

Quarterly Community Issues

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October

01: WHOSEROAD

He has a deed, a parcel map, a county statement of right of way, and a county tax bill that shows a monthly \$5.84 stormwater drainage charge. But, he says the ditch failed to drain because the county had stopped maintaining it and it stopped maintaining it because the current county map shows the road is “PVT” or private even though people who live there have never gone through a process to give up county services.

01: PFCHILDPOV1

Democrat Gavin Newsom recently claimed that nearly half of all children in California live ‘at or near poverty.

02: ENDOFLIFE

A group of veterans at a Napa County facility are suing the state department of veteran affairs for the right to end their lives in the face of terminal illness.

02: CALFIRE

Preventing catastrophic wildfires and restoring forest health while lowering carbon emissions is the aim of new grants and workshops from CAL FIRE.

03: FIREBUX

Of the 50 highest-paid city of Sacramento employees, more than half work for the fire department.

03: CYCLETWO

A 200- million dollar plan to convert drivers to electric vehicles was proposed to the California Air Resources Board today.

04: WORSESCUSD

The Sacramento City Unified School District says its budget deficit is actually 28.5 million dollars...or four and a half million dollars more than it estimated just a month ago.

04: TARIFFS

The latest round of tariffs by China on wine imports from the U.S is hitting California wineries particularly hard.

05: LETTUCELESSONS

A group that oversees food safety programs for California lettuce growers has updated its guidelines in the wake of an E. coli outbreak last spring.

05: SCOTTSHORT

Let's talk about Verizon. On Monday, the company launched its in-home 5-G internet service in Sacramento, promising super-fast speeds for users. But there was another story about Verizon on that same day.

08: CRUCIBLE

The Sacramento Theatre Company is opening its new season with "The Crucible," Arthur Miller's great drama from the 1950s about the Salem witch trials. Critic Jeff Hudson says this new production connects powerfully with the classic script.

08: LONGTERMCARE

A Stanford University economist says Medicare could save 4-point-six-billion dollars a year by cracking down on a loophole that some hospitals have been taking advantage of for decades.

09: SPANOS

Alex Spanos grew up in Stockton, the son of Greek immigrants and became a self-made billionaire as the top apartment builder in the nation. In 1984 Spanos fulfilled one of his lifelong goals by purchasing the San Diego Chargers and also creating the Chargers Community Foundation which he funded to support numerous causes and organizations in that community.

09: DMVERROR

The Department of Motor Vehicles is under fire yet again this week. First, it was long wait times. Then, 23-thousand botched voter records. And yesterday, the department said 15-hundred people who were ineligible to vote...may have been mistakenly registered.

10: ECOSAC

Personal-finance website WalletHub compared the nation's 100 largest urban centers using 26 indicators for environmental friendliness and sustainability.

10: 2DEGREES

The Sierra Nevada snow pack is predicted to decrease as temperatures are projected to increase due to climate change.

11: UNDERCOUNT

California is at risk for a miscount in the next census. That could mean fewer federal dollars and one less seat in Congress.

11: NRDC

Publicly owned utilities eliminated pollution emitted by more than 430-thousand cars in the last 12 years.

12: OPIOIDINMATES

The top federal official who oversees medical care for California's prison inmates wants a quarter-billion dollars to combat fatal drug overdoses.

12: OPIOID

An attorney for inmates says the plan would be the nation's most comprehensive effort aimed at curbing addiction among inmates. Kelso could seek a federal court order requiring the state to spend the money but instead expects to request it from the governor and Legislature. The federal government oversees this as part of 2006 court takeover prompted by poor inmate care at California prisons.

15: GASFRAUD

Road signs promoting state funded projects. Bus drivers getting paid six figures. And a 50-thousand dollar conference table. Proposition 6 chairman Carl DeMaio says these and other expenses from CalTrans and local transportation agencies show that the state has a spending problem...not a revenue problem.

15: SEALIONS

So far this year, 220 sea lions have tested positive for leptospirosis. Dr. Shawn Johnson with the center says two-thirds of the sea lions diagnosed with the disease this year have died. "We treat them aggressively and because of this severe disease it's often difficult for us to pull them through." Sea lions with the disease can go into kidney failure.

16: PFSENATEDEBATE

Senator Dianne Feinstein and her challenger in California's U.S. Senate race Kevin de Leon made some questionable claims today [Wednesday] during their only scheduled forum.

16: SACTRIP

Sacramento's roads and highways are among the worst in the nation. That finding comes from TRIP, a national non-profit that rates road conditions.

17: FEINLEON

Senator Dianne Feinstein [fine-stine] faced off with an opponent for the first time since 2000 today [Wednesday]. She and challenger, state Senator Kevin De León, shared a stage in San Francisco at an event put on by the non-partisan Public Policy Institute of California.

17: PROP4

Some of California's sickest children are recovering in hospital beds that aren't seismically compliant, or need new medical equipment.

18: CANPOTLESSONS

Canada launched its legal marijuana marketplace this week. The northern neighbor learned a few lessons from California's rollout.

18: DRIVECLEAN

San Joaquin Valley drivers with cars that won't pass a smog test have a chance to get free money to make the repairs.

19: TRUMPWATER

California has plans to boost flows from waterways like the San Joaquin River to help endangered fish. But the actions resulting from the memo President Trump signed could do the opposite at the expense of fish. The memo is intended to streamline regulations in California, Oregon and Washington.

19: VOTERDEADLINE

Next month, California voters will choose a new governor, weigh in on rent control, and make other big decisions about the state's future. But before you can vote, you need to make sure you're registered.

22: STRIKE

The main strike is by patient care technical workers at all five med centers throughout the state, people like radiation technologists, patient transporters, nursing aids, almost anyone who isn't a doctor or nurse.

22: STEMCELL

There's some promising stem cell research happening in California. But there's also a black market for unapproved treatments. The federal government is cracking down on unscrupulous clinics.

23: TRANSTRUMP

California advocates are poised to fight a draft Trump administration proposal that would roll back protections for transgender people.

23: PROP11

If Proposition 11 passes, paramedics and ambulance employees with private companies will continue to remain on call during breaks. Supporters like former nurse Carol Meyer, say there could also be slower response times if the closest ambulance workers are taking a mandatory break.

24: PROP7

On Sunday November 4th, most Americans will "fall back" after a summer of longer days. But California's Proposition 7 could change the way daylight saving works.

24: EGMAYOR

Traffic, quality of life and a giant reminder of the Great Recession...those are just some of the things Elk Grove residents are considering as they vote for mayor.

25: GASVOTER

When it comes to voting for California's next governor, residents will likely do so on party lines, according to a recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California. But on ballot measures like Proposition 6 - which would repeal an increase in gas taxes and vehicle fees - a party line vote isn't as clear.

25: PFRENTADS

California's TV and radio airwaves are saturated with ads about Proposition 10, a ballot measure that would give communities the option to expand rent control.

26: DEEPESTROOTS

The 10th Congressional District near Modesto is home to one of California's closest races -- one that could help decide which party controls the House. CapRadio's PolitiFact reporter Chris Nichols examines the attack ads in that campaign, including some that paint the Democratic challenger as a Bay Area elitist ... out-of-step with the Central Valley.

26: HARRISBOMB

Caution tape barricaded a post office south of Fruitridge Road this morning, and U.S. Postal Inspection officers stood on the sidewalk to redirect customers "The post office is closed" Sacramento Sheriff's spokesperson Shaun Hampton says the package resembled the other devices being investigated. He wouldn't specify what was inside, but says specialists were called in to render it safe.

29: CLARKDA

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert's office says its review does not consider a law enforcement agency's policies, procedures, tactics or potential civil liability after a law enforcement shooting. Instead, the DA must decide if a crime has been committed and if there is a reasonable likelihood of conviction before it files charges.

29: OCTTRAIN

The answer's no; a dry October isn't bizarre. But what UCLA climate scientist Daniel Swain says is interesting about the month are the dramatic storms it witnesses about every five years. Still, Swain says autumn is becoming increasingly dry in the California due to warming temperatures.

30: CROWS

There are animals that, for decades, have been associated with Halloween. Black cats, spiders, bats, and...crows. During this time of year, millions of American crows roost all across California.

30: VACCINES

More California children are getting vaccinated, but there's been a jump in the number of families requesting medical exemptions.

31: OUTDOORS

California will soon spend millions of dollars on new parks.

31: MEASUREB

Voters in San Joaquin County will be deciding if the cannabis industry will take hold with Measure B in the upcoming election.

November

01: CADLEVERAGE

California voters will decide 11 propositions Tuesday, but the ballot could have been even longer. Backers of three OTHER voter initiatives withdrew their measures using a new state law meant to encourage deal-making. CapRadio's Ben Adler says it's a powerful new tool to leverage state lawmakers.

01: FARMVETS1

Veterans who want to work in agriculture need training. A recent step by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs could make it easier for them to afford a farm apprenticeship program based in Winters.

02: WILDINSURE

Californians will pick a new state insurance commissioner this week [Tuesday]. The position has broad implications especially with heightened wildfire risk.

02: OCHOUSE

So a lottery winner, a law professor and a businessman walk into a bar ... Wait, no, those are the Democrats hoping to flip California's competitive congressional races tomorrow.

05: NEVWOMEN

Voters could elect the nation's first female-majority legislature in Nevada tomorrow.

05: UPOOR

Depending on who you ask, Sacramento's Measure U would either hurt poor people because it would take money out of their wallets, or would help them because it would pay for more government programs in poor neighborhoods.

06: CAHOUSE

California is rarely the nation's focus on Election Night, as the reliably Democratic state has delivered foregone conclusions in recent races for president and U.S. Senate.

06: YUBASEC

People visiting the government center in Yuba County for the first time this year have been *surprised* to discover a metal detector and guards at the front door.

07: SUPERDUPER

Governor-elect Gavin Newsom will have an even more Democratic Legislature to work with once he takes office in early January.

07: VOTETWICE

Every election, thousands of ballots are set aside in Sacramento County for a variety of causes. Cap Radio's Bob Moffitt tells us what happens depending on the reason.

08: BROWN

California Governor Jerry Brown sat down with a roomful of reporters today [Wednesday] in Sacramento. He said the results of yesterday's election -- with Democrats now controlling the House and Republicans growing their ranks in the Senate -- reflected the dangerous political climate growing in the nation.

08: FOOTHILLSVOTE

The Sierra Foothills have traditionally been a Republican stronghold, and that remained the case in the 2016 Presidential election. Around 60 percent of voters in Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties supported Donald Trump. CapRadio's James Reddick was at the polls yesterday Tuesday in the foothills talking to voters about the Trump administration's first two years.

09: FIRECLIMATE

Unusually high winds, hot air, dry land: a recipe for some of the worst wildfires California has ever seen. And it's becoming more common.

09: FENAM

The Festival of New American Music is underway at Sacramento State. Now in its 41st year, it's the oldest "NEW" music festival in the country.

12: FIREDONATE

People want to help wildfire evacuees. But some kinds of donations make more work for local agencies.

12: BLMFAM

The family of a teenager who was shot and killed by Sacramento police say they still have questions about the incident.

13: FEMACAMP

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is starting to bring in resources to start the Camp Fire recovery process in Butte County.

13: PFTRUMPFIRE1

President Trump claimed in recent a tweet 'there is no reason' for California's deadly fires other than poor 'forest management.'

14: GOVERNORS

Outgoing California Governor Jerry Brown and Governor-Elect Gavin Newsom held a media availability today [Tuesday] after meeting in private at the state's Capitol. The two discussed a lot but on the top of the list was the deadly wildfires currently spreading throughout the state.

14: CAMPMAP

Cal Fire has launched a new web page with homes and businesses within the Camp Fire burn area that are mapped and color-coded.

15: CAMPOUT

It's been a week since the Camp Fire forced 52 thousand people in Butte County into some phase of homelessness. Cap Radio's Bob Moffitt reports many of the people who got out ahead of the fire now find themselves in Chico living next to people who were already homeless. Now both groups are being helped.

15: MASKCONFUSION

The city won't be restocking the boxes of N-95 respirators at fire stations. That's because the county health department is telling people to skip the mask and just stay inside. They worry that people will use the mask to justify exercising outdoors. People who must be outside for hours at a time SHOULD wear the N95. But they can be dangerous for people with pre-existing respiratory problems.

16: STKNAID

The City of Stockton is bringing the community together to help fire victims in Paradise and Butte County.

16: TRUMPFOXFIRE

President Donald Trump is again blaming California's wildfires on mismanagement of forests, reiterating his criticism on the eve of a visit to the state's most deadly and destructive wildfire in history.

19: STORMWATCH1

Three storms are expected for Northern California this week, which will help suppress flames of the Camp Fire, which is 66 percent contained [update].

19: CAMPRAIN

The forecast of rain this week is of concern to Camp Fire evacuees, but isn't enough to make all of them take shelter.

20: MCINFINDING

The Sacramento District Attorney's office will not file charges against deputies who shot a man seven times in Rancho Cordova last year after he hit two of them with rocks.

20: THURMOND

Democratic Assemblyman Tony Thurmond will be California's next Superintendent of Public Instruction. The AP called the race over the weekend as Thurmond's lead over former charter school executive Marshall Tuck surged past 150-thousand votes.

21: CAMPGIVE

From turkeys to a million-dollar contribution from an NFL star, people continue to offer help for victims of the most destructive wildfire in California history.

21: ASSIST2

The Federal Emergency Management Agency says about 1500 people a day have dropped in on the old Sears building in the Chico Mall. Seventy-four year old Sandi Bolin and her husband lost their rental home in Paradise.

23: CAMPINS

Some homeowners who lost everything in California's wildfires may soon get money faster than they normally would from their insurance policies.

23: BEATLEKIDS

The Beatles White Album will come to life in Folsom this weekend as a 60-piece ensemble plays the classic record front to back.

26: NEWGOP

The California Republican Party is facing an existential crisis after Democrats throttled the GOP in the midterm election. Now, some prominent "Never Trump" Republicans are debating whether to start a new political party.

26: TRANSPRESCHOOL

California's education system is likely to change with Democrats winning back a super majority in the state Legislature and Governor-Elect Gavin Newsom promising universal preschool for the next generation.

27: SACCLIMATE

Two mayors from the region convened today [Monday] in downtown Sacramento for the first Mayors' Commission on Climate Change.

27: BAUMAN

The California Democratic Party has launched an investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct by its party chairman Eric Bauman.

28: BREAKIN

California Senator Scott Wiener [WEE-ner] says car break-ins in his hometown of San Francisco have reached "epidemic" levels. Now, the senator is re-introducing a bill that died in committee last year that would make it easier to prosecute property crimes.

28: BAUMANVOICER

The chairman of the California Democratic Party resigned today [Thursday] after facing a sexual-misconduct investigation and pressure from top party colleagues including Governor-Elect Gavin Newsom.

29: DNATEST1

The number of people who have been found dead in the Camp wildfire is now at eighty-eight [THURS]. The Sacramento County Coroner is still busy trying to identify some of them.

29: CALRETIRE

California workers without a plan to save for retirement have a new option ... a unique state-operated program.

30: FIREEMISSIONS

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke says wildfires in California this year spewed roughly the same amount of carbon emissions that would be used to provide electricity to the state in a typical year.

30: RESILIENCE

Sierra Nevada Brewing in Chico started the ball rolling. And now breweries are cooking up Resilience IPA for taprooms across the country. All the proceeds from the sales will go towards helping the victims of the Camp Fire which torched 14-thousand homes and 250 businesses, killed over 80 people, and left thousands homeless.

December

03: NEWLEG

The blue wave that propelled California Democrats to big wins in Congress also cost Republicans three state Senate seats and either five or six Assembly seats, pending the outcome of one last uncalled race in San Diego County.

03: FIRERUNNER

At the California International Marathon yesterday, a Paradise resident who lost her home in the Camp fire crossed the finish line with a visually impaired athlete.

04: TEETIME

The latest election numbers show voters in Lake Tahoe's only incorporated city narrowly passed a partial ban of short-term vacation rentals.

04: ZITZELBERGER

Measure T would allow for unlimited rentals in commercial zones, but partially ban them outside the tourist core. Permanent residents would still be able to rent out their homes for up to a month each year.

05: AMGEN

The Amgen Tour of California is out with its list of host cities... and once again, the Sacramento area plays a key role. The tour gets underway May 12th.

05: PFBORDERCOST

Governor Elect Gavin Newsom claimed the temporary closure of a border crossing south of San Diego led to millions of dollars in economic loss and that future shutdowns risk billions more.

06: AUDITORLATEST

Sacramento City Hall's latest whistleblower report says there were eighty-eight cases investigated recently.

06: EDDATA

Governor-elect Gavin Newsom praised his “cradle-to-career” education plan throughout his campaign. One of his goals: establish a data system that tracks California kids from early childhood through college and into the workforce.

07: CITRUSDRUGS

The Environmental Protection Agency is likely to approve limited antibiotic use in citrus trees.

07: BRIGHTWOOD

A troubled chain of for-profit colleges has abruptly closed schools nationwide...including Brightwood campuses in Sacramento and Modesto.

10: FIREDEFENSE

Even though wildfires have become common in California they are still taking many by surprise. They are deadly, like the Camp Fire.

10: RECOVERYBILL

The Camp Fire destroyed homes and lives across Butte County. It also wiped out local government’s ability to pay for basic services, from roads to law enforcement.

11: STRICOURT

Sacramento County court workers went on strike this morning. Ted Somera [soh MEHR uh] with the United Public Employees union says employees have been doing more work for the same wage since 2010.

11: WOTUS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced a proposal today [Tuesday] that, they say, will clearly define which waterways fall under federal jurisdiction.

12: JUVENILES

Under the new law, 14-and-15-year-old defendants will be held in juvenile facilities instead of adult prison. District Attorneys argue the judicial system needs to adequately punish the most heinous criminals, regardless of their age.

12: INSURANCE

California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones says insured losses from last month’s wildfires stand at nine-billion dollars and will likely go much higher.

13: PPICGAVIN

Gavin Newsom made a lot of promises in his successful campaign for California governor. A new poll finds Newsom’s push for universal health care has more support than his calls for tuition-free community college and universal preschool.

13: CAMPNOTEETH

Thousands of people who escaped the Paradise fire last month didn’t just lose their homes. They may have lost their vehicles, their jobs, and sentimental items that can’t be replaced.

14: ELECTRIC

All public transit agency buses in California must be zero-emission by 2040 under a rule adopted by the California Air Resources Board.

14: DEENERGIZE

The California Public Utilities Commission voted unanimously today [Thursday] to make rules for shutting down electrical power lines during high fire danger.

17: NL MINWAGE

There are two minimum wages in California and both will increase January first. Large employers will be forced to pay \$15/hr in 2022. Smaller employers will pay that in 2023.

17: SNOWMELT

As of the last snow survey the snowpack is 106 percent of average across the range. Snow from this weekend added to that. Chris Orrock with the Department of Water Resources says a good sign is that so far there hasn't been a lot of unnecessary runoff.

18: LEAVES

Drive around Sacramento and you'll notice piles of leaves from the city's 87,000 trees.

18: TAYLOR

Folsom was state champ in 2014. Taylor will finish his responsibilities as offensive coordinator at Utah when the Utes play in the Holiday Bowl New Year's Eve.

19: NL1METOO

A woman reports her boss to human resources and the boss sues her defamation. Taking this kind of legal action...is now prohibited.

19: NUTCRACKER

The Sacramento Ballet put a unique twist on the Nutcracker this year, and they've asked local college students for help promoting it.

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20: TSATRIP

Holiday travelers should be able to move through the security checkpoint at Terminal A in the Sacramento International Airport faster than they did last year.

21: PARADISE

All remaining evacuation orders are now lifted for the Paradise-area. But Butte County officials warn...Camp Fire victims shouldn't live on burned up properties until hazardous material is removed.

21: HOMEAFFORD

Buying a home in the U-S is more costly than it has been since 2008. Researchers measure affordability by comparing wage growth to home prices. Nationwide, the median home sales price in the fourth-quarter was up 9-percent from a year ago, while the average weekly wage was up only 3-percent.

26: SINGHFOLO

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26: PARDONS

California Governor Jerry Brown issued more than 250 orders for clemency on Christmas Eve. He has granted more pardons and commutations during his past eight years in office than any other governor in modern state history.

27: CAPESTICIDES

The majority of California produce meets national pesticide standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to a [new] report released today [THURS] by the state Department of Pesticide Regulation. The agency collected 563 samples of California produce in 2017. Those fruits and vegetables were then tested for 400 known pesticides.

27: CLIMATELAKE

Even though air temperatures are rapidly increasing snow is acting as a buffer for the some 14,000 lakes, says UC Davis Environmental Science and Policy professor Steve Sadro. His team is studying Emerald Lake in the Sequoia National Park. They found every decade summer temperatures raise the water by 1.5 degree Fahrenheit.

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28: NLLACTATION

New mothers producing breast milk when they return to work sometimes struggle to find safe, clean places to pump. But that could change next month.

31: STRAWS

California will be the first state to prohibit sit-down restaurants from serving drinks with plastic straws, unless upon request.

31: FOODVENDORS

California will soon limit the kinds of rules and punishments local governments can impose on sidewalk vendors.