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Grant to Address Furniture Poverty



Two local youth unload the furniture and household goods they received from Make It Happen for Yolo County in fall 2025. The nonprofit recently received a grant from Beneto Foundation. Photo courtesy of Make it Happen for Yolo County

Make it Happen for Yolo County News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Beneto Foundation has granted \$20,000 to local nonprofit Make It Happen for Yolo County to help sustain and expand the organization that addresses furniture poverty among Yolo County's underserved teens and young adults as they transition into independent living. The nonprofit provides furniture, household goods and resources to furnish their first homes.

"As our nonprofit continues to grow, we are grateful to our new funder, the Beneto Foundation, for

investing in our work and the resilient youth we serve," said Cathi Schmidt, executive director, Make It Happen for Yolo County. "Beneto is passionate about helping youth in our community, and we know this partnership will help us continue to reach more local teens and young adults who are moving out on their own without the resources to furnish their new homes."

For more than a decade, Make It Happen for Yolo County has served local transition age youth ages 18 to 24, many of whom have been in foster care or experienced homelessness. The nonprofit receives furniture donations from the community and

purchases new appliances and household items to help youth involved with the Yolo County child welfare and probation divisions, as well as the UC Davis Guardian Scholars program and other local nonprofits.

Since its founding in 2014, Make It Happen for Yolo County has helped nearly 400 transition age youth. To make a financial or furniture donation, visit www.MIHyo.org.

The Beneto Foundation's mission is to support Sacramento area organizations that improve the lives of children, families and people with disabilities. For more information, visit www.BenetoFoundation.org. ★

California Duck Days Returns

Yolo Basin Foundation News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Yolo Basin Foundation is hosting California Duck Days, Northern California's wetlands and wildlife festival, on Saturday, April 25. This family-friendly event will take place at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters and will include live animals, wetland themed arts and crafts, environmental education activities, hourly tours of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area and more. Through interactive exhibits or natural arts and crafts, there will never be a dull moment at the festival for those curious about the natural world.

California Duck Days is Yolo Basin Foundation's biggest event of the year, and we have many volunteer positions



Kids will have the opportunity to paint Decoy Ducks, catch and learn about the variety of insects that live in our ponds and much more. Photo by David Kalb

still available. While the event itself runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., most shifts are two to three hours long throughout the day.

Volunteer opportunities include helping kids paint Decoy Ducks, helping

children catch and learn about the variety of insects that live in our ponds, assisting at event registration and more. To volunteer, contact volunteer@yolobasin.org or visit <https://yolobasin.org/volunteer/>.

The festival will take

place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 25 at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters at 45211 County Road 32B (Chiles Road), Davis, CA. Admission is \$25 per vehicle. Dogs are not permitted at the festival. ★

Delta Counties Urge Stewardship Council to Reject DWR Delta Tunnel

Delta Counties Coalition
News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Pat Hume, member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, recently issued the following statement on behalf of the Delta Counties of Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo regarding the Delta Stewardship Council's hearing on appeals of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR)

consistency certification for the Delta Conveyance Project (Delta Tunnel):

We strongly urge the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) to closely and impartially examine the evidence presented during the Delta Tunnel consistency appeals hearing and reject any determination that relies on incomplete, unsupported or false conclusions, or interpretations of the Council's regulations that would undermine the Delta Reform Act's coequal goals.

There is substantial evidence that the Delta Tunnel, according to the Department of Water Resources' administrative record, is not supported by the Delta Reform Act or Delta Plan policies, and there are significant failures to address impacts to Delta communities, agriculture, recreation and cultural resources. Critically, the Delta Tunnel disregards local land uses and does not reduce reliance on the Delta through improved regional self-reliance, as required by the Legislature and the Council's Delta Plan.

Appellants demonstrated that key mitigation measures remain undefined and that critical findings are not supported by the best available science — requirements that are central to both the Delta Plan and the Delta Reform Act. Without clear, enforceable mitigation and reliable data, the Council cannot reasonably conclude that a project of this magnitude would

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City of West Sacramento Parking Lot, 1271 West Capitol Ave., every Saturday, 8:30 a.m. while supplies last. This is a walk-up distribution. Please bring your own bags or cart.

Masjid Aisha, 700 Glide Ave., every Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. while supplies last. This is a walk-up food distribution. Please bring your own bags or cart.

Sutter Health Park, 400 Ballpark Dr., every Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. while supplies last. For more information, call 530-668-0690.

Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 Gum Ave., Woodland on Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. while supplies last. This is a drive-through. Food will be pre-packed. Stay in your car and follow volunteers' directions.

MARCH

Turner Library, located at 1212 Merkley Ave. has the following events this week:

Friday, March 6: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 7: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday, March 9: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10: Hug-a-Bye Baby, 11 a.m. to noon. Tech help, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a library staff member to help you with your computer, phone, and other technology questions. Bring your personal device or use a library computer. To make an appointment, visit the Information Desk or call 916-375-6465.

Wednesday, March 11: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Drop-in tutoring for grades 1 through 8, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Drop in after school for homework help in math, science, and more with a high school volunteer. Spots are first-come, first-served, and are limited to 20 minutes if other students are waiting.

Thursday, March 12: Tech help, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a library staff member to help you with your computer, phone, and other technology questions. Bring your personal device or use a library computer. To make an appointment, visit the Information Desk or call (916) 375-6465. Yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, March 13: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Clarksburg Branch Library, located at 52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg, has the following events this week:

Tuesday, March 10: Fairy Gardens, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join us to make your very own fairy garden – all materials provided. Live fairies not guaranteed.

Wednesday, March 11: Teen library council, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Movie night, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Families are invited to join us for "Zootopia 2" (rated PG) and popcorn.

Call 530-666-8005 for more information on any of these events or events at any Yolo County Library branch.

Continuing through Friday, March 27: Student Voter Empowerment Design Contest, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Yolo County, Yolo County Library Services and Woodland Public Library. Open to all Yolo County High School Students, this contest supports youth voter registration and voting. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and the winning art pieces will be printed, distributed, and displayed County-wide and during LWVYC events. Submission deadline is Friday, March 27. Rules and more information at lwvyolo.org.

Friday, March 6: First Friday Art Walk, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Woodland. Enjoy featured artists showing their latest work, live street music, gallery receptions, and the tastes from local restaurants and cafes. It's a great

chance to explore Woodland's creative community while enjoying the lively atmosphere of our downtown.

Saturday, March 7: Arbor Day, 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St., Woodland. Volunteers will walk a short distance to plant trees throughout the Community & Senior Center, at Bopama Park, and along Sports Park Drive. A short program will include instructions on proper tree planting and care. Bring gloves and wear appropriate shoes – tools will be provided. For more information call 916-661-2000.

Saturday, March 7: Fruit Tree Sale, 9:30 a.m. until sold out, 517 Railroad Ave., Winters. This annual event held by Winters Friends of the Library, will be held rain or shine. Members can get early access at 8:30 a.m. As an added bonus, students from the Winters High School agriculture program will have a wide variety of plants available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Winters Community Library.

Sunday, March 8: WSPD Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Sacramento Police Department, 550 Jefferson Blvd. Join us for a free, family-friendly community event celebrating Women's History Month. Come enjoy a fun and informative day with an inside look at our police equipment and the essential services we provide. Meet and interact with our PD divisions, women in law enforcement, and girl-focused community groups. You'll hear from a women's leadership panel and lunch will be provided.

Sunday, March 8: Celebrate International Women's Day, noon to 3 p.m. at Great Bear Vineyards, 24800 County Road, 101A, Davis. Join us for a joyful, meaningful afternoon celebrating in partnership with Soroptimist International of Davis, a global non-profit dedicated to empowering women and girls through education and vocational opportunities. A portion of every ticket sold will be donated to support this incredible work. More

information available at www.greatbearvineyards.com.

Monday, March 9: Be Red Cross Ready, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Free for seniors, regardless of membership in the West Sacramento Active Aging program. American Red Cross will be on hand to teach us how to prepare for emergencies and natural disasters. Join us for this informative workshop. Register online at www.westsacfun.org.

Wednesday, March 11: Ask a Master Food Preserver Live Q&A, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. via Zoom. Have questions about canning, freezing, drying, or fermenting fruits and vegetables? Join the UC Master Food Preservers for a free, live online Q&A session. Our trained volunteers will answer your home food preservation questions with safe, research-based information you can trust. Register online at www.ucanr.edu or for more information, call Travis Alexander at 858-382-4945.

Thursday, March 12: Women's History Month Art Show Reception, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Gallery 1075, 1075 West Capitol Ave. This free, in-person event is an amazing chance to experience and support the arts in our community. Light refreshments will be provided. Exhibition will be on display through Tuesday, March 31, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 14: ARC Guitar Festival 2026, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hotel Winters, 12 Abbey St., Winters. This free event will feature handcrafted guitars built exclusively by the students of the ARC Guitar Building School. There will be guitar building demonstrations, mini performances, and lots of guitars to see and play. All ages are welcome. Experience functional art at its highest level.

Saturday, March 14: Soggy Doggy, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 2801 Jefferson Blvd. Bring your well-behaved pooch to the pool. With a beach entry, dogs of all ages and sizes can

enter and exit safely. Owners are welcome to stand in the beach entry but are not allowed to swim with their dogs. \$10 per resident dog, \$12 per non-resident dog, human companions are free. Register at www.westsacfun.org.

Saturday, March 14: Cars & Burgers, staging starts at 11 a.m., show runs noon to 5 p.m. at 319 Broderick, 319 6th St. This will be an official car show with trophies, diecast swapping, music, great food and drinks, and awesome cars. Open to anything on wheels including bikes, all makes and models. Admission and parking are free. See the [[@carsandcoffeesacramento916](https://www.instagram.com/carsandcoffeesacramento916)] Instagram page for more information.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

(Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

Café Yolo Social Dining meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Seniors over age 60 are invited to mingle and dine for free, sponsored by Meals on Wheels. Reservations required 24 hours in advance at 530-662-7035 or email welcome@mowyolo.org.

Center for Land-Based Learning Mobile Farmers Market will be popping up every third Tuesday and Wednesday through April to offer seasonal fruits and vegetables, connect with the team, and support local farmers – all at convenient community locations. Shoppers who use their EBT cards can get 50% off their produce purchases. More information and specific locations can be found at www.landbasedlearning.org/followthetomato.

Next market dates will be Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday, March 18.

Cub Scouts Pack 49 meets monthly from September through May on the first Monday at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Road. For more information, contact westsacramentopack49@gmail.com

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Food & Farm NEWS

Beekeepers Assess This Year's Colony Health

With California's almond pollination season underway, beekeepers from around the country have journeyed to the Central Valley for the six-week-long bloom. While beekeepers have not seen the devastating hive mortality this winter that they did in 2025, they say they're still losing colonies. "Things are looking OK, but we won't really know until the end of bloom," said Ryan Burris, California State Beekeepers Association president and a Palo Cedro beekeeper and queen breeder. "It sounds like the numbers are better, but some people still lost a lot of bees." Beekeepers nationwide made headlines in the 2024-25 winter when they reported an average of 62% colony losses. With increasing production costs and depressed honey prices, many beekeepers said the current situation is not sustainable economically. "It's very, very difficult," Burris said.

Subpar Snowpack Pushes Back Crop Plans for Farmers

Despite a strong start to California's wet season, snowpack conditions remain below average. A deficient snowpack could mean less water available for summer irrigation, threatening to cut surface water deliveries to farmers. San Joaquin Valley farmer Aaron Barcellos said the uncertainty has impacted his crop planning, forcing him to consider not planting any cotton for the first time in nearly four decades. "I can't afford to take the risk from an economic standpoint that I'm going to put a valuable water resource on a crop that may not end up having enough

water to finish," Barcellos said. He added, "That could change if pricing gets better or if we get a better allocation than we're expecting right now." Jay Lund, vice director of the University of California, Davis, Center for Watershed Sciences, said there is still a chance more storms will boost snowpack levels to average before April, when they typically peak.

Survey Finds Raids Impacted California Farm Production

A new statewide survey has shed light on the impact during the past year of immigration enforcement on farms and farmworkers in California. The California Farmer Immigration Enforcement Survey, which was conducted by researchers at Michigan State University in partnership with the California Farm Bureau, is the first of its kind to assess the impact of the Trump administration's mass deportation agenda on California farms. "We were really interested in understanding whether there have been labor shortages as a result of recent immigration enforcement," said Zachariah Rutledge, assistant professor and extension specialist at Michigan State University. More than 500 farmers from across 50 counties responded to the survey, which was conducted in late 2025 and early 2026. "There were very few reports of direct immigration enforcement activities on farms," Rutledge said. "There was more anxiety and fear among the farming community as a result of general immigration enforcement efforts more broadly." ★

Rock the Block Expands, Opens Applications

Rock the Block West Sacramento News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento today announced the opening of the application period for Rock the Block West Sacramento, a two-day community revitalization initiative designed to deliver essential home repairs and beautification improvements for qualified homeowners. The application period for home repairs in West Sacramento will be open now through May 22, inviting residents in the expanded focus area to apply for assistance.

Presented by the City of West Sacramento and Wells Fargo, Rock the Block West Sacramento mobilizes volunteers, community partners, local nonprofits and stakeholders to complete critical repairs that support health, safety, accessibility, energy efficiency, and long-term housing stability for veterans, seniors, disabled homeowners and other longtime residents at risk of displacement.

"Rock the Block West Sacramento represents meaningful partnership in action," said Kimberly Coley, chief advancement and marketing officer for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento. "By expanding the focus area this year, we're able to serve even more

homeowners who need help preserving their homes so they can continue living in the community they love."

Now in its fifth and final year, Rock the Block West Sacramento builds on years of neighborhood investment, volunteer engagement, and partner support. The initiative enhances local quality of life by addressing deferred maintenance and essential repairs that homeowners may otherwise be unable to afford. These improvements not only make individual homes safer and more efficient, but also contribute to stronger, more resilient neighborhoods.

Residents who own homes within the eligible West Sacramento neighborhoods are encouraged to submit applications now. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento will provide updates, eligibility information and application details at HabitatGreaterSac.org/RockWestSac.

About Rock the Block West Sacramento

Rock the Block is a high-impact, two-day community revitalization event that mobilizes hundreds of volunteers and local partners to complete critical home repairs, landscaping, exterior improvements, and neighborhood investment projects. As part of Habitat for Humanity's Home Preservation

and Neighborhood Revitalization initiatives, Rock the Block prioritizes historically underserved homeowners — including veterans, seniors and individuals with disabilities — helping preserve affordable homeownership, enhance neighborhood stability and prevent displacement.

About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento

Celebrating 40 years of building hope and homes in Sacramento and Yolo Counties, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento builds and repairs homes for low-income families, seniors, and veterans, revitalizes neighborhoods, and provides equity-building opportunities to underserved communities. A 501(c)3 nonprofit and local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, last year, Habitat Greater Sacramento served over 8,000 individuals through home builds, repairs and community projects. Those interested in supporting Habitat's work can find more at www.habitatgreatersac.org.

To learn more about Rock the Block West Sacramento or support the effort, visit habitatgreatersac.org/rockwestsac and follow Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento on social media to see #RocktheBlockWestSac in action. ★

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Francisco Javier de Santiago, 50, was cited Friday, Jan. 16 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Verinder Mann, 57 was cited Saturday, Feb. 7 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Dante Jordan McCowan, 26, was cited Wednesday, Feb. 11 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Felicia Loren Sims, 32, was cited Wednesday, Feb. 11 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Michael Dwayne Williams, 33, was arrested Thursday, Feb. 12 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer observed a vehicle with expired registration and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. A male, later identified as Williams, exited the vehicle and ignored officer commands to get back in the vehicle, then walked into a restaurant at the location. Williams exited the restaurant and walked away from officers when asked for his identification. Officers attempted to detain him when he pulled away and officers were able to take him to the ground and place him in handcuffs. Williams was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with resisting a peace officer and lack of current vehicle registration.

AKIF HASAN NAJMI, 23, was arrested Saturday, Feb. 14 on 3rd Street by West Sacramento Police. Officers observed a driver, later identified as Najmi, driving at high speeds in a residential zone. Najmi also ran a stop sign. A traffic stop was conducted, and Najmi was observed to be under the influence of something, later confirmed as drugs. Najmi was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with reckless driving, possessing a controlled substance, and DUI: any drug.

Jahsaun Elijah Woods, 24, was arrested Saturday, Feb. 14 on 4th Street by West Sacramento Police for DUI with blood alcohol concentration >.08. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was facing the wrong way and appeared to have struck a parked vehicle on the other side of the street. Officer contacted a male, later identified as Woods, who was unconscious in the driver seat of the suspicious vehicle. Woods consented to standardized field sobriety tests, which he was unable to perform. He was transported to Yolo County Jail without further incident.

Joemell Deonte Ladray Goodrum, 19, was arrested Wednesday, Feb. 18 on Inglewood Drive by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer observed a vehicle associated with Goodrum, a known subject, in a driveway at the location. Officer knocked on the door, and Goodrum's mother answered. Officer observed Goodrum asleep on the couch. Officer advised Goodrum he was under arrest, and he was detained without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Olivia Chameka Monyae Calloway, 38, was arrested Thursday, Feb. 19 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officers conducted a probation search at a motel and found a room was occupied by Calloway and a male, both on searchable probation. While knocking on the door the officer heard the sound of a porcelain toilet lid. After knocking several times, officers used a key provided by management to open the door. In the room, officers found Calloway and two others. While detaining Calloway, officer asked if there was anything illegal in the room, and she stated she had a pipe on the bed. During the search, officer found a clear glass smoking pipe on the bed with scorch marks and white residue in the bulbous end. Inside the toilet tank officers found two clear plastic bags containing substances that later tested positive for methamphetamine and fentanyl. Additional bags containing the same substances were also found on the bed. Calloway was found to have two or more prior drug possession convictions on her record, so she was transported to Yolo County Jail charged with possession of a hard drug with prior conviction, possessing unlawful paraphernalia, and concealing evidence.

Danya Ann Rangelaragon, 31, was cited Friday, Feb. 20 on Merkley Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possession of a controlled substance.

Elizabeth Canougenti, 73, was arrested Friday, Feb. 20 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for trespassing. Officer responded to a motel at the location to find the manager of the property advised she did not want Canougenti on the property. Canougenti refused to leave when officer asked her to so the property manager signed a citizen's arrest form and Canougenti was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Steven Bradley Sabin, 65, was arrested Saturday, Feb. 21 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Anthony Joseph Balas, 45, and Crystal Jade Green, 38 were cited Saturday, Feb. 21 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location regarding a shoplifting. Loss prevention employee stated he observed Balas and Green enter the store together, select merchandise that they placed into a reusable bag, then walked out of the store without paying for the items. Loss Prevention requested to press charges and signed a citizen's arrest form for both. They were both charged with petty theft of retail merchandise and conspiracy to commit crime.

Arturo Medina, Jr., 28, was arrested Saturday, Feb. 21 at Jefferson Boulevard and Park Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Medina was observed panhandling at the location and was known to have the outstanding warrant. His identity and the warrant were confirmed, and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Mariah Gabrielle Rodriguez, 30, was arrested Saturday, Feb. 21 on Vermont Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer was dispatched to the location to detain Rodriguez and transport her to Yolo County Jail.

Sara Lyn Bruner, 45, was arrested Saturday, Feb. 21 at

a retail store by West Sacramento Police for trespassing. Officer was dispatched to the store for a report that Bruner, who had been previously trespassed, was back inside the store. The reporting employee signed a citizen's arrest form and Bruner was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Robert Moreno Ortiz, 51, was arrested Saturday, Feb. 21 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Officer on patrol observed Ortiz, a known suspect, and knew of the active warrant. Identity and warrant confirmed, and Ortiz was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Daniel Anthony Martinez-Nolan, 38, was arrested Saturday, Feb. 21 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for robbery. Officer was dispatched to a nearby location for report of a robbery. According to the report, Martinez-Nolan took the victim's black fanny pack containing cash, off a nearby table. When the victim confronted him to demand the return of her property, Martinez-Nolan pushed her to move her out of his path, then fled the scene. Martinez-Nolan was later located hiding inside a trash can at a nearby motel and was in possession of the black fanny pack. During an in-field show-up, the victim positively identified Martinez-Nolan as the individual who pushed her and took her fanny pack. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Shane Stephen Allen, 44, was arrested Sunday, Feb. 22 on Merkley Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Elk Grove Police Department called West Sacramento Police Department dispatch to advise that a vehicle reported stolen in Elk Grove had scanned in West Sacramento. Using city-owned traffic cameras that record in real time, the vehicle was tracked onto Merkley Avenue. Officer located the vehicle, and an unmanned aircraft (UAS) was launched. Allen is seen clearly on UAS video throwing the car keys into the bushes. The vehicle's owner reported that no one had permission to drive the vehicle, and she wanted prosecution. Allen was detained, and a search of his person found a baggie that contained a white crystalline substance that tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with possessing a stolen vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

Marlon Tito Raye, 53, was arrested Sunday, Feb. 22 at Casa Mobile Circle and West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer conducted a traffic stop for vehicle code violations. A records check of the driver, identified as Raye, found multiple outstanding misdemeanor warrants. During a search incident to arrest, officer found a white substance later confirmed as methamphetamine, and a glass smoking pipe. Raye was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrants and possession of a controlled substance and possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Alwin Reynon Santiago, 49, and Lon Tieu Ngo, 52, were arrested Sunday Feb. 22 at Merkley Avenue and West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with no front license plate. A records check on the driver, identified as Santiago, found two outstanding felony warrants and probation, so all occupants were taken out of the vehicle. The passenger on the right rear side, identified as Ngo, was sitting near a cup with a lid containing two pipes melted into and affixed through the lid. Officer asked Ngo if the cup was his and if he used it for methamphetamine; Ngo answered yes. A search of the vehicle was conducted, and officer located paraphernalia in multiple locations in the vehicle. On the floorboard in front of Ngo was a clear bag containing a substance later confirmed as methamphetamine. The search also found a punch tool commonly used to break windows, shaved keys, a USPS branded lock cylinder and key, a lock picking tool and other items commonly used in the commission of burglaries. Santiago and Ngo were both charged with possession of a controlled substance and possessing unlawful paraphernalia. Santiago was additionally charged with the outstanding warrants, possessing burglary tools and the license plate violation. Both were transported to Yolo County Jail.

Jessica Schmitt, 47, was cited Monday, Feb. 23 near Lake Road by West Sacramento Police for trespassing. This was a citizen's arrest.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Saturday, Feb. 7 – victim reports an unknown suspect broke the front window to the victim's locked vehicle in a parking lot on Reed Avenue. The suspect took the victim's wallet containing ID, cash and credit cards, then fled the scene. Damage and loss estimated at \$550.

Thursday, Feb. 12 – victim reports she was at a gas station on West Capitol Avenue and got into a verbal argument. During the argument, the unknown suspect slapped the victim's sunglasses out of her hand. When leaving, a second unknown suspect threw an open soda on the victim. No estimated value of damage.

Friday, Feb. 13 – a business reports their take-home employee vehicle had a hole drilled in the tank and the gasoline drained on Tobago Street. There is no suspect information. Loss and damage estimated at \$930.

Monday, Feb. 16 – victim reports an unknown suspect attempted to steal their vehicle near Copper Lane. Items including speakers and amplifiers, valued at \$114,000 were taken.

Monday, Feb. 16 – victim reports items were stolen from their rental vehicle parked in a lot near Lake Washington Boulevard. An unknown subject took a backpack containing a laptop and a duffel bag containing clothing and other items. Property loss valued at \$1,860.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 – victim reports an unknown item struck and shattered the front glass door at their single family home. Damage valued at \$1,000.

Sunday, Feb. 22 – victim reports theft of documents and a garage door opener from an unlocked vehicle by an unknown suspect. Value of loss not reported.

Sunday, Feb. 22 – a business near Jefferson Boulevard reports their front glass door was vandalized by an unknown suspect. Nothing of value was reported missing; damage valued at \$500.

Monday, Feb. 23 – a grocery store on Harbor Boulevard reports their pallet jack, valued at \$600, was stolen by an unknown suspect during an unknown time frame.

Delta Counties Urge Stewardship Council to Reject DWR Delta Tunnel

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protect the Delta's cultural heritage, agricultural economy, and recreational resources — all central components of the Delta

Reform Act.

The Delta Counties urge Council members to carefully consider the testimony, appeals and supporting evidence

presented in this proceeding to make a thorough and independent determination. When exercising its discretion and interpreting ★

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By V.G. Harris



The Losing Streak is Over!

It may only be a footnote in the history of the Sacramento Kings, but fans are thrilled to see a record setting 16-game losing streak finally come to an end.

Rookies Precious Achiuwa and newly discovered Daequon Plowden rose to the occasion and handed the Memphis Grizzlies an unlikely loss by the score of 123-114.

A collective sigh of relief could be heard throughout Sacramento as the Kings showed their loyal fans that there is still talent and fortitude in Kings town.

Coming off the bench was Daequon Plowden, a literal afterthought in the Kings rotation, who put up 19 big points and five rebounds in just 26 minutes of action, and his contribution could not have come at a better time.

Precious Achiuwa had his best game as a pro putting up 22 points and 12 rebounds, and combined with Russell Westbrook's 25 points and seven assists, the Kings were too much for the shorthanded Grizzlies.

Desperately shorthanded with Sabonis, Murray and Lavine sidelined with injuries, Sacramento played with energy and enthusiasm, ending once and for all a losing streak that needed to come to an end.

As veterans are sidelined, coach Christie had little choice but to turn to his bench, and his most recent addition to the floor has shown remarkable results.

Daequon Plowden is not only raising eyebrows, but he also actually helped carry the team in their second win of the week over the Dallas Mavericks. All Plowden did was hit all 10 of his shots from the field, and three being from beyond the arc. Plowden has been riding the pines all season, and his 19 points and four rebounds were a key to the victory.

Once again Precious Achiuwa made his presence felt, adding a new career high 29 points and 12 rebounds. What was even more remarkable was converting of all three of his 3-point shots, and his scoring prowess led the Kings to a 130-121 victory over Dallas.

Although taking a step back in Sunday night's loss to the L.A. Lakers, the Kings will be a welcome sight at Golden One Arena Tuesday night as they face the Phoenix Suns.

With Domantas Sabonis, Zach Lavine and De'Andre Hunter all sidelined for the remainder of the season, Kings fans will get a good opportunity to see what the youngsters on this team can contribute to real NBA action.

The entire franchise has eyes on first-round draft choice Nique Clifford as he continues to get significant playing time, and his results continue to be mixed. No question that he brings a solid defensive presence, but his night in and night out scoring has been a mixed bag. Nique's seven points per game and 40 percent shooting from the field will need to improve if he has any hope of becoming the future starting point guard for the Kings.

As for last year's second-round draft choice Maxime Raynaud, his 10 points and 55 percent from the field this season have people looking in his direction, and many are wondering how high the ceiling can be for this young 7-footer.

At 6'8" and 240 lbs. Precious Achiuwa continues to impress, and this 26-year-old big man needs to get every opportunity the Kings can give him.

Not to be ignored is the first-round draft choice of two years ago, Devin Carter, who after what seems like a season on the bench is finally getting some playing time. Carter is one of the most impressive defensive players on the Kings squad and comes with a bevy of athleticism. Devin needs to be a more consistent scorer, and the Kings will have a nightly performer to recon with.

So, pick out your favorite player who is not injured, and start rooting Kings fans. Now is your opportunity to see what the little used bench players have to offer. If there is a diamond in the rough now is the time to find it.

Hat's off to veterans to De'Mar DeRozan and Russell Westbrook that have played with quality and style, while putting up significant numbers. The young players on this team have a rare opportunity to receive some valuable schooling from future hall-of-famers!

Stay tuned Kings fans, because more wins are just around the corner!

All the best! ★

California's Reading Reforms Drive Push for Better Math Skills in Early Grades



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last year, after decades of often bitter debate, California took an important step toward raising the abysmal levels of reading ability among many of its public school students.

The Legislature passed and Gov. Gavin Newsom — who struggles with dyslexia — signed legislation that encourages phonics when teaching reading to elementary school students.

It stopped short of a phonics mandate, which would have been fully justified, to temper opposition from educators still clinging to discredited methods, such as “whole language.”

Rather, Assembly Bill 1454 requires the state to provide training for teachers and instructional materials centered on phonics, or the “science of reading,” to use its current name. It would still allow local schools and their teachers to use other methods.

The Legislature and Newsom acted when the low reading skills of California's kids, as determined by nationwide testing, became too obvious to ignore.

Reading comprehension among California's fourth-graders ranked 37th among the states in the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress. Just 29% of the state's students showed proficiency, down two percentage points

from 2022.

Raising reading achievement is vital because it is the precursor to all other forms of learning. Thus, California's low reading levels may be partially responsible for the state's equally unacceptably low ranking on mathematics; just 39% of fourth graders were proficient.

That's why a new effort to upgrade math skills via legislation is — or at least should be — high on the Capitol's must-do list. State Sen. Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson, a San Diego Democrat, introduced Senate Bill 1067, backed by education reformers who supported the phonics bill.

SB 1067 would require local school districts to screen primary school students for difficulty in math skills as a first step toward a statewide effort to upgrade instruction and comprehension.

“California is facing a real and urgent math achievement crisis, and we cannot afford to wait until students are already far behind to act,” the senator told EdSource, an education website that first revealed the new effort. “We know the achievement gap in math is evident as early as kindergarten. We also know that students who miss foundational math skills in grades K through 2 rarely catch up.”

Weber Pierson comes by her interest in improving education naturally. Her mother, Secretary of State Shirley Weber, was a persistent advocate of no-nonsense education while serving in the Legislature, often clashing with the state's entrenched education establishment — even the powerful California Teachers Association.

Weber grew up as a sharecropper's daughter in rigidly segregated Arkansas but moved to California with

her family in 1951, earned a doctorate and was a college teacher before running for the Legislature.

“I don't fear that I'm going to get lynched at night or that someone is going to bomb my house. I don't fear that,” Weber told CalMatters in a 2017 profile. “What my predecessors stood for and fought for was a whole lot harder than what I'm fighting for today.”

Oddly, Southern states have lately been the most active in owning up to their educational deficiencies. Mississippi's success in improving reading skills inspired other states to improve reading. Alabama, meanwhile, has done the same vis-à-vis math skills, beginning with screening students to spot those in danger of failing, as EdSource notes.

Weber Pierson's bill would confront math in the same way. The state Board of Education would appoint a panel to develop a list of screening instruments, leading to statewide adoption of screening.

“Screening is the right first step because you cannot effectively address a problem you have not identified,” Weber Pierson told EdSource.

It's a process that California should adopt for all of its persistent issues, rather than the scattergun approach officialdom tends to take.

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. ★

Social Security Matters

I Lost Money as a Widow

and Ex-spouse by Not Knowing the Rules



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I just found out, as someone who was collecting widow's benefits on my second husband (a very small amount) for some time, that I was, all along, entitled to divorce benefits from my first husband which are much more. I thought I had to wait until my first husband passed before I could collect anything from him. Now I learned I have the right to collect as a divorcee. All of these years I have been missing out on a bigger benefit because I didn't know this. Please make this clear and stress it for others in my position.

Signed: Lost Benefits

Dear Lost Benefits: I am truly saddened that you lost out on benefits from your first husband for such a long time. Although you could not collect an ex-spouse benefit from Husband #1 while you were married to Husband #2, as soon as your current husband died you again became eligible for ex-spouse benefits from Husband #1. Basically, the rules say you cannot collect benefits from an ex-spouse if you have remarried and remain married. In other words, you cannot be “currently married” to collect benefits from an ex-spouse.

But the death of Husband #2 meant that you were now eligible to collect ex-spouse benefits from your first husband — husband #1. I hope when you later filed for your ex-spouse benefits you asked for six months of retroactive benefits.

In your situation, when your Husband #2 died, you actually had a choice — either collect your surviving spouse benefit from your recently deceased husband #2, or to collect a regular ex-spouse benefit from your first husband if that is more than your benefit as your second husband's widow. Regular ex-spouse benefits from your first husband are available even though he is still living (and, indeed, even if he remarried) because you are no longer married to husband #2.

This, however, is not always the way things work out for someone who has had multiple marriages. It all depends on the SS benefit each former spouse was entitled to. That's because your survivor benefit as your 2nd husband's widow is based on the full (100%) amount he was receiving from Social Security when he died. In contrast, your benefit as your first husband's ex-spouse while he is still living will be based upon half (50%) of his full retirement age SS entitlement. And often, 100% of a deceased person's SS benefit is more than 50% of another living person's amount. But not always.

It's important to also know that if you claim any SS benefit before reaching your personal full retirement age (FRA), the monthly

amount will be reduced. Benefits as a spouse (or a surviving spouse) do not reach maximum until the spouse reaches FRA, which is somewhere between age 66 and 67 depending on the spouse's year of birth. It's also important to know that if a surviving spouse is working, any SS benefit received will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much can be earned before SS benefits are affected. For 2026, the earnings limit for those collecting early SS benefits is \$24,480 and, if that limit is exceeded, Social Security will take away some of your benefits. Note that the earnings test goes away when you reach your full retirement age.

Finally, be aware that if your first husband also predeceases you, you will then become eligible for a surviving ex-spouse benefit from him, even if he has remarried.

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Jack Hughes or Eileen Gu?

we must fight for Western civilization, while Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez rendered “Western culture” in sneer quotes, as if it were a fiction or contemptible concept.

The right is naturally drawn to the patriotic or nationalistic attitude, whereas the left is more cosmopolitan, tending to believe that attachment to one's own is narrow-minded and patriotic displays are crude and simplistic.

Cosmopolitanism has a long history. As I note in my book “The Case for Nationalism,” the term “cosmopolitan” has its root in the Greek word “kosmopolites,” or citizen of the cosmos or world.

The fourth-century B.C. Cynic philosopher Diogenes is the first recorded person to use what has now become a cosmopolitan cliché: “When he was asked where he came from, he replied, ‘I am a citizen of the world.’”

That was a radical, or even senseless, statement since the Greeks considered citizenship possible only through the polis, or city. During the Enlightenment, the cosmopolitan idea was expressed in the notion of Weltbürger, or world citizen. This tendency has been given stark expression by the likes of the novelist Virginia Woolf, who urged the rejection of “pride of nationality,” and the titanic Russian writer LEO Tolstoy, who thought it “obvious that patriotism as a sentiment is bad and harmful; as a doctrine it is stupid.”

Cosmopolitanism has always been open to the charge that — whatever its real or purported idealism — it cultivates a disregard for

what's near, immediate and tangible in favor of what's far off.

Behind cosmopolitanism is what the British writer Paul Gilroy has called “the principled and methodical cultivation of a degree of estrangement from one's own culture and history.”

The problem is that no one is really a citizen of the world, rather of particular nations that have formed us in obvious and subtle ways. Yes, people emigrate and there are literary and intellectual exiles, but most of us have an attachment to home that feels natural and important.

One reason that people were so moved by the U.S. hockey team was the palpable bonds of the players — to one another, to their country, to the memory of their tragically deceased former fellow player Johnny Gaudreau. These weren't bonds that were chosen, so much as accepted and embraced; they were true to their teammates and nation.

In contrast, Eileen Gu claims to be true to herself. If asked if she is proud of the accomplishments of her countrymen, she might have to ask, “Which countrymen?”

It is certainly the case that the Olympics bring athletes around the world together, but the Games themselves are testament to the enduring power of patriotism. It was, after all, a unique kind of sports joy to witness the triumph of our boys in red, white and blue.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260108
The following person(s) are doing business as: Lemon & Leaf, 628 Acacia Way, Woodland, CA 95695.

Sarah Fletcher and Lyle Hubert, 628 Acacia Way, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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LEMON 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260105

The following person(s) is doing business as: Bee Happy Candles, 867 Linden Lane, Davis, CA 95616.

Christine Anne Mullally, 867 Linden Lane, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2026.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260008

The following person(s) is doing business as: Self Publications, 2946 Denise Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

J. David Self, 2946 Denise Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is doing business as: Bexi's Bespoke Revitalisation, 955 Cranbrook Court Apt 372, Davis, CA 95616. Rebecca Carmen Lobo, 955 Cranbrook Court Apt 372, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 1, 2016.

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BEXIS 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260140

The following person(s) is doing business as: Triple G Cuevas Landscaping, 833 Bryte Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

Francisco Amador Cuevas and Susana Cuevas, 833 Bryte Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 12, 2026.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260114

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. MY KID'S DENTIST AND ORTHODONTICS, 2. MY KID'S DENTIST, 3. WOODLAND SMILES DENTISTRY AND ORTHODONTICS, 2041 BRONZE STAR DR., SUITES 300 & 100, WOODLAND, CA 95776 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 17000 RED HILL AVENUE, ATTN: LEGAL DEPARTMENT, IRVINE, CA 92614

WOODLAND SMILES DENTISTRY, INC., 17000 RED HILL AVENUE, IRVINE, CA 92614
This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/23/2010.

WOODLAND SMILES DENTISTRY, INC. S/ AMARDEEP GILL, SECRETARY,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260115

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WOODLAND SMILES DENTISTRY, 2061 BRONZE STAR DR., SUITE 100, WOODLAND, CA 95776 County of YOLO

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WOODLAND SMILES DENTISTRY, INC., 17000 RED HILL AVENUE, IRVINE, CA 92614
This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant(s) commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/23/2010.

WOODLAND SMILES DENTISTRY, INC.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260113

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

DAVIS SMILES DENTISTRY, 4515 FERMI PLACE, SUITE 106, DAVIS, CA 95618 County of YOLO

Mailing Address: 17000 RED HILL AVENUE, ATTN: LEGAL DEPARTMENT, IRVINE, CA 92614

DAVIS SMILES DENTISTRY, INC., 17000 RED HILL AVENUE, IRVINE, CA 92614

This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/27/2013.

DAVIS SMILES DENTISTRY, INC.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260130

The following person(s) is doing business as: Wild Flower Salon, 105 E Street Suite 2C, Davis, CA 95616.

Amber Regina Norris Monez, 105 E Street Suite 2C, Davis, CA 95616 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 26, 2026.

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WILD 3-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260150

The following person(s) is doing business as: JL Recycling, 731 Poplar Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Juan Joel Lopez Mendez, 1432 Santa Ana Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 6, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 17, 2026.

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JL 3-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260116

The following person(s) is doing business as: Play To Learn Family Daycare, 1041 Carrie Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

Analuisa Guardado De Rodriguez, 1041 Carrie Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605 This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 5, 2021.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 3, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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PLAY 3-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260126

The following person(s) is doing business as: Northcore Computing Solutions, 1352 Drake Drive Apt C, Davis, CA 95616.

Ken Nguyen, 9509 Riviera Del Sol Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93314 This business is conducted by an Individual.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260171

The following person(s) is doing business as: Yolostart, 931 Stebbins Lane, Davis, CA 95616.

Shuangyu Chang, 931 Stebbins Lane, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 20, 2026.

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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YOLOSTART 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260142

The following person(s) is doing business as:

KNEADY PAWZ, 506 B ST. APT 3, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605, County of YOLO.

ANNETTE MALATESTA, 506 B ST APT 3 WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605

This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

/S/ ANNETTE MALATESTA

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Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0022

Anthony Xavier Macias has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Anthony Xavier Macias to Anthony Xavier Ramos.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: January 26, 2026

Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
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MACIAS 3-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0200

Jonathan Patrick Turrentine has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jonathan Patrick Turrentine to John Paul Turrentine.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: January 22, 2026

Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
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TURRENTINE 3-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0409

Robin Lee Springer, Erich Scott Lopez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Fisher Scott Lopez to Fisher Scott Lopez-Springer.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: February 10, 2026

Alan Perkins, Judge of the Superior Court
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SPRINGER 3-20-26

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 142733-CA APN: 045-454-007-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/8/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 4/14/2026 at 1:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/11/2022 as Instrument No. 2022-0006351 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: WENDY CARRION, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL 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; AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, 1110 W. CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2586 DUET DRIVE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to

pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$449,326.64 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 142733-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 142733-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108
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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. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: JOHN WAYNE RICHARDSON SR., AN UNMARRIED MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 3/3/2020 as Instrument No. 2020-0006136 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California , Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust Date of Sale: 3/19/2026 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: North (Rear) entrance to City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$333,390.19 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property:1908 PROCTOR AVE WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 A.P.N.: 067-250-019-000 The 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. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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. 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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. Property is being sold "as is — where is". TAX PARCEL NO. 008-112-041-000 THE EAST 77.00 FEET OF LOT 82, LITTLE POULTRY FARMS, IN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO, COUNTY OF YOLO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FILED NOVEMBER 10, 1926 IN BOOK 3 OF MAPS, PAGE 57, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common

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designations of the above described property is purported to be 570 WALNUT ST, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the un-

paid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$172,644.70. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a Proposition 218 public hearing on March 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend, including all persons owning property in the City and customers of record, may appear and be heard as to whether the proposed water and sewer rates and charges are excessive or will not be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bond of the City payable from the revenues of the City. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 916-617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

RESOLUTION 26-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATES COMPLY WITH CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION 218, THAT THERE WAS NO MAJORITY PROTEST AGAINST THE PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATES, AND ADOPTING THE PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATES

WHEREAS, the City of West Sacramento ("City") imposes water and sewer rates on its customers to cover the cost of providing water services. The City contracted with HF&H Consultants ("Water Consultant") to develop the December 22, 2025 Water and Sewer Cost-of-Service Study ("Rate Study"). The Rate Study includes a comprehensive cost of services review of the City's water and sewer rates that are compliant with all legal requirements, including Article XIII-D, Section 6 of the California Constitution ("Proposition 218"); and

WHEREAS, the City took numerous steps at workshops and public meetings throughout this process to ensure public transparency and participation, including:

On October 28, 2025, the City hosted a Utility Rates 101 Informational Webinar for members of the public to learn about City water and sewer services, as well as how customer rates are determined. The Webinar was hosted virtually, via Zoom or phone, and has been available online for viewing since the Webinar was originally hosted.

On November 12, 2025, the City's Environment & Utilities Commission heard an item for a workshop on the water and sewer rate study and the proposed rates. The workshop presented information on the status, costs, projections, and proposed rate structures. The Commission received a presentation from City staff, conducted the workshop, and provided feedback to City staff on the recommended rates for water and sewer utilities.

During the November 19, 2025, City Council meeting, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-121, Establishing A Procedure For Ratepayer And Property Owner Objections To Proposed Utility Fees Or Special Assessments, consistent with Government Code sections 53759.1 and 53759.2. These procedures help ensure the public has a clear opportunity to voice any potential concerns about non-compliance with Proposition 218 or any other law, as well as gives the City an opportunity to respond before it considers the proposed rates. The public was given the opportunity to comment on this item.

On December 3, 2025, the City Council heard an item for a workshop on the water and sewer rate study and the proposed rate adjustments. City staff gave a presentation on the proposed rate adjustments. Council gave feedback and direction on the desired scenario, authorized the City Manager or designee to proceed with the Proposition 218 noticing process, and gave approval to begin the Proposition 218 process using the water and sewer rates set forth in Exhibit A to this resolution.

On Friday, January 2, 2026, the City mailed the Proposition 218 Notices (including the water and sewer rates set forth in Exhibit A) to property owners of record and water and sewer customers of record, which is at least 45-days before Public Hearing on March 18, 2026.

On February 3, 2026, the City hosted an informational open house in preparation for the Public Hearing. City staff and financial consultants answered questions from the public one-on-one. This provided an opportunity for members of the public to gain insight into system improvements and understand how proposed rates may impact their bill. Residents also learned more about water and sewer service, proposed rate increases, and the investments needed to ensure reliable service for years to come.

On February 7, 2026, the City hosted a second informational open house in preparation for the Public Hearing. City staff and financial consultants answered questions from the public one-on-one. This provided an opportunity for members of the public to gain insight into system improvements and understand how proposed rates may impact their bill. Residents also learned more about water and sewer service, proposed rate increases, and the investments needed to ensure reliable service for years to come.

During the March 18, 2026 Proposition 218 Public Hearing, City staff presented to the City Council all timely received written objections and City responses, the City Council considered all timely received written objections and City responses before the close of the public hearing, and in exercising its legislative discretion determined to proceed with the Proposition 218 Public Hearing.

WHEREAS, the Rate Study and Exhibit A to this resolution sets forth proposed water and sewer rates that do not exceed the City's reasonable cost of service, proportionally allocates those costs to the City's customers, complies with Proposition 218, and includes the written basis for the proposed water and sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 218, prior to extending, imposing or increasing water and sewer rates, the City must hold a public hearing to consider the rates and must mail written notice of the public hearing ("Proposition 218 Notice") to impacted rate payers and property owners at least 45 days prior to the public hearing to consider such modifications to the water and sewer rates together with an explanation of:

- (1) the amount of the proposed rates
- (2) the basis on which the rates are calculated
- (3) the reason for the rate modifications
- (4) the date, time and place of a public hearing to consider the rate modifications; and

WHEREAS, under Proposition 218, ratepayers and owners of property receiving City water and sewer services may protest the proposed rates by submitting a written protest prior to the close of the public hearing. While both ratepayers and property owners may submit protests, pursuant to Government Code section 53755, only one protest per parcel will be counted; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the City is choosing to comply with Assembly Bill 2257 (Government Code section 53759.1, et seq.), which requires any property owner or ratepayer that may wish to bring a judicial action challenging the rates compliance with Article XIII D to submit a written objection to the proposed water and sewer rates prior to the deadline established by the Council as part of the ratemaking process. The Council adopted Resolution No. 25-121 on November 19, 2025, adopting and establishing the procedures required by Assembly Bill 2257; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed water and sewer rates has been published on March 6, 2026 in substantial compliance with Government Code section 54354.5, in the News-Ledger as evidenced by Proof of Publication on file with the City Clerk with the subsequent notice published on March 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, during the March 18, 2026, Proposition 218 Public Hearing, City staff presented to the Council all timely received Written Objections and City responses, and the Council, exercising its legislative discretion, found and decided by adopting Resolution No. 26-23 that the City complied with the requirements of Government Code section 53759.1 and to complete the Proposition 218 Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2026, the City conducted a Proposition 218 Protest Hearing, considered all information related to this matter, including any supporting reports by City staff, any written comments or protests submitted by members of the public, all written objections and responses, all comments provided during the meeting, and at the conclusion of the hearing determined that a majority protest did not exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of West Sacramento, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct, finds that the staff report and attachments are true and correct, incorporates the recitals and staff report and attachments to the staff report herein by reference, and finds the above establishes the factual basis for the City Council's adoption of this Resolution.
2. The City Council hereby finds that this Resolution is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code Section 21065. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), the Resolution creates government funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. This Resolution is policy-oriented and would create a funding mechanism for the development of future water facilities. When and if specific water projects are developed and proposed for implementation, the environmental impacts of such facilities would be evaluated in accordance with CEQA and City practice at that time. If found to be a project under CEQA, the resolution is exempt from CEQA as there is no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment, per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3). Finally, the action is exempt from CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a) as the resolution is adopting updated water and sewer rates that are necessary to meet the operating, maintenance, and capital project funding needs of the City's water and sewer utilities and to maintain service within the City's existing service area.
3. The City Council hereby determines that the water and sewer rates set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution are in compliance with the California Constitution Article XIII D and California Government Code sections 53755 and 53759.1.

4. The City Council finds and determines that, based on the entire record before the City Council, including but not limited to the Rate Study and the Staff Report and attachments thereto, which are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein:
 - a. Revenues derived from the proposed water and sewer rates will not exceed the funds required to provide the respective water service.
 - b. Revenues derived from the proposed water and sewer rates will not be used for any purposes other than that for which they were imposed.
 - c. The amount of the water and sewer rates imposed upon any parcel of land or person as an incident of property ownership will not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel. The water and sewer rates imposed for a service or services that are actually used by, or immediately available to, the owner of the property in question.
 - d. The water and sewer rates are not being imposed for general government services.
5. After receiving and considering documentary and oral testimony, the City Council declared the public hearing closed and considered whether written protests were received from property owners or customers of record representing a majority of owners of the identified parcels.
6. There are 17,979 parcels within the City. For a majority protest, 8,991 protests must be received by the City. The City Clerk has counted _____ written protests, and based upon this number of written protests, the City Council hereby finds that a majority protest to the water and sewer rates does not exist.
7. The City Council hereby adopts the water and sewer rates set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution, and finds the rates are not discriminatory or excessive, and will be sufficient under Government Code Section 54515 and will comply with the provisions of Government Code Section 54340 et seq. and will be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City payable from the revenues of the enterprise and will be in compliance with law.
8. The City Council hereby directs the City Manager, or his designee, to take all appropriate actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.
9. Levy of Charges. Pursuant to Title 5, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 6 of the Government Code, the City's police power, and Sections 8.08.150, 13.04.591, and 13.08.386 of the West Sacramento Municipal Code, the increased rates are hereby approved.
10. Delinquent Charges Constitute a Lien. Delinquent charges and penalties when recorded in accordance with the provisions of the Revenue Bond Law (Government Code Section 54300 et. seq.) and Sections 13.04.710 and 13.08.460 of the West Sacramento Municipal Code shall constitute a lien upon the real property served.
11. If any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is rendered or declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Resolution, and their application to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to that end, the provisions of this Resolution are severable.
12. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on March 18, 2026. The water and sewer rates set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution will go into effect on April 1, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of March, 2026. I, Martha Guerrero, Mayor of the City Council for the City of West Sacramento, hereby certify the foregoing resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the City of West Sacramento City Council by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Martha Guerrero, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jennifer Cusmir, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Jeff Mitchell, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

TABLE 1: Proposed 5-Year Schedule of Monthly Water Fixed Charges

The fixed charge covers the cost of providing service, including water treatment, system maintenance, meter reading, billing, and customer service. Table 1 shows the current and proposed monthly water service charge by meter size over the next five years. Most city water customers have a 3/4-inch or 1-inch metered connection.

METER SIZE	Current	4/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029	1/1/2030
Up to 3/4"	\$24.61	\$35.93	\$41.32	\$43.80	\$45.99	\$48.29
1"	\$40.98	\$58.42	\$67.18	\$71.21	\$74.77	\$78.51
1.5"	\$81.78	\$114.65	\$131.85	\$139.76	\$146.75	\$154.09
2"	\$131.02	\$182.12	\$209.44	\$222.01	\$233.11	\$244.77
3"	\$262.13	\$362.06	\$416.37	\$441.35	\$463.42	\$486.59
4"	\$409.61	\$564.48	\$649.15	\$688.10	\$722.51	\$758.64
6"	\$818.94	\$1,126.78	\$1,295.80	\$1,373.55	\$1,442.23	\$1,514.34
8"	\$1,310.45	\$1,801.53	\$2,071.76	\$2,196.07	\$2,305.87	\$2,421.16
10"	\$1,883.65	\$2,588.74	\$2,977.05	\$3,155.67	\$3,313.45	\$3,479.12

TABLE 2: Proposed 5-Year Schedule of Monthly Water Consumption (Volumetric) Rates

Table 2 shows the current and proposed monthly water consumption (volumetric) rate, which is the amount each Residential and Commercial customer pays per hundred cubic feet of water used. NOTE: The consumption water rate is in dollars per hundred cubic feet (\$/hcf). One hundred cubic feet is equal to 748 gallons.

CONSUMPTION RATES	Current	4/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029	1/1/2030
All Customers						
\$/HCF (1 HCF = 748 gallons)	\$2.43	\$2.46	\$2.83	\$3.00	\$3.15	\$3.31

TABLE 3: Proposed 5-Year Schedule of Monthly Water Flat Rates

Table 3 shows the current and proposed monthly water flat rate over the next five years for customers with a meter that does not measure consumption.

FLAT WATER RATES (\$/month)	Current	4/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029	1/1/2030
Residential (1, 2, or 3 dwelling units)						
Up to 3/4"	\$59.23	\$71.08	\$81.74	\$86.64	\$90.97	\$95.52
1"	\$58.26	\$69.91	\$80.40	\$85.22	\$89.48	\$93.95
Additional Dwelling Units	\$33.61	\$40.33	\$46.38	\$49.16	\$51.62	\$54.20

Table 4. Proposed 5-Year Schedule of Monthly Sewer Fixed Charges and Volumetric Rates for All Customers

Table 4 shows the current and proposed monthly sewer service charges and volumetric rates over the next five years. The volumetric sewer rate is in dollars per hundred cubic feet (\$/hcf). NOTE: These rates and charges do not include Sacramento Area Sewer District treatment costs that are included as a pass-through on customer bills.

Customers with a Fixed Charge and a Flat or Volumetric Rate	Current	4/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029	1/1/2030
Residential						
Single-Family Fixed Charge	\$10.88	\$19.85	\$25.81	\$32.26	\$35.49	\$38.33
Multi-Family Fixed Charge (per dwelling unit)	\$8.16	\$13.53	\$17.59	\$21.99	\$24.19	\$26.13
Commercial						
Fixed Charge per Account	\$5.40	\$3.19	\$4.15	\$5.19	\$5.71	\$6.17
Metered Rate per HCF	\$3.16	\$2.41	\$3.14	\$3.93	\$4.32	\$4.67
Other Non-Residential (Non-Metered)						
Fixed Charge per ESD*	\$10.88	\$19.85	\$25.81	\$32.26	\$35.49	\$38.33

*ESD = 1 Equivalent Single-Family Dwelling as defined by Sacramento Area Sewer District in the Treatment and Resource Recovery Ordinance

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft of the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan and 2026 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program

The City of West Sacramento's draft Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) five-year Consolidated Plan and fiscal year 2026 Annual Action Plan will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period from March 6, 2026, through April 7, 2026, online at:

<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/economic-development-and-housing/community-development-block-grant>

The City of West Sacramento receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDBG funds must be used for projects that meet at least one of the three CDBG national objectives: 1) benefitting low- and moderate-income households or neighborhoods; 2) addressing slums or blight conditions; or 3) addressing an urgent need such as flood or earthquake damage. As a condition of the CDBG funds, the City is required to develop a Five-Year Consolidated Plan that contains the City's strategy for the use of CDBG funds. Additionally, the City must develop an Annual Action Plan outlining how CDBG funds will be used to meet goals set in the Consolidated Plan. The draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan covers the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030. The draft 2026 Annual Action Plan covers the first year of the five-year planning period.

HUD has yet to announce the CDBG allocation, but the City of West Sacramento anticipate receiving an amount similar to last year's allocation of \$546,333. Additional resources for the 2026 Action Plan will include \$30,000 in anticipated program income. Any increase or decrease in the 2026 allocation amount will be reflected in the proposed activity associated with the Consolidated Plan goals. The proposed CDBG activities for the 2026 Annual Action Plan do not include programs or projects that displace persons from their homes, businesses, or farms.

Proposed 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan Goals

The draft Consolidated Plan identifies the following priority goals:

- Goal 1 (High Priority): Provide Supportive Services for Homeless Persons**
Fund outreach, intake assessments, referrals, case management, and housing search assistance for persons experiencing homelessness.
- Goal 2 (High Priority): Expand Availability of Low-Barrier Housing**
Support development of low-barrier housing linked to supportive services for extremely low- and very low-income persons and persons exiting homelessness.
- Goal 3: Reduce Housing Discrimination and Evictions**
Support fair housing monitoring, enforcement, education, and reporting to address housing discrimination and eviction-related issues.
- Goal 4 (High Priority): Support Affordable Housing Opportunities**
Provide gap financing for land acquisition, site preparation, rehabilitation, new construction, and related infrastructure to expand affordable housing opportunities.
- Goal 5 (High Priority): Support Housing Stability for Persons Exiting Homelessness**
Support emergency and interim housing programs that provide case management, housing navigation, and supportive services leading to permanent housing placement and stability.

Public Hearings

The City conducted the first public hearing to obtain input on housing and community development needs on January 28, 2026, before the Economic Development and Housing Commission.

A second public hearing is tentatively scheduled for April 15, 2026, at a regular meeting of the City Council, at which time the City Council will consider adoption of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The meeting agenda, time, and location will be posted in accordance with applicable noticing requirements. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide comments.

Written comments may be submitted to the following address no later than 5 p.m. on April 7, 2026: Isaaah Alford, Economic Development and Housing, City of West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691. Comments also may be submitted through email to Isaaah Alford at isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org.

Additional CDBG Information may be obtained by contacting Isaaah Alford, Associate Community Investment Planner, at isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org or at 916-617-4555. Technical assistance is available to groups representing low-income residents that are interested in learning about CDBG funding for programs or projects.

The City of West Sacramento promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income households regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status or disability. The City will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities and translation services upon request. Requests should be made by contacting Isaaah Alford at the information listed above.

Aviso de Período de Comentarios Públicos Borrador del Plan Consolidado 2026-2030 y del Plan de Acción Anual 2026 Programa de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario

El borrador del Plan Consolidado Quinquenal 2026-2030 del Programa de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) y el borrador del Plan de Acción Anual para el Año Fiscal 2026 de la Ciudad de West Sacramento estarán disponibles para un período de revisión y comentarios públicos de 30 días, desde el 6 de marzo de 2026 hasta el 7 de abril de 2026. Puede consultar estos documentos en línea en:

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BEE'S LAKE HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT

This Invitation to Bid (ITB) is for the Bee's Lake Habitat Restoration Project. The City is seeking a qualified contractor to provide all labor, material, equipment, and services necessary.

CITY SCHEDULE:

Mandatory Bid Walk:

March 18, 2026 – 10:00am
Bee's Lakes
3400 Chicory Loop
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Bid Release Date		March 6, 2026
RFI Question Cutoff	no later than	5:00pm April 13, 2026
Proposals Due	no later than	2:00pm April 23, 2026

INQUIRIES:

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TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication		February 27, 2026
Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs	no later than	5 P.M. March 16, 2026
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Award of Contract		May 6, 2026

Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting: March 11, 2026, at 10 A.M.

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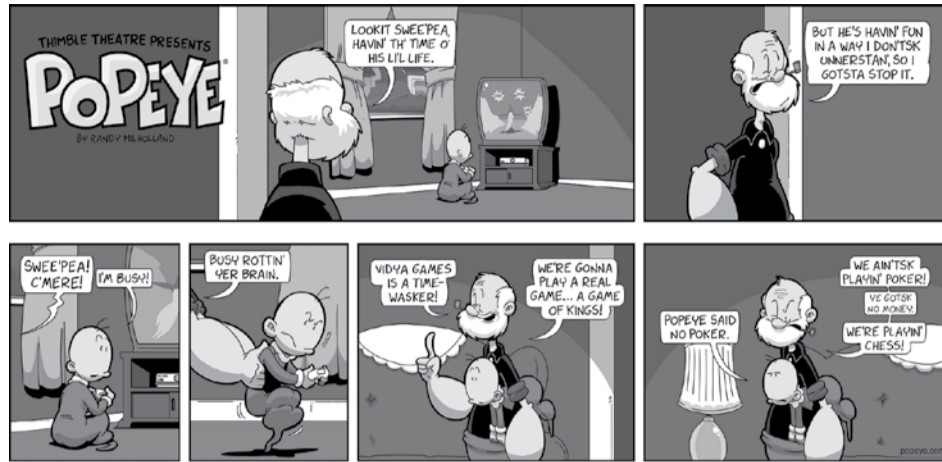
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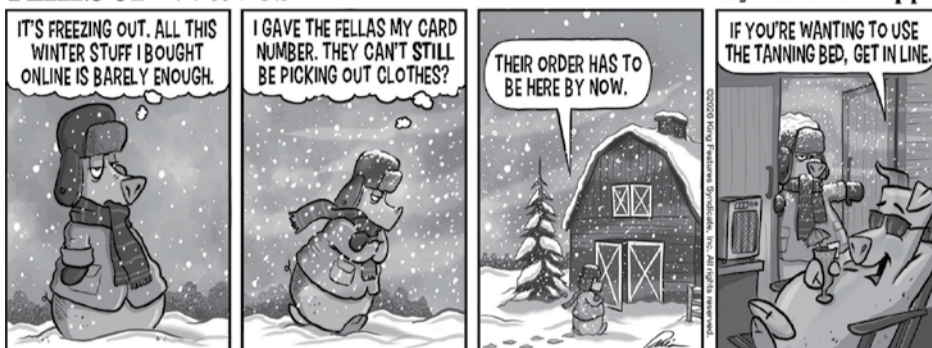
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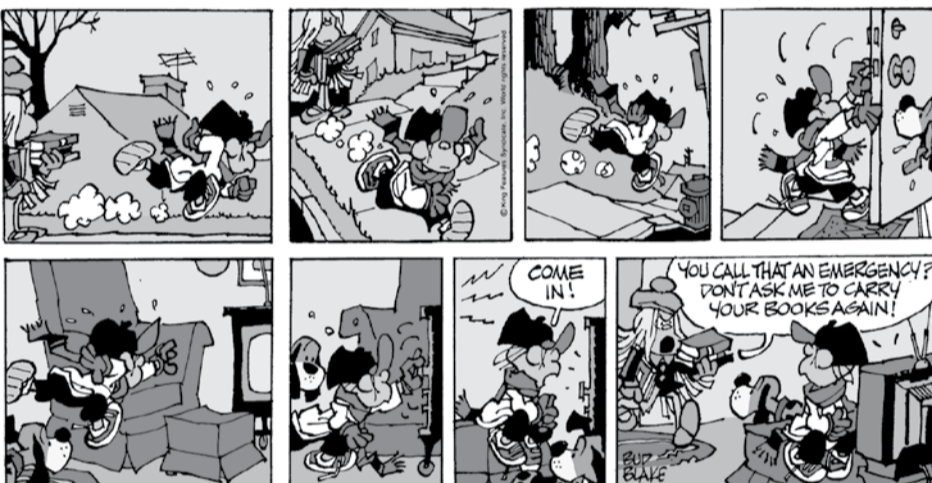
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Yolo County Office of Education News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Dr. Garth Lewis, Yolo County Superintendent of Schools, has been named 2026 Superintendent of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 3, which represents school leaders across Sacramento and Yolo counties. The award recognizes Dr. Lewis's exceptional leadership, dedication to student success and commitment to strengthening public education across Yolo County.

"Dr. Lewis leads with vision, integrity and a deep commitment to collaboration," said Board of Education President Elizabeth Esquivel. "By aligning districts and community partners around shared goals, he has strengthened opportunities for students across Yolo County. We are thrilled to see him honored as Superintendent of the Year."

Lewis has served as Yolo County Superintendent of Schools since 2018 and was re-elected to a second term in 2022. He is the first African American elected to serve in the role in Yolo County.

The county superintendent provides leadership and state-required fiscal and program oversight for the county's five school districts, which together serve approximately 30,000 students. In addition, the Superintendent serves as chief executive officer of the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE), leading its educational programs and countywide initiatives that support students, educators and families.

Under his leadership,

YCOE launched the county-wide Roadmap to the Future initiative in 2022. The initiative brings together schools, public agencies and community partners to improve student outcomes, remove systemic barriers and expand access to academic and career opportunities for children and youth.

In August 2024, following five years of planning, YCOE broke ground on a \$4.8 million resiliency and sustainability project. Upon completion, YCOE will become the first county office of education in the nation to advance a plan to operate its own independent microgrid, which allows the agency to generate and manage its own power during outages and emergencies. The project reflects a commitment to innovation, environmental stewardship and long-term fiscal responsibility.

Lewis has also championed the development and alignment of Graduate Profiles across Yolo County. Graduate Profiles define the skills and competencies students should demonstrate by the time they graduate. While each of the county's five school districts and YCOE has developed a Graduate Profile reflecting local priorities, Lewis has worked to identify shared values and core competencies to better prepare students for college, career and civic life.

Additional milestones under his tenure include establishing the Yolo Center for Language and Literacy to strengthen early reading outcomes and support multilingual learners, launching the Yolo County Youth Civic Initiative with community partners to elevate student voice and civic engagement and expanding school-based



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mental health partnerships in collaboration with Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency to increase student access to behavioral health services

Over his 30-year career in public education, Lewis has served as a paraeducator, teacher, principal, district administrator and assistant superintendent at a county office of education. He earned his teaching credential and master's degree from California State University, Sacramento and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of California, Davis.

Lewis, along with other regional honorees, will be recognized at an awards gala on April 13 in Elk Grove.

ACSA Region 3 represents educational leaders from 21 school districts across Sacramento and Yolo counties, serving more than 260,000 K-12 students.

The Yolo County Office of Education provides inspiration, leadership, support and advocacy to ensure equity and access to high-quality education for all students. For more information, visit www.ycoe.org. ★

League of Women Voters Holds Affordable Housing Forum



By Jessica Smith, League of Women Voters of Yolo County

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The League of Women Voters of Yolo County (LWVYC) will hold its public forum "Affordable Housing: How do We Get it Built?" on Thursday, March 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Woodland Community and Senior Center, 2001 East St. The doors will open at 6:10 p.m.

The forum offers a panel of local housing leaders: John Currey, the Executive Director of the Yolo Land Trust, Ian Evans, the Executive Director of Yolo County Housing and Bill Pride,

Executive Director of Yolo Community Builders. Opportunities for audience questions will follow the panel discussion.

Affordable Housing is one of the main issues the League of Women Voters of Yolo County has promoted through voter education. The event will focus on supporting affordable housing projects which serve families, seniors and singles below the poverty level along with provisions for effective management of the units and services for residents.

This event, co-sponsored by the Davis Community Action Network, hopes to educate

voters across the county on the unique needs and priorities of multiple communities and residents. Interfaith Housing Justice Davis is also working as an event partner.

To learn more and to register to attend the event, sign up at lwvyolo.org. The event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required.

The League of Women Voters is committed to informing voters on local governance issues and increasing access to election information. They are a non-partisan, grassroots organization dedicated to voter education and empowering citizens to shape better communities nationwide. ★

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Why does the Earth have Lava in the Middle?

- Nora, 6, Florida

Dear Nora,

I live near a few volcanoes. One of them—Mount St. Helens—is bubbling with molten material that will probably gush out as lava someday.

I asked my friend Johannes Hämmerli about lava. He's an earth scientist at Washington State University.

He told me Earth is mostly solid.

"The very center of Earth is a solid metal ball," Hämmerli said. "Outside that ball, there's a thick shell we think is liquid. And the rest of Earth—if you go through the mantle and crust—is pretty much solid."

Earth formed when a cloud of dust in space collapsed. The elements inside the cloud squished together. As it squished, it got hotter and melted. Heavy stuff like iron and nickel sank to the middle. That formed the metal core. It's now solid because it's under so much pressure.

That metal ball sits inside a big bubble of liquid called the outer core. It's made of similar stuff, but it's under much less pressure. It's not being squeezed as much, so it flows like any liquid.

That's super important for life on Earth.

The metal atoms in the liquid outer core swirl around in the super-hot metal syrup. That churning makes a magnetic field around Earth. It

The deepest hole ever dug is the Kola superdeep borehole in Russia. Scientists gave up on that project in 1995. Now it's just a metal cap in rubble. Rakot13 CC BY-SA 3.0

works like an invisible shield, deflecting dangerous radiation from the sun.

The liquid outer core is surrounded by the thick layer called the mantle. It's mostly solid rock—not melted like lava. Over time, changes in heat and pressure make the solid rock slowly flow. It's like how taffy is solid but stretches and oozes in a way most solids don't.

On top of the mantle is Earth's outer layer, also known as the crust. That's the solid ground we walk on.

Most of the mantle is solid rock. But sometimes parts of the mantle melt and turn into liquid rock. That can happen if the mantle gets hotter or water seeps in. Or it can happen if the pressure decreases. Liquid rock underground is called magma.

That melted rock slowly rises toward the surface—because it's less dense than the solid rock. If it erupts from a volcano, the liquid rock is called lava.

Hämmerli told me that

nobody has ever reached Earth's liquid outer core. It's about 1,800 miles below the surface. That's the distance from Los Angeles to Chicago—nearly a 30-hour car ride.

Humans have only drilled about 7.5 miles into the Earth. There's just so much heat and pressure down there. That makes the drills fail or gum up. It would be super expensive to overcome those challenges.

So, how did we figure out there's a liquid outer core if we can't stick a straw down there and slurp up a sample?

It turns out we got clues from earthquakes. They send out two kinds of waves. Some waves can travel all the way through Earth. Other waves can't do that. They come to a screeching halt when they bump into liquid—like the outer core.

That and other data point toward how we understand Earth's layers today.

Sincerely,
Dr. Universe

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