina L. Lera, Lera Tiberini PC, 2110 21st Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95818; 916-403-5180
Publish: December 12, 19, 26, 2025
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TRUSTEE SALE

Title Order No.: 15951561 Trustee Sale No.: 87408 Loan No.: 399440514 APN: 116-0100-093-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/25/2023. 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. On 1/8/2026 at 1:30 PM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 1/31/2023 as Instrument No. 202301310945 in book IIII, page IIII of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: TONY MEHMET GUNDOGDU AND AYNUR VURAL GUNDOGDU, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, as Trustor EAGLE CAPITAL LP, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). 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Said 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 said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$324,860.22 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 11/26/2025 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. 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POLICE LOGS

Dec. 7

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3:42 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Cheyenne Muniz, 32, on trespassing charges.

4:30 p.m., Whitelock Parkway/Willard Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Kristen Ordon, 54, on DUI/drug and child endangerment charges.

Dec. 8

1:18 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Clair Smith Rodriguez, 28, on domestic violence and battery causing serious bodily injury charges.

6:43 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Andrea Valadez, 36; and Pedro Fuentes, 40, on criminal conspiracy and petty theft with priors charges.

11:04 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Vanessa Marin, 34, on warrant charges.

Dec. 9

3:55 a.m., 8400 block of Patina Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Daniel Nguyen, 45, on warrant

charges.

8:40 a.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Park Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Dellonamaye Smith, 48, on identity theft charges.

12:57 p.m., 4800 block of Laguna Boulevard, Grove Police arrested Fatehi Albanna, 38, on sale of flavored tobacco charges.

6:12 p.m., 8700 block of Auberry Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Kendra Providence, 40, on carrying a loaded firearm charges.

10:14 p.m., 7400 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Cheyenne Muniz, 32, on trespassing charges.

10:24 p.m., 8500 block of Banff Vista Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 17; a male juvenile, 16; and a male juvenile, 16, on auto burglary, driving without owner's consent and criminal conspiracy charges.

Dec. 10

4:04 a.m., Calvine Road/Cliffcrest Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Travis Knight, 36, on possession of hard drugs with priors, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of burglary tools, receiving stolen property and probation violation charges.

3:14 p.m., Bond Road/

Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Dailly, 24, on DUI/drug charges.

7:33 p.m., 10000 block of Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Donald Strong, 33, on possession of controlled substance, possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of hard drugs with priors charges.

7:39 p.m., 9600 block of Red Current Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Cody Houtz, 32, on violation of court order and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

7:39 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Big Horn Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Monique Redlon, 42, on public intoxication, resisting arrest and warrant charges.

7:55 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Anglinett Andrews, 55, on shoplifting charges.

8:10 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Cheyenne Muniz, 32, on trespassing and shoplifting charges.

Dec. 11

2:53 a.m., State Highway 99/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Moltaukei

Taukolo, 25; Odell Fua, 23; Peter Faaita, 22; and Tyson Moolio, 21, on reckless driving, reckless evasion and resisting arrest charges.

2:34 p.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Union Park Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Ahmad Aziz, 20; and Said Hashimi, 22, on walking in a roadway and resisting arrest charges.

7:50 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 17; and Navaeh Medina, 18, on shoplifting charges.

Dec. 12

1:27 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 16; and a male juvenile, 15, on shoplifting charges.

9:30 a.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Travis Knight, 36, on receiving stolen vehicle and probation violation charges.

12:49 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 17, on hit and run/injury charges.

2:26 p.m., 7400 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Luke Garecht, 33; Jabarie Hollis, 38; and Anthony Gibson, 28, on possession of controlled substance, possession

of controlled substance for sale, sale or transport of controlled substance, possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of hard drugs with priors, violation of probation, receiving stolen property and warrant charges.

9:16 p.m., 9900 block of Kent Street, Elk Grove Police arrested Ehab Ayoub, 19; and a male juvenile, 17, on engaging in a speed contest charges.

9:22 p.m., Dino Drive/Kent Street, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 17, on reckless driving and driving with missing license plate charges.

9:34 p.m., Waterman Road/Silver Harbor Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Mateo Toste, 22, on reckless driving charges.

10:13 p.m., Silver Harbor Way/Waterman Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Vyacheslav Margiev, 22, on reckless driving charges.

Dec. 13

7:56 p.m., 8100 block of Cosumnes River Boulevard, Grove Police arrested David Bell, 33, on possession of controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine for sale, transportation or sale of methamphetamine and parole violation charges. ★

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ble, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2025-11562. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not be immediately reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. 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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

E-RATE LEASED DARK FIBER OR LIT FIBER SERVICE (RFP) #819-25/26

The Elk Grove Unified School District ("District") is requesting proposals (RFP) from Contractors holding a Class C-7 license, for E-Rate Leased Dark Fiber or Leased Lit Fiber proposals to connect the designated District HUB location to our school locations and other District facilities.

If your firm is interested in being considered for this project, the submittal requirements and deadline for the RFP are as follows:

- RFP packet can be accessed at www.egusdplans.com
- Three (3) bound copies; and one (1) electronic copy in PDF format on a flash drive
- Completed RFP must be received no later than **Monday, January 12, 2026, by 2:00 p.m. PST** at

Elk Grove Unified School District
Facilities and Planning Department, **Room 206**
Attention: Jennifer Jedlicka/Edward Fernandez
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624

The District will not review submittals received after the time and date above. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the SOQ/P will not be accepted. The Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any and all SOQ/P, to negotiate with any and all-responsible firms, and to waive any informality in the process. The District is not responsible for any expenses related to the preparation or presentation of the RFP, including travel costs. The RFP may be withdrawn at any time prior to the closing date and time for receipt of RFP.

In order to control information disseminated regarding this RFP, firms interested in submitting RFP are directed not to make personal contact with members of the Governing Board or District Administration with the exception of the individual, or department staff listed on the RFP packet. This includes unauthorized visits to District-educating facilities.

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. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

Elk Grove Citizen 12-12 and 12-19-2025

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CORE Construction along with Elk Grove Unified School District requests proposals from licensed subcontractors for the following Lease-Leaseback project:

Elk Grove Unified School District
The Trigg Center North Annex Campus Improvement Project (Increment 1)
9510 Elk Grove Florin Road
Elk Grove, CA. 95624

Scheduled bidding period 12/8/2025 – 1/7/2026

The project includes clearing and grubbing the site to remove vegetation and debris, followed by rough grading and preparation for the upcoming Increment 2 work. It also involves installing the utility infrastructure needed to support the planned scope and making alterations to the existing Building D, including adjustments to pathways and equipment to accommodate low-voltage systems.

This project requires compliance with skilled and trained workforce standards as well as prevailing wage requirements.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20111.6*, each prospective MEP Contractor holding C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43, and/or C-46 licenses must be actively prequalified with Elk Grove Unified School District via:

<https://www.egusd.net/Departments/Facilities-and-Planning/index.html>

To become prequalified with CORE Construction, or to update your current qualifications, please fill out the online application request by visiting:

<https://www.coreconstruction.com/subcontractors/> then select "California."

For project questions, please email brianbledsoe@coreconstruction.com
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

E-RATE INFRASTRUCTURE HARDWARE AND INSTALLATION (RFP) #820-25/26

The Elk Grove Unified School District ("District") is requesting a proposal (RFP) from Contractors holding a Class C-7 license, for the E-rate Infrastructure Hardware and Installation project at three (3) school sites.

If your firm is interested in being considered for this project, the submittal requirements and deadline for the RFP are as follows:

- Mandatory Site Walks are scheduled January 5 - 9, 2026. Meet the District Representative at T.R. Smedberg Middle School, 8239 Kingsbridge Dr., Sacramento, CA 95829 a 8:00 a.m. Bids received from parties not attending the Mandatory Site Walks will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the Mandatory Site Walks in their entirety.
- RFP packet can be accessed at www.egusdplans.com
- Three (3) bound printed copies, and one (1) electronic copy in PDF format on a flash drive
- Completed RFP must be received no later than **Friday, February 13, 2026, by 2:00 p.m. PST** at

Elk Grove Unified School District
Facilities and Planning Department
Attention: Jennifer Jedlicka/Edward Fernandez
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, **Room 206**
Elk Grove, CA 95624

The District will not review submittals received after the time and date above. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the SOQ/P will not be accepted. The Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any and all SOQ/P, to negotiate with any and all-responsible firms, and to waive any informality in the process. The District is not responsible for any expenses related to the preparation or presentation of the RFP, including travel costs. The RFP may be withdrawn at any time prior to the closing date and time for receipt of RFP.

In order to control information disseminated regarding this RFP, firms interested in submitting RFP are directed not to make personal contact with members of the Governing Board or District Administration with the exception of the individual, or department staff listed on the RFP packet. This includes unauthorized visits to District-educating facilities.

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. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

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PROPERTY NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NOTICE OF INTENDED FORFEITURE

Property was seized pursuant to California Health and Safety (H&S) Code section 11469, *et. seq.* in the following cases and the District Attorney of El Dorado County has instituted proceedings to forfeit this property:

0271714. On or about August 19, 2025, \$269,758.72 in US Currency and \$20,000.00 in precious metals, was seized from 8439 Bader Road, Elk Grove, CA in connection with a violation of H&S Code Section 11351.

Pursuant to section 11488.4 and 11488.5 of the H&S Code, procedures to forfeit the above-listed property are under way. If you claim an interest in this property, you must, within 30 days of the last publication of the Notice of Seizure and Administrative Forfeiture, file a verified claim in the Superior Court Clerk's office located at 2927 Meder Road, Cameron Park, CA 95682. You must also provide an endorsed copy of the claim, stating your interest in the property, to the office of the El Dorado County District Attorney, 778 Pacific Street, Placerville, CA 95667. The claim must refer to the specific item of property listed in this notice. If your claim is not timely filed, property described in the Notice will be forfeited pursuant to H&S Code section 11489.

If your claim is properly filed, the District Attorney will decide whether to file a Petition for Forfeiture with the Superior Court to contest your claim. In the case where a Petition is filed and a contested hearing is held you will have the following rights which include but are not limited to: you have the right to use the subpoena powers of the court and order witnesses to attend, you have a right to testify on your own behalf, submit evidence showing the legitimacy of the seized assets, and a right to cross examine the petitioner's witnesses. This is a civil action, you have the additional right to represent yourself or hire your own attorney, and there is no right to appointed counsel in this case. If no claim is properly filed within the time allowed, the property will be ordered forfeited to the State, to be disposed of according to law.

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Fees to Build New Homes Average \$109,000

BIA Calls on Local Governments to Lower Fees, Improve Affordability

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Fees builders must pay to local governments in order to build a new home in the Sacramento region now average \$109,000 per home – and a new analysis shows that fees have hit the point where many proposed new home projects may not be built.

The study, conducted by Economic & Planning Systems (EPS) for the North State Building Industry Association, found that the fees charged for homes on standard-sized lots have risen by 25 percent since 2020.

Fees on homes on smaller lots – generally homes that can be profitably sold at lower prices – have risen by 15 percent since 2020 to an average of \$90,000. These rising fees are an important factor in reduced housing affordability, said Tim Murphy, the Building Industry Association's president and CEO.

"High fees mean that only higher-priced homes can be profitably built, which adds to the region's growing housing affordability crisis," Murphy said. "But the study shows that rising fee burdens have reached the point where some projects may not be feasible."

"Housing production in our region is already far below levels needed to meet the need for new housing. Rather than adding to the cost to build, our partners in local



"High fees mean that only higher-priced homes can be profitably built, which adds to the region's growing housing affordability crisis," Murphy said. "But the study shows that rising fee burdens have reached the point where some projects may not be feasible." Photo courtesy Freepik

governments need to carefully evaluate their fees and keep them as low as possible."

The study analyzed a comprehensive set of projects underway in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado and Yolo counties. The Economic & Planning Systems study found that fees totaling between 15 percent and 20 percent of a home's sale price poses potential feasibility problems, while fees exceeding 20 percent may cause challenges. Fee ranges for six of the 16 higher density projects studied were at or above 20 percent, while two others were reaching that level.

"Homebuilders recognize that

they must pay their fair share for infrastructure needed to accommodate growth," said Clifton Taylor, president of Taylor Builders and the Building Industry Association's 2025 President.

"But the fees many jurisdictions are charging have gotten to the point where many projects simply won't pencil out," Taylor said.

"For our members to continue building the new homes the region needs, this study shows that jurisdictions need to be thoughtful and careful about how they set their fees, and that the total fee burden needs to be evaluated both in

terms of absolute dollar amounts and as a percentage of the finished home value."

Fees for new homes on standard-sized lots average \$125,000 in El Dorado County jurisdictions (up 30 percent from five years ago); \$114,000 in Yolo County communities (up 15 percent), \$109,000 in Sacramento County jurisdictions (up 24 percent); and \$95,000 in Placer County communities (up 17 percent).

Murphy noted that many local jurisdictions do work hard to keep their fees justified and affordable, and some have reduced fees

when studies show their levels were excessive.

"Builders and local officials all recognize that the region is in the middle of a worsening housing crisis that can only be resolved by finding ways to reduce costs and speed the development process to bring the supply of housing more into line with the demand," Murphy said.

Jamie Gomes, managing director at Economic & Planning Systems (EPS), and the lead analyst on the report, said while impact fees are an important tool for local jurisdictions to help fund expanded infrastructure and utilities, the impacts of the fees need to be considered as well.

"Higher than average impact fee burdens are usually only sustainable in higher-income developments or communities, where home prices may be unattainable for many buyers," he said. "High costs and fee burdens eliminate the ability to hit lower home prices that are attainable to broader household income ranges. That's why fees should be carefully evaluated."

Economic & Planning Systems is a land economics consulting firm that provides municipalities, developers and builders with realistic assessments of the feasibility of projects and works with local governments throughout the West in preparing development impact fee nexus studies and impact fee comparisons. ★

Probation Chiefs Elect President and Executive Officers

Chief Probation Officers of California News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) has selected its executive leadership team for 2026, naming Chief Esa Ehmen-Krause of Contra Costa County as President, Chief Izen Locatelli of Mendocino County as Vice President, and Chief Tamika Nelson of San Diego County as Secretary/Treasurer.

"California's probation departments are built on a balance of accountability and opportunity, helping those ready for change while protecting the communities we serve," Chief Ehmen-Krause said.

"It is a privilege to serve alongside the dedicated leaders of this association. I look forward to strengthening partnerships, advancing effective practices and supporting the incredible work happening in counties across the state."

Chief Ehmen-Krause, who has served as Chief Probation Officer in Contra Costa County for the last five years, will



Pictured from left are 2026 CPOC Slate of Officers Chief Tamika Nelson (San Diego), Chief Esa Ehmen-Krause (Contra Costa) and Chief Izen Locatelli (Mendocino). Courtesy photo

guide the association during a period of continued evolution in California's public safety landscape. She brings more than two decades of experience in youth services, community-based interventions and system reform.

Her leadership background includes advancing major reform initiatives as Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Alameda County, as well as earlier

roles within the Indiana Department of Corrections' Division of Youth Services. In Indiana, she earned recognition for implementing the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Performance-based Standards model and developing strategies to safely reduce youth facility populations.

"Chief Ehmen-Krause is a collaborative, thoughtful, and forward-thinking

leader," said 2025 Chief Probation Officers of California President and San Joaquin County Probation Chief Steve Jackson. "She brings people together to support better outcomes for our communities, an approach that will serve both the association and communities across the state."

The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) is an association of all 58 counties with a shared identity as law enforcement leaders. Chief Probation Officers of California is committed to a research-based approach to public safety that promotes positive behavior change.

Their leadership guides policy and practice in prevention, community-based corrections, secure detention for youth, and direct human services. Chief Probation Officers of California aims to prevent crime and delinquency, reduce recidivism, restore victims, and promote healthy families and communities.

For more information about The Chief Probation Officers of California, go to www.cpoc.org. ★

Sierra Health and United Way Launch Match for Meals

Match For Meals News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As local food banks' resources are stretched thin to serve record numbers of people experiencing food insecurity, Sierra Health Foundation and United Way California Capital Region are launching the Match for Meals campaign.

All donations made through Match for Meals until Jan. 31, 2026, will be matched up to \$300,000 by the two organizations to benefit Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, Interfaith Food Bank of Amador County, El Dorado County Food Bank, Feeding the Foothills in Placer County and Yolo Food Bank. To donate, visit www.MatchForMeals.org or text Match4Meals to 41444.

Sierra Health Foundation will match donations up to \$200,000, and the local United Way will match donations up to \$100,000.

The announcement was made recently at a press conference at Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, which supports more than 110 local agencies, including food pantries, community meal sites, senior centers, schools and nonprofits.

On average, nearly 320,000 people rely on Sacramento Food Bank's 200 distribution sites each month. In October, the food bank broke a 49-year record, serving more than 372,000 people.

Across the state in 2024, food banks distributed more than 950 million pounds of food and served more than 6 million people per month, according to the California

Association of Food Banks. Currently one in five Californians – almost 9 million – experience food insecurity.

"When one in five Californians is struggling to put food on the table, we are reminded that hunger isn't just a statistic, it's a reality for our neighbors, our friends and our families," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region.

Sierra Health Foundation is a private philanthropy investing in and serving as a catalyst for ideas, partnerships and programs that improve health and quality of life in Northern California and the San Joaquin Valley. Learn more: www.sierrahealth.org.

United Way California Capital Region has been a driving force across the region for more than 100 years, listening, responding and taking comprehensive action to meet local needs. From advancing youth opportunities to strengthening local communities and investing in families' financial security and health, United Way mobilizes communities to build a future where everyone can reach their full potential.

Working across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, the local United Way provides books and literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, works with foster youth across school districts, launched the region's first guaranteed income program and leads the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. Learn more: www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org. ★

CAL FIRE Transitions to New National Emergency Reporting System

CAL FIRE News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) announced recently that fire departments across the state are beginning the transition to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS)—a secure, cloud-based platform built to modernize how emergency incidents are reported and analyzed.

Departments across the country are onboarding to NERIS as part of a phased national rollout led by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate (DHS S&T), and the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI), part of Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Research Institutes. NERIS is replacing the 40-year-old National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), and will provide local agencies with timely data tools, location-based analytics, and flexible options for incident reporting at no cost to departments.

"Modernizing emergency data collection is a critical step toward strengthening public safety," said Chief Daniel Berlant, California State Fire Marshal. "By utilizing NERIS, we are giving our departments better tools to protect our communities, manage resources effectively, and make informed decisions backed by current data."

The National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) offers several key features designed to support public fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies. The platform provides zero-cost access

for all public fire and EMS departments, ensuring that every agency can take advantage of its capabilities without financial barriers.

NERIS also prioritizes local data ownership, allowing departments to maintain full control over their records and information. Its GIS-based reporting tools deliver location-specific insights that support better planning and decision-making.

In addition, the system includes actionable dashboards that enhance operational awareness and performance tracking. To make adoption easier, NERIS offers streamlined onboarding, complete with help desk support and training tools.

Departments can begin the onboarding process today by visiting the NERIS website. The process includes account setup, administrator access, and records management system (RMS) integration, if applicable. "NERIS is purpose-built for today's fire service," said Steve Kerber, Executive Director of FSRI. "It's based on research and feedback from the field, and it delivers actionable information that improves emergency response and supports long-term planning and resourcing at the local, state, and national levels."

CAL FIRE – OSFM encourages all departments to complete onboarding as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition. The current national data platform, NFIRS, will be formally decommissioned on January 1, 2026. For additional questions or technical support, departments can contact the NERIS Help Desk or the CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal directly. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Dec. 31

American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program Applications Accepted – Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 will sponsor an American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – A Constitutional Speech Contest on Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, District 56, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove 95757. The American Legion Oratorical Contest started in 1938 to encourage high school students to develop a deeper knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. It is a progressive contest that starts at a Post level with winners advancing up to a national competition. The first place National Competition winner receives more than \$25,000. We encourage high school students to look into this scholarship opportunity. Your high school counselors may have been provided contest information. The public is welcome to join us and observe the contest. Contact Susan Mason, chair, Post 233 Oratorical, at freedom9115@1791.com for more information. Applications accepted until Dec. 31.

Continuing through Sunday, Dec. 21

An Old-Fashioned Christmas – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Elk Grove House and Stage Stop. Presented by the Elk Grove Historical Society; enjoy decorations, activities and Santa. \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 16 & under. *Elk Grove Park, 9941 E. Stockton Blvd.*

Saturday, Dec. 20 and Sunday, Dec. 21

The Nutcracker – two performances each day, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre. This spectacular holiday tradition is presented by the Elite Studio of Dance. Experience the magic and wonder of this timeless ballet, brought to life by talented young dancers. Tickets and more information at lodi.gov. *125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.*

Saturday, Dec. 20

Thrifthathon – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. Featuring over 30 vendors, this curated flea market experience

includes unique offerings such as community clothing swaps, buy-sell-trade opportunities and more. Join us for an unforgettable day of shopping, music and community fun. Bring your reusable bags to carry your finds. *9615 Railroad St.*

Holiday Food & Craft Fair – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation. It's the most wonderful time of the year ... to shop local! Get ready to shop with over 100 local food and craft vendors. From festive Hawaiian, Asian, Anime, Sanrio and Disney-themed gifts, to handmade jewelry, cozy apparel, stunning art, and more: There's something for everyone on your list. *9040 High Tech Court.*

Sunday, Dec. 21

Miracles in Old Elk Grove – 8 a.m. to noon at Old Town Plaza. This toy drive, led by dedicated local business owners and community leaders, aims to bring joy to 150 families facing challenges this Christmas. We'll be using Old Town Plaza as the hub for toy collection and distribution on the same day. For more information, call 916-617-9622 or visit miraclesinelkgrove.com. *9615 Railroad St.*

Monday, Dec. 22, Tuesday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 26

Kid Central Holiday Camp – all day at the Youth Center. This winter camp is filled with fun games, arts and crafts, sports, science, playground time and special events based on our awesome holiday themes. A morning and afternoon snack will be provided. Register at cosumnescd.gov. *9922 Elk Grove Florin Road.*

Ongoing Events

Caregiver Coffee – 10:30 a.m. the third Saturday each month at Elk Grove United Methodist Church. This is open to all as a way to share experiences in caregiving as well as resources. For more information, contact Ruth at 916-509-1414. Next meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 20. *8986 Elk Grove Blvd.*

Elk Grove Certified Farmers Market – every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon at 8245 Laguna Blvd.

Rotary Club of Elk Grove – every

Wednesday for lunch at noon, The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. More information at elkgroverotary.org.

Sunday Pop-Up Market at HomeGrown Inc. – every Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the HomeGrown Inc. Farmer's Market "store." Enjoy music, delicious food, fresh baked goods, local shopping, and health and wellness vendors. There's something for everyone. *9120 Elk Grove Blvd.*

Widowed Persons Social Club – Dec. 19, 10 a.m. Pinochle at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

Dec. 24, 1 p.m. Book club at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Merrylyn at 916-549-4264.

Dec. 26, 10 a.m. Variety game day at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

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.

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Jan. 3 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. *9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road., Wilton.*

Library Events

Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (EG) Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.; (F) Franklin, 10055 Franklin High Road; (NW) Nonie Wetzel Library, 170 Primasing Ave., Courtland; (VH) Valley Hi/North Laguna, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento:

Friday, Dec. 19: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. (EG) Tween book group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This month we'll be discussing "Alterations" by Ray Xu. Copies will be available at the front desk. (EG) Saturday, Dec. 20: Family story time, 10

a.m. to 11 a.m. (F)

Tuesday, Dec. 23: Elk Grove Navigator office hours, 10 a.m. to noon. Participants can connect with trained navigators who provide guidance, answer questions, and connect clients to resources such as shelters, food assistance and more. (EG)

Thursday, Dec. 25: Libraries closed for Christmas Holiday.

Friday, Dec. 26: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Join us for a variety of arts, crafts and activities, meet new people and enjoy the library. All skill levels are welcome. Light refreshments will be available. (EG)

Saturday, Dec. 27: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) STEAM for kids, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (VH)

Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

Veterans Meetings

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road. Dinner at 6 p.m. Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be in January 2026, no meeting in December.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99). For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays of the month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

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ARTS CALENDAR

'Small Treasures Show and Sale'

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center presents the 14th annual Small Treasures Show and Sale, and Holiday Gift Boutique through Dec. 28. Plus: Holiday Fundraising Raffle with chance to win a holiday-themed piece of original artwork.

Details at elkgrovefineartscenter.org.

View Artwork from Elk Grove

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

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.

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. ★

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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 ElkGroveCity.org.

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its 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.

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Pinnick and Cofield Named FCS Football Central Freshman All-Americans



UC Davis Football Freshman Caden Pinnick finished the season ranked among the best quarterbacks in the nation and was named Big Sky All-Conference. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics



Defensive back Drew Cofield was one of two freshmen to be named FCS Football Central Freshman All-Americans. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Football

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Following impressive freshmen campaigns by Caden Pinnick and Drew Cofield, the pair of UC Davis football freshmen have earned FCS Football Central Freshman All-American honors as announced today.

Pinnick (redshirt freshman), who became only the second Aggie quarterback to throw for five touchdowns in an

NCAA playoff game, finished the season ranked among the best quarterbacks in the nation and was named Big Sky All-Conference.

While Cofield is one of two true freshmen in the nation to make every start at cornerback, stepping in and making an immediate impact in the UC Davis secondary. Entering the game, Pinnick ranked nationally third in passing efficiency, fifth in total passing touchdowns

and yards per pass attempt, eighth in total touchdowns, ninth in completion percentage and 10th in passing yards per game.

With 11 starts under his belt, Pinnick has racked up 2,804 passing yards, 29 passing touchdowns and with a line of 211-for-304 the Aggie quarterback is completing his passes at 69.4 percent.

And on the ground, Pinnick has added rushed for 411 yards and added three touchdowns on the ground. Cofield has

made every start this season, playing nearly every snap all season at one of the toughest positions in sports.

With 12 games in his pocket, Cofield has collected 32 total tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and he's broken up a team-high nine passes. The Aggie freshman has made 28 solo stops, and he's snagged two interceptions along the way making his presence known to every offense faced this season. ★

Eric Kubota Wins Tony Gwynn Lifetime Achievement Award

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A's Director of Scouting Eric Kubota has been named the winner of the Tony Gwynn Award, a lifetime achievement award presented annually by Baseball America for the greatest contributions to the game.

Kubota, who is entering his 41st season with the A's, has served as Director of Scouting for the past 24 seasons. During his tenure, the A's have drafted and signed 114 players who have reached the majors.

Among those players, 18 have been named All-Stars, three have been named American League Rookie of the Year, four have won Gold Glove Awards, and three have won Silver Slugger Awards. Hitters drafted under

Kubota have combined to record 14,896 hits and 2,190 home runs, while pitchers have collected 425 wins, 521 saves, and 6,143 strikeouts.

Kubota began his baseball career in June of 1984, while he was an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, spending the better part of six seasons working in the A's media relations department. In November of 1989, he joined the baseball operations staff as an assistant director of scouting, and he was elevated to Pacific Rim coordinator in November of 1996, where he acted as a liaison between the A's and Asian baseball teams in addition to his scouting duties in Northern California and Hawaii.

Prior to assuming his current position, Kubota served as

the club's supervisor of international scouting for three seasons, overseeing the scouting staff and player evaluations in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela. In January 2014, he was honored as Scout of the Year by the Santa Clara County Hot Stove Committee and in 2022 he was named the Scout of the Year by the Scout of the Year Foundation.

Kubota graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He and his wife, Karen, have two children. ★

Kubota, who is entering his 41st season with the A's, has served as Director of Scouting for the past 24 seasons. Courtesy photo



Sacramento State Announces Change

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Brennan Marion announced Dec. 5 that he will resign as the head football coach at Sacramento State to become the offensive coordinator at Colorado.

"I want to thank Coach Marion for his leadership during this past season," Director of Athletics Mark Orr said. "We look forward to continuing the success of Sacramento State football and will begin a national search for our next head coach immediately."

Marion was hired as the 13th head football coach in school history on Dec. 21. During his time with the Hornets, he secured the top-ranked recruiting class in the Football Championship Subdivision twice. This past season, the team finished



Brennan Marion announced Dec. 5 that he will resign as the head football coach at Sacramento State. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State

with a 7-5 overall record and was 5-3 in Big Sky Conference games for sole possession of fourth place. Sacramento State ended the regular season ranked third in the Football Championship Subdivision with 262.6 rushing yards per game and averaged 33.8 points per game.

"I love Luke Wood and

Mark Orr," Marion said. "They gave me the opportunity to live my dream as a college head football coach and they provided me with every resource to succeed. I'm grateful to the Sacramento community and University for embracing my family. Lastly to my team, I love our players and staff. They restored the pride in Sac State football through a lot of adversity and our relationships will last a lifetime. Thank you Sacramento State!"

Sacramento State is one of just 12 Football Championship Subdivision programs to win at least seven games in five of the last six seasons. During that time, the team made four National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Football Championship Subdivision Playoff appearances and was ranked in the top 25 for 50 weeks. ★

A's Select Ryan Watson in Major League Rule 5 Draft

A's select three pitchers in minor league portion

Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Athletics selected right-handed pitcher Ryan Watson from San Francisco in the Major League portion of the Rule 5 Draft, the club announced Dec. 10. In addition, the Athletics' selected right-handed pitchers Abel Mercedes, Darlin Pinales and Jorge Marcheco in the minor league portion of the Rule 5 Draft.

Watson, 28, was signed to a minor league contract by Baltimore in 2020 and was traded to the Giants on Aug. 9, 2024, for cash considerations. He is 24-17 with a 4.14 earned run average (ERA) in 157 games, including 34 starts, across five minor league seasons.

Mercedes, 23, posted a 2-0 record with a 4.35 ERA across 30 relief appearances for Single-A Fayetteville during the 2025 season to go along with 66 strikeouts and 48 walks in 41.1 innings pitched. Overall, Mercedes is 6-12 with a 5.60 ERA across five minor league seasons.

Pinales, 23, was 1-3 with a 5.90 ERA across 35 relief outings for Single-A Visalia during the 2025 season with 56 strikeouts, 32 walks and a .217 opponents batting average. Overall, he is 10-11 with a 5.64 ERA, adding 229 strikeouts and 186.2 innings pitched over five minor league seasons. ★

Marcheco, 23, went a combined 5-7 with a 4.36 ERA between High-A Tri City and Double-A Rocket City during the 2025 season. He totaled 84 strikeouts, 23 walks and a 1.13 walks and hits per inning pitched (WHIP) across 27 games (12 starts). Overall, he is 23-23 with a 3.99 ERA spanning five minor league seasons.

Additionally, catcher Daniel Susac was selected from the A's organization by Minnesota in the first round of the Major League Phase of the Rule 5 Draft. In the minor league portion, catcher Abraham Gutierrez was selected by New York-AL (second round).

Susac was drafted by the A's in the first round (19th overall) in the 2022 First-Year Player Draft. He hit .275 with 19 doubles, 18 home runs and 68 runs batted in (RBI) for Triple-A Las Vegas during the 2025 season. Across four minor league seasons, the 24-year-old right-handed hitter has recorded 65 doubles, 39 home runs and 195 RBI.

Gutierrez, 26, was signed by the A's to a minor league contract on Dec. 4, after he was released by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization on Aug. 5. Across parts of eight minor league seasons, he batted .261 with a .346 on-base percentage, including batting .250 with a .333 OBP in 28 games with Triple-A Indianapolis this season. ★