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## Student Poster Contest Winners



The Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD) recently announced the student winners of its 33rd annual student poster contest, featuring this year's theme, "From Ripple to River." Photo courtesy of the Citrus Heights Water District

By Thomas J. Sullivan

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - The Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD) recently announced the student winners of its 33rd annual student poster contest, featuring this year's theme, "From Ripple to River."

Elementary school students in grades four through six in the San Juan Unified School District and other participating partners used their imaginations to creatively illustrate the water cycle and the value of water as a limited natural resource.

Participating schools included Skycrest Elementary, Trajan Elementary, Mariposa Avenue Elementary, Kingswood K-8, Carriage Drive Elementary and Woodside K-8 in Citrus Heights.

The top three winning students were invited to share their posters with members of the Board

of Directors of the Citrus Heights Water District where they each received individual certificates of achievement and a cash prize.

Judges were especially impressed by the creativity, effort and thoughtful interpretations of how water moves through our environment and infrastructure, said CHWD Public Affairs Manager Mary Elise Conzelmann.

This year's three winners were all students attending Trajan Elementary School in Orangevale.

Bexley Frink, a student in Mr. Alexander's fourth grade class, was chosen as the overall poster contest winner.

Her winning poster design includes a colorful rainbow and depicts the steps of the water cycle as it flows down from the surrounding mountains into the greater Sacramento valley.

Runner-up winners included Addy Macedo, a fellow student in Mr. Alexander's fourth-grade class, and Elia Sadat, a fifth-grade student in Mrs. Delzer's class at Trajan Elementary School.

In her poster, Addy Macedo, used smiling blue water droplets sitting atop white puffy clouds to represent people, "reminding each of us to save water as we needed it to survive." A turtle, her favorite animal, is also featured in her poster design.

"I also have hearts coming out of the clouds (as drops) because people should love water," she said.

Members of the CHWD Board of Directors are Caryl F. Sheehan, David C. Wheaton and Raymond A. Riehle.

The annual student poster contest teaches students the value of water as a limited resource, the importance

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## Caltrans Receives \$1.4 Million Grant to Improve Highway Safety

Caltrans News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Caltrans announced June 29, that it received approximately \$1.4 million in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to help expand and improve traffic data collection that will improve safety on the state highway system.

Caltrans analyzes a wide variety of data sets to help evaluate road safety, including lane conditions, intersection and shoulder types, traffic controls, speed limits and traffic volumes. The fiscal year 2026 funding for the program will help streamline the collection and is provided by a grant from OTS through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Strengthening California's roadway data helps us better understand crash patterns and make smarter safety investments. This grant will boost our ability to improve safety statewide and advance our goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries," said Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy.

The funds will support data collection of average annual daily traffic (AADT) on non-Federal Aid System (NFAS) roads, including rural roads, collector roads that connect to the state highway system, and urban local roads. The funding will also be used for inventory intersection types and designs on NFAS roads, as well as support statewide outreach and coordination with local and regional agencies, including Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), cities, counties, and tribal agencies.

Caltrans is aligning departmental operations with the Safe System approach, which identifies several interconnected elements to achieve a vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries – safe road users, safe roads, safe speeds, safe vehicles, and post-crash care.

As part of this commitment, Caltrans is prioritizing "safety first" in highway planning, operations, construction, and maintenance; focusing efforts on eliminating the most serious crashes; and working to eliminate disparities in road safety outcomes related to race, age, ability, and transportation mode by addressing

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## Salsa, Music, Celebrities and Community Fun to Return Aug. 15

Helping Hands OV News Release

**ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG)** - One of Orangevale's favorite summer traditions is back, bigger than ever and still supporting a great local cause.

Helping Hands OV invites the community to its 5th Annual Salsa Cook Off on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Orangevale Grange, 5807 Walnut Ave., Orangevale. This family-friendly celebration promises a day packed with flavor, entertainment, shopping and community spirit.

Attendees will have the opportunity to taste over 30 salsa entries and cast their votes to help crown the best salsa in town. Whether you love mild, hot, chunky, blended, or something



Guests can enjoy live entertainment from The Schwamigos, Los Saugaritos and OVFO Arts, explore more than 50 local vendors and crafters, visit food trucks and enjoy the beer and margarita garden for guests 21 and older. Photo courtesy of Helping Hands OV

in between, there will be plenty of delicious options to enjoy.

The fun doesn't stop with salsa. Guests can enjoy

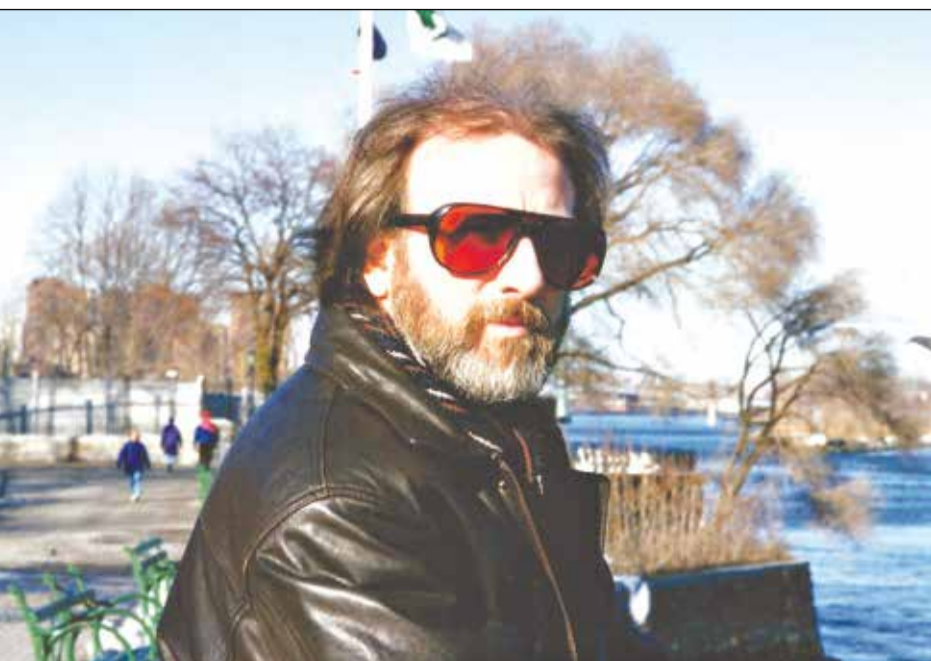
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# In Celebration and Gratitude



Paul V. Scholl, Publisher of Messenger Publishing Group and President of Western Web, Inc.

**By Paul V. Scholl, Publisher  
Messenger Publishing Group**

July 1st marked the celebration of Messenger Publishing Group reaching its 20-year anniversary of publishing local news, beginning with the American River Messenger in 2006. It all started in my garage and one converted bedroom into an office in my home in Roseville.

MPG is currently 18 publications strong, 15 of those would not exist if we hadn't rescued them from closure. The Sacramento region would be a local print news desert if these local newspapers hadn't been purchased as the years went on. Through all the tough times, good decisions and bad decisions, oppressive government regulations and overreach, MPG forged on. We did not surrender.

Over the years, many other publications ceased to exist or have been greatly diminished. At the same time, we re-organized and kept printing. MPG now consists of Carmichael Times, Citrus Heights Messenger, Rancho Cordova Grapevine Independent, Elk Grove Citizen, The Rio Linda News, The Galt Herald, Land Park News, East Sacramento News, Pocket News, River Valley Times, Gold River Messenger, American River Messenger, The Gridley Herald, Territorial Dispatch (Marysville/Yuba City), Colusa County Pioneer Review, Dixon Independent Voice, West

Sacramento News Ledger, Arden Arcade News. Along with our special publications, we publish 722 issues each year. And we don't work on Sundays.

In January of 2026, I purchased Western Web, Inc., a commercial printing company in Northern California to produce and print our publications. Our new printing team has been awesome, and the products now look fantastic. We also print dozens more local newspapers and publications that serve their communities throughout Northern California all the way up to the Oregon border.

We are growing. Leadership matters. Commitment matters. Foundational principles matter. We are founded on "God, Country, Family", the same foundation that our great nation is founded upon. We are leaders in local print news because we are dedicated to a higher power. We lift people up. We lift communities up.

My teams at Messenger Publishing Group and Western Web and I want to thank all those who support us through their advertising, subscriptions, readership, printing work and contributions. I want to thank my entire team for all their hard work, especially when deadlines loom. It takes great teamwork at both companies to produce great products.

We will continue to grow. We will continue to serve.  
God Bless America,  
Paul V. Scholl

# Salsa, Music, Celebrities and Community Fun to Return Aug. 15



Adding to the excitement, celebrity judges will be on hand, including Mark S. Allen of ABC10, Doug Lazy of Mix 96 and NOW 100.5, professional UFC fighter Max "Pain" Griffin, MaryAnne Povey of OV Live, Chrysti Tovani of I Love Fair Oaks and Fair Oaks Honorary Mayor Noah Wright. Photo courtesy of Helping Hands OV

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Tickets are just \$8 through Aug. 13. After that date, prices increase and tickets will only be available at the door. VIP and Family Pack tickets are available exclusively online through Aug. 13 or while supplies last. Tickets can be purchased at [helpinghandsov.org](http://helpinghandsov.org) under the Events tab.

While the event is known for bringing together friends, families, neighbors and local businesses for a day of fun, it also serves a bigger purpose. The Salsa Cook Off is Helping Hands OV's largest fundraiser of the year and helps fund programs that assist local seniors, veterans,

individuals with disabilities and families in need through small household jobs and community outreach programs.

Helping Hands OV extends a special thank you to Fiesta Sponsor 5th Generation Plumbing for helping make this event possible. Additional thanks go to Katie Yount State Farm, Waterfly Car Wash, Fix Auto Orangevale, The Rubitsky Family and the many sponsors, vendors, volunteers and community partners who are helping create what is expected to be the biggest Salsa Cook Off yet.

Grab your friends, bring your appetite, and get ready for a day of salsa tasting, music, shopping, laughter and community spirit. Buy your tickets early and come help decide who earns bragging rights for the best salsa in town.

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# San Juan Unified Updates E-Transportation Guidelines to Support Student Safety

## San Juan Unified School District News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - As electric bikes (e-bikes), scooters and other forms of e-transportation become increasingly popular among students, the San Juan Unified Board of Education approved updated guidelines designed to support student and staff safety on school campuses on June 23.

Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, only Class 1 e-bikes will be permitted at elementary, K-8 and middle school campuses. High school students may continue to ride Class 2 and Class 3 e-bikes, e-scooters and e-skateboards, provided the student meets applicable age and licensing

requirements for the device. The decision follows conversations with school leaders, staff and community partners about the growing use of e-transportation devices and the importance of creating safe campus environments for students and staff.

### Understanding the Guidelines

Under the updated guidelines helmets are required for all riders; e-motos are not permitted on any San Juan Unified campus; elementary, K-8 and middle school students may only ride Class 1 e-bikes; high school students may ride Class 2 and Class 3 e-bikes, e-scooters

and e-skateboards; riders of Class 3 e-bikes and e-scoot-

California law groups e-bikes into three classifications: Class 1 (Pedal-assist only, up to 20 mph), Class 2 (Throttle-assisted, up to 20 mph) and Class 3 (Pedal-assist only, up to 28 mph).

Class 1 e-bikes are generally considered the safest option for younger riders because they provide motor assistance only while pedaling and operate at lower speeds than Class 3 devices.

### A Shared Responsibility

San Juan Unified encourages families to discuss e-transportation safety with their students and review the rules that apply to the devices they ride.

Whether traveling by bicycle, e-bike, scooter or skateboard, students should wear a helmet every ride; follow all traffic laws and signals; ride in the direction of traffic; yield to pedestrians; stay alert and avoid distractions; and slow down and use caution near school campuses.

By working together, families, students and schools can help ensure students travel safely to and from school while making responsible choices on the road.

### Learn More

Families can learn more about e-transportation safety, classifications and campus expectations by visiting the district's E-Transportation Safety webpage at [sanjuan.edu/etransportation](http://sanjuan.edu/etransportation). ★



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ers must be at least 16 years old; and e-scooter riders must have a valid permit or driver's license. ★

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historic and current barriers to transportation access and safety.

Safety is also one of the key pillars of the Caltrans 2024–2028 Strategic Plan. Caltrans is committed to maintaining and improving

the state's transportation network to make it safer, more reliable and climate resilient.

For more information about transportation and other infrastructure projects funded with state and federal investments, visit [build.ca.gov](http://build.ca.gov). ★

## Bera Applauds Final House Passage of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act

### U.S. Representative Ami Bera News Release

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) issued the following statement June 23, after the House passed the Senate-amended 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. The bipartisan legislation represents the most significant housing package passed by Congress in decades and includes dozens of reforms aimed at increasing housing supply, lowering housing costs and expanding access to homeownership for working families across the country.

"At a time when rising costs continue to squeeze household budgets, too many families are struggling to keep up with rent or mortgage payments, and the American Dream of homeownership feels increasingly out of reach," said Representative Ami Bera, M.D. "Back home in Sacramento County, I hear constantly from hardworking families, young professionals and first-time homebuyers who are delaying major life decisions because they simply cannot afford to buy a home. That is unacceptable."

"For years, I have pushed for commonsense solutions to make it easier to build more homes, reduce unnecessary barriers to development and increase housing supply," Bera continued. "This legislation recognizes that there is no single solution to America's housing crisis and

takes meaningful steps toward creating more attainable housing opportunities and expanding pathways to the American Dream of homeownership."

The legislation includes provisions to streamline housing development, expand access to homeownership, support manufactured and modular housing, strengthen regional housing planning, improve financing options for homebuyers and community lenders, modernize federal housing programs, strengthen disaster recovery efforts and help communities build more affordable housing.

Earlier this year, Representative Bera announced his support for 25 housing-related bills focused on increasing housing supply, improving affordability and helping more families find a safe, stable and affordable place to live. The final legislation reflects many of the same priorities that have guided his efforts to address the housing affordability crisis: increasing housing supply, reducing barriers to construction, expanding access to homeownership, supporting innovative housing solutions and strengthening local communities.

Representative Bera looks forward to seeing the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act signed into law and will continue working to advance practical, bipartisan solutions that lower housing costs and expand opportunity for families in Sacramento County and across the nation. ★

## Student Poster Contest Winners

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of conservation and the need to use it wisely.

Students were invited to explore the journey of water - from a single drop to the larger eco systems that support the community - highlighting how every ripple plays a role in sustaining reliable water supplies, explained Mary Elise Conzelmann, CHWD Public Affairs Manager.

"Thank you to all the students and teachers who participated in this year's poster contest," said Board President Caryl Sheehan.

The district also extended its sincere congratulations to the winners and appreciation to all participants for helping bring awareness to the value of water through art.

"Your creative artwork shows us that you really understand how water

supports our community, from where a drop hits the ground all the way to the systems that bring it to every home and business. We are excited to share your work and show it to the public."

CHWD customers will soon be able to pick up a 2027 calendar featuring this year's winning entries at the water district office at 6230 Sylvan Road in Citrus Heights.

The Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD), established in 1920, provides safe, high-quality water to over 70,000 customers in parts of Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Orangevale, Carmichael and Roseville.

For more information about next year's CHWD student poster contest, visit: [chwd.org/community](http://chwd.org/community) or call 916-735-7727. The winning poster entries are featured in a special video link at: [chwd.org/postercontest2026](http://chwd.org/postercontest2026). ★

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# Keep Kids Safe Around Water This Summer



As temperatures rise and families look for ways to stay cool, Sacramento County reminds parents and caregivers that water safety should be a top priority throughout the summer months. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

## Sacramento County News Release

### SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- As temperatures rise and families look for ways to stay cool, Sacramento County reminds parents and caregivers that water safety should be a top priority throughout the summer months. Drowning is one of the leading causes of injury-related death for children, but many incidents can be prevented through awareness, preparation and active supervision.

Whether spending time at a swimming pool, lake, river, water park or even at home, it's important to take steps to stay safe. Drowning can happen quickly and quietly. An adult should always be supervising children when they are in or near water.

Parents and caregivers are

encouraged to talk with children and teens about water safety this summer. These conversations should include the importance of following safety rules, swimming with a buddy and listening to lifeguards or supervising adults.

#### Before spending a day on the water:

Parents should take a few minutes to make sure they are prepared. Children under 13 in Sacramento County must wear properly fitted life jackets when boating or spending time in lakes, rivers or other open water. While floatation devices and water toys can be fun, they should never replace close adult supervision or a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

#### Start the conversation with your kids:

It's also important to talk with children about what to do around water. Remind them to stay

where adults can see them, avoid rough play near pools or waterways, and never enter the water without permission. Having these conversations before a family outing can help children make safer choices when they are excited and distracted by summer activities.

#### Drownings can happen in unexpected places:

Water safety discussions should not be limited to pools, lake rivers and oceans. Drownings can happen inside the home as well. Bathtubs, buckets, large containers and other sources of standing water can pose serious risks to young children. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water. Parents and caregivers should never leave infants or young children unattended around water, even for a moment.

#### To help keep children safe, parents and caregivers should:

Always provide close, undistracted supervision when children are in or near water.

Designate a responsible adult as a "water watcher" during gatherings and swimming activities.

Ensure pools and spas are secured with proper fencing and self-latching gates.

Use properly fitted life jackets when boating or recreating near open water.

Enroll children in age-appropriate swim lessons when possible.

Learn CPR and know how to respond in a water emergency.

Talk with children regularly about water safety rules and expectations.

Empty buckets, kiddie pools and other containers after use and store them safely.

When visiting Sacramento

County Parks:

Sacramento County Regional Parks reminds residents to use extra caution when visiting local waterways. Rivers can have strong currents, cold water temperatures and hidden hazards that make them dangerous, even for experienced swimmers. Parents should talk with children about these risks and make sure they stay in approved recreation areas. Remember: County ordinance requires that all children under 13 wear an approved life jacket before entering lakes and rivers. Life jackets are also stationed in several areas along the river.

As families enjoy the summer season, a few simple precautions and conversations can go a long way toward preventing accidents and keeping children safe while they have fun in and around the water. ★

## Jacqueline White Appointed as Next County Superintendent of Schools

*Longtime educational leader selected following planned retirement of Superintendent David Gordon*

### Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Board of Education announced June 23, the appointment of Jacqueline (Jackie) White as the next Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, effective Sept. 1. White, who currently serves as Assistant Superintendent of Court and Community Schools, Career Technical Education (CTE) and Adult Education for the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), was selected by the Board by a 6-0 vote (1 absent) following a comprehensive application process and nationwide search. SCOE is one of only five county offices of education in California where the superintendent of schools is appointed by the Board, not elected.

The appointment follows the announcement by Superintendent David Gordon that he will retire in 2027 after serving more than 22 years as Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools. White will assume the role of Superintendent on Sept. 1 allowing for a planned transition period with Gordon before his departure.

After Sept. 1 Superintendent Gordon will serve as a Special Advisor to the Board and Superintendent White until June 2027 to ensure continuity in fulfilling the complex responsibilities being triggered by the Sacramento City Unified School District's fiscal distress and potential insolvency. He will also assist with a smooth handoff to Superintendent White and support select strategic initiatives where his connections with local, regional and statewide leaders and partners are essential.

"The Board overwhelmingly agreed that Jacqueline White is the right leader for this moment and for the future of Sacramento County's students," said Mariana Corona Sabeniano, President, Sacramento County



Jacqueline (Jackie) White will assume the role of Superintendent on Sept. 1. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento County Office of Education

Board of Education. "While at SCOE, Jackie has led important work, and she has done it with excellence, compassion and vision. The Board is proud to elevate a leader who knows this organization, knows our communities and is deeply committed to every student we serve."

#### About Jacqueline White

Jacqueline (Jackie) White is an educational leader with extensive experience spanning K-12 education, Adult Education, Career Technical Education, Student Services, Arts Education and College and Career Readiness. As Assistant Superintendent for Adult and Student Programs at the Sacramento County Office of Education, she oversees programs that support students, families, schools and districts across Sacramento County, including Career Technical Education, Adult Education, Court and Community Schools, Computer Science and specialized student services.

A 20-year educator who began her

education career as a 5th/6th grade teacher in the Twin Rivers Unified School District, White has dedicated her career to educating students (children and adults) in Sacramento County. Over the course of her career, Jacqueline has served as a teacher, principal, district administrator and county leader. This broad experience has given her a deep understanding of teaching and learning, school operations, workforce development, student support systems and organizational leadership. She is known for bringing people together around shared goals and building partnerships that improve opportunities for students.

"It is the honor of my career to be selected as the next Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools," said White. "I am deeply grateful to the Board of Education for their trust and confidence, and to Superintendent Gordon for his mentorship and the remarkable organization he has built over 22 years. I have

dedicated my professional life to serving the students of Sacramento County, particularly those who face incredible obstacles. I am eager to bring that same commitment, energy and heart to this role every single day. The students and communities of Sacramento County deserve nothing less, and I am ready to get to work."

White earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Economics from Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga in 2001. She also has a Clear Administrative Services Credential from Sacramento County Office of Education Leadership Institute and a Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential with English Language Authorization from California State University, Sacramento. Jacqueline is married and the proud mother of five children.

#### Honoring Superintendent David Gordon's Legacy

Superintendent David Gordon has led the Sacramento County Office of Education since 2004, dedicating more than 22 years to serving the students, educators and communities of Sacramento County. He currently serves as a Governor's appointee to the State Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). Mr. Gordon has also been an active volunteer in the Sacramento area and currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sierra Health Foundation, Commissioner on the Sacramento First 5 and Vice Chair of the AVID Board of Directors.

"Superintendent Gordon has given 22 years of his life to the students, educators and families of Sacramento County, and the impact of that commitment simply cannot be overstated," said Board President Corona Sabeniano. "The Board is deeply grateful for his leadership, his integrity and his enduring dedication to this community." ★

## Students Honored with Scholarships from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

### SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union News Release

### SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union has awarded \$207,750 in college scholarships to 245 students, including six from Sacramento County, through its 2026 Member Education Award scholarship program.

The program, now in its 26th year, awards students based on grade point average, rigor of coursework, letters of recommendation, community involvement, school activities

and leadership experience.

"For more than 25 years, the Member Education Award scholarship program has recognized students who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and a commitment to their communities," said Josh Smith, vice president of school and community relations for SchoolsFirst FCU. "We are proud to support these outstanding Members as they continue their educational journeys and work toward achieving their goals."

The Sacramento County

recipients are as follows.

Luke Gerber of Elk Grove, CA; attending Elk Grove High School

Elianna Young of Sacramento, CA; attending Jerusalem Arise Christian Academy

Zoe Corder of Fair Oaks, CA; attending Bella Vista High School

Camden Montgomery of Sacramento, CA; attending Jesuit High School

Lillian Curtis of Sacramento, CA; attending Sacramento City College

Lexi Cloward of Galt, CA;

attending Saint Mary's High School

The scholarships help cover tuition, books and other educational expenses. All recipients are Members of SchoolsFirst FCU and must be enrolled in an accredited college or university for the upcoming fall term.

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## Darius Acuff Debut

By V.G. Harris

A new era has begun, and Darius Acuff Jr. will be a focal point in that new era.

Beginning with a rousing 79-76 victory on the Fourth of July over the visiting Nets, Darius Acuff Jr. received by far the most rousing applause from a frenetic Golden One crowd poised to see what the future will look like.

A lot of pressure on young Darius produced a shot that wasn't falling, and after one quarter Acuff missed all but one shot from the field and contributed a paltry three points.

But this crowd was inspired, and as it turns out, so was Darius. Putting doubters to rest, Darius showcased excellent ball handling skills throughout and exhibited court management like a veteran.

What impressed me the most as I sat and watched the Kings No. 1 draft choice in action, was his determination to get the job done, and seemingly no number of missed shots was going to deter him.

Playing alongside older and more experienced players, this young 19-year-old looked like a much older player as he simply put his head down and refused to quit.

The Nets led this game nearly the entire way, but with less than three minutes to play, Acuff sank his first NBA 3-pointer, and would prove to be the margin of victory.

Last year's No. 1 draft choice Nique Clifford made the deciding bucket with a "nothing but net" three-pointer on an assist from Acuff, but without a doubt Darius had made his presence felt, and his first NBA action ended with a win.

Criticized to some degree for his lack of defense coming in, Acuff showed a natural ability and even looked comfortable on the defensive end of the court.

Overall, the Kings fans were treated to an NBA debut that few will forget, and in spite of not having his best shooting night, Acuff finished the contest with a game high 25 points.

Not to be lost in all of this drama was the electric play of Dylan Cardwell, who picked up where he left off from last year, and kept the Kings in the game with his high intensity

play. Without question, Cardwell is an intrinsic key into the success of this year's team, and his joy for the game is contagious and enthusiastic.

Stepping from the shadows was the almost forgotten man, 45th in the draft Emanuel Sharp, who added a well received 13 points and played a brand of defense the Sacramento Kings have been hoping to see for ages.

Defense seemed to come naturally for young Sharp, and he seemed to be everywhere at once. At 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds., Emanuel looked every bit of the NBA ready guard he appears to be, and what a welcome sight that is for a team that has struggled with defense like few other teams.

Although Alex Karaban did not see action due to a rolled ankle, both Acuff and Sharp carried the day and opened more than a few eyes, as the Kings did something that the Sacramento fans saw little of a year ago. They actually closed out a game.

The second game of summer league saw the Kings face their archrival, the Golden State Warriors, and although Darius Acuff was given the night off, once again Emanuel Sharp came to play, and just as the Kings had done the night before, they came from behind to post a solid 91-85 victory.

The final game at Golden One will take place on Monday night, and I expect to see Darius Acuff back in action. Look for attendance to be good as Kings fans are feeling the crescendo that is taking place with a bevy of rookies that are vying for a spot of the big squad.

It's hard to wish for more positivity than this young squad has presented to the Sacramento faithful in the first two games, but if you haven't been paying close attention so far, it's not too soon to get excited.

These guys don't like to lose, and that kind of energy is contagious.

Now surround them with the likes of Domantas Sabonis, Keegan Murray and Zach Lavine, and watch the temperature go up.

The real question is how many times will this new unit light the beam this year?

Stay tuned Kings fans, because the fun is just getting started!

All the best! ★

## California Voters will Decide 14 Ballot Measures, Billionaire Tax Included. There Could've Been More



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

When California voters in 1978 passed Proposition 13, the iconic property tax limitation, they simultaneously rejected Proposition 8, which had been placed on the ballot by the Legislature as an alternate tax relief measure. While Prop. 13 flatly limited property taxes, Prop. 8 merely empowered the Legislature to lower property taxes on owner-occupied homes.

It may have been the first use of a campaign tactic that later became known as a "countermeasure." Rather than just oppose a measure, a rival interest group could place its own measure on the ballot, thus muddying the waters. Voters would either choose between the two or be confused enough to reject both.

A classic example occurred in 2022 when California's casino-owning Indian tribes proposed a measure to give them a virtual monopoly on sports wagering and digital sports betting companies countered with a measure of their own. Hundreds of millions of dollars were raised for the rival measures and voters rejected both, thus preserving the state's ban on sports wagering.

It also exemplified another aspect of ballot measure politics: the tendency of competing interests

take their issues to the ballot when the Legislature could not resolve them.

Over time, both trends had made the ballot measure process — rather than legislation — California's dominant method of resolving big issues.

Legislative leaders disliked being forced into a reactive role. Thus, in 2016, the Legislature changed the rules of the ballot measure game to reassert its place. It decreed that even after they had qualified for the ballot, sponsors of initiative measures could remove them up to a deadline.

Sponsors of rival qualified measures could negotiate compromises with input from legislative leaders, have them written into law and avoid very expensive pro and con campaigns.

The 14 measures that will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot were going to be as many as 20 before last-minute compromises settled three dueling measure conflicts. One pitted personal injury lawyers against ride-share companies, a second involved hospital executives and a health care union, and the third dealt with vote minimums for local taxes.

Whether the compromises make policy sense or not, contending parties got enough out of them to warrant dropping their ballot measures.

However, the most prominent ballot measure conflict — over whether California should impose a 5% wealth tax on billionaires — defied resolution. The measure, sponsored by the SEIU healthcare workers union, will be Proposition 40 and will compete with two countermeasures sponsored by billionaire Sergey

Brin and other Prop. 40 foes, Proposition 41 and Proposition 42.

They could, if passed with higher vote counts, kneecap the wealth tax.

At one point the wealth tax advocates offered to reduce its bite to 2% as a compromise, but made no headway with opponents, most prominently Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Another tax measure, sponsored by the California Teachers Association, would make permanent a temporary surtax on high-income taxpayers first enacted in 2012 — but it could get caught in the shootout over Prop. 40. Democratic legislative leaders gave it some protection with a last-minute decree that it would be appear on the ballot as Proposition 3. Thus voters will deal with it before confronting Props. 40, 41 and 42 much further down the ballot.

Given its high stakes and the attention it is getting in national media, the wealth tax is destined to be not only the single most controversial ballot measure this year but probably have the most expensive dueling campaigns, possibly setting a record.

At a webinar on Tuesday covering the array of ballot measures voters will face in November, campaign consultant Tino Rossi said "the pace car (for spending) is the billionaire tax."

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

### Why Doesn't My Social Security Record Show All My Military Earnings?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** When I look at my earnings on my Social Security account, I see that in 1955 and 1956 have no earnings. I was in the U.S. Navy as a first officer and have my DD-214 paperwork which shows my military service from Oct. 1954-Oct. 1958. My Social Security earnings record shows that I had earnings in 1954, 1957, and 1958 but doesn't show that I was paid in 1955 or 1956. Shouldn't I have received Social Security credit for all my service years? **Signed: An Older Veteran**

**Dear Older Veteran:** First, I want to thank you for your military service. Whether your earnings while in the military would provide you with any additional Social Security benefit depends on your career earnings after leaving military service. Here's why:

Your monthly Social Security (SS) benefit is based upon the highest earning 35 years over your lifetime (with earlier years adjusted for inflation). From those highest earning 35 years, SS develops your Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (your lifetime

"AIME") which is the basis of the SS benefit you get if you claim for benefits to start at your full retirement age (FRA). So, if - after you completed your military service - you had at least 35 years of other employment where you earned more money than you did while serving, then your military pay won't affect your Social Security benefit.

FYI, Social Security payroll tax has been withheld from military pay since 1957, which is why your SS earnings record shows your military pay only for 1957 and 1958. Your SS record wouldn't show military pay prior to 1957 because you didn't contribute to SS from your military pay during those years. The earnings you see in your SS earnings record for 1954 are likely from non-military employment prior to starting active duty in October 1954.

SS does provide older veterans with "special extra credits for military service," but those credits are only a supplemental earnings amount added to your military pay record during the years you served. It is not a bonus amount added to your monthly Social Security payment; rather it is only an amount added to your military pay record used when calculating your Social Security benefit. For those who served prior to 1957, Social Security would have no record of your military earnings during those early service years. But when you claimed Social Security later in life, they would have asked if you served in

the military and given you "special extra credit" in the form of presumed earnings for your service years. They likely asked for a copy of your DD-214 and would have added \$160 to your military earnings record for each active-duty month from October 1954 through December 1956, and additional earnings credits for 1957 and 1958.

But that doesn't mean you get a special Social Security bonus for your military service. If you have at least 35 years of civilian employment after serving in the Navy, your service years would only affect your SS benefit if those military service years were among the highest paying 35 years over your entire lifetime. Click here to read more on this topic. And, again, please accept our appreciation for your service to our country.

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## Trump's Three Retreats

Last month, the Department of Justice settled Donald Trump's \$10 billion suit against the IRS over the leak of his tax returns. The department agreed to create a \$1.8 billion fund for the compensation of victims of Democratic lawfare, a slush fund for his allies, presumably including Jan. 6 rioters. Faced with adverse legal rulings and opposition in the Senate, the administration abandoned the scheme that it had initially touted as a means to "right the wrongs that were previously done while ensuring this never happens again."

Then, of course, Trump signed a ceasefire with Iran that wasn't close to the "unconditional surrender" that he had once demanded. The 14-point agreement included more U.S. than Iranian concessions, and Trump admitted that the Iranian closure of the Strait of Hormuz had forced his hand.

TITLE: None of these were incidental initiatives. They all involved core commitments of this president -- to mass deportation, to turning on its head the lawfare campaign against him and to denying the Iranian regime a nuclear weapon.

They were also overreaches that displayed a heedlessness born of hubris. Trump had already driven down overall migration when he surged into Minneapolis; already pardoned the Jan. 6 rioters when his DOJ created the weaponization fund; and already struck a punishing blow against the Iranian nuclear program via Midnight Hammer when he launched Operation Epic Fury.

Trump isn't one for incremental progress toward an objective. He prefers the grand gesture and big gamble. He's drawn to the bridge too far when a drive a couple of blocks down the street would do just fine.

The worry about Trump was that he'd be unconstrained in his second term, and indeed, he's fashioned a team that is loath to tell him "no." But he's subject to checks from the other branches of government and, even more, from routine political pressures.

There was nothing that formally compelled him to remove DHS forces from Minneapolis or to relieve the military pressure on Iran, both of which were within his legitimate powers. It was the poor polling and the potential damage to Republican prospects in the midterms that obliged Trump to declare victory and go home.

The president may enjoy thinking of how he can do things that a Roman emperor never would have imagined, yet Marcus Aurelius wasn't hypersensitive to how stories were playing in the mass media, or to the latest public-opinion surveys.

As the creature of a democratic republic, Trump inherently is mindful of those considerations, which is one reason that it's been a year of retreats. Trump, surely, doesn't think of it that way. As Gen. Oliver Smith put it during the Korean War, he's merely attacking in a different direction -- although not the one he'd intended.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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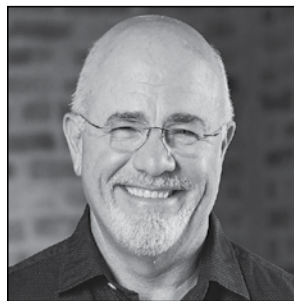
# Wild New World

Do you sometimes feel like you're living in a wild new world...one in which you don't know how to cope? Relax! Enter **Martha Beck**, author of "Finding Your Way in a Wild New World." It's a handbook for learning how to surf the tsunami of change we see all around us. Martha is a celebrated life coach. She writes a monthly column for O, The Oprah Magazine and she's been featured on Good Morning America, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and The Talk. Now that we have established some credentials, let's get to the nitty gritty on how to deal with this wild new world! First, let's admit that we are living in a wild new world. It's an ever changing rapidly dissolving and reforming financial, economic, and cultural system. The speed and scope are so enormous that we can't track them fully. We really can no longer accurately predict what our personal and collective futures will be. That being said, let's get to what Martha has to give us some help. Here's what she says.

- The way to navigate this Wild New World is to mend your own life... and that process means you will also mend other people and situations.** As the world around us becomes less predictable and systems dissolve, we must let go of our familiar, rigid ways of thinking and behaving to embrace the fluidity of our true nature...the essential characteristics that makes each of us unique.
- In order to restore the nature of ourselves and the earth, we must learn from ancient wisdom. Martha has traveled the world, studying ancient

wisdom traditions created and used by the wisdom teachers of many cultures. Our Western culture has lost or put these practices aside for mending the self. Martha believes these traditions are now the key to healing ourselves and the earth.

- There is a gathering of "wayfinders" mobilizing in every part of the world.** In her travels, Martha increasingly encounters people who share an urgent drive to connect with their own true natures, and consequently help restore the earth's balance. This team of "wayfinders" expressed a remarkably consistent internal desire to forgo fixed and traditional careers or choices in favor of more fluid and unconventional ones.
- Everything you need for your journey is already in you. In "Finding Your Way in a wild New World," Martha provides simple yet powerful ideas and techniques to help you connect with your true nature's incredible gifts, leverage your own innate genius, and thrive joyfully as you find your way through our wild new world. Martha brings together ancient wisdom and modern science to help us embrace our skills and create the life we really want. If you want to hear more about life, please tune in to POPPTALK at [www.kahi.com](http://www.kahi.com). Then check out the life you want at [www.marthabeck.com](http://www.marthabeck.com) and "Finding Your Way in a Wild New World." It might be the wild wild west out there, but challenge is what makes for greatness in you! **NEVER DOUBT YOUR GREATNESS! ★**



Dave Ramsey

# Dave Ramsey Says The Big Six of Small Business

Dear Dave,

In your opinion, why do most small businesses fail? I'd also be interested to know which business reports you believe are most valuable to a small business owner.

- Prater

Dear Prater,

There are many different reasons why small businesses go under. But in my mind, most fail due to poor financial management relating to cash flow problems caused by debt payments and a lack of budgeting. And these types of problems are often directly related to an owner having poor accounting practices and not staying on top of important numbers.

Believe me, I understand how overwhelming it can seem. But the good news is you don't need a crystal ball to forecast and plan for the future of your company. Once you learn a few of the basics, you'll only need a few hours a month to get a handle on where things stand—and where they're headed. With that in mind, here are six financial reports I believe are crucial for small business owners to check every single month.

### Profit & Loss Statement

Sometimes called an income statement or P&L, this report shows revenue minus expenses, and either your net profit or loss. I still look at my company's income statement every month. It gives me a quick snapshot of how each area of the business is performing.

### Payables Report

This is a quick summary of who you owe money and the amount owed. If you owe something, pay it! It's never a good idea to hold your money until the last second. My company clears bills every Tuesday, and that allows us to negotiate further discounts and build incredible goodwill with suppliers and vendors.

### Receivables Report

This report shows who owes you money, how much they owe and the age of their debt. You know how I feel about debt, so I recommend not extending credit to anyone. If you feel you absolutely have to, keep it short term—30 days at most.

### Purchase Orders

Simply put, this is a record of all your open purchase orders, including quantity. The PO is a simple way to quickly review what's been purchased and the cost of each item.

### Checkbook Reconciliation

This is still the best way to verify that your bank account balance is correct, and with no errors. If you've ever kept a checkbook register for your personal account, this one will be a breeze. It's just a turbo-charged version of the one at home that shows the checks you've written, deposits and your balance.

### Balance Sheet

This simple document shows what your business is really worth. It lists all your assets and liabilities. In this statement you'll see what you own, who you owe and revenue owed to you.

Trust me, Prater. If you set aside a little time each month to read and address these financial reports, it'll be one of the best investments you'll ever make!

- Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★*

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By Judy Andrews, Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce

**FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG)** - Fair Oaks is the place for summer fun. Here's a peek at what's coming this month.  
**July 14, 21 and 28 - Fair Oaks Farmers Market**, Fair Oaks Park, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet your local farmers and buy fresh fruits and vegetables every Tuesday.  
**July 16 - Fair Oaks Chamber Monthly Luncheon at Meristem**, 9200 Fair Oaks Blvd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Assemblymember Josh Hoover will be the special guest speaker. Pre-registration is required at [www.fairoakschamber.com](http://www.fairoakschamber.com).  
**July 16 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Entourage MD Skin & Wellness**, 4944 Sunrise Blvd., Suite G, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Join the Fair Oaks Chamber and friends as they welcome a new business to town.  
**July 17 - Peter Pan:**

**Theatre Organ Showcase**, Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse, 7997 California Ave., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Experience this classic silent film with live theatre-organ accompaniment, presented in partnership with the American Theatre Organ Society. Tickets are \$15-18. For more information, contact the box office at (916) 966-1036.  
**July 18 - Splish Splash: The Music of Bobby Darin, Veterans Memorial Amphitheater**, 7991 California Ave., from 7 to 9 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.). Celebrate the music and charm of Bobby Darin in this lively tribute. Tickets are \$27-\$43. Purchase tickets at [www.fairoaksarts.vbotickets.com/events](http://www.fairoaksarts.vbotickets.com/events).  
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**July 24 - Comedy Under the Stars featuring Ian Levy**, Veterans Memorial Amphitheater, 7991

California Ave., from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. (gates open at 7:30 p.m.). Adults only (ages 18+). Tickets are \$20. Purchase tickets at [www.fairoaksarts.vbotickets.com/events](http://www.fairoaksarts.vbotickets.com/events).  
**July 25 - Fair Oaks Summer Fun Run**, Phoenix Park, 9050 Sunset Ave., from 10 a.m. to noon. Join the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District for a wacky and wild 1.2-mile adventure, great for the whole family. To register and for more information, visit [www.forpd.org](http://www.forpd.org).  
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# Newsom's Financial Ties to Pentagon-Blacklisted Chinese Military Company

*Gavin Newsom's China connection goes back to when he was Mayor of San Francisco*

By Katy Grimes,  
California Globe

California Governor Gavin Newsom received \$50,000 in campaign contributions from a top executive at a Chinese electric vehicle company (BYD) that Newsom fawned over during his 2023 visit to China. BYD is now on a Pentagon blacklist due to its ties to the Chinese military, the Washington Free Beacon reports.

If BYD rings a bell for *California Globe* readers, it should. In 2020, we reported that Gov. Gavin Newsom spent over \$1 billion in taxpayer funds to buy masks from the Chinese electric vehicle maker BYD at the start of the COVID pandemic.

An electric car company suddenly pivots to making masks — and Newsom chooses them over American suppliers?

Then he went back for more. Newsom signed a second deal worth another \$315 million.

The *Globe* broke the story. RedState amplified it. Even some mainstream outlets in California covered it.

A handful of unhappy Democrat lawmakers in the Legislature demanded an audit of the unauthorized purchases, but they fell silent after a single demand letter to the governor.

And then — POOF — the media lost interest. At least the mainstream media did.

In 2023, the *California Globe* covered Newsom's trip to China and reminded readers exactly who BYD was, and how the governor's corrupt \$1.4 billion mask deal went down.

While the mainstream media chased the next shiny object, the *Globe* kept digging. What we uncovered was a \$1.4 billion contract that smelled like well-connected insider dealing at the highest levels of the governor's office.

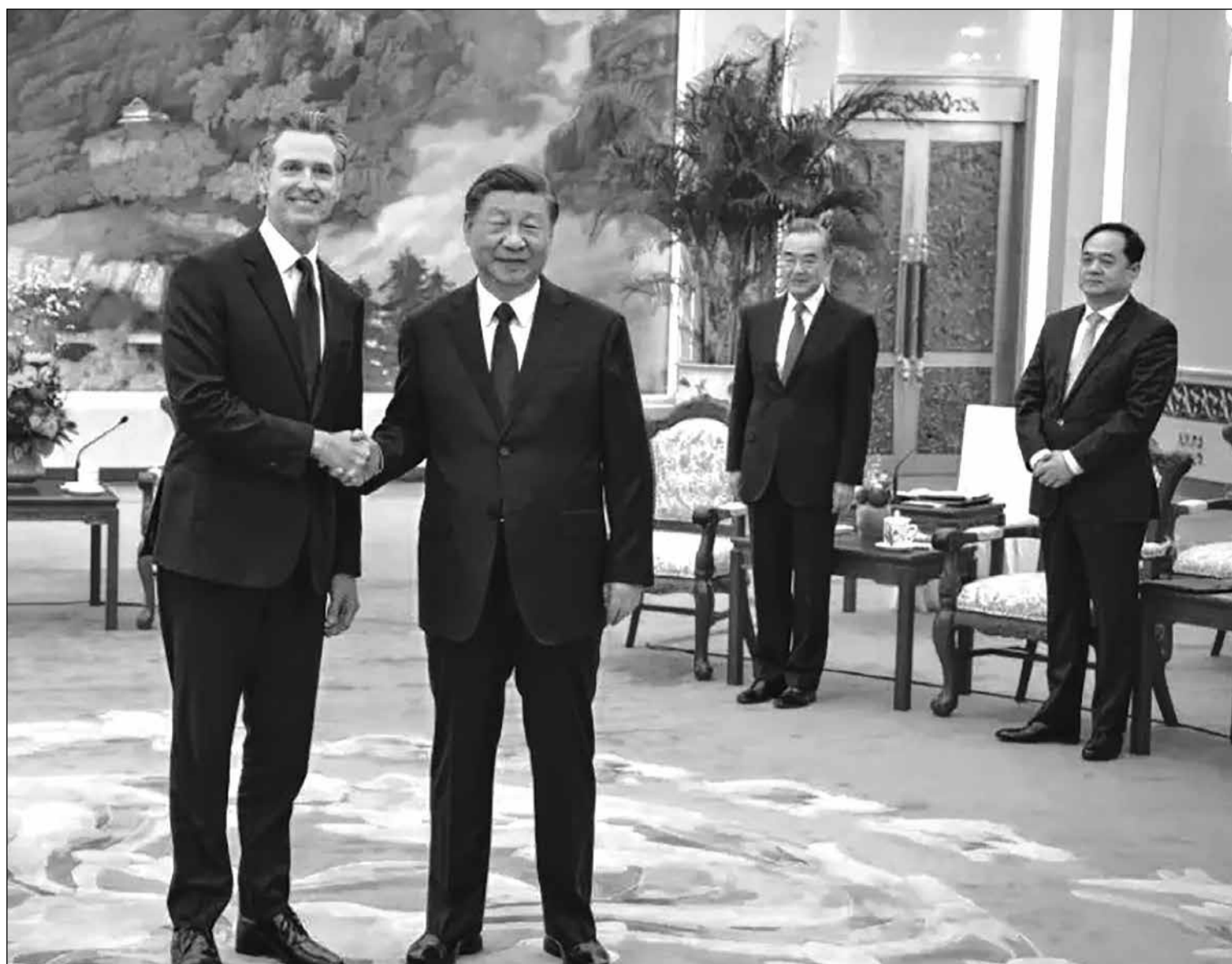
Here's what we found:

BYD — “Build Your Dreams” — is a Chinese electric vehicle and battery giant headquartered in Shenzhen. The company operates a California subsidiary in Lancaster that employs roughly 1,000 people.

Our reporting exposed a web of influential players tied to the unusual mask contract, with connections reaching directly into Governor Newsom's inner circle.

The prominent lobbyist representing BYD is Mark Weideman of The Weideman Group. Newsom's campaign received \$40,000 in contributions from BYD's automotive division.

Weideman also lobbies for Bloom Energy, a San Jose fuel-cell manufacturer that retrofitted its operations to refurbish ventilators during the pandemic. He additionally represents NextGen America, owned by Tom Steyer — the same Tom Steyer who chaired Newsom's economic recovery committee after his own failed presidential bid.



Newsom's Deep Financial Ties to Pentagon-Blacklisted Chinese Military Company. Photo courtesy of gov.ca.gov

When the *Globe* contacted Weideman for comment, neither a phone call to his office on May 19, 2020, at 1:07 p.m., nor a follow-up email sent on May 25 received any response.

Adding another layer of insider access: Weideman's wife, Jennifer Wada, runs her own government relations firm, Wada Government Relations Group. Few Sacramento insiders realize the two are married. Wada previously partnered in the law firm Wada Williams Law Group with Anthony Williams — the same Anthony Williams who now serves as Gov. Newsom's Legislative Affairs Secretary and was once described in news reports as the governor's “chief lobbyist.”

Newsom's 2023 trip to China raised more questions than answers. The governor never clearly explained its purpose beyond setting up yet another round of sweetheart deals with Beijing.

The most memorable (and telling) moment came when Newsom was filmed behind the wheel of a sleek new BYD electric vehicle. A California Fox News anchor traveling with him apparently never connected the dots, we reported.

The itinerary included stops in Hong Kong, Beijing, and Shanghai. Newsom billed the visit as a “climate-focused tour,” complete with a wind farm and Tesla's Shanghai Gigafactory. Critics saw something else entirely: a governor willfully

ignoring China's industrial espionage, human rights abuses, and military ambitions.

As the Washington Free Beacon reported:

“Ke Li — a Chinese national who serves as BYD's executive vice president and is reportedly married to the company's billionaire founder and CEO, Wang Chuanfu, a Chinese Communist Party member and close ally of Xi Jinping — donated \$20,000 to Newsom's 2018 gubernatorial campaign and another \$30,000 to his 2022 reelection bid.”

That's more money than Li has given to all other California candidates combined.

Newsom's cozy relationship with BYD has only deepened. He has showered the company with state contracts and, during his 2023 visit to its Shenzhen headquarters, test-drove a BYD model that floats on water. “Who needs a car when you can have a car and a boat?” Newsom quipped.

Three years later, that relationship is apparently on a crash course. This week, the Pentagon formally classified BYD as a Chinese military company, adding it to a list of entities that help Beijing fuse private industry with its military buildup.

Newsom's ties to China go back decades to his time as mayor of San Francisco. Just this week, Peter W. Wood at *American Greatness* published a powerful new piece titled “How China Captured California,” detailing exactly how deep that entanglement has become:

In 2005, the mayor of San Francisco paid a visit to Shanghai, where he worked out some agreements that furthered city-to-city cooperation. Mayor Gavin Newsom was at the beginning of a career that married environmental alarmism to close cooperation with the Chinese state. The memorandum he signed with Shanghai Mayor Han Zheng brought Chinese police officers, attorneys, and judges to the Fog City. Newsom in turn brought bottles of PlumpJack from his Napa Valley winery.

Wood, president of the National Association of Scholars, continues:

My organization, the National Association of Scholars (NAS), has spent a year attempting to trace the connections, the political favors, and the interweaving of Chinese state interests with California's political establishment. We don't have subpoena power or deep connections to the regime. We are, instead, specialists in higher education, so we naturally learned more about that side of the picture than anything else. But the political side was unavoidable.

My assessment: California's energy policy is made in China, and California is in many respects a vassal of China. Best of all, from China's perspective, few Californians realize it. They live in a dream world where high-price energy is just the cost they pay for a really clean environment. NAS's report, *Behind the Climate Curtain: China's*

*Hidden Role in California's Energy Mandates and University Partnerships*, presents our evidence to back these audacious claims. I can't say we have the kind of proof that will lead to future perp-walks of politicians by the FBI. But we have wind farms, solar plantations, and tankers full of the kinds of details that investigators might want to examine.

Gavin Newsom's relationship with BYD isn't a series of unfortunate coincidences. It is a damning pattern of favoritism that has funneled billions in California taxpayer dollars to a Chinese company now officially designated by the Pentagon as a military asset of the Chinese Communist Party. From no-bid mask contracts worth \$1.4 billion to campaign donations routed through a BYD executive married to the firm's CCP-connected founder, Newsom has repeatedly chosen Beijing over American interests and California taxpayers.

While he grins behind the wheel of floating BYD vehicles in Shenzhen, the Golden State grows more economically dependent and strategically compromised. As Peter W. Wood exposed this week in *American Greatness*, California hasn't merely been influenced by China, it has been captured. And no one has held the door open wider, or longer, than Gavin Newsom.

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# DOJ's Fraud Crackdown Hits New Milestone with Bank Fraud Arrest

*U.S. Attorney Bill Essayli warns that the fraud in California could exceed billions of dollars*

By Megan Barth, California Globe

First Assistant United States Attorney Bill Essayli announced today the arrest of Mahender Makhijani on federal charges of defrauding a bank out of nearly \$100 million through a sophisticated scheme involving falsified title policies and forged documents. Makhijani is a 44-year-old lawful permanent resident from India living in the exclusive enclave of Spyglass Hill in Corona del Mar, owning neighboring mansions for him and his in-laws on Montecito Dr.

Makhijani, who controlled Cantor Group V LLC, a Newport Beach-based lending company, allegedly manipulated first-lien real estate loan collateral requirements between September 2024 and April 2025.

According to the criminal complaint, he and a subordinate forged title policies in Adobe, altered metadata, and submitted false records to the victim bank while providing misleading explanations during calls and in spreadsheets. If convicted, Makhijani faces up to 30 years in federal

prison. He is expected to make his initial appearance this afternoon in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana.

In a statement accompanying the announcement, Essayli emphasized the broader impact of such fraud: “Our nation's economy and welfare depend on a healthy banking system. When lenders are deceived, it has downstream effects on consumers and businesses.” All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

This latest arrest comes as part of Essayli's aggressive push against fraud in California, which has already uncovered more than \$200 million in taxpayer losses through arrests and indictments across multiple schemes since he launched targeted task forces. Key cases include:

**Homelessness Fraud and Corruption Task Force** (launched April 2025): Early arrests in October 2025 targeted Cody Holmes and Steven Taylor, involving tens of millions in embezzled affordable housing funds (including over \$20 million in direct damages sought in one civil suit) and bank fraud tied to properties sold to

homeless housing developers. Essayli called these cases “just the tip of the iceberg,” with ongoing probes into billions in misused homelessness spending.

**Operation Never Say Die** (April 2026 health care fraud takedown): Eight defendants arrested (with 11 charged total) in a \$50+ million Medicare scam involving sham hospice facilities that billed taxpayers for non-terminal patients. Essayli stated, “We are enforcing a zero-tolerance policy for criminals who defraud American taxpayers. The defendants arrested this morning who are charged with stealing millions of dollars of health care benefits got caught and now face years in federal prison.”

**Identity Theft Ring** (March 2026): 10 arrested for stealing approximately \$17 million from elderly California homeowners through fraudulent loans.

Additional probes into election fraud, voter rolls, and other white-collar schemes are underway, with Essayli's office coordinating with the FBI and IRS.

In a recent Fox News appearance, Essayli noted that just three

homelessness-related cases had already exceeded \$100 million in exposed fraud, warning the total could reach billions. This latest arrest marks the continuation of Essayli's zero-tolerance approach.

As reported previously in the *California Globe*, that initiative targeted waste, abuse, and corruption in funds meant to address California's homelessness crisis, a problem that has consumed billions in taxpayer dollars with little visible results.

Essayli, who leads the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, has repeatedly vowed to hold fraudsters accountable regardless of status. “Fraud arrests are underway,” he has stated. “California leads the nation in fraud, and we will hold those responsible accountable.”

As investigations expand, Essayli's office continues to urge the public to report direct evidence of fraud. For election-related tips, contact CAElectionFraudTips@usdoj.gov.

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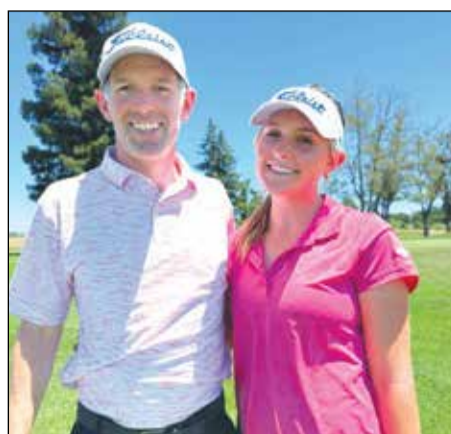
# Sacramento County Mixed Team Championship Crowns 2026 Winners

## Sacramento Golf Council News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The 2026 Sacramento County Mixed Team Championship was held Sunday, June 21 at Mather Golf Course under sunny skies and ideal playing conditions. The tournament featured coed two-player teams competing in the Chapman format. Morgan and Eric Pittman claimed Low Net honors over the field with a score of 65.5. Taylor and Quinn Baker took home Low Gross honors over the field with a round of 69.



Morgan and Eric Pittman claimed low net honors. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council



Taylor and Quinn Baker took home low gross honors. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council

In the A Flight, Kate and Daven Phelan earned first place with a net score of 67.5.

In the Flight, Tracy Callahan and Scott Pierson captured first with a net score of 67.

The event was contested in the Chapman format, where each player tees off, partners then hit each other's drives, and one ball is selected to complete the hole using alternate shots.

The championship was conducted by the Sacramento Golf Council, with Patty Mitchell serving as Tournament Chairman. Stretch Zone sponsored the tournament. ★

# Nicole Tanoue Wins the 91st Sacramento City Amateur Women's Golf Championship



The Handicap Championship winner, Ramona Marshall, scored a net 146. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council



Nicole Tanoue secured the title with an outstanding gross score of 66/73/139. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council



Lynne Cowan captured the Senior Championship (ages 50-plus) title with a gross score of 144. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council

## Sacramento Golf Council News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The 91st Sacramento City Amateur Women's Golf Championship was held June 27-28

at Bing Maloney Golf Course, drawing top amateur women golfers from across the region.

In the Championship Division, Nicole Tanoue secured the title with an outstanding gross score of 66/73/139. In the

first round she had a hole-in-hole on hole No. 3.

The Handicap Championship winner, Ramona Marshall, scored a net 146.

Lynne Cowan captured the Senior Championship (ages 50-plus) title with a

gross score of 144.

The tournament was conducted by the Sacramento Golf Council, with Sean Wong serving as Tournament Chairman. The

Beth Hightower perpetual trophy was first awarded in 1935 to Barbara Ransom. ★

# Pierre Reedy Announces Retirement



Sacramento Republic FC announced on June 29 that midfielder Pierre Reedy has elected to retire from professional soccer. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

## Sacramento Republic FC News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Republic FC announced on June 29 that midfielder Pierre Reedy has elected to retire from professional soccer. In conjunction with his retirement, Reedy has been released from the remainder of his contract with Republic FC by mutual consent of the club and player.

Reedy notes in his farewell, "The boots may be hung up, but the friendships, lessons, and memories will stay with me forever. Thank you to everyone who's been a part of my journey. Here's to the next chapter."

"We want to congratulate Pierre on a distinguished professional career and thank him for his contributions to our club this season. He has approached every day with professionalism and standout character, and we are grateful that he will forever be a part of the Indomitable Family," said Republic FC President and General Manager Tim Holt. "Pierre has an enormously bright post-playing career ahead of him and we'll be cheering him on as he begins this next chapter of his life."

Reedy joined Republic FC in December 2025 after two seasons with USL League One club Spokane Velocity, where he

helped the expansion team reach back-to-back appearances in the league Final. Across all competitions, he recorded 35 appearances, four goals and five assists for Spokane. He also previously featured in USL Championship for Charleston Battery in 2023 and helped the Eastern Conference team close out the year in strong form to claim its first-ever Eastern Conference Championship.

Reedy's career also includes stints with Real Salt Lake (MLS), Real Monarchs (MLS NEXT Pro) and Dundee FC (Scottish Championship). Across all competitions, he has recorded 75 appearances, four goals and six assists in his professional career. After missing much of the season due to a preseason injury, he made his Republic FC debut on June 6 and helped the club claim two points in USL Cup.

After coming up through the New York Red Bulls Academy, Reedy became a three-year captain at Penn State, where he earned five All-American selections. In 2021, he was awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor, one of the most prestigious student-athlete awards in the country. While in college, he also featured for USL League Two side Reading United FC and helped them reach the 2018 National Championship Final. ★

# Women's Basketball Welcomes Erica Adams

## UC Davis Athletics News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - As UC Davis women's basketball prepares for its transition to the Mountain West Conference, head coach Jennifer Gross has strengthened her staff with the hiring of former Division I student-athlete Erica Adams as an assistant coach.

"We're thrilled to welcome Erica to our Aggie family!" said head coach Jennifer Gross. "From the moment we began getting to know her, it was clear that she would be a perfect fit for our staff and culture. Erica's positivity, enthusiasm and authentic approach to building relationships make her a tremendous addition to our program. She has a natural gift for connecting with people, and we're excited for the impact she'll have on our student-athletes, alumni and the entire UC Davis community."

A Bay Area native from Oakland, Adams is already familiar with the Aggies after competing against UC Davis during her collegiate career at CSUN from 2023-25. As a senior, she appeared in two contests against the Aggies while also earning numerous academic honors, including recognition on the 2024 Dean's List, selection to the 2024-25 Big West Academic All-Conference Team, placement on the Big West Commissioner's Honor Roll with Highest Honors, and serving as CSUN's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee



Former Division I student-athlete Erica Adams has been hired to join the UC Davis women's basketball team as assistant coach. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

(SAAC) Co-President. Adams graduated in 2025 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Prior to joining the Matadors, Adams spent three seasons at Pacific. As a freshman in 2020-21, she earned All-West Coast Conference Freshman Team honors after leading the Tigers with a 50 percent three-point field goal percentage.

Following graduation, Adams began her coaching career as a graduate assistant at Concordia University Irvine while pursuing a master's degree in organizational leadership. In her lone season with the Golden Eagles, she helped guide the program to a 14-14 record and a berth in the PacWest Conference Championships.

Before her collegiate career, Adams was a standout student-athlete at California High School in San Ramon. She earned All-League honors in each of her four seasons and was named East Bay Athletic

League MVP in 2020 after helping lead the program to its first league championship. Off the court, Adams gained early coaching experience working with her high school's girls basketball summer league, where she developed a passion for mentorship and leadership.

"I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to join head coach Jennifer Gross and the UC Davis women's basketball program," Adams said. "My experiences as a Division I student-athlete and collegiate coach have cultivated a deep passion for mentoring and empowering young women through the game of basketball. Coach Gross has built a championship culture rooted in joy, excellence and meaningful relationships, and I am honored to be part of it. I am excited to get to work, invest in our student-athletes and help continue the tradition of success at UC Davis." ★

# FORPD Says Goodbye to Aho and O'Farrell

## Seeks New Director, Approves Preliminary Budget

By Shaunna Boyd

**FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG)** - At the June 17 meeting, the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District (FORPD) Board of Directors recognized outgoing Director John O'Farrell, who was resigning from the board after serving more than 20 years.

District Administrator Mike Aho thanked O'Farrell for his years of service to the district and the Fair Oaks community.

O'Farrell said the current board, with Aho as administrator, "is the best board, in my judgement, to ever serve Fair Oaks." He said he's proud of how they've worked together and of everything they've accomplished.

The board is seeking applicants to fill the vacated seat through a short-term broad appointment until the November election. Applications will be accepted until July 17. For details, contact Administrative Services Manager Jennifer Larkin at [jlarkin@forpd.org](mailto:jlarkin@forpd.org) or 916-966-1036.

It was also Aho's last meeting, as he planned his retirement for this summer. So, the board welcomed a new district administrator, Aaron Robertson. Chair Raymond James Irwin said they were excited to have him there, and the board voted 3-0 to approve Robertson's contract, with Directors Ralph Carhart and Darren Mounts absent.

Next, Aho recommended that Arts and Entertainment Manager Jennifer Schuler step in as the district administrator's designee to serve as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Fair Oaks Recreation and Arts Foundation (FORAF). The foundation was recently shifted to an independent fundraising entity with two board members retaining seats on the foundation board.

Aho said assigning a designee will give Robertson time to focus on district operations as he settles into his new role as district administrator. And since the foundation board is so new, Aho suggested Schuler as CEO since she's already familiar with the foundation and its operations.

Director Irwin said he'd support the recommendation, but he would like Robertson to eventually take over as CEO. The recommendation was approved 3-0.

The board also reviewed the proposed preliminary budget for fiscal year 2026-27, with the final budget to be authorized in August.

Aho explained that this budget has been challenging, as the district is experiencing

a structural budget gap, in which recurring operating costs are increasing faster than recurring revenues.

Revenue such as property taxes and assessments have only modest growth, while expenditures on salaries, healthcare, utilities and fuel costs continue to rise at a much faster pace. In particular, healthcare costs have increased 58% over the last 10 years, averaging 5.8% each year.

Staff positions were also expanded in some departments to meet service needs at the newly expanded Village facilities. While revenues from these expanded programs should eventually cover the operational costs, it will take time for those costs to stabilize.

The proposed preliminary operating budget for fiscal year 2026-27 totals \$4.2 million for both revenues and expenditures. The district's reserve fund is \$516,000, with carry-forward fund at \$1.4 million. The district's total fund balance, including restricted funds, is approximately \$3.5 million.

Aho said many agencies are facing structural deficits. Costs continue to rise, which puts ongoing pressure on the operating budget. To build a sustainable budget, Aho said they worked to make some staffing adjustments from full-time to part-time, reduce discretionary expenditures and cut program costs for services and supplies.

Chair Irwin said the proposed budget would use some funding from the reserves, and he asked if that would be an ongoing issue in coming years. Staff explained that unexpected costs are typically covered by the reserves, and they budget conservatively wherever possible, so hopefully the ultimate costs will be lower than expected.

Irwin said he would not want to cut any park services or recreation programs, "so I think this budget does a good job for this year of meeting the stopgap."

The board voted 3-0 to approve the preliminary budget.

Aho shared an emotional farewell at the end of his final meeting. "It's been a pleasure serving the board, and I'm going to miss it," he said.

Irwin said, "You saw us through the whole Measure J project, and that project was unbelievable. ... Thank you for your leadership in steering it and seeing it to fruition with us."

The next meeting of the FORPD Board of Directors is scheduled for July 15. ★

# Lora Anguay Named Next SMUD CEO and General Manager

SMUD News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Lora Anguay, a 22-year SMUD veteran and deeply rooted community leader, has been named to succeed Paul Lau as the utility's chief executive officer and general manager.

Anguay currently serves as chief zero carbon officer and has been a member of the SMUD executive team for more than five years. Anguay's appointment comes after a national search and will be finalized at the SMUD Board of Directors' July 16 meeting. Anguay will assume her new position on August 2. Lau's last day as CEO is August 1. Lau is retiring after almost 45 years with SMUD.

As a second-generation SMUD employee whose connection to the utility spans her entire life, Anguay brings a profound personal dedication to the role, blending a rich organizational heritage with a forward-looking vision for grid modernization and regional prosperity.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to be chosen by the Board of Directors to lead this remarkable organization," said Anguay. "SMUD has earned an international reputation for environmental, industry and community leadership. As a second-generation SMUD employee, SMUD and the Sacramento community have been a core part of my life, and leading this team is the privilege of a lifetime. As we continue to work toward a zero-carbon energy future, my focus will be to ensure that we scale sustainably, drive regional economic development and provide safe, reliable power while maintaining our commitment to affordable rates."

"SMUD's national search attracted many strong candidates, each eager to lead one of the most respected, forward-thinking and best run utilities in the world," said Dave Tamayo, president of SMUD's Board of Directors. "The Board chose our new CEO from within SMUD's ranks, which speaks volumes of the tremendous work SMUD staff does 24/7, 365 to deliver on our purpose



Lora Anguay, a 22-year SMUD veteran and deeply rooted community leader, has been named to succeed Paul Lau as the utility's chief executive officer and general manager. Photo courtesy of SMUD

retooling of Cosumnes Power Plant — SMUD's largest natural gas plant — which reduced plant emissions by 27%. She also oversaw significant customer adoption of clean-energy technologies, including achieving 20,000 all-equivalent electric homes, 62 MW of distributed energy resources and more than 54,000 electric vehicles in SMUD's service territory.

Her previous senior leadership responsibilities at SMUD include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the distribution grid, transmission and distribution maintenance engineering, the development of electrical design and construction standards, and the work management activities for line design and construction. Anguay previously led the deployment of SMUD's smart meter project and managed SMUD's distribution automation project.

Prior to joining SMUD in 2004, Anguay held a management position at Oracle Corporation and proudly served in the United States Coast Guard.

A lifelong Sacramentan, Anguay earned her Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from California State University, Sacramento (CSUS). She is a fellow of the Greater Sacramento American Leadership Forum and is a graduate of the Roseville Leadership Program. She remains deeply dedicated to regional growth and corporate governance, currently serving on the board of directors for the CSUS Foundation, the board of advisors for the UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute, the board of directors for the Roberts Family Development Center and the board executive committee for the Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce. She's a member of the Electric Power Research Institute's (EPRI) Research Advisory Committee, a board member for Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA) and a board member at Grid Forward. Anguay is a past board member of the Western Energy Institute, the CSUS Alumni Association and Wind Youth Services. ★

to improve the quality of life for our customers and community. Lora's profound understanding of our grid, our culture and our community makes her uniquely qualified to steer SMUD into its next era."

"It was clear throughout our deliberation that Lora is the right person to navigate SMUD through a pivotal time for the electric utility industry as customers seek clean energy sources and exceptional service, while expecting utilities to transition to a clean energy future without compromising on reliability or affordability," Tamayo said. "Lora's expertise as SMUD's first chief zero carbon officer and her extensive senior leadership experience in utility operations will serve SMUD, our customers and our communities very well."

Anguay moves to SMUD's top post after serving as chief zero carbon officer since 2021. In this role, she's responsible for implementing SMUD's Clean Energy Vision, which includes the design, construction, maintenance and transition of SMUD's power generation assets, customer program strategy, and design and development related to distributed energy resources. She also leads research and development activities, grant application and administration, and establishes new business partnerships.

As chief zero carbon officer, Anguay led the addition of more than 1,430 megawatts (MW) of utility-scale renewable and energy storage resources and the

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**New Tech Reactors, Big Stakes: Why California Can't Afford to Sit Out Nuclear**

By Josh Cook

If California is serious about reaching its clean energy goals, nuclear power must be part of the solution. While solar and wind are crucial, they alone cannot keep up with the rapidly growing energy needs driven by electrification, artificial intelligence, and data centers. Nuclear energy can fill this gap.

Today's small modular reactors are far safer and cleaner than older nuclear plants. They feature passive safety systems, require less land, and are built in factories, making them faster and cheaper to deploy.

Utah has already shown that this is possible. In February, the U.S. military delivered a five-megawatt Valar Atomics reactor to Hill Air Force Base in Emery County. The reactor achieved criticality in June and is expected to generate power by July 4. Meanwhile, Holtec International and Hi Tech Solutions plan to build up to ten small modular reactors at a new nuclear campus in Brigham City. These are not just experiments—Utah is providing a real-world example of how a state can go from announcement to op-

erational reactor in months rather than decades.

The benefits extend far beyond electricity. Clean, reliable energy makes large-scale desalination affordable, turning nuclear power into a solution for water security as well as clean energy. As drought and water quality issues grow across the West, pairing reactors with desalination and water treatment could be a game changer. But here we sit, California still bans construction of new nuclear plants, a policy dating to the 1970s that no longer matches the technology or the moment; the rest of the world kept moving forward.

While we debate (and pay double for electricity), Utah and Nevada are building. The jobs, the manufacturing base, the water solutions, and the energy security that come with small modular reactors will land wherever the plants are built. Think about it - cleaning up environmental hazards and historic screw-ups always requires energy. If California doesn't lift its ban and start permitting now, we won't be leading the clean energy transition. We'll be watching our neighbors lead it for us (and we pay double for electricity). ★

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FOOD COURT NOW OPEN  
10971 Olson Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
916.853.8000  
Market: 7 Days, 9am-9pm  
Food Court: 7 Days, 11am-1:30pm  
Moroccan/Mex/Thai: 7:30pm (last call)  
Chinese/Japanese: 7:00pm (last call)

**KP KARAOKE SPECIAL**  
Sun-Thu Come before 6pm (Valid Time)  
Fri-Sat Come before 5pm (Valid Time)

- For 6 people \$115.00 + Gratuity  
3 Hours Karaoke + Pizza + Pitcher Soda + 2 Main Dishes (Small Room)
- For 12 people \$210.00 + Gratuity  
3 Hours Karaoke + 2 Pizza + Pitcher Soda + 4 Main Dishes (Medium Room)
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3 Hours Karaoke + 2 Pizza + Pitcher Soda + 4 Main Dishes (Family Room)
- For 18 people \$295.00 + Gratuity  
3 Hours Karaoke + 3 Pizza + Pitcher Soda + 6 Main Dishes (Large Room)
- For 28 people \$395.00 + Gratuity  
3 Hours Karaoke + 3 Pizza + Pitcher Soda + 6 Main Dishes (Party Room)

**Dishes To Choose From**

**FROZEN & FISH DEPT**

- Frozen Oyster 8 oz REG. \$6.99/EA **\$3.99/ea**
- Half Shell Scallop 200 g REG. \$6.99/EA **\$3.99/ea**

**WEEKLY MEAT SPECIALS**

- Beef Rump/Bottom Round Roast Boneless **\$5.49/lb**
- Beef Ribeye Roast Boneless **\$8.49/lb**
- Chicken Drumstick **79¢/lb**
- Pork Hocks **\$1.99/lb**
- Pork Chops Bone-In **\$2.19/lb**
- Pork Baby Back Ribs **\$4.59/lb**

**WEEKLY HALAL SPECIALS**

- Chicken Drumstick **99¢**
- New Zealand/Australian Lamb Stew-Bone In **\$5.99/lb**
- Beef Rump/Bottom Round Roast Boneless **\$5.99/lb**

**FRESH PRODUCE**

- Carrot 5 lb Bag **\$3.79/bag**
- Pink Lady Apple 99¢/lb
- Sweet Potato Golden 99¢/lb
- Red Potato 5 lb-Bag **\$2.49/bag**
- Russet Potato 10 lb Bag **\$1.99/bag**
- Natto Sprouts 14 oz **\$2.99/pk**
- Assorted Mushroom 400 g **\$2.49/pk**
- Green Papaya 89¢/lb

**AMERICAN/HISPANIC GROCERY**

- Gain Original Detergent 177 fl.oz **\$26.99**
- Jif Natural Creamy Peanut Butter 28 oz **\$5.99/ea**
- Jif 3-in-One Instant Coffee 100 sticks **\$6.99/ea**
- Halls Economy Pack Throat relief 88 Drops **\$3.99/ea**
- 1,2,3 Vegetable Oil 1 liter **\$6.99/ea**
- Nate's 100% Pure & Organic Honey 16 oz **\$6.99/ea**

**ASIAN GROCERY**

- Kampongku Curry Laksa Soup Noodles 4 x 120 g **\$5.99/ea**
- Vina Cafi 3-in-One Instant Coffee 100 sticks **\$20.99/ea**
- SPAM Seasoning 12 oz **\$4.99/ea**
- Purefoods Corned Beef 12 oz **\$6.99/ea**
- Vitamilk Soy Milk 16 fl.oz 6 pack **\$1.79/ea, \$9.99/pack +CRV**

**EUROPEAN GROCERY**

- Zvijezda Sunflower Oil 3 liters **\$14.99/ea**
- Krakus Cherry Compote 900 gr **\$4.29/ea**
- Ahmad Tea English Tea No. 1 100 T/B **\$7.99/ea**
- Ahmad Tea Iced Tea 2 Flavors 20 T/B **\$3.99/ea**
- Dr. Martina Sunflower Seeds 500 gr **\$6.99/ea**

**EUROPEAN DELI**

- Columbus Beef Pastrami **\$10.09/lb**
- Columbus Applewood Smoked Ham **\$9.19/lb**
- Columbus Pan Roasted Breast Turkey **\$11.99/lb**
- Kretschmar Ham off the Bone **\$6.49/lb**

**FROZEN & FISH DEPT**

- Dried Cod Fish 500 gr **\$12.99/ea**

**HOUSEWARE**

- Electric Rice Cooker **\$54.99**
- Electric Rice Cooker **\$59.99**
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