

KCLU-FM – KCLU – KCLM ISSUES & PROGRAMS REPORT FOR QUARTER 4: October 1 – December 31, 2023

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The abstracts listed in this report describe long form local news stories KCLU-FM, KCLU and KCLM broadcast about issues of community significance during the calendar quarter noted above. Unless stated otherwise, local features in Morning Edition aired at 6:46, 7:46 and 8:46 a.m. Local features in All Things Considered aired at 3:44 and 5:44 p.m. The length of each story is noted with the date of broadcast.

WILDFIRE PREVENTION

10/3/2023 4:25 Morning Edition

Some Ventura County homeowners get ultimatums: Cut trees near their homes, or lose insurance. Orders linked to wildfire concerns. Some homeowners comply, others scramble to find new carriers.

PUBLIC HEALTH / CANCER AWARENESS/PREVENTION

10/4/2023 4:33 Morning Edition

Longtime Ventura County journalist tells the story of his prostate cancer battle to raise awareness. 1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime. The American Cancer Society says 288,000 men will be diagnosed with it this year. Nearly 35,000 will die.

SENIORS / AFFORDABILITY & WELLNESS

10/6/2023 3:56 Morning Edition

Some Tri-Counties seniors struggling to cope with the double whammy of the pandemic, and inflation. Santa Barbara event helps some find resources. First, there was the pandemic. Then, the price of everything from food, to gas skyrocketed. All of us were affected, but it's hit one group especially hard.

PRESERVATION / ENVIRONMENT

10/10/2023 4:20 Morning Edition

Tiny insect brings disease which is deadly to citrus trees to Ventura County. The insects have been present in the Tri-Counties for years, but the disease they can carry has surfaced for the first time. It's a tiny little insect, less than a quarter of an inch in size. But, Asian Citrus Psyllids can carry a disease that's deadly to backyard citrus trees. They pose a massive threat to the state's \$2.2 billion citrus industry. There is no cure, and infected trees have to be removed and destroyed.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

10/11/2023 3:46 All Things Considered

Tackling housing affordability in Santa Barbara County. A wide-ranging report was published on Wednesday, seeking to find answers to close the gap between wages and housing costs.

MENTAL HEALTH / TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION

10/12/2023 4:16 Morning Edition

Battle with darkness: Santa Barbara County man talks about loss of daughter to suicide. A suicide prevention walk is set for Santa Barbara County October 14 at Goleta Beach Park. Harry and Jenny Bruell are living with pain no parents should have to endure. "We lost our daughter in 2016 to suicide. She was 14 years old," said the Santa Barbara man.

CLIMATE CHANGE

10/17/2023 4:32 Morning Edition

Sizzling weather: Author speaking on South Coast says heat is overlooked danger from climate change. Environmental journalist has new book saying that we are already seeing its impacts. We have been seeing record setting heat around the world. An award-winning environmental journalist has written a new book looking at the connection between climate change, and extreme heat, and how it is affecting our lives.

SUSTAINABILITY / PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

10/23/2023 4:40 Morning Edition

Thinking green: Ventura County gets largest push in its history to expand electric vehicle use. \$4.8 million program will add hundreds of new EV charging stations in the county.

CLIMATE CHANGE / ENDANGERED SPECIES

10/25/2023 4:27 Morning Edition

Climate change pushing about 40% of amphibians to extinction, according to Ventura County researcher. Cal State Channel Islands scientist who co-authored research paper on crisis says it's still not too late for many species. More than a third of the world's amphibians are facing the threat of extinction, and climate change has emerged as a key new factor. That's according to a Ventura County researcher who is co-author of a new scientific paper on the crisis.

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION / SUSTAINABILITY

10/26/2023 3:31 All Things Considered

A group of youngsters are on a field trip to Petty Ranch Farm in Ventura. It's one of the farms welcoming the public for a day of free agricultural activities and tours on the 11th annual Ventura County Farm Day. But it's not just the youngsters who enjoy Farm Day. So do the parents and caregivers, says Seth Wilmoth, who works with Students for Eco Education and Agriculture, known as SEEAG, who are behind the annual Farm Day.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

10/27/2023 4:21 Morning Edition

One-of-a-kind program providing preschool, and much more to some families on the South Coast. The Carpinteria Children's Project provides preschool for children 18 months to five years. It started as a school district program, but is now independent.

AGRICULTURE

10/30/2023 4:18 Morning Edition

Destructive insect native to Australia found in Ventura County, prompting its first U.S. quarantine. The Queensland Fruit Fly lays its eggs in everything from avocados to strawberries. It's a new threat to the North America's agricultural industry.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY

10/31/2023 4:14 Morning Edition

Santa Barbara woman who was a pioneer in the CIA featured in new book. Heidi August was with the agency for more than three decades. She's part of the new book *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA*. She's a well-known volunteer in Santa Barbara involved in a number of community projects. But, Heidi August has a past many people don't know about. She served her country as a member of the CIA for more than three decades.

DISABILITY RIGHTS / ACCESSIBILITY

11/1/2023 4:29 Morning Edition

Giving voice to the overlooked: Global disability rights advocate to speak in Santa Barbara County. Eddie Ndopu is a United Nations Global Changemaker. He's written a new book about his journey from being born with a disease expected to kill him before he turned five to his life today.

CONSERVATION

11/2/2023 4:26 Morning Edition

Unique project off Ventura, Santa Barbara County coastlines trying to save endangered abalone. Effort involves translocating black abalone from the Channel Islands to a preserve near Point Conception, to try to create a new population of the snails.

IMMIGRATION

11/3/2023 3:49 All Things Considered

The Santa Monica Mountains provided a magical setting to welcome 48 new American citizens. They were sworn in at King Gillette Ranch on Thursday. 48 citizenship candidates from 18 countries are gathered, not in a stark municipal building, but outside in nature at the Santa Monica Mountains Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch to take the oath of allegiance and be sworn in as American citizens.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS / PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

11/6/2023 4:42 Morning Edition

Nets installed on some Montecito creeks to reduce debris after 2018 debris flow disaster coming down. Funding issues prompting decision. Non-profit which paid for and installed system wanted Santa Barbara County to assume costs. They were installed in the foothills of Santa Barbara County in the wake of the deadly 2018 Montecito debris flow to try to prevent a similar disaster. But now, a system of ring nets is coming down, because of a lack of funding to maintain them.

MENTAL HEALTH / EDUCATION

11/6/2023 3:42 All Things Considered

Ventura County based non-profit addressing the mental health crisis facing our schools. All It Takes, a Simi-Valley based non-profit, has released a six-part documentary aimed at both students and teachers. It's called, A Trusted Space, Meeting the Moment. The six-part documentary series aims to offer educators and students practical tools to address the challenges they face since the pandemic.

CONSERVATION

11/9/2023 4:09 Morning Edition

Big comeback: Two rare plants only found in the Channel Islands no longer considered endangered. For decades, the Island Bedstraw and the Santa Cruz Island Dudleya were close to extinction, but they have made a major recovery.

AT-RISK YOUTH

11/13/2023 3:54 All Things Considered

The Ventura County non-profit packing a punch in helping at-risk teens and young adults. Nate's Place in Ventura County is a wellness and recovery center with a difference. There's boxing training in this high-ceilinged, airy bright center in Oxnard. And that's the exactly the environment the founders of this wellness and recovery center – for teens and young adults – were looking to create.

NON-PROFIT / DISASTER RELIEF

11/14/2023 4:26 Morning Edition

Forgotten crisis: Santa Barbara-based non-profit steps in to help victims of huge quake in Morocco. ShelterBox has supplied tents, solar lights, and other essentials to more than 6000 people left homeless by September's magnitude 6.8 earthquake. It's a massive disaster, but it's one which has dropped from the headlines. On September 8, a magnitude 6.8 earthquake hit Morocco.

PUBLIC HEALTH

11/15/2023 4:30 Morning Edition

RSV vaccine now available in Tri-Counties, but only limited supply available for infants. Ventura County public health officials say pregnant women should get immunized, because it will provide protection for their newborns.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY

11/16/2023 3:12 All Things Considered

The female drone pilot who means business on a Ventura County construction site. Drones are used every day now in business, but only a small number of drone pilots are female in the US. A small drone is flying overhead, taking photographs at this construction site in Ventura. It's piloted by the owner of a stormwater management company, who is checking the site is in compliance with environmental regulations. "It's not just a toy. It's a great tool. I tell everyone if you play video games, then you'll know how to fly a drone," said the pilot, Blanca Hoffmeier. Hoffmeier is one of a small minority of drone pilots who are women. In fact, only 8% of certified drone pilots nationally are female.

NON-PROFIT

11/17/2023 4:39 Morning Edition

Santa Barbara dentist who founded free dental clinic in Afghanistan struggling to keep doors open. An 84-year-old dentist is using his Santa Barbara practice to help subsidize a free dental clinic. It's served more than 200,000 people since 2003. He's a well-known dentist who treats hundreds of people a year in Santa Barbara County. But, he's taken on a seemingly overwhelming task: To provide dental care for an entire county, where it is virtually non-existent.

PUBLIC HEALTH / AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

11/20/2023 3:15 All Things Considered

She had glaucoma but didn't know until it was spotted during a vision test offered to adult students. Having a free eye test probably saved Moorpark Adult School student Rosa Arano's sight. Rosa Arano is holding her brand new pair of eye glasses. She's an adult student at the Moorpark Adult School. Her first language is Spanish, and she's learning English.

CONSERVATION / PRESERVATION

11/21/2023 4:39 Morning Edition

Deal insures a 24,000-acre Central Coast nature preserve is permanently protected from development. The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County, The Nature Conservancy, and the Department of Defense teamed up to add protections to the Dangermond Preserve. It's one of most unique undeveloped chunks of coastal land in the nation, and it's right here, in the Tri-Counties. For decades, there have been different proposals to develop chunks of the property in central Santa Barbara County. Now, this little-known environmental gem is getting new protection, which will insure it will remain untouched forever.

SENIORS / AGING

11/26/2023 4:26 Morning Edition

Volunteer group provides free rides to seniors in Santa Barbara County who don't drive. Santa Maria based Community Partners in Caring serves nearly 700 seniors. It's been a busy day for a Santa Maria man. David Cook drove to the Santa Ynez Valley, where he picked up a man to shuttle him back and forth to a Goleta doctor's appointment. But, he's not an Uber or Lyft driver. Cook is a volunteer in a program which helps seniors like Peter Skafte get to places they need to go, and does it for free.

ANIMAL RESCUE / CHILDHOOD LITERACY

11/27/2023 3:22 All Things Considered

A tall tail? At an animal shelter in Ventura County, kids come to read books to the animals. Animal shelters can be stressful places for the cats, dogs and other animals who are there waiting to be rehomed. 8-year-old Isiah Mazariago is reading Harry Potter out loud at the Ventura County Animal Shelter in Camarillo. He's one of the Rescue readers who volunteer here. As he shares the story of the boy wizard and his friends, the dogs do seem to calm down and listen to his voice.

CONSERVATION

11/29/2023 4:39 Morning Edition

The Endangered Species Act hits 50 years old: Plants in Channel Islands cited as ESA success story. Researchers, scientist, conservation leaders gather in Ventura to celebrate recovery of two endangered plants, and the ESA's anniversary. They are the kinds of stories you hear on the news. A type of fish, a bird, a lizard, or a plant is teetering on the brink of extinction. With issues like loss of habitat, pollution, and climate change, many species are embattled.

WILDFIRES / PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

12/4/2023 4:42 Morning Edition

Central Coast researchers say power lines can be used to help detect wildfires. Cal Poly professors have developed software which can be added to power line monitoring systems to provide early warning of nearby wildfires. Some Central Coast researchers say the power grids which have been factors in starting some major wildfires in California might be used to provide early detection of future blazes. They've developed software which can be added to power line monitoring devices, to allow them to also detect wildfires.

CONSERVATION

12/6/2023 3:42 All Things Considered

They're back! Thousands of Monarch Butterflies have been counted on the Central and South Coasts. Their population had diminished to extremely low numbers in recent years, as they migrate for the winter. Charis van der Heide, a Senior Biologist at Alt House and Meade, who also co-ordinates the Western Monarch Thanksgiving Count for the Xerces Society has been to Ellwood Mesa Butterfly Grove many times before.

ENVIRONMENT / SUSTAINABILITY

12/7/2023 3:44 Morning Edition

Rolling along! \$500,000 state grant advances bike lane project in the Conejo Valley. More than 11 miles of lanes planned for Agoura Hills, with some already in place. The hope is to make lanes part of a regional bike lane network. It's a busy road in the Conejo Valley. We're on Agoura Road, just east of Kanan Road in Agoura Hills. It's home to a new bike lane, one that's part of a network under construction. Cyclists love it.

NON-PROFIT / ARTS

12/8/2023 3:37 All Things Considered

A Ventura County based non-profit professional theatre company is bringing the music of Kander and Ebb to the stage. Rehearsals are underway at Ventura's Rubicon Theatre, for The World Goes 'Round. It is a musical revue which celebrates the timeless songs of John Kander and Fred Ebb.

ENVIRONMENT / WILDFIRES

12/12/2023 4:22 Morning Edition

Can wildfire ash actually help sea life? UC Santa Barbara researchers say it can provide nutrients. Team studied ash from 2017 Thomas Wildfire, which burned more than 280,000 acres of land in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. In December, 2017 the Thomas wildfire was tearing through parts of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. It charred more than 280,000 acres of land, directly caused two deaths, and destroyed more than a thousand structures.

ENVIRONMENT / DROUGHT

12/14/2023 4:07 Morning Edition

Water district serving part of the Conejo Valley, tech company team up for new approach to drought. The district and company are working together to test a new type of desalination facility which would sit on the ocean floor, turning salt water into fresh water. A water district serving parts of the Conejo Valley, and a company are teaming up to test technology which may provide another approach to dealing with the global water crisis.

DIVERSITY

12/15/2023 3:03 All Things Considered

It's the time of year when Christmas is celebrated around the world.

26 uniquely decorated Christmas trees are twinkling with lights at the Reagan Library. Each tree represents a different country around the world. "So each one has the motif and some of the traditions of those countries. And there are some you can recognize straight away and you say, 'Oh, this must be this country'. And sure enough it is. And then others, you have to do a little detective work," explained Laurie Woolsoncroft-Cook, from the Reagan Presidential Library.

PUBLIC UTILITIES / INFRASTRUCTURE

12/19/2023 4:36 Morning Edition

Drinking up aid: Some Ventura County water systems get a big financial boost from the state. Money will help some water systems link with their neighbors, to provide a backup for emergencies. Some small districts will get funding for critical upgrades. It's something we take for granted. You turn a knob on a faucet, and there's water. But, for some small communities in the Tri-Counties, it isn't that simple.

NON-PROFIT / AFFORDABILITY

12/19/2023 3:33 All Things Considered

A food bank in the Conejo Valley says it's experiencing a significant uptick in demand. It's a vital resource for those facing food insecurity. A shopping cart is being filled with tinned goods, fresh produce, sanitary products and frozen food. At the exit, it's weighed and the shopper waved on their way without paying. This is a unique food pantry in the Conejo Valley. The shoppers are known as clients here at the Manna Conejo Valley Food Bank.

PUBLIC SAFETY / FENTANYL

12/20/2023 3:53 All Things Considered

Tackling fentanyl trafficking on the Central and South Coast with new legislation. It's poised to become law before the end of this year after being co-led in Congress by Democratic Congressman Salud Carbajal of Santa Barbara. The steep rise in opioid-related overdoses in recent years is a problem that Democratic Congressman Salud Carbajal of Santa Barbara says he is already focused on - as he co-led the recently-passed bipartisan legislation which will increase federal attention on fentanyl trafficking.

PUBLIC HEALTH / COVID-19

12/21/2023 4:15 Morning Edition

It's back! Well, it never really left. COVID-19 is on the rise nationally, and in the Tri-Counties. Cooler weather pushing people indoors. Holiday gatherings are considered to be key factors in the spike.