

KCLU-FM – KCLU – KCLM ISSUES & PROBLEMS REPORT FOR QUARTER 3: 1 July – 30 September 2022

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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.

PUBLIC SAFETY

7/1/2022 4:02 All Things Considered

Home fireworks are big fundraisers for some Tri-Counties non-profits, but concern for firefighters. Firefighters urge people to leave fireworks to the professionals, saying even so-called "safe and sane" fireworks can cause injuries. Even without the fireworks, the Central and South Coasts face a dangerous fire situation, with ongoing severe drought drying out potential fuels.

PUBLIC SAFETY / WILDFIRES

7/6/2022 4:03 Morning Edition

Large firefighting helicopter now based on South Coast in time for high wildfire season. Part of the Quick Reaction Force of four choppers commissioned to be on standby by Southern California Edison. Ventura County has been beefing up its aviation unit during the last few years, replacing some firefighting helicopters dating back to the Vietnam War Era. A utility company is paying for a command helicopter, and three large air helitankers to be on standby in Southern California.

ENVIRONMENT

7/11/2022 4:19 Morning Edition

Environmental groups threaten to sue federal government over delays in air pollution control plans. Some environmental groups are challenging the federal Environmental Protection Agency, saying that it isn't living up to its obligations to clean up the nation's air, a challenge which involves Ventura County. The Center for Biological Diversity, and the Center for Environmental Health filed a notice of intent to sue the EPA, claiming it is failing to meet some provisions of the Clean Air Act.

ARTS AND CULTURE

7/12/2022 0:52 All Things Considered

A unique arts festival is returning to the South Coast after a two-year hiatus. The festival showcases artists impacted by mental health disorders. It's been running in Santa Barbara for 26 years and the Mental Health Arts festival is returning on Saturday, after a two-year break because of the pandemic.

HOMELESSNESS / VETERANS

7/12/2022 3:46 Morning Edition

After 7+ years on the streets, nonprofit group gets Ventura County veteran into his own apartment. Gold Coast Veterans Foundation continues to connect the county's veterans with housing and social services.

ENVIRONMENT

7/13/2022 4:40 Morning Edition

New South Coast preserve permanently protects more than 1600 acres of land. State funding will pay off Ventura Land Trust's remaining debt for Mariano Rancho Preserve. Melissa Baffa is Executive Director of the Ventura Land Trust. Efforts to save this property, and some other land above Ventura nearly two decades ago led to creation of what is now the non-profit Land Trust.

NON PROFIT

7/14/2022 0:51 All Things Considered

South Coast non-profit that provides emergency shelter appeals for support. An international relief agency based on the South Coast, which provides emergency supplies to displaced people, needs some help itself. ShelterBox – which is headquartered in Santa Barbara – delivers emergency shelter aid to those who have lost their homes in disasters or conflict around the world. ShelterBox USA President Kerri Murray says that climate change is making life-threatening storms even more dangerous and is appealing for support.

PUBLIC HEALTH / COVID-19

7/19/2022 4:29 All Things Considered

Rise In COVID-19 case numbers on Central, South Coasts cause new concern. Public health expert says even though masks aren't required indoors in the region, people should be wearing them. The latest spike in COVID-19 case numbers on the Central and South Coasts prompted the Centers for Disease Control to push the region into its high COVID transmission category.

PUBLIC SAFETY / WILDFIRES

7/21/2022 0:51 All Things Considered

Those signed up for the emergency notification system across Montecito should receive a test message. With wildfire season now seemingly all year round, the Montecito Fire Department and Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management are testing out a way to quickly contact those at risk, in the event of an emergency. The purpose of the test on Thursday, is to update contact information for all Montecito residents and verify that opted-in community members receive ReadySBC Alerts without issue, says their Public Information officer Christina Favuzzi.

PUBLIC HEALTH / MONKEYPOX

7/25/2022 4:03 Morning Edition

Monkeypox case discovered in the Tri-Counties. Public health official says risk of exposure is extremely low to general public. More than 350 cases reported in California, with one in Ventura County.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

7/27/2022 4:18 Morning Edition

Little known program in Ventura County plays matchmaker, helping people find affordable housing. Effort run by United Way of Ventura County helped get nearly 200 people, including 50 children, into permanent housing during the last three years. The United Way program connects people eligible for aid with landlords to get them into hard to find available low income housing units.

ENVIRONMENT / SUSTAINABILITY

7/27/2022 3:16 All Things Considered

The green ribbon is cut, marking the unveiling and completion of this first solar photovoltaic project at Goleta City Hall on Wednesday. The project – which is named Monarch 1, after the area's famous Monarch butterflies – will generate 210kw of solar power, which will power nearly 100% of City Hall's energy usage with clean, renewable energy, produced on site.

WILDLIFE

8/2/2022 4:39 Morning Edition

Efforts to restore Santa Monica Mountains vegetation burned by Woolsey Fire hits 50,000 plants. Andrew Oliver is down on his hands and knees, using a garden trowel to pat dirt around a tiny plant. He's one of about 50 volunteers planting trees and plants in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation area. They're trying to give nature a helping hand in recovery from the disastrous 2018 Woolsey wildfire. It burned nearly 100,000 acres of land. Now, an ambitious restoration plan to plant 100,000 plants and trees over two years has reached the halfway point.

ENVIRONMENT / SUSTAINABILITY

8/3/2022 3:42 All Things Considered

Where does our green waste go? Behind the scenes at Ventura County's green recycler. Whether it's grass cuttings or food scraps, our green waste could be the key to saving water during the drought. Oxnard is one of 13 locations for Agromin, and covers 24 acres. The company receives over a million tons of organic material each year.

COMMUNITY/ HUMAN INTEREST

8/4/2022 4:40 Morning Edition

After pandemic disruptions, the South Coast's biggest community celebration is back. Old Spanish Days returns with its popular outdoor marketplaces, stage shows, parades, rodeo, and more. After being a virtual celebration in 2020, and a scaled back event in 2021, the South Coasts' largest community celebration, Santa Barbara's Old Spanish Days is back with a full slate of events.

NON PROFIT

8/5/2022 0:52 All Things Considered

Providing back to school backpacks to some families in need in Ventura County. It's the time of year when expensive school supplies are on many of our shopping lists. School backpacks are being filled with supplies like pens, glue sticks, and notepads, in Westlake Village on Friday. 150 of them to be exact, which are being loaded into a van and will be given to local non-profit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ventura County.

UKRAINE / HUMAN INTEREST

8/8/2022 4:40 Morning Edition

South Coast non-profit hits \$500 million mark in aid for Ukraine, and Ukrainian refugees. Direct Relief President/CEO looks at ongoing medicine, and medical supply aid needs as he meets with officials in Ukraine and Poland. A Santa Barbara based relief group has now helped get more than \$500 million in medicine, and medical related supplies to people in the region.

ENVIRONMENT / SUSTAINABILITY

8/10/2022 4:37 Morning Edition

Turning wastewater to drinking water: Conejo Valley water agencies holding event to showcase effort. The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and the Triunfo Water & Sanitation District hope to have an advanced water recycling facility in operation by 2028.

ENVIRONMENT / SUSTAINABILITY

8/12/2022 3:12 All Things Considered

Millions of fish are nurtured at this Ventura County hatchery every year. Fillmore fish hatchery has around one and a half million fish, ranging in size from 1 inch to 14 or 15 inches. The hatchery is open to the public, and was one of the first warm water hatcheries constructed in California to produce catchable sized trout.

PUBLIC HEALTH

8/16/2022 3:36 All Things Considered

More blood donors are needed on the Central and South Coasts. A recent change to regulations means more donors are eligible to come forward. Here at Vitalant in Ventura, blood donors arrive to be pre-screened for a donation appointment. There's currently a critical shortage of blood supplies, and until very recently thousands of people would have failed the screening because one of the questions asks whether you lived in the UK in the 1980s, as a screening for the risk of CJD – Mad Cow disease – but this was recently changed.

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MASS TRANSIT / YOUTH

8/23/2022 0:49 Morning Edition

Youths will soon be able to ride any public transit bus in Ventura County for free. It's part of a new pilot program offered by the county's transit operators. Through the Youth Ride Free program, anyone aged 18 or younger is eligible to use fixed-route and general purpose dial-a-ride services for free.

NON PROFIT

8/24/2022 4:28 All Things Considered

Food bank serving parts of South Coast gets needed new home, allowing it to better serve community. Manna moves from 700 square foot converted house to new 5000 square foot facility in Conejo Valley. Manna is a non-profit organization which helps those in need, feeding about 75 households a week, and about 8000 a year in the Conejo Valley and Malibu. It's a grass roots non-profit supported by the community.

DIVERSITY

8/26/2022 3:05 All Things Considered

A mural celebrating diversity is being created in Santa Barbara. A unique way to welcome under-represented students on campus is being created at Santa Barbara City College. As students prepare to return on Monday, it's an opportunity to come together and work on an art project in a way which simply hasn't been possible for so long. Jones says the college wanted to center the mural around their diversity and BIPOC student body.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

9/6/2022 0:50 Morning Edition

The Medical Safe Haven Program creates a safe space where medical providers can offer on-going care for victims and survivors of human trafficking, sex and or labor – at the Family Medicine Center at Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria.

CYBERSECURITY / PRIVACY

9/8/2022 4:18 All Things Considered

The Port of Hueneme is waging a quiet war behind the scenes. Cyber attackers are constantly probing the Port's computers systems, looking for weaknesses in its cyber security. With cyber threats to businesses, and public infrastructure increasing, it's a constant battle to stay on top of constantly evolving efforts to break through security. Some of the West Coast's top government, and private industry cybersecurity experts take part in a seminar at the Port to talk about the latest cyber threats, and technology to thwart them.

NON PROFIT

9/13/2022 4:35 Morning Edition

Foodbank of Santa Barbara County's current facility is so small it frequently has to turn away food donations, and is asking the community for support. "Our old warehouse on Hollister Avenue is a converted fire station," said Eric Talkin, who is Foodbank's Chief Executive Officer. He says they literally have to turn down thousands of pounds of food a week because they don't have the room to properly store it. The non-profit now has an answer. It bought a massive, nearly 60,000 square foot warehouse in Goleta. They now need the community's help in remodeling it to handle food.

ENVIRONMENT / DROUGHT

9/15/2022 4:40 Morning Edition

A Santa Barbara-based company is working with Vandenberg Space Force Base on a test project. A buoy would contain an automated desalination system. a Santa Barbara-based company called SeaWell is planning to use existing, but expensive water desalination technology in a new way. What if instead of building a huge plant, like Santa Barbara did, you create a floating ocean buoy which in effect contained a small water desalination system? The buoys would float about a mile offshore, connected to a power line and a water pipe to ship purified water onshore.

NON PROFIT

9/16/2022 0:52 Morning Edition

A Local non-profit focuses on helping undocumented residents when disaster hits. UndocuFund – which is founded in Ventura County – is co-hosting a summit, during the start of peak wildfire season, focusing on helping undocumented Californians during disasters. For the first time, leaders from over 30 grassroots immigrant-serving organizations across California that responded to the pandemic and other disasters will get together for the summit.

PUBLIC HEALTH / COVID-19

9/16/2022 4:40 All Things Considered

Latest version of COVID-19 vaccine now available on Central, South Coasts: should you get it? Public Health experts in region recommend everyone 12+ get it, saying it provides new protection against some of the latest variants. "It addresses two different variants of the COVID," said Ventura County Public Health Officer Dr. Robert Levin. He said it deals with the original form of COVID, as well as the two more recent versions. He says the new vaccine is designed for those 12 and older.

ENVIRONMENT / WILDLIFE

9/20/2022 4:41 Morning Edition

Work underway on world's largest wildlife crossing, being built over Highway 101 in Conejo Valley. 200 foot long crossing will span freeway in the Liberty Canyon area, providing passage for wildlife between the Santa Monica Mountains and the Simi Hills. After years of planning, and fundraising, construction is underway in the Conejo Valley on what's considered to be one of the world's most ambitious wildlife conservation projects. It's a wildlife crossing over Highway 101, providing safe passage between two critical wildlife habitats.

ECONOMICS / COLLEGE COSTS

9/21/2022 3:27 All Things Considered

What if there was a way to cut university tuition costs and graduate early? That's the opportunity being offered to some High Schoolers by a unique public school in Ventura County. A freshman English class is underway at the High School at Moorpark College. It's a High School but with a unique difference – it's a public school but on a college campus – and allows students to earn both their high school diploma and college credits at the same time.

ENVIRONMENT / WILDLIFE

9/22/2022 4:39 All Things Considered

South Coast lab develops whale tracking system to prevent collisions with ships. Whale Safe first developed for use in Santa Barbara Channel, but technology now being deployed in Bay Area. It's an ongoing crisis impacting some of the world's most majestic creatures. Ship strikes kill a number of whales annually off the West Coast. It's a huge concern off our coastline, with container ships passing through the Santa Barbara Channel to and from the ports of Los Angeles, and Long Beach

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

9/28/2022 4:32 All Things Considered

\$47 million Mountain View apartments in Fillmore helping homeless, people with disabilities, seniors, and families in financial crisis. We're walking up the stairs to David Martinez's new apartment in Fillmore, and he's excited to show it off. "Here we go... this is my place right here," said Martinez, as he opened the door. Martinez is one of the 200 people moving into Mountain View, a 77-unit affordable housing complex which just opened in Fillmore. Martinez said he was coping with mental health issues, and homelessness at the same time.