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.

CONSERVATION / WATER RESOURCES

1/5/2024 4:38 Morning Edition

Toilet to tap? Central and South Coast water suppliers now have state approval to use the technology. One of the big issues isn't the science. It's the perception, even though the water is purer than what comes out of most people's taps now.

COMMUNITY HISTORY / HUMAN INTEREST

1/11/2024 3:06 All Things Considered Pea soup fans hoping for 'one last cup' are disappointed that iconic Central Coast landmark closed its doors. Pea Soup Andersen's in Buellton has shut after 100 years.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE / WELLNESS

1/12/2024 4:00 Morning Edition

Outdated neighborhood park on South Coast gets new life with million-dollar makeover. Santa Barbara's Eastside Neighborhood Park gets new high-tech kids play area, walking trail, exercise area for adults, and new turf.

HOMELESSNESS

1/12/2024 3:46 All Things Considered Work has begun on an interim supportive housing community in South Santa Barbara County. The housing community will provide 80 small units for homeless individuals.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS / PUBLIC SAFETY

1/18/2024 3:54 Morning Edition

Getting ready for the next big quake: Search and rescue teams drill in Ventura County. Teams from throughout Southern California gather to work on how people would be rescued from collapsed structures.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY / ARTS & CULTURE

1/19/2024 3:38 All Things Considered America's first all-female mariachi group bring the rich cultural heritage of Latin America to Santa Barbara County. Mariachi Reyna are performing for free in Santa Barbara County.

POLLUTION / INFRASTRUCTURE

1/22/2024 4:40 Morning Edition

Storm causes more damage to Port of Hueneme than originally thought: Repairs could top \$30 million. System which allows docked ships to turn off diesel engines and use electricity destroyed. Air pollution from port expected to temporarily increase.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION / PRE-K

1/25/2024 4:26 Morning Edition

Kids and parents go to school together: Unique Santa Barbara preschool celebrates 75th anniversary. Preschool requires parents to be a regular part of programs, and to attend college parenting classes.

HOMELESSNESS

1/25/2024 3:41 All Things Considered

South Coast congressman seeking to unlock federal dollars to expand safe parking programs. Democratic Congressman Salud Carbajal has launched legislation to fund safe parking programs for those experiencing homelessness, like the program which has been running for 20 years in Santa Barbara.

HOMELESSNESS

2/1/2024 3:45 All Things Considered

Why this NCIS star is offering a 'hand up, not a hand out' to those experiencing homelessness in Santa Barbara. Duane Henry, who played Clayton Reeves in NCIS, told KCLU that he experienced homelessness himself and now is focused on helping others.

EDUCATION

2/2/2024 3:46 All Things Considered

Parents of students at private Catholic girls' school in Conejo Valley rally to save it from closure. After nearly 6 decades, La Reina High School and Middle School notified families last week that it will shut down its Thousand Oaks campus at the end of the school year.

CLIMATE CHANGE / EXTREME WEATHER

2/5/2024 3:53 Morning Edition

Researcher says climate change is driving the mega storms and prolonged droughts hitting California. Some scientists believe they are the new normal for the region. Dangerous, life threatening, record setting. Those are some of the ways meteorologists have described the big storm hitting the Tri-Counties.

TECHNOLOGY / SOCIAL CHANGE

2/6/2024 4:23 Morning Edition

The head of TED Talks visits Santa Barbara to talk about how we can use the internet for good. Chris Anderson says the internet has become a very dark place. He has a new book on how people can use generosity to turn it in a home for good.

VETERANS AFFAIRS / WOMEN'S EQUALITY

2/9/2024 3:28 All Things Considered

New initiative aims to support the growing number of women veterans in Santa Barbara County. When you picture our military veterans, how often do you picture a woman? The current US veteran population includes 2 million women and that number is growing.

ARTS EDUCATION / MUSIC

2/12/2024 3:25 All Things Considered

Encouraging the composers of tomorrow thanks to the musicians of today. The Ojai Music Festival has launched an initiative for high schoolers which supports them learning to compose music.

ENVIRONMENT / SUSTAINABILITY / WASTE REDUCTION

2/14/2024 3:39 Morning Edition

Water bottle waste: Ventura County legislator proposes state law to chip away at problem. Bill would require the state agencies to stop buying single use water bottles.

DISABILITY / AUTISM EDUCATION

2/20/2024 4:15 Morning Edition

Internationally known advocate for those on the autism spectrum speaking in Ventura County. Temple Grandin will speak at California Lutheran University Wednesday night. She says we need to do more to prepare those on the spectrum for careers.

ENVIRONMENT / TOXIC WASTE

2/23/2024 4:41 Morning Edition

DDT was dumped off California's coast for years. New UCSB study shows there's also radioactive waste. Researchers now think that DDT was dumped straight into the ocean, and barrels on ocean floor thought to contain DDT instead have radioactive waste.

SOCIAL ISSUES

2/27/2024 4:38 Morning Edition

Being single: UC Santa Barbara researcher trying to wipe away the stigma, saying many embrace it. Social Scientist Bella DePaulo tackles the subject in her book Single at Heart: The Power, Freedom, and Heart-Filling Joy of Single Life.

NON-PROFIT / WAR REFUGEE RELIEF

2/28/2024 4:18 Morning Edition Santa Barbara-based non-profit gearing up to provide aid to refugees in Gaza. ShelterBox readies shipment of tents, cookware, and other essentials for shipment through Egypt to Gaza.

ECONOMY / AFFORDABILITY

2/28/2024 3:18 All Things Considered

The key factor holding back Ventura County from economic growth. For many, 2023 was a difficult financial year in Ventura County. But what is the outlook for the county for this year?

WOMEN'S EQUALITY

3/4/2024 3:37 All Things Considered

Making waves: Celebrating the women who work around Santa Barbara Harbor. Women are still vastly underrepresented in maritime careers.

PUBLIC HEALTH / ALS AWARENESS

3/5/2024 3:47 All Things Considered

Living with ALS: The Ventura County man who says not enough people know about the rare neurological disease. Kevin McMillan is at home in Ventura. He runs an automobile customization business in Oxnard - but I don't find him tinkering with a hot rod or a motorcycle...two of his passions...in fact, most of his work now is done from home, where I find him in a motorized wheelchair. Three years ago, Kevin was diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, ALS.

ARTS / ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

3/6/2024 3:38 All Things Considered

A new exhibition in Santa Barbara explores the use of Artificial Intelligences in creating artworks. When you think of AI or digital art tools, the finished result doesn't probably doesn't look like a traditional painting or pottery sculpture - but that expectation is what this new exhibition is here to challenge.

HOMELESSNESS

3/12/2024 4:15 Morning Edition

Homeless man's death in Conejo Valley brings new focus to the issue. Some thought he died as a result of exposure to the elements, but an autopsy showed it was because of multiple pre-existing health issues.

WOMEN'S HEALTH / ABORTION

3/12/2024 3:41 All Things Considered

New documentary tackles the less-talked about topic of abortion later in pregnancy. A Conejo-Valley filmmaker has made the timely documentary.

CLIMATE CHANGE / PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

3/13/2024 4:36 Morning Edition

Helping our State Parks: New study says climate change putting many of them at risk. Report says sea level rise threatening coastal parks, and wildfires putting other parks at risk.

WILDFIRES / ECOLOGY

3/25/2024 4:39 Morning Edition

Wildfires cause unexpected concern for region's wineries: The smoke can damage the flavor of grapes. Research underway to learn more about how to assess smoke damage before grapes end up being made into wine. The wine industry on the Central and South Coasts has been doing booming business. But, it's also been facing a major new concern during the last few years. Some of the large wildfires California has experienced have impacted wine grapes.

PUBLIC SAFETY / INFRASTRUCTURE

3/28/2024 4:03 Morning Edition

Landslides which closed Ventura County highway have some nearby residents worried about their homes. Massive slide in February shut down Highway 150 between Santa Paula and Ojai. There was a second slide this week, and now a major storm is approaching.

ENVIRONMENT / SUSTAINABILITY

3/28/2024 3:41 All Things Considered

A breath of fresh air for an underserved elementary school on the South Coast. There's plenty of green open space at Elmhurst Elementary School in Ventura. But, the school yard – until today, had very few trees. Now, it has fifteen trees...which the students here have all named and taken part in celebrating. As well as inspiring them to appreciate nature, the trees will make a huge difference for the students, says school principal Deanna Baczek.