

BOARD REPORT FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2017

KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from January 16 2017 through February 15 2017

In addition to our regular weekly segments with Inland Empire Economist John Husing, Jeff Baker exploring IE food culture with Savory Road, excerpts from local interviews produced by students at Cal State San Bernardino, and contributions from KVCR TV and FNX, following are some of the local segments produced and aired over the past month on KVCR FM News: (*most of the following segments can be heard on demand at kvcrnews.org.*)

1/16/17 LOCAL BUSINESS AND LABOR ISSUES “Orange County Lawsuit Targets Nail Salon Labor Practices” If you enter a nail salon in Southern California, chances are good it will be run by Vietnamese immigrants. But those manis and pedis that are such a bargain might have a different cost. According to a new lawsuit, some nail salons are cheating their workers.

1/17/17 LOCAL HEALTH CARE “State Says Calif. Counties Must Take Over Full Funding Of In-Home Supportive Svcs.” Counties around California are trying to figure out how they'll keep funding a program that helps seniors and disabled people. That's because the state is poised to end a five-year agreement that helped pay for In-Home Supportive Services. Now counties say they're facing more than a half-a-billion dollars in new costs.

1/18/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS “RivCo Authorities: Student's 'Kill List' Not A Crime” Riverside County law enforcement authorities say no criminal action will be taken against a fifth-grade student at Lake Mathews Elementary School who reportedly compiled a "kill list" of fellow students. The unidentified student's two-day suspension is over today, and some parents of other students at the school are expressing concern about the possible return of the student to classes.

1/18/17 POLITICS AND ELECTIONS “After Trump Inauguration, The First Stop For The Obamas Will Be Palm Springs” For the first time since he was elected to the Illinois state Legislature more than 20 years ago, Barack Obama will become a private citizen again at 9 am Pacific time Friday. The first place the former First Family will head to after leaving the White House will be Palm Springs.

1/19/17 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH “Meetings In Sacramento Look To Reduce Number Of Mentally Ill Inmates In County Jails” A summit is under way this week to develop ways to reduce the number of mentally ill people in county jails around the state of California.

1/19/17 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES “Is It Time For California To End It's Water Conservation Mandates?” [TweetShareGoogle+Email](#)
California water agencies told state regulators yesterday (Wednesday) that rules requiring water conservation should end. Regulators have proposed extending them at least until May.

1/23/17 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH; LOCAL ENVIRONMENT “Report: Nurses See Effects Of Climate Change Daily In Patients' Health” You might not think of nurses as being mindful of the effects of climate change. But it turns out they see its impact every

day as a result of our changing environment.

1/23/17 LOCAL WEATHER AND STORMS "IE's Wet & Wild Weather Will Clear Out And Warm Up By Next Weekend" The latest round of winter storms that passed through Southern California this weekend provided record rainfall on the coast, huge dumps of snow in the mountains, mudflows through foothill neighborhoods, urban flooding on city streets, and hazardous driving on the freeways.

1/24/17 AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS; LOCAL LOGISITICS INDUSTRY "What Ditching The TTP Trade Agreement Could Mean For California Agricutlture Exports" On his first weekday in office yesterday (Monday), President Trump made good on a campaign promise by abandoning the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The trade pact negotiated by former President Obama involved 11 nations. As Julia Mitric reports from Sacramento, economic experts don't agree on what the move means for the state's farm industry.

1/24/17 WOMEN'S ISSUES "After The Marches And Protests, What's Next For California Women's Movement" After a post-inauguration weekend capped by Women's Marches and protests in California and around the globe, it remains to be seen if all of this energy will translate into political capital -- or political theater.

1/24/17 LOCAL POVERTY "PolitiFact Check: Does California Have The Highest Poverty Rate In The Nation?" California has the highest rate of poverty in the nation when cost-of-living expenses are factored in. That's what State Assembly Republican Leader Chad Mayes recently claimed at a forum in Sacramento. Capital Public Radio's PolitiFact reporter checked out the claim.

1/25/17 LOCAL ARTS "From KVCaRts: Preview Of Vibe Festival Of Wellness In Redlands In February" This excerpt from KVCaRts previews the Vibe Festival of Wellness at the University of Redlands next month.

1/25/17 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES "In Spite Of Statewide Rain And Snow, Calif. May Continue Drought Conservation Rules" Credit commons.wikimedia.org California's top water regulator may continue drought conservation rules, in spite of recent storms that have dumped rain and snow up and down the state.

1/26/17 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH "Tobacco Use In California: Making Strides, But Room To Improve" In California alone, 40,000 people die every year from tobacco-related illnesses, which also cost the state just over \$18 billion dollars in health care and loss of productivity. But the state is also being recognized for making progress in tobacco control.

1/26/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Tense Discussion About Immigration And Race With Head Of 'San Diegans For Secure Borders'" President Trump signed executive orders yesterday (Wednesday) toughening U.S./Mexico border enforcement, beginning the planning process of building a southern border wall, and potentially blocking federal funds to so-called sanctuary cities. The California Report's John Sepulvado spoke with Jeff Schwilk, founder of San Diegans for Secure Borders Coalition.

1/26/17 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION "Ortega Hwy 74 Could Be Closed For Weeks For Repairs From Storm Damage" Highway 74 between Lake Elsinore in Riverside County and San Juan Capistrano in San Diego County -- The Ortega Highway -- will be

closed to traffic for at least a couple of weeks because of damage from recent storms.

1/27/17 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "University of California Raises Tuition And Fees" For the first time in nearly six years, the University of California Board of Regents has voted to raise student tuition and fees.

1/27/17 STATE POLITICS "Backers Get Approval To Collect Signatures On A Statewide "Cal-Exit" Ballot Initiative" Approval has been given to start collecting signatures on a statewide ballot initiative that would ask voters if California should exit the U.S. and become it's own sovereign nation.

1/27/16 LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES "San Bernardino County Conducts Annual Homeless Count" San Bernardino County officials and volunteers yesterday hit the streets for the county's annual count of homeless people.

1/27/17 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES "Even After Weeks Of Wet Weather, California's Groundwater Supplies Remains Low" January's heavy rains are erasing years of extreme drought in many areas of California, when it comes to the state's surface supplies of water. But the same can't be said yet for the state's groundwater basins.

1/30/17 LOCAL WEATHER AND STORMS "IE Weekend Weather Will Be Windy And Chilly; Calmer And Warmer By Monday" High wind warnings are in effect for the inland valleys and mountains until tomorrow afternoon, and temperatures will be quite chilly for the next day or two, before conditions calm down and warm up heading into next week.

1/30/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Immigration Lawyer Says Calif. Sanctuary Cities Shouldn't Worry About Fed Threat To Pull Funds" President Donald Trump's executive order last week to strip federal funding from sanctuary cities prompted outrage and worry from California lawmakers who represent potentially-affected communities. But a former Department of Justice immigration lawyer casts doubt on the order's power

1/30/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "IE Protesters Gather At ONT To Demonstrate Against Trump Travel Ban" Along with protests at airports in Los Angeles and San Diego, demonstrators gathered at Ontario International Airport yesterday (Sunday) to show opposition to President Trump's executive orders suspending refugees from entering the country and restricting travel from a handful of Muslim-majority countries.

1/31/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Calif. Assembly GOP Leader Chad Mayes Joins Democrats In Criticizing Trump Executive Order" Two prominent state legislators from the Inland Empire -- one a Republican leader, the other a rising-star Democrat -- directed critical remarks toward President Trump's executive order restricting travel from several majority-Muslim nations.

12/1/17 LOCAL WEATHER AND STORMS "After Recent Rains Ruin Roads, Riverside County Seeks State, Fed Emergency Funds" In an effort to obtain relief funding, Riverside County supervisors formally approved an emergency declaration related to the recent damaging winter storms.

2/1/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Many In Inland Empire Voice Support For Trump Immigration Policies" A recent poll out of Quinnipiac University in Connecticut reports that 48 percent of Americans support a ban on immigrants from Muslim countries. And the poll shows that 53 percent of Americans say that Muslims should register with the federal government. Like many in the rest of the country, many people here in the Inland

Empire support President Trump's immigration policies.

2/2/17 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH "Heroin Overdoses Have Doubled Among Younger Californians" The number of heroin overdoses in California has doubled for certain age groups in the last four years.

2/2/17 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT "SBCo Sheriff Investigating Deputy's Alleged Bogus Arrest Threat In Victorville" The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is investigating an incident in which a sheriff's deputy allegedly threatened to arrest a Victorville man with made-up charges.

2/2/17 LOCAL WEATHER AND STORMS "After Recent Storms, Boulders Being Smashed And Removed From Lanes Of Calif. Hwy 243 Near Idyllwild" Caltrans is still in the process of removing boulders, smaller rocks, and other debris from Highway 243 between Banning and Idyllwild following the recent winter storms that swept through the Inland Empire.

2/6/17 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES "Calif. GOP Lawmakers, Local Officials Want State-Imposed Water Restrictions Lifted" A group of Republican state lawmakers is calling on Governor Jerry Brown to formally declare an end to California's drought -- and the water conservation regulations that came with it.

2/6/17 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "Has A Culture Of Political Protest Returned To UC Riverside?" Last week, hundreds of UC Riverside students and others participated in a host of protests marking the current political climate. Students organized and participated in at least two protests during which the demonstrations spilled off campus and blocked city streets. Also, co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement arrived on campus last week.

2/8/17 ARTS "From KVCaRts: Crooner Engelbert Humperdinck" In this excerpt from KVCaRts, an interview with singer Engelbert Humperdinck previewing an upcoming performance in Riverside.

2/8/17 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT "IE Chicken Ranch Charged With Animal Cruelty" San Bernardino County authorities have filed animal cruelty charges against an Inland Empire chicken ranch.

2/8/17 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT "Riverside High School Teacher Charged With Inappropriate Relationship With Student" A teacher at a Riverside high school faces criminal charges after allegedly having an inappropriate relationship with a student.

2/8/17 LOCAL EDUCATION "IE Students Compete In Mock Trial Competition" Hundreds of Inland Empire high school students begin competing in this year's Riverside County Mock Trial Competition.

2/8/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Should Riverside Declare Itself A Sanctuary City? Citizens Testify Pro And Con At Lively Meeting" Scores of people showed up at Riverside City Hall yesterday (Tuesday) to let the Riverside City Council know what they feel about a citizens proposal to declare Riverside a sanctuary city for illegal immigrants.

2/9/17 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES "Local Water Officials From IE And Elsewhere In Calif. Fail At Effort To Lift Conservation Measures" Officials from local water districts in the Inland Empire and elsewhere around the state argued unsuccessfully

at a California Water Resources Control Board hearing yesterday that the state's drought-imposed water conservation measures should be lifted.

2/9/17 LOCAL SCHOOL SAFETY "Riverside Student's Family "Devastated" By Charges That Teacher And Student Had Sexual Relationship" Students at a Riverside high school had access to counselors deployed to the school following the news this week that one of the high school's teachers was charged with having an inappropriate relationship with a student.

2/10/17 HOUSING AFFORDABILTIY "Only One-Third Of Californians Can Afford To Buy A Median-Priced Home" More than two-thirds of Californians can't afford to buy a median-priced home in the state.

2/10/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Immigration Raids Have Been Reported This Week In San Bernardino, Other SoCal Communities" There have been an increasing number of reports this week that U.S. immigration authorities in Southern California have been conducting raids and arresting suspected undocumented immigrants. The arrests have reportedly been made in San Bernardino, Downey, Van Nuys, Oxnard, and Santa Clarita. U.S. immigration authorities have so far been tight-lipped about the reports.

2/14/17 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION "Caltrans: Ortega Hwy 74 Could Reopen To Traffic This Week" Caltrans says that the Ortega Highway -- Highway 74 between Lake Elsinore and San Juan Capistrano -- could reopen to traffic this week, following a 3-week closure of the highway because of storm damage.