

Quarterly Community Issues

2021: April – June

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April

01: CAOFFSHOREWIND

The generation of green power from offshore wind turbines is set to see major gains under plans introduced by President Joe Biden.

01: RATTLEERS

On average, more than 200 people a year are bitten by rattlesnakes in California. The snakes are especially plentiful in the foothills. Mark Twain Hospital in Calaveras County saw its first snakebite patient of the year this past weekend.

02: PUBHEALTHAUDIT

The department has exceeded its testing expectations...doubling its target goal at the end of last year. But it struggled in other areas. The state and its local counterparts have less than half the number of contact tracers it originally planned to hire. And oversight of spending by local health departments has been lacking. The auditor found the state failed to collect progress reports from all counties...and didn't conduct proper evaluations of its data systems.

02: VICKI

Cap Radio's "Insight" will have a new host starting on Monday - Vicki Gonzalez. You may have seen her in action on Sacramento's N-B-C affiliate: K-C-R-A. That's where she's been a reporter since 2016 ... covering breaking news and filing special reports and daily assignments. Vicki joins us now to talk about her new role at Cap Radio.

05: SANJOAQUIN

As most California counties move into less restrictive tiers under the state's reopening system, San Joaquin County is one of just three remaining in the most severe purple category.

05: NATIVELEG

One of the proposed laws would waive tuition costs for students who can prove they're descended from a federally-recognized tribe. Teresa Melendez with the Nevada Native Vote Project says providing services to tribal communities is part of the government's obligation to the original inhabitants of the state.

06: NORTHSACCANNABIS

The discussion comes on the heels of the city awarding ten new cannabis business licenses to business owners of color. City Councilmember Sean Looee represents North Sacramento. He's asking for the city to put a 45-day hold on giving out cannabis permits. But many who are part of the city's Cannabis Equity program say doing so will hurt Black and brown entrepreneurs trying to break into a heavily white industry. Khalil Ferguson is the president of the United CORE Alliance, a cannabis equity non-profit.

06: UCDAVISVACCINE

UC Davis's announcement comes days before California is set to open up vaccine eligibility for all residents age 16 and up. University officials say they are ahead of schedule in giving out vaccinations and had enough extra supply to open up to the general public a week before the state's expansion. Those now eligible could sign up to get their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine through the UC Davis health website. Pfizer's vaccine is the only shot approved for emergency use on older teenagers.

07: LEASTAFFORDABLE

Sacramento is one of 13 cities with the least improvement in racial inclusion, according to the Urban Land Institute. John Hodgson [HAWJ-sun] is a housing expert with the nonprofit. He says it's because you can still see the effects today of redlining. That was a policy set up in the mid-1930s by the Federal Housing Administration aimed at segregating people by refusing to insure mortgages in and near African-American neighborhoods.

07: GREENDAY

California has administered more than 20 million COVID-19 vaccines, and supply is still ramping up. Newsom says as long as that continues, and if hospitalizations remain low, the state's color tier system for business restrictions can end.

08: FANSRETURN

More Californians are attending live events...as case rates continue to drop and vaccinations increase.

08: PRESPORTSCOVID

It took more than a year to get to this point... And to stay on the field, safety guidelines are necessary — including weekly COVID-19 testing. But as coaches navigate the logistics of a shortened season, they're also working to ensure kids avoid major injuries resulting from prolonged time off.

09: WILDFIRE

The money would largely focus on forest management projects, such as vegetation thinning. It would also set aside more than 20-million-dollars for low-income residents to fireproof their homes. Newsom touted the plan at a press conference in Fresno County.

09: STKMASSVAX

Kaiser Permanente has set up 36 stations inside the arena for vaccinating people who are 50 years and over. By April 15th, eligibility will include anyone over 16. About 35 percent of San Joaquin County residents over 18 have been vaccinated. San Joaquin County Public Health Officer Dr. Maggie Park is urging local residents not to delay in getting vaccinated.

12: YOSEMITEPASS

Last summer at the height of the pandemic, Yosemite required advance reservations to limit the number of visitors to the park to avoid overcrowding and provide social distancing. COVID is still a concern but Yosemite is now in the orange tier.

12: NVVOTELAW

As a precaution against the pandemic, Nevada mailed ballots to every active, registered voter in the state during the last election. A new bill introduced by Democratic Assembly Speaker Jason Frierson would make those changes permanent. But Republicans say the new system led to doubts about the integrity of the results.

13: PETITIONBILL

The bill would not apply to the current effort to recall Governor Gavin Newsom. But backers of the recall effort still oppose it, saying it would deter people from signing future recall petitions for fear of retribution. Orrin Heatlie is the lead proponent of the Newsom recall effort.

13: CDPHWORSHIP

California has lifted its capacity limits on places of worship. The move follows recent Supreme Court decisions regarding the state's COVID-19 restrictions on religious services.

14: NVEXECUTIONBAN

The bill was approved by the Assembly on a party line vote Tuesday afternoon. It would spare any inmate currently awaiting an execution and change their sentence to life without parole instead. It's the closest a death penalty ban has ever gotten to becoming law in the Silver State, which hasn't carried out an execution since 2006.

14: MUSEUMS

Lodi's World of Wonders Science Museum will greet visitors back to its exhibitions on Thursday. Science Museum President Sally Snyder says 70-thousand visitors came in 2019, but now visitor capacity will be at 25 percent or about 100 people at a time.

15: WEALTHTAX

Progressive lawmakers in California want to impose a wealth tax on the ultra-rich. But moderate Democrats are chafed by the idea.

15: COUNTYROLLOUT

This massive eligibility expansion comes right after a halt in the distribution of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, over concerns about rare blood clots. Some counties say they had to cancel hundreds of appointments this week and they aren't scheduling new clinics next week because they're short on supply. Merced county health director Dr. Rebecca Nanyonjo-Kemp says the single-dose J and J vaccine was an appealing choice for people who might have a hard time getting to two appointments.

16: CALIFORNIALEGISLATURE

A bill aimed at shining a light on the sometimes shadowy world of campaign slate mailers cleared its first hurdle within the California legislature.

16: SLATEMAIL

During election season, voters often receive dozens of mailers seeking to educate them on candidates or ballot propositions. But voters get little to no information on who is funding these glossy-cardstock.

19: ARTSREOPEN

Live, indoor performances are now allowed in California, with certain modifications because of the corona virus. It's the first time in more than a year that venues can open their doors.

19: PGEOVERSIGHT

The California Public Utilities Commission will increase its oversight of Pacific Gas and Electric Company heading into wildfire season.

20: SAFEGROUNDOPEN

The city of Sacramento has opened a second "safe parking site" to serve people who are homeless and living in vehicles.

20: STATEPAY

State employees took a ten percent pay cut last year due to a budget deficit. Now, the union representing 100-thousands of those workers says their pay will likely be restored this summer.

21: STRIKEAVERT

Parents of more than forty thousand students in Sacramento city schools may be relieved to hear that a strike of teachers' aides and food service workers has been called off this week.

21: 0422PFCA2WAY

Video and police abuse played key roles both in the Derek Chauvin trial and the one involving four Los Angeles police officers and Rodney King nearly three decades ago. But the outcomes were vastly different.

22: 0422PFCA2WAY

CHP officers pulled over King, who was black, for speeding on a Los Angeles freeway back in April of 1991 ... King tried to elude officers but eventually stopped near an apartment complex. From there four Los Angeles Police Department officers, three white and one Latino, took charge of the traffic stop ... and they were captured on video kicking and beating King dozens of times after he was on the ground -- the video sparked outrage across the country. But in the trial the next year, the officers were acquitted of almost all charges, including felony assault. By contrast this week, Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin was convicted on all counts, including second degree murder, in the death of George Floyd.

22: STRIKEAVERT

Custodians, bus drivers and other workers affiliated with the labor union SEIU were planning to strike on Thursday and Friday... The teacher's union said it would strike in sympathy. But SEIU called off the strike on Tuesday because union demands had been met - including stipends and allowing their kids to come to work with them. Nancy Knowdell is a parent of two students in the district.

23: KINGSRETURN

The Sacramento Kings are allowing live spectators for the first time since the NBA suspended its season last year...but the team is taking it slow, and fans should expect a different experience.

23: VAXPROGRESS

Roughly 54% of eligible Californians have been fully or partially vaccinated, state officials say. However, California is still lagging in some efforts. The state has administered about 78% of the doses it's been allocated, putting us behind 26 other states. That's according to Becker's Hospital Review, a health care policy publication which based those rankings on CDC data that isn't always up-to-date.

26: DROUGHTIMPACTS

California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a drought emergency in Mendocino and Sonoma counties last week, and that emergency could soon extend to other counties. Right now, most of California is in a severe drought according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

26: CHASINGARROWS

Most consumers see the triangular, "chasing arrows" symbol on plastic products and assume they can be recycled. But that's often not the case.

27: LATINOBOARDMEMBERS

When it comes to corporate board representation for Latinos, California has a long way to go, despite a new state law mandating greater diversity.

27: LAWMAKERS

State lawmakers entertained the idea of giving many Californians a monthly basic income of \$1,000. But it's not going to happen this year — or in the foreseeable future.

28: SCHUBERT

Sacramento District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert announced on Monday she's running for California Attorney General. Her decision to challenge newly appointed Democratic A-G Rob Bonta is putting attention on the campaign more than a year before voters will go to the polls.

28: SJBLACKMOTHERS

Rally Around Our Sisters is a countywide awareness campaign on the health-related inequities facing African-American women leading to maternal and infant deaths. In San Joaquin County, more than 50 percent of pregnant black mothers are single, separated, or divorced compared to an average of 16 percent of white mothers.

29: SALMONSMOLT

Millions of young salmon are making their way to the ocean by truck rather than swimming downriver to the ocean.

29: CALIFORNIASCHOOLDISTRICT

The university and other education experts who authored the framework say the focus should be on reversing systemic racism and the trauma of the pandemic. So they have a number of recommendations - such as one-on-one educator meetings with families, and designated school time for student relationship building. Superintendent Jorge Aguilar of Sacramento City Unified Schools says their district will be looking for ways to create emotional safe havens for kids.

30: CVDDROUGHT

A bipartisan group of state senators, assembly members, and county supervisors came together at a Fresno orchard to demonstrate that their districts are in crisis. Local leaders in Madera, Kings, Fresno, and Tulare Counties formally announced their declarations of a drought emergency and other Central Valley counties are expected to join next week.

30: SINGLEPAYERPUSH

Just to recap: single-payer means that instead of having private health plans AND public plans like Medicare and Medi-Cal ... ALL health insurance would be paid for by the state government. A bill that could have created this system got shelved this week and won't be considered again until 2022. On Monday, activists from the Democratic Socialists of America gathered to push for single-payer.

May

03: DEMCON

California Democrats gathered for a virtual party convention over the weekend.

03: SIRENBAN

Every day in Minden, Nevada, a siren blares at noon and 6 P-M. It's a holdover from when the community used to be a sundown town, requiring Native Americans to leave before nightfall. For members of the local Washoe Tribe, it's a painful reminder of the past.

Democratic Assemblyman Howard Watts introduced an amendment to one of his bills that would ban the Minden siren.

04: WILDFIRE

Wildfires cost the state more than 12 billion dollars, destroyed over 10-thousand buildings, and claimed 33 lives in 2020. Rising temperatures, drought, and strong winds have already raised a red flag warning for critical fire conditions. Cal Fire Director Thom Porter says there's every reason to believe that this year could be as bad as last year.

04: MAYORUSEOFFORCE

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg is proposing the city update its most recent officer use of force policy to clarify language used to defend police killings

05: CANNABISMORATORIUM

The 45-day moratorium was proposed by councilmember Sean Loloee who represents North Sacramento. He claims that cannabis businesses overwhelmingly cluster in his district, and that the imbalance is keeping other much-needed businesses like grocery stores from taking root in the area. But cannabis entrepreneurs like Lamar Walker says this puts a pause on his plans to set up shop in the area.

05: CAMPAIGNSZN

California's recall election went into full swing yesterday, with a campaign launch featuring a live bear and embattled Governor Gavin Newsom defending his record managing the state through a tumultuous year.

06: NOSTATEFAIR

This year, the annual California State Fair will be delayed and likely slimmed down as COVID-19 vaccinations continue. Rick Pickering, CEO of Cal Expo says Sacramento County and Kaiser Permanente have made a big difference.

06: CANDIDATE

Republican recall election candidate John Cox claimed this week that Governor Gavin Newsom has 'just let tens of thousands of inmates out of jail.'

07: PPICDROUGHTSTUDY

The PPIC is careful to note that two years does not make a drought, much less a mega-drought, and that it's impossible to predict whether the coming rainy season will break the dry spell. But if we are entering another lengthy drought, the study says California will need to respond with conservation measures more quickly than it did last decade.

07: VAXSHIFT

Vaccine supply is no longer a major issue. About sixty percent of eligible Californians have received at least one dose. The challenge now is targeting hard-to-reach populations...and people hesitant about the vaccine. The state is directing more than 85-million-dollars to community organizations that can help with outreach, translation services and transportation.

10: NVPRIMARIES

The Nevada legislature is considering a bill that would remove the caucus system and make it the first state in the country to hold its presidential nominating contest.

10: GOINGBACK

After more than a year of mostly keeping to ourselves, the idea of being in a public space with strangers may cause panic. Therapists call it 'reentry anxiety.' "What we're collectively experiencing is the same feeling that we have for like the first day of school at a new place" That was UC Merced psychologist Jennifer Howell. About half of Americans say they're worried about in-person social interactions. That's according to a recent survey from the American Psychological Association.

11: GOVSTIMULUS

The governor announced the state has a massive 75.7-billion-dollar windfall this year. Large portions of that are required to go to schools and budget reserves, but he wants to send some money back to workers and families.

11: BEHIND

Sacramento parents are concerned about their children falling behind in school. That's one takeaway from the latest Valley Vision and Cap Radio poll about how people are faring during the pandemic.

12: GENERATIONALWEALTH

The pandemic has exacerbated economic stress for Black Sacramentans, according to a new poll by Valley Vision and Cap Radio. Our race and equity reporter Sarah Mizes-Tan looks into the impact this past year has had on a younger generation's ability to build wealth.

12: COPPRESSER

The first call for help came in just before 10 in the morning, a woman and a man arguing in the 4400 block of La Cresta Way in central Stockton. Thirty-year old Stockton Police Officer Jimmy Inn arrived a short time later and was shot by the suspect. Another officer arrived on scene and traded gunfire with the man.

13: ASHBYSENATESEAT

Ashby will be running against fellow city councilmember Eric Guerra, who has served with her for the past five years. Also running are south Sacramento pastor Doctor Tecoy Porter and former state Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones. If elected, Ashby could be the first woman in 20 years to sit in the seat representing Elk Grove, Sacramento and West Sacramento.

13: TEHAMAVAX

Health officials say access is one barrier they've found blocking some people from getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Michelle Schmidt is a supervising public health nurse for the Tehama County Health Services Agency. She says officials are refocusing efforts on those living in outlying communities away from vaccine locations in the city of Red Bluff.

14: REVISEPREV

The governor spent the past week touring the state and promoting a recovery package that includes a laundry list of new spending: 12 billion to shelter the homeless, 20 billion in new school and mental health programs, 5 billion in drought response, and, of course, \$600 tax rebate checks for millions of middle-class workers and families.

14: REVISE-2WAY

The budget didn't include any new money for local health departments, which have been such an important resource over the past year. They've provided Covid testing, vaccinations, and information about the spread of the disease in our communities. Now, the state did pay for many of those things, but County health directors say it's shocking that the governor did not offer up any new money for them after they've been battered by the pandemic.

And Newsom was asked about that. And he says local health departments can expect money from the federal government, which is sending aid to cities and counties.

17: CLEANTAHOE

Scuba divers have launched a six-month program to go underwater three-days a week, cleaning up Lake Tahoe.

17: RECALLHISTORY

For the second time ever California voters will decide whether to recall their governor. Gavin Newsom is likely to face his recall election later this year after enough signatures were gathered to take it to the ballot. The first recall in the state was in 2003. But there's been numerous attempts over the decades.

18: SACCITYBUDGET

Sacramento's proposed budget is ready for review this week — and it includes a large boost in police spending. The nearly 10-million-dollar increase for the police department's budget comes nearly a year after racial justice uprisings following the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. This will bring the department to an all-time high in city spending... And also makes Sacramento one of just a few cities in California increasing its law enforcement budget this year.

18: MASKS

The CDC said last week that fully vaccinated people can ditch their masks in most places. But California's top health official, Dr. Mark Ghaly, says the state will wait to align with that guidance until June 15.

19: MILLENNIALSINVESTING

A recent survey from Valley Vision and CapRadio found that Black millennials suffered great financial losses during the pandemic.

19: PARADISERVEXTENSION

The 4 to 1 movement gave camp fire survivors until September 30 to apply for rebuild permits or meet other thresholds. Mayor Steve Crowder said now that the ordinance is coming to close, he's getting calls from residents who want to get in compliance.

20: STATEBUILDINGS

Three new office buildings will soon house thousands of California state workers when completed this summer and fall. That means several million new square feet of building space, according to the Department of General Services. As one DGS official put it — it's a "once in a lifetime" opportunity for Sacramento.

20: NVFIRESEASON

The U-S Drought Monitor shows three-quarters of the state is under extreme or exceptional drought. These conditions can help limit the amount of grass that grows, which helps reduce the amount of fuel available to burn. But McGuire Palma says that's the only upside. Fire crews have already responded to multiple 100-acre fires near Reno.

21: SUSPENSEBILLS

The mass release of bills happened in the twice-yearly suspense hearing. It's also a major culling of legislation as lawmakers narrow their policy and spending priorities for the year. Bills that advanced include a measure to make universal vote-by-mail permanent, a bill to set cash bail at 0 for most misdemeanors and nonviolent crimes, and a package of reforms for EDD, the state's embattled unemployment agency.

21: HOUSINGLEG

California Governor Gavin Newsom has signed legislation to streamline some affordable housing and manufacturing projects.

24: SCVAXTRACK

Santa Clara is among the counties that moved into California's least-restrictive yellow tier last week. But it is imposing a new rule more restrictive than any required by the state or by any other California county. By June first, businesses in Santa Clara County must ask and keep track of whether their employees, contractors and volunteers have been vaccinated, either partially or fully. James R. Williams is the County Counsel.

24: GHOSTGUNPASS

The proposed law would ban incomplete firearms that are sold without serial numbers or background checks, which law enforcement officials say are becoming the weapon of choice for criminals. One of the leading manufacturers of the weapons is Dayton, Nevada-based Polymer80. Annette Magnus is with Battle Born Progress, a criminal justice reform nonprofit that supported the ban. She said Nevada was leading the nation by taking steps to limit the number of untraceable firearms that are sold.

25: GOVFIREPREP

Newsom's proposed budget includes nearly \$10 million to create a Wildfire Forecast Center in the Office of Emergency Services, or CalOES. Mark Ghilarducci leads that agency. He says it would be like the National Hurricane Center, which analyzes weather conditions and other data to predict hurricanes before they form. But Ghilarducci wants to keep an eye on the areas that are hot, dry and in the path of lightning or other wildfire risks.

25: FIREWORKSORDINANCE

The City Council will consider a new ordinance supported by the City Fire Marshal that takes a more aggressive stance on both illegal fireworks and shooting off the so-called "Safe and Sane" legal fireworks before June 28th or after July 4th. The fines proposed by city staff are a thousand dollars for a first violation, 25-hundred for a second, and five thousand dollars for each violation after that within a year of the first violation.

26: OFFSHOREWIND

Two separate clusters of turbines would generate enough energy to power about 1.6 million homes. Newsom says the massive shift toward renewable energy will help California meet its climate goals and benefit communities that deal with pollution from fossil fuel production.

26: MEASUREUBUDGET

The City Manager's proposed budget would allocate the majority of Measure U funds toward public safety... In other words, policing and fire. But the Measure U Community Advisory Committee has proposed different priorities. The committee is asking for the majority of money to be spent on preventive measures like homelessness response, a Universal Basic Income pilot and economic development.

27: FOSSILS

The initial discovery was in July of last year on land owned by the East Bay Municipal Utility District along the Mokelumne River in Calaveras County. East Bay Ranger Naturalist Greg Francek was the first to spot it...part of a petrified tree sticking out of the ground. "Further search of the area I discovered a second tree and a third and so on. And several weeks into my survey is when I discovered the first vertebrae of fossils."

27: LOCKEHISTORY

It's Asian American and Pacific Islander History Month. Here in the U-S, nearly half of Asian Americans live on the West Coast. Chinese Americans also have deep roots in California, from farming to building the railroads.

28: VAXLOTTO

California will give away 116-point-five million dollars to get more people vaccinated...as the state heads toward a full reopening on June 15th.

28: COUNTYCOVID

Changing tiers would mean increased capacity at businesses and events. But the county is still far from reaching herd immunity to the virus - only 47% of residents are at least partially immunized. Experts say 70% need to be fully immunized to reach that mark. Rachel Allen with the county says there's been a dip in demand for appointments in the last few weeks.

June

01: REPARATIONSTF

It's been nearly 160 years since Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was issued ... marking a major turning point for ending slavery in the United States. Now, a California task force will study and recommend reparations for African Americans.

01: LOCALRELIEF

Sacramento housing officials have distributed 11-and-a-half-million dollars of relief funds requested by renters affected by COVID-19.

02: SPORTSBETTING

The measure would allow sports betting at tribal casinos and horse tracks. So far 26 states have legalized sports gambling...after a U.S. Supreme Court decision paved the way several years ago. Proponents of the measure submitted 1.4 million signatures...and the Secretary of State's office confirmed it qualified for the ballot. The measure is expected to face opposition from card rooms...which would be excluded from the law.

02: STATUS

A popular post on social media claims businesses in the U-S can't legally require customers to provide proof of vaccination or deny entry based on vaccination status.

03: REDWOODSBURNED

The trees were wiped out by the Castle Fire, which burned 273 square miles of tall timber in Sequoia National Park which sits on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada and is named after the tree, a redwood, they can grow to 200 feet tall, and live for more than 2-thousand years.

03: OSHAMASKS

The proposal drafted by Cal Osha's Standards board says employers who don't work with the public can ease restrictions if they receive documentation that all employees have been vaccinated. Erin Mordacai [MORE-da-Kai] is an expert in infectious diseases at Stanford University. She says the proposal is a reasonable idea.

04: SACFEES

A new study by the North State Building Industry Association shows home buyers in the Sacramento area are paying, on average, as much as 40-thousand dollars more in local government fees as buyers in two similar California markets.

04: 0603PFCA2WAY

Vice President and former California Senator Kamala Harris recently claimed one-third of all small businesses have closed during the pandemic.

07: NEWCALPOLY

The Governor's budget sets aside 233-million dollars to renovate the science and lab facilities on campus, reinforce telecommunications and computing infrastructure and to support new academic programs in cybersecurity and technology, wildlife management and climate resilience.

07: FEWERBABIES

California's population is declining ...due in part to more deaths, fewer births and more people moving out of state during the pandemic.

08: WORKERSREOPENING

Restaurant, grocery store and other essential low-wage workers have worked through the pandemic, regardless of the state's status. But new reopening guidelines are causing confusion and anxiety — especially as about half of the state's population is currently vaccinated.

08: ESSENTIALWORKERS

California is set to reopen in a week, but many of the state's low-income essential workers are concerned.

09: STATEOFEMERGENCY

California is lifting many of its coronavirus restrictions one week from today [JUNE 15]. But Governor Gavin Newsom has said the official state of emergency will remain in place.

09: COOLINGPLANS

Following a scorching Memorial Day weekend, advocates for Sacramento's homeless community are asking why city officials haven't opened the year-round emergency shelters that many expected by this time.

10: CALOSHARULES

Meanwhile, the state agency that oversees workplace health and safety is still figuring out what "reopening" will look like on-the-job

10: 0610PFCA2WAY

Emails released last week that Doctor Anthony Fauci sent during the early stages of the coronavirus outbreak have led to a new round of misleading posts on social media.

11: RECALLTIMELINE

Things are running ahead of schedule. In a new memo, the Department of Finance says county election officials estimate a special recall election will cost them \$215 million dollars. But that's just one part of an estimate and doesn't include the Secretary of State's expenses.

11: ASSAULTRIFLECASE

California Attorney General Rob Bonta says he will appeal a recent federal court decision overturning the state's 30-year-old assault weapons ban.

14: WATERRULES

Some cities and communities are taking action now as drought conditions take hold in the Central Valley.

14: MIXVAXHOUSE

California's COVID-19 safety guidelines will loosen tomorrow [Tuesday]. But if someone you live with is NOT immunized, you should still be careful.

15: APIBUDGET

A group of Asian American and Pacific Islander legislators are asking that an A-A-P-I-specific equity initiative be added to next year's state budget.

15: NEWSOMREOPEN

California is flipping the switch today [TUESDAY], ending a long list of COVID-19 restrictions.

16: NEWSOMJUNE15

Newsom held a press conference at the entrance of the theme park surrounded by movie characters like Transformers and the yellow minions to celebrate the end of many pandemic restrictions.

16: SACREOPENING

Yesterday [Tuesday] marked a new chapter in the pandemic for Californians. No more limits the number of people inside restaurants or businesses. The state would no longer require fully vaccinated residents to wear masks. And Governor Gavin Newsom lifted the stay-at-home order after more than 450 days.

17: SLEEPTRAINMED

It's been four-and-a-half years since the Sacramento Kings left Sleep Train Arena for Golden 1 Center downtown. Since then, the future of the massive property in North Sacramento has been in question.

17: MASKINPLACE

Even though the state no longer requires everyone to wear face masks in public, some Sacramento businesses are asking all customers to keep their face covered until vaccine rates improve.

18: EDDREQUIREMENT

Californians receiving unemployment benefits will once again have to swear they are actively looking for work in order to qualify.

18: VACCINATIONCARD

California has launched a digital vaccine card for immunized residents...but they're not calling it a 'passport.' Officials say it's a way to show your vaccination status without having to carry around your physical card.

21: FENTANYL

Drug dealers in Yolo County could soon be charged with murder in fentanyl related overdoses under a new policy. CapRadio's

21: 0621DRIVE THRU

Drive through restaurants are often controversial at City Hall with residents chiming in, typically in opposition. And this is because ... well ... when there's a drive through, it usually means a lot of cars lined up in neighborhoods.

22: ATA EP 2

How a traumatic event affects the brain, which can complicate police investigations. A content warning: The podcast discusses sexual violence.

22: PRIVACYVAX

Privacy groups are raising concerns about California's program giving residents digital access to their coronavirus vaccination record.

23: RESERVOIRS

California is seeing record-setting hot temperatures earlier than usual this year. It's coinciding with a drought that is ravaging the state's reservoirs ... making it harder for farmers to grow crops and for endangered fish species to survive. I spoke with Jeff McCormack whose family has been farming on land along the Sacramento River Delta for 125 years.

23: SKYDIVE

A skydiver in San Joaquin County is facing federal charges of wire fraud and identity theft related to tandem parachuting courses.

24: PREVENTIONFOLO

Governor Gavin Newsom has overstated the wildfire prevention work completed during his time in office. That's according to an investigation from Cap Radio and N-P-R's California Newsroom. Now some lawmakers are calling for additional accountability.

24: ATAFEATURE4ME

Even when sexual assault cases don't lead to convictions, survivors still seek justice and healing. All this week we're sharing excerpts of After the Assault, CapRadio's new podcast in which our health care reporter Sammy Caiola spent two years talking with survivors.

25: CAPRISONS

As California continues to close prisons, a new report shows the state has more work-to-do to address racial disparities when it comes to incarceration.

25: RENTHELPCA

As a deadline to extend California's Covid-19 rental protections looms, both the governor's office and tenant advocacy groups are pushing an expansion and extension of the benefits.

28: SACFIREWORK

Fireworks were blamed for half of the 70 fires within the City of Sacramento during the July 4 period last year.

28: AIRREBATES

Central Valley residents can save a lot of money by switching from gas to electric mowers and other electric yard equipment.

29: ATA EP 6 ME

It's about how survivors of sexual violence are searching for justice and healing. In episode six of the series, CapRadio's Sammy Caiola explores how the family and friends of survivors can best support their loved one's cope with the trauma.

29: MANNPROBE

A lawyer representing the family of Joseph Mann is pushing the state's attorney general to open a new investigation into his fatal shooting by Sacramento police officers in 2016.

30: PARTYFOUL

California Governor Gavin Newsom is suing his hand-picked Secretary of State over his party affiliation for the upcoming recall election.

30: ATA EP 7 ME

The key to preventing the pain of sexual assault, is to prevent the violent act in the first place. That's one of the takeaways CapRadio heard in the last episode of the After the Assault podcast. Host Sammy Caiola reported on ways community members can take part in preventing rape.

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CLOCK:

There will be no specified clock for this coverage and we do not know when this coverage will end, though HPM is tentatively planning for about 2 hours. As an option, if the service lasts more than two hours, Houston Public Media will offer cutaway language at 1:59:58 PM ET/12:59:58 CT. The cue will be "You are listening to coverage of the George Floyd Funeral, live from Houston Texas." This will be followed by a 2 second pause in commentary, then there will be a reestablish at the top of the hour. This will then be repeated at the top of each hour for as long as the service continues.

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DIGITAL COVERAGE:

VIDEO:

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