

BOARD REPORT FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2016

KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from January 16 2016 through February 15 2016

In addition to our regular weekly segments with Inland Empire Economist John Husing, Press Enterprise Columnist Cassie MacDuff, and Jeff Baker exploring IE food culture with Savory Road, 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*).

1/19/16 LOCAL DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES “High Desert Water District Argues Not All Communities Have Ways To Cut Water Usage” Many California cities and water agencies are not happy with a proposal to extend mandatory water conservation rules. The State Water Resources Control Board will soon vote on changes that it says relax -- at least somewhat -- the overall 25 percent statewide conservation mandate. However, A San Bernardino County water district represents the views of many urban water suppliers who say the new regulations don't provide enough relief.

1/19/16 LOCAL HEALTH CARE “Riverside Kaiser Permanente's "Hospital At Home" Program Cuts Costs, Pleases Patients” KVCR FM News rebroadcast a segment from “The California Report” profiling a program at Kaiser Permanente in Riverside testing the value of allowing certain elderly and other patients to opt out of a hospital stay and, instead, get taken care of at home.

1/20/16 LOCAL ARTS; LOCAL DISABILITY COMMUNITIES; KVCR AUTISM INITIATIVE “From KVCaRts: Art Ability Festivals in Yucaipa” KVCR FM News excerpted a KVCaRts interview Kit Satre, Vice-President at Vision Quest in Yucaipa, about the growth and expansion of the annual community art festival focusing on art made by those with special needs.

1/20/16 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT “Are There Hundreds Of Porter Ranch-Style Gas Leaks Waiting To Happen Across U.S.?” An environmental group is warning that the United States has more than 400 natural gas storage facilities similar to the one leaking massive amounts of methane in the community of Porter Ranch near Los Angeles. KVCR reports that leaking wells actually release huge quantities of gas each year.

1/20/16 LOCAL STORMS AND WEATHER “SoCal Still Waiting For All That El Nino Rain” Capital Public Radio asked meteorologists and other climate experts why anticipated El Nino storms have drenched Northern California for months but have so far largely avoided Southern California.

1/20/16 STATE POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT “Can A Ballot Challenge To Calif.'s Tax-Limiting Prop 13 Succeed in 2016?” California voters could be asked this fall to touch what's been an untouchable law: the property tax initiative known as Proposition 13. Capital Public Radio reported a potential November ballot proposal would raise taxes on the state's highest-value properties and spend the money on anti-poverty programs.

1/21/16 STATE GOVERNMENT KVCR aired Capital Public Radio reports previewing Governor Jerry Brown's annual State of the State Address, and Capital Public Radio's live coverage of the address. As well, KVCR aired a KQED-produced evening repeat of the address.

1/22/16 STATE GOVERNMENT "Many Familiar Refrains In Jerry Brown's 14th California State Of The State Speech" KVCR aired reports from Capital Public Radio and The California Report reviewing and analyzing the Governor's State of the State Address.

1/22/16 STORMS AND WEATHER "El Nino Is Helping Alleviate Calif. Drought... A Little" Updated statistics show recent storms in northern and central California have brought some relief, however slight, in California's historic 4-year drought.

1/25/16 LOCAL ECONOMY "Calif.-Based Report Recommends Government Policies To Help Families Increase Savings" A recently-released report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation recommends the government implement policies to make it easier for families to save. KVCR reported on the non-profit's recommendations to encourage financial planning.

1/27/16 LOCAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION; LOCAL FOOD AND CULINARY CULTURE "Locals Tend To Community Produce Garden Amid Industrial IE" KVCR News visited the "Huerta Del Valle" community garden in an empty field near Ontario International Airport, where local residents help grow fresh, organic produce for lower-income families who might not have access to – or can afford -- fresh vegetables.

1/27/16 LOCAL ARTS "From KVCaRts: "Radio Gals" In Redlands" KVCR rebroadcast an excerpt of a KVCaRts interview with actors and producers of the Redlands Footlighters Theatre's production of the stage musical, "Radio Gals."

1/28/16 CRIMINAL JUSTICE "Gov Brown Wants Voters To Reform Calif.'s Criminal Sentencing System" California voters will likely be asked this fall to overhaul the state's criminal justice sentencing system.

1/28/16 LOCAL BUSINESS AND LABOR ISSUES "Bill To Require Double-Time Pay For Work On Thanksgiving Passes Calif Assembly" A bill is working its way through the California Legislature that would make big retail stores pay double-time wages to employees required to work on the Thanksgiving holiday.

1/28/16 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL LABOR ISSUES "CSU, Calif. Faculty Assn. Contract Talks Stalled Over Salary" Capital Public Radio reported the next phase in contract negotiations is underway between the California Faculty Association and the California State University system.

1/28/16 LOCAL HEALTH CARE "IE Lawmaker Pushes Bill To Address Calif.'s Shortage of Doctors" An Inland Empire state senator is pushing legislation that would bring together regional health care players to expand the number of physicians needed around the state, especially in the IE.

1/28/16 SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY "San Bernardino Outsources Trash

Pickup And Other Waste Management Functions” The City of San Bernardino took another step forward in implementing its bankruptcy exit strategy. The city council voted unanimously to contract out trash collection and other waste management services. KVCR reported on the terms of the agreement.

2/1/16 VETERANS' ISSUES “Comedian Elayne Boosler To Perform At “Unforgettables” Fundraiser” KVCR spoke with nationally-noted comedian Elayne Boosler about her upcoming benefit performance in the Inland Empire for The Unforgettables Foundation, a locally-based organization that provides financial assistance to financially-strapped families -- including military families -- who've lost a child to illness, crime, or an accident.

2/1/16 UTILITY REGULATION; RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY “CPUC Turns Back Big Utilities' Demands To Increase The Price Of Solar Power” The California Public Utilities Commission turned back a proposal by California's investor-owned electricity suppliers – adopted by utilities regulators in Nevada and Arizona – to make solar power less competitive by tacking on a number of rate surcharges, grid access fees, and extra taxes to homeowners and businesses who want to install solar power.

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2/2/16 LOCAL ELECTIONS “Two San Bernardino City Council Seats Up For Election Today” The City of San Bernardino is holding a runoff election today. Two seats on the San Bernardino City council are in contention.

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2/3/16 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES; STORMS AND WEATHER “Calif. Mountain Snowpack Is Better This Year, But More Snow Needed” The latest measurement of Sierra Nevada snowpack showed storm are making a difference this winter.

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2/3/16 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES “Are Californians Getting Lax In Conserving Water?” Californians cut water use 18 percent in December compared to the same month a year ago, the lowest conservation rate in the past 7 months of reporting.

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2/3/16 IMMIGRATION ISSUES “The Unspoken Agreement Between Undocumented Immigrants Who Need Work And Restaurants Who Need Help” Washing dishes at a restaurant is difficult work that usually offers low pay and undependable hours. It's estimated that 28 to 40 percent of dishwashers are living in the U.S. illegally. Capital Public Radio looked into why some employers turn a blind eye and how people without papers get these jobs.

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2/3/16 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL FOOD AND CULINARY CULTURE “Great Guacamole! UC Riverside's Quest To Breed A Better Avocado” To mark the Super Bowl's association with eating guacamole and chips, KVCR profiled the University of California, Riverside's avocado breeding program and laboratory.

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2/4/16 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH “Some RivCo Cities Make Progress Against Smoking; Others Lag” The American Lung Association released its annual report card on how local governments in California are doing in the effort to discourage tobacco use. Some Riverside County cities made substantial progress against smoking, while others continue to lag

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2/4/16 PUBLIC HEALTH; AIR QUALITY; ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION “Calif. Lawmakers Aim To Dismantle CPUC, Strengthen Oversight Of Utilities” As the natural gas leak in the Los Angeles suburb of Porter Ranch continued spewing noxious fumes, some state lawmakers wondered if maybe it's time to rethink the way California regulates private utilities.

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2/4/16 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; SAN BERNARDINO MASS SHOOTING “Trial For San Bernardino Shooters' Accomplice Postponed For Months” The trial of the man accused of supplying guns to the San Bernardino terrorist shooters has been put off for nearly 5 months, while both the prosecution and the defense continue working to clear hurdles in their cases.

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2/5/16 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT; LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “New Study Links Fracking To Earthquakes In California” Scientists have linked wastewater disposal from oil and gas activity to earthquakes in California for the first time.

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2/8/16 LOCAL HOUSING AFFORDABILITY “Legal Settlement With Lender Could Mean Payments For Californians Who Lost Homes To Foreclosure” About 7,500 people who lost their homes to foreclosure in California between 2008 and 2013 could be eligible for payments under a new joint multi-state and federal settlement.

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2/9/16 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS “President Obama Coming Back To SoCal To Host Asian Leaders Summit At Sunnylands” KVCR aired reports previewing the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit hosted by President Obama at the Sunnylands Estate in the Riverside County desert.

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2/9/16 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Calif. Lawmakers Begin New Push To Regulate Drones” As more companies and hobbyists launch drones into California skies, state lawmakers want new regulations to govern them.

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2/9/16 HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL LABOR ISSUES “CSU Faculty Union Sets Potential Strike Dates” The California Faculty Association has set dates for a possible strike at 23 California State University campuses, if the union and CSU management continue to disagree in contract negotiations.

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2/10/16 ARTS “From KVCRts: Comedian Carlos Mencia Performing In The IE Soon” KVCR News excerpted a KVCRts interview with comedian Carlos Mencia, who will be making an extended appearance at the Ontario Improv through much of the latter part of this month.

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2/10/16 LOCAL CIVIC AND CULTURAL EVENTS “Palm Springs "Modernism Week" Begins 2016 Celebration Of Mid-20th-Century Culture” KVCR News previewed the 11th annual Palm Springs Modernism Week, a regional festival of mid-century modern architecture, design, fashion, and culture, and how over 11 years it's evolved into an internationally-noted event with a growing contribution to the regional economy.

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2/12/16 ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION “President Obama Designates Three New National Monuments In Southern California” Right before he welcomes leaders

from Southeast Asian nations to Riverside County, President Obama will officially designate three new national monuments in our region.