

# KCPC Community Issues/Programs List

## January - March, 2023

### **KVMR Monthly Newsletter**

- KVMR sends a newsletter to its members every month that informs them about local events as well as news about the radio station.
- The newsletters are archived at: <http://www.kvmr.org/enewsletter-archive>

### **On-going programming providing significant treatment of local and national community issues:**

- **BBC News**, Monday-Friday, 7:01 am, 8:01 am, 12:01 pm, 6:01 pm
  - [https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc\\_world\\_service](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc_world_service)
- **Democracy Now**, Monday-Friday, 7 pm - 8 pm
  - Democracy Now! is an independent, global news hour anchored by award-winning journalists, Amy Goodman and Juan González, that airs on 1,300+ TV and radio stations in the United States and around the world.
  - <http://www.democracynow.org>

### **KVMR Evening News**, Monday-Friday, 6 pm - 6:30 pm

- The KVMR Evening News focuses on state, regional, and local news and events, weather, air quality, and wildfire updates.
- <http://www.kvmr.org/news>

## Community Issues by Category

### Accessibility

- **Disability Rap** - a monthly show that covers current and emerging disability issues and topics.
- <https://www.kvmr.org/show/disability-rap/>
- SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASES AND MEDICAL EXPANSION
- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/disability-rap-2023-01-02/>
- THE FUTURE OF ROBOTICS IN DISABILITY AIDES
- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/disability-rap-2023-02-06/>
- SELF-ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION: A NATIONAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH SPECIAL
- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/disability-rap-2023-03-06/>

### Climate and Energy

- **The Climate Report** - a biweekly news program covering climate change, renewable energy and the transition away from fossil fuels.
- <https://www.kvmr.org/show/energy-report/>
- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-1-12-23/>
  - The Climate Report for 1/12/23 is the first show of the year, so we recap some more of the research and Good News that happened in 2022 for the climate, the environment, and energy. We also talk about new studies that show the importance of menu labeling for climate-smart food choices.
- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-1-26-23/>
  - The Climate Report for 1/26/23 shines a light on the worldwide efforts to transition to a new climate-friendly economy. We talk about all the venture capital pouring into the climate sector and the diversity of approaches they fund, as well as all the new jobs and careers opening up, including an

article on the Climate Quitters who are quitting careers to switch to a climate-active job.

- <https://www.kvmm.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-2-9-23/>
  - The Climate Report for 2/9/23 shines a light on the statewide effort to transition to a new climate-friendly economy. We talk about both the new ground-breaking statewide policies enacted just this last December, as well as the political whiplash that happened one month later, as a result of disappointing budget cuts proposed to those same programs announced by the Governor only four weeks later in January.
- <https://www.kvmm.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-2-23-23/>
  - The Climate Report for 2/23/23 revisits our recent special report for the KVMM Evening News. We talk about the significant new changes expected to alter the economics of solar here in CA as a result of a new major rule change at the state Utilities Commission. We also interview three local solar companies and ask them the same four questions: What just happened at the CPUC? How does it affect homeowners? How will it affect solar businesses? And what are the deadlines?
- <https://www.kvmm.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-3-9-23/>
  - The Climate Report for 3/9/23 revisits a report from four months ago on research showing the importance of community social connections during extreme weather and climate calamities. We also talk about the latest science behind the disappearing forests of the Sierra Nevada, leaving behind what are called “zombie forests.” We start off by interviewing a local retired minister who is spearheading our community’s participation in an upcoming national day of climate action and rallies on March 21st, called Banking on Our Future.
- <https://www.kvmm.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-3-23-23/>
  - The Climate Report for 3/23/23 puts a focus on the recently released final report being issued this decade from the worlds largest and leading body on climate change, the IPCC. We read two different news reports and ask listeners to guess which news outlet wrote them, CNN or Fox News. And then we talk about “how to talk about” the IPCC report and climate change in general, which is what research says is one of the most urgent and important ways to take personal climate action.

## Community Service

- **The Sages Among Us** - a weekly program honoring and interviewing community members who actively seek to make a positive impact on our community.
- All recent episodes can be found at:
  - <https://www.kvmr.org/show/the-sages-among-us/>

## Death and Palliative Care

- **Embracing the Journey** - a bi-weekly program discussing all aspects of aging, illness, end-of-life care and death.
- All recent episodes can be found at:
  - <https://www.kvmr.org/show/embracing-the-journey/>

## Drought

- **Water News** - a bi-weekly news report with hydrogeologist Steve Baker of Operation Unite, covering topics related to water quality and management with a focus on water topics specific to the KVMR listening area.
  - <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/water-news-with-steve-baker-45/>
  - Hydrologist Steve Baker says that waterwise, 2023 is starting out to be a good year.
  - <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/water-news-with-steve-baker-46/>
  - Hydrologist Steve Baker discusses the largest recorded flood in California, which occurred in 1861, and compares it to water events taking place today.
  - <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/water-news-with-steve-baker-47/>
  - KVMR's water guy, Steve Baker, has some predictions about how all this moisture will play out in the coming months.

## Economics

- **The Economic Report** - a bi-weekly news report covering the local, state, and federal economy.
  - <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/the-economic-report-with-gary-zimmerman-37/>
    - Gary Zimmerman weighs in on the concept of a recession; what exactly is a recession? Are we currently experiencing one? If not, will we in the near or far future? These questions, among others, are posed by KVMR's Paul Emery in today's conversation.
  - <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/the-economic-report-with-gary-zimmerman-38/>
    - The Bureau of Economic Analysis will release gross domestic product data for the fourth quarter of 2022 soon. Did the US economy expand or contract? How has the Fed's policy changes affected the labor and housing markets? In this week's Econ Report Paul Emery and retired Fed economist, Gary Zimmerman, discuss the current state of the American economy ahead of the Bureau's disclosure.
  - <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/the-economic-report-with-gary-zimmerman-39/>
    - Could the failure of a large, tech-oriented bank add to the risks that the economy is facing? The Federal Reserve announced on Sunday that it will be creating a \$25 billion emergency lending facility for banks to provide them with funds to help stabilize the banking system, but what does that really mean for the economy? In this week's Econ Report Paul Emery and retired Fed economist, Gary Zimmerman, discuss the implications of bank failure and more.
  - <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/the-economic-report-with-gary-zimmerman-40/>
    - The Federal Reserve is continuing to raise their target interest rate; how is this decision made, and why? In this week's Economic Report, Paul Emery and retired Fed economist, Gary Zimmerman, seek to answer those questions.

## Education

- **Educationally Speaking** - a weekly series providing news and fostering discussion about education in Nevada County.
  - All recent episodes can be found at:

- <https://www.kvmmr.org/show/educationally-speaking/>

## Housing

- <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/county-debuts-three-new-master-plans/>
- Nevada County recently announced the availability of three new affordable Housing Master Plans that can be used to construct a single-family home or an accessory dwelling unit. KVMMR News Director Cláudio Mendonça spoke with Nick McBurney, Supervising Plans Examiner, to learn more about the county's intention when issuing the proposal for these particular pre-approved plans.

## Storm and Emergency Coverage

- <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/nevada-county-urges-residents-to-prepare-for-winter-storm/>
- News Director Cláudio Mendonça spoke with Nevada County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) Program Manager Paul Cummings about an upcoming winter storm expected to begin on January 4th. They discuss the possibility of heavy rain, floods, and high gusts of wind, as well as how to prepare and what to do in the event of an emergency.
- <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/snowmageddon-2-0-response-press-conference/>
- On Friday, March 3rd, at 3:00 PM, Nevada County held a press conference in response to the recent and upcoming winter storm. Speaking at the conference was Brandon Sanders from PG&E, Alice Perez from AT&T, Nevada County Sheriff Shannan Moon, Nevada County Emergency Operations Center Director, Craig Griesbach, and Nevada County Community Development Agency Director, Trisha Tillotson. <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/nevada-county-offers-priority-permitting-to-residents-repairing-storm-damage/>
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- Countywide damage is reported to date total almost \$5 million following the heavy snowfall and violent winds from late February and early March storms, according to Alison Lehman Ceo of Nevada County. KVMMR News Director Claudio Mendonça spoke with Nevada County Building Director George Schureck to learn about how residents can organize and institute storm damage repairs with priority permitting.