

Quarterly Community Issues

2023: April - June

KQNC 6:04 am– 6:06 pm Weekdays

4-3-23: SNOWPACK

A new survey finds that statewide snowpack levels are more than double the average for April. Researchers at Phillips Station near Lake Tahoe recorded a snow depth of just over ten feet. A stormy winter helped ease drought conditions in many parts of California. But officials say drought impacts are lingering and the state should prepare for drier years ahead. Karla Nemeth is the director of the state's Department of Water Resources.

4-5-23: DOWNTOWN HOMELESS

The survey was conducted by the Downtown Sacramento Partnership. The business group found the number of people sleeping outdoors downtown ... dropped 40 percent over a recent five-month period.

4-6-23: MIDPACIFIC PODCAST

CapRadio's Race and Equity reporter and host of Mid Pacific, Sarah Mizes-Tan, recently sat down with Quincy Surasmith. He's host of the podcast Asian Americana and joined Sarah to talk a little bit more about why the term can be so polarizing.

4-7-23: HOMELESS CAMP LEASE

The city of Sacramento has reached a first-of-its-kind lease agreement that allows members of a large homeless encampment to remain on city-owned property ... until all have obtained permanent housing.

4-17-23: KINGS PLAYOFF DROUGHT ENDS

Don't know if you've heard...but the Sacramento Kings are in the playoffs. It's their first such appearance since 2006 as they host their Northern California rivals the defending champion Golden State Warriors in game one on Saturday. The end of the drought brought tears of joy from many fans after the Kings clinched their spot...even Kings TV color analyst Katie Christiansen got emotional.

5-14-23: NEWSOM BUDGET REVISE

California needs to fill a 32-billion-dollar budget deficit. The news comes amid growing economic uncertainty nationally ... and Governor Gavin Newsom outlined how he plans to cover that shortfall on Friday.

5-16-23: TRIBES AND ENVIRONMENT GROUPS PUSH TO EXPAND BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN PROTECTIONS

In 2015, the Berryessa Snow Mountain region became a national monument. It spans hundreds of miles of hillsides and canyons, stretching from Napa to Mendocino counties. With that status came protections for the area's biologically diverse landscape. But one part of this large swath of land, nestled alongside the monument's center, was excluded. Environmental groups and tribes have pushed for its recognition so it can gain further protections, too.

6-9-23: SAC SCHOOL DISTRICT RAISES PRIDE FLAG

The LGBTQIA flag is waving above the Sacramento City Unified School district's headquarters for the first time.

6-14-23: HEALTH CARE WORKERS WANT PAY HIKE

Hospitals and workers agree - California has a healthcare staffing shortage. What they don't agree on? Is how to fix it. Democrats in the state legislature are pushing to increase the minimum wage for health care workers to 25 dollars an hour...giving raises to almost half a million people. But hospitals, counties, and business groups say now isn't the right time.

6-22-23: SAC STATE PRESIDENT RETIRING

Sacramento State is losing its current leader. Robert Nelsen announced earlier this year he would retire as of July 1st. When he came to the university in 2016, Sac State's graduation rate ranked at the bottom of the Cal State schools...he's turned that around during his tenure.