Issues and Programs from September 16 2017 through October 15 2017

In addition to our regular weekly segments with Inland Empire Economist John Husing, longtime Inland Empire journalist Cassie MacDuff, and contributions from Capital Public Radio, The California Report, 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.

9/18/17 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH "RivCo Will Spray For West Nile In SW County; San Deigo County Finds Plague In Squirrel" Health officials in southwestern Riverside County are alerting residents that anti-mosquito spraying will take place to curb the spread of West Nile virus. Also, San Diego County health officials are warning back-country users to beware of critters infected with plague.

9/18/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Passage Of Calif. "Sanctuary State" Vote Came After Emotional Debate" The final passage of California's much-discussed "sanctuary state" bill came after personally-heartfelt debate on both sides of the issue.

9/19/17 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY "Poll: 1 In 4 Calif. Voters Consider Leaving The State Because Of High Housing Costs" California's exorbitant housing costs are driving more than half of registered voters to consider moving - and a quarter of them to look at leaving the state. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports on a new poll out today (Tuesday) from U-C Berkeley.

9/19/17 LOCAL ARTS "Claremont's Scripps College Presents Lectures, Art, And Music Series" Corrina Lesser, Director of Public Events and Community Programs at Scripps College in Claremont, talks about an upcoming series of art, music, and lectures.

9/20/17 CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS "4 Calif. Counties Will Convert To All Mail-In Ballots By Next Year's Elections" Four California counties are preparing for an overhaul of how they conduct elections, before voters head to the polls next year.

9/20/17 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "To Get More Takers, Calif. Community Colleges Change Name Of Free Tuition Program" The California Community College System hopes changing the name of a free tuition program will get more eligible students to take advantage of it.

9/20/17 LOCAL ARTS "Paula Poundstone Talks To KVCR Prior To Her Riverside Performance This Saturday" Comedian, long-time public radio personality, and pet lover Paula Poundstone previews her upcoming peformance in Riverside at the Fox Performing Arts Center this Saturday, to benefit the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center.

9/21/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "California Files Suit Against Trump Border Wall" California has filed a lawsuit against President Trump's border wall. The suit filed yesterday (Wednesday) argues that plans to begin contruction in San Diego and Imperial counties could harm the state's sensitive environmental resources.

- 9/21/17 LOCAL CIVIC AND CULTURAL EVENTS "Replica Of Riverside's Mission Inn Will Be Featured On Rose Parade Float" For the first time in more than half a century, Riverside will have a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade featuring a scaled-down replica of the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa as it appears during the famed Festival of Lights celebration.
- 9/21/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "Multiple Traffic Crashes Including Fatalities Plague IE Roads Yesterday And Today" There were a number of traffic crashes -- including a couple of fatal incidents -- on Inland-area roads over the past 24 hours.
- 9/21/17 LOCAL WEATHER AND STORMS "Wierd IE Weather: Rainy And Cool In The Valleys, Snow In The Mts., Hot Again Next Week" Inland Empire weather is in the news today (Thursday). Just days after hot weather last week, today's weather in the Inland Valleys is expected to include a chance of showers and high temperatures barely over 70 degrees, and there may be a bit of blowing snow in the local mountains above 6000 feet tonight.
- 9/25/17 INTERNATIONAL TRADE "California Signs Cap-And-Trade Collaboration With Canadian Province Of Ontario" California's climate change market, where businesses buy and trade the right to emit greenhouse gases, just got bigger. Governor Jerry Brown announced Friday that he's signed an agreement with the Canadian province of Ontario to link cap-and-trade systems. It's been a long-time goal of the state.
- 9/25/17 LOCAL EDUCATION "Calif. School Districts Complain State Is To Slow In Allocating Voter-Approved Bond Funds" California school districts have applied for \$3-billion in voter-approved bond funds to help build and modernize school facilities. But they're scheduled to receive just a fraction of that, at least through next spring.
- 9/25/17 HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES "Bernie Sanders Comes To California To Promote "Medicare For All"" Vermont U.S. Senator and former U.S, presidential candidate Bernie Sanders came to California Friday to promote his "Medicare For All" bill.
- 9/26/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "Canyon Fire In Corona Has Burned 2000+ Acres, 5% Contained; Evacuations In Effect" In Corona, the Canyon Fire continues to burn in the hills south of the 91 Freeway. At last report last night, the blaze had burned more than 2000 acres and was 5 percent contained. Cal Fire says more than 300 firefighters are working on the blaze.
- 9/26/17 LOCAL ELECTIONS "After Russian Probe Of Calif. Election System, Concern About Voting Vulnerabilities" Federal officials told California last week that Russians probed the state's election system for vulnerabilities before the 2016 election. That's raised new questions about a bill on Governor Jerry Brown's desk.
- 9/26/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "CANYON FIRE UPDATE: Reports Of Up to 2,500 Acres Burned; Evacuations Still In Place" Afternoon update: the Canyon Fire has burned more than 2,500 acres, as of this afternoon.
- 9/27/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "WED. A.M. CANYON FIRE UPDATE: 2,000 Acres Burned,15% Contained, Evacuations Still In Effect" Thanks to shifting winds that kept the movement of the canyon fire away from hundreds of homes in Corona's southwestern foothills, fire authorities say good progress was made yesterday containing the blaze, and

- with a forecast of lighter Santa Ana winds than yesterday, they're hoping to make better progress today.
- 9/27/17 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION "Many Californians With Fuel-Saving Vehicles Also Drive Gas-Guzzlers" Californians tend to buy larger, gas-guzzling vehicles, IF their other car is a fuel-efficient model.
- 9/27/17 POLITICS AND ELECTIONS "Will Calif. Billionaire Activist Tom Steyer Challenge Sen. Dianne Feinstein's Re-Election?" Billionaire former hedge fund manager Tom Steyer is not ruling out a challenge to incumbent California U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein next year, if Feinstein decides to run for re-election.
- 9/27/17 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT "Music And Comedy Show At The Fox Will Benefit Mexico Quake Victims In Riverside's Sister City" A fundraiser benefiting Mexico earthquake victims in Riverside's sister city Cuautla is scheduled for Sunday at the Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside.
- 9/28/17 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS "Is California Ready For A Missle Attack From North Korea?" Brewing tensions between North Korea and the U.S. are raising questions overr California's readiness to respond in case of a nuclear attack.
- 9/28/17 POLITICS "Poll: Californians Favor Obamacare And DACA, But Not Single-Payer Health System" Majorities of Californians want to improve the Affordable Care Act and protect immigrants brought to the U.S. illegal as children but oppose the creation of a single-payer health care system.
- 9/28/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "Memorials Will Honor 2 Slain Palm Springs Police Officers 1 Year After Their Deaths" Two Palm Springs police officers who were shot and killed in the line of duty Jose "Gil" Vega, and Leslie Kling Zerebny will be remembered with memorials next month on the 1-year anniversary of their deaths.
- 9/28/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "12 NOON THU. Canyon Fire UPDATE: 45% Contained At 2,000 Acres; Firefighters In Mop-Up Mode" The Canyon Fire burning in Corona's southwestern hills is, as of this morning, 45% contained at 2,000 acres burned.
- 9/29/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Local Newspapers Report That A Significant Number Of ICE Arrests This Week Were In SoCal" This week, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents around the country were rounding up and arresting people suspected of being in the country illegally. Of the nearly 500 people arrested, many were from Southern California, according to a report in local newspapers today (Friday).
- 9/29/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "Canyon Fire FRI. UPDATE: 75% Contained, 2,662 Acres Burned, 6 Structures Damaged, Skyline Dr. Closed" The Canyon Fire still burning in the hills bordering Riverside and Orange counties south of the 91 freeway is 75 percent contained.
- 9/30/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "7:45am SATURDAY UPDATE: Canyon Fire 90% Contained At 2,662 Acres; Air & Ground Crews Reduced" The Canyon Fire still burning in Corona's southwestern foothills bordering Riverside and Orange counties south of the 91 freeway is

- 90 percent contained, according to the latest official update this morning (Saturday).
- 10/2/17 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY "Calif. Gov. Brown Signs Affordable Housing Bill Streamlining Local Regulations" Governor Jerry Brown has signed a package of 15 bills intended to drive down California's high housing costs.
- 10/2/17 LOCAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT "Riverside County Supervisors Prepare For Intense Hearing On Mega-Warehouse Project" An environmental impact report on a mega warehouse planned in Cherry Valley that has stirred passions throughout the Pass communities and surrounding unincorporated Riverside County is on the Board of Supervisors' agenda tomorrow (Tuesday) in what's expected to be an intense public hearing.
- 10/2/17 LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTINGS "Hotline Established For Information On Relatives/Missing Persons In Las Vegas" Nevada's Clark County Sheriff's Department has provided a hotline phone number for Californians and others who are looking for information about relatives or loved ones who were in Las Vegas Sunday night, with whom contact hasn't yet been made, and who may have been affected by yesterday's mass shooting.
- 10/3/17 LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTINGS "Shootings In Las Vegas Becomes An Issue In Race For California Governor' The Las Vegas shooting quickly became an issue between two Democrats running for California governor in 2018.
- 10/3/17 LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTINGS "New California Gun Restrictions Await Governor Brown's Signature" The shooting in Las Vegas is immediately leading to calls from Democratic officials in California for their federal counterparts to tighten the nation's gun laws and to look to the state as a model.
- 10/3/17 LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTINGS "Yes, Californians Can Donate Blood To Help Las Vegas Shooting Victims" 59 people were killed in the Las Vegas massacre, and more than 500 were injured. Hospitals are calling for blood donations to help treat victims.
- 10/6/17 LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTINGS "From The IE And Elsewhere, We Remember The Californians Killed In Las Vegas" More than half of the victims of the Las Vegas mass shooting were from California. And many of those were from the Inland Empire. We remember some of those who died.
- 10/9/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "ICE Threatens Immigration Crackdown In Response To California's "Sanctuary State" Status" The nation's top immigration official is vowing arrests in California neighborhoods and at work sites.
- 10/9/17 LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTINGS "Hundreds Attend IE Weekend Events Paying Tribute To Lives Lost" Hundreds of people throughout the Inland Empire came together in various tribute events marking the lives lost a week ago in the shootings in Las Vegas.
- 10/9/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "Evacuations Ordered As Fast-Moving Wildfire In Anaheim Hills Burns Homes, Closes 91 Fwy In OC" Remember the Canyon Fire, the wildfire that burned in the southwestern hills of Corona a couple of weeks ago? Well, now there's Canyon Fire 2 a wildfire that started sometime around 10:30 a-m this morning (Monday) on the Orange County side of Riverside/Orange County line, and because of the gusty winds we

- have today, the blaze is spreading rather rapidly west toward and through neighborhoods east of Anaheim Hills, and has already prompted mandatory evacuations of the heavily-populated neighborhoods.
- 10/10/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "TUESDAY A.M. CANYON FIRE 2 UPDATE: 7,500 Acres Burned, 25% Containment, 24 Homes Destroyed" The Canyon Fire 2 burning in east Anaheim Hills has -- as of late this morning (Tuesday) -- burned 7,500 acres and is 25 percent contained. Authorities say at 24 homes have been destroyed by the blaze. Mandatory evacuations are still in effect for a large swath of the area.
- 10/10/17 POLITICS AND ELECTIONS "Dianne Feinstein Will Run Again; Will She Get A Democratic Challenger?" U.S. Senator from California Dianne Feinstein has announced she'll seek her fifth full term in office. Feinstein listed gun violence, climate change, health care, and immigration as key reasons for her re-election bid yesterday (Monday). She'll likely once again be the favorite, but her decision to run has stirred unrest from within her own party.
- 10/11/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "WEDNESDAY CANYON FIRE 2 UPDATE: 45% Contained at 8,000 Acres; Most Evacuations Lifted" The Canyon Fire 2 burning in the Anaheim hills is as of this morning (Wednesday) now 45 percent contained at 8,000 acres. Most residents evacuated due to Canyon Fire 2 were cleared to return to their homes last night.
- 10/11/17 POLITICS AND ELECTIONS "LA Mayor Eric Garcetti Considers Running For Governor Of California" The popular mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti, is considering a run for governor of California.
- 10/11/17 STATE ECONOMY "Too Soon To Know What The Economic Impact Of Fires Will Be On Calif. Wine Industry" Sonoma and Napa Counties have been hit hard by unforgiving wildfires that continue to ravage Northern California.
- 10/12/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "CANYON FIRE 2 THURSDAY UPDATE: 60% Contained at 9,217 Acres; 241 Fwy Closed Indefinitely" The Canyon Fire 2, which has been burning in the Anaheim Hills this week, is now 60 percent contained at just over 9,200 acres. We report details about the damage done by the blaze, the status of evacuations in the area, and information about the indefinite closure of the 241 toll freeway between the 91 freeway and Santiago Canyon.
- 10/12/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "Resources Offered For Residents Affected By Canyon Fire 2" An assistance center is open today (Friday) in Anaheim to help residents whose homes were destroyed or damaged by Canyon Fire 2 as well as anyone else affected by the fire.
- 10/13/17 STATE ISSUES "California Legislative Women's Caucus Flexes Its Muscle As Gov. Brown Signs Its Bills" California Govenor Jerry Brown has approved new laws focused on pay inequality, child care, sexual assault victims, and more.
- 10/13/17 LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTINGS "Californians Affected By Las Vegas Shooting Urged To Apply For Financial Assistance" State agencies in California and Nevada are urging Californians impacted by the mass shooting in Las Vegas to apply for financial assistance for medical expenses, counseling, and other costs.

10/14/17 LOCAL WILDFIRES "SATURDAY UPDATE: Canyon Fire 2 Is 70% Contained; 241 Fwy Open; Assistance Center Opens" The Canyon Fire 2 burning in Orange County is now 70% contained, with burned acreage still holding at 9,217 acres. The 241 toll freeway between the 91 freeway and Santiago Canyon Road is back open to traffic.

10/14/17 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES "Authorities: NorCal Fires Could Get Worse Through The Weekend" As of this morning, the wildfires fires devastating areas of several Northern California counties have now exceeded the death toll of what was for more than 75 years the deadliest fire in California history. Fire management leaders are concerned the situation could get worse as we head into the weekend.