

Quarterly Community Issues

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July

JULYTRIP

01: The AAA survey finds just over 4.5 million Californians plan to travel 50 miles or more from home.

UCFOOD

01: University of California President Janet Napolitano (nuh-pol-ih-TAN-oh) today (Tuesday) announced a new “Global Food Initiative.” It will research world-wide nutritional problems ranging from hunger to obesity.

NUSTRIPES

02: Caltrans declared the FIX-50 project completed two weeks ago. But, sun glare, faint striping, and black diagonal lines across the lanes have been causing confusion for drivers entering the merge of the Cap City, 99 and 50 freeways.

SACTB

02: The Sacramento County Public Health Office says it’s investigating an outbreak of tuberculosis involving more than a hundred high school students.

BUTTSTHUR

03: Marchetti says she's worried about her four cats, who are still at home. The Red Cross says animals aren't allowed in the shelter, so many people are sleeping outside on cots to be near their animals. Local residents have also offered their land for horses, rabbits and other animals.

FIREWORKS

03: In Nevada City, Fire Chief Sam Goodspeed says people can't buy fireworks in town, and it's against state law to move them from one county to another. But he says people who have them are allowed to set them off -in non-wilderness areas.

GUYWEST

04: The Guy West Bridge at Sacramento State University is scheduled to undergo three million dollars in repairs...and a paint job that will return it to its original color. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports.

NUFIRE

04: We were able to hold it in check overnight without it growing but our containment is growing and that's the good news here. Significant progress was made overnight and continues to be made this afternoon.

XPRIZE

07: A California Assemblyman wants to pay you to improve government. Democrat Mike Gatto is sponsoring legislation to create a government "X Prize." If approved, three state agencies would be selected to run contests soliciting innovative ideas. Gatto says the pilot program is a way of making California government accessible.

FIREMON

07: Since January 1st we've responded to nearly 3,000 wildfires. In a normal year, that number would be about 2100. So because of the dry conditions we've continued to see a significant increase in fire activity.

BEEKILL

08: We took officials to court today to ensure that they finish an evaluation of the harms of these pesticides and install the necessary protections so that bees are not affected by these pesticides.

FARMWINE

Some critics of the law had raised concerns about public drinking in a family friendly atmosphere. But Janet Ellisor from Sacramento says in her experience tastings are pretty well controlled.

SJBDCP

09: In a unanimous vote, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors has chosen to oppose the Bay Delta Conservation Plan...or B-D-C-P. As proposed, it would be the largest public works project in the country; the construction of twin tunnels to transport water south and around the Delta. But supervisors say it would be a disaster for the local economy. Bob Elliott is chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

CASHBUY

9: Fewer investors looking to "flip" homes are buying in the Sacramento market, according to new data. Nearly 70-percent of Sacramento area home purchases between January and March were made with traditional financing rather than all-cash. Ron Greenwood with the Sacramento Association of Realtors says rising home values are making the local market less attractive to investors who buy with all-cash.

FARMWINE

10: Paul Kronenberg with Family Wine Makers of California says the wine industry is a very competitive marketplace and small producers could always use another way to sell their product.

CALCASH

10: For the first time since 2007, California wrapped up its fiscal year with a positive cash balance in its General Fund. On June 30th, the account contained \$1.9 billion. Revenues for the year came in at just under \$102 billion, or about 2 percent above the Governor's projections.

JBKIDS

11: California Governor Jerry Brown says the influx of Central American immigrants, many of them children, illegally entering the United States is a “human problem.” Brown made the comments today (Friday) while addressing the American Federation of Teachers convention in Los Angeles.

CAFAIR

11: We've got our Dream Big exhibit, hands-on activities for kids through science, technology, engineering and math -kind of thing about what they want to be when they grow up. You can also get your first library card there from the Sacramento Library. We also have our Sweet California's Tasty Journey, which is a farm-to-fork model, but around candy.

STOCKFIRE

14: We're estimating anywhere from 10-thousand on the low side which is what one year of advertising would be on the side of one unit, on up to 160-thousand, would certainly help with restarting our public education programs for fire safety.

CAWAGES

14: The salaries and benefits for University of California employees are now available on a public website. Capital Public Radio's Ed Joyce with more.

CALSIX

15: Tim Draper was in Sacramento County this morning. He says California state government is too big to tackle any problem facing a particular region.

UCDROUGHT

15: A UC Davis report released today (Tuesday) says the California drought could cost the state's economy \$ 2.2 billion this year. It says agriculture will account for about one-and-a-half billion dollars of that.

SPRAYNILE

16: The area to be sprayed includes nearly 19-thousand acres...from the Sacramento county line in the north to Lincoln Avenue in the south, and from I-80 and Garfield in the West to Hazel Avenue in the east.

CITIZENS

16: Governor Jerry Brown is allowing an advisory question to be placed on the November ballot. It asks Californians if they think the US Constitution should be amended to overturn the Citizens United ruling. That 2010 decision by the Supreme Court allows corporations and unions to spend freely in political campaigns.

BANKROB

17: It happened after three men attempted to rob a local bank, took three hostages when police arrived, and led officers on a nearly hour-long chase, where two hostages were thrown from the car. Once the suspects' car was disabled by police, there was a shootout in a densely populated neighborhood where homes and cars are still riddled with bullet holes.

CALFUND

17: Seven hundred projects are underway in California that rely on federal funding. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a temporary spending plan to put money in the trust fund through May. The U.S. Senate may vote on the bill next week.

SACEMPLOY

18: Marley says other sectors that saw job gains from May to June include: "professional and business services" and "trade, transportation and utilities." However, the overall Sacramento area unemployment rate grew to 6-point-9 percent in June, up two-tenths of a percent from May.

FARMFORK

18: The Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau said today [Friday] the community response to the event was overwhelming, with 25-thousand people attending the free festival on Capitol Mall.

TAHYPER

21: A wave of cold air at 30,000 feet blew in from southern Nevada just after noon on Sunday. It collided with humid 90 degree temperatures in Carson City. Within 15 minutes, the resulting thunderstorm dropped inches of rain and temperature plummeted 25 degrees.

SIGNED

21: Let's say you own a home that's under water, and negotiate with your lender to reduce your debt. That loan modification doesn't put any extra money in your pocket – but it was still considered taxable income by the state of California in 2013. The bill just signed by Governor Brown extends the tax relief under federal law to the state.

CUELLAR

22: Brown has named Professor Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar to replace outgoing Justice Marvin Baxter. Cuellar has been at Stanford since 2001 and previously worked with President Barack Obama on immigration issues during the president's transition into office.

SALMONUP

22: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association plan will include re-introducing winter-run Chinook at cold water pools in Northern California and monitoring the water temperature to make sure it's safe. Clark Blanchard with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife says the ecosystem restoration plans could take 50 years or more to achieve the desired result.

AMGENLOD

23: Schwabauer says the business community is raising 150-thousand dollars to cover the expenses of being a host city, and is already halfway to the goal.

ENVIROPOLL

23: A new poll shows that a majority of Californians support the new requirement. The Public Policy Institute of California found that 76-percent are in favor. But PPIC President Mark Baldassare says that support drops to just 39 percent if gas prices rise as a result.

ARENABOND

24: The investment rating service Standard & Poor's has upgraded the City of Sacramento's bond rating from A-plus to Double A-minus.

GOSOLAR

24: Democratic Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi (mur-at-SOO-chee) says his bill would require cities to draw up checklists for expedited review of permit applications and to conduct inspections within five days of receiving an application. He says installers often wait weeks to get approval for a job.

TBMTG

25: Community members in the area of Sacramento's Grant High School gathered last night for a meeting about Tuberculosis. An outbreak at the school earlier in the year prompted the event, which featured doctors and city leaders. That outbreak included several students who had the active form of the disease.

DUMP

25: A Sacramento-area resident could be the first to collect a larger reward for reporting local illegal dumping activity. Under the city's recently expanded program, you can get \$500 to \$1,000 dollars for a tip that leads to a citation.

MEDSCHOOL

28: Brown signed legislation that will allow doctors to practice with three years of medical school instead of four. Capital Public Radio's Health Care Reporter Pauline Bartolone has more.

SANDEVAC

28: Cal Fire says more than 500 homes were evacuated because of the Sand Fire in Eldorado and Amador counties. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports most people are able to return to their homes, but more than a dozen families have no home to return to.

CALWORKS

29: The bill by Democratic Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez would extend CalWORKS, the state's welfare program, and food stamp benefits to several groups of immigrants. Among them would be children brought into the country by their parents and political refugees. Gonzalez says non-citizen military and their families would also be covered.

REVMRTG

29: The bill would require lenders to give borrowers informational worksheets. It would also bar lenders from processing a loan application for at least seven days after the borrower has met with a federal loan counselor. Sandy Jolley is a Los Angeles-based reverse mortgage consultant.

ELPORTAL

30: Crews are working to keep a wildfire in Yosemite National Park away from Merced Grove - one of the Park's three stands of giant Sequoias.

AIRFOOD

30: After today [Thursday] there will be no more Starbucks at Sacramento International Airport's Terminal A. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports the coffee giant and several restaurants are being replaced.

URBPARK

31: The report by Doctor Richard Jackson, Chair of the Environmental Health Sciences department at UCLA, looked at the connections between land use and public health.

CARATES

31: It says most Californians will see a modest increase in their premiums, but some may see the same price or lower monthly plan cost.

August

HIGHSPEED

01: The court overturned a Sacramento Superior Court judge's rulings siding with Central Valley landowners. The judge invalidated a state bond sale because the project didn't meet promises for cost and speed outlined in the proposition.

RETESLA

01: Electric car maker, Tesla Motors confirms it has broken ground on a site near Reno where it could locate a planned \$5 billion battery manufacturing plant. Capital Public Radios Ky Plaskon reports.

STEINBOND

04: Aside from the size of the bond, Steinberg says other sticking points include how much money will go to water storage projects ... and which state agency would control funds to restore the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem.

RESTRAIN

04: Democratic Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner says her bill could help prevent another tragedy like the mass shooting in Isla [EYE-luh] Vista earlier this year, in which a mentally disturbed man shot and killed several people and himself after sending threatening messages.

MLSMEET

05: Smith has made no secret of the team's desire to become a Major League Soccer franchise and build a new stadium. The team is in its first season with the USL Pro League, which is a step below MLS.

REPROD

05: A bill that would guarantee health plan access to all FDA-approved birth control methods is working its way through the California legislature. It follows the U.S. Supreme Court's recent "Hobby Lobby" ruling, which allows some employers to deny birth control coverage on religious grounds.

VAPEBIZ

06: The electronic-cigarette industry is heating up. Bars and shops are opening in the Sacramento area catering to people who "vape." That's the term used for inhaling water vapor through an e-cigarette or other personal vaporizer. But amidst the vaping boom...regulations loom. Tomorrow [Friday, August 8th] is the deadline for people to comment on a federal proposal to regulate e-cigarettes. Capital Public Radio's Steve Milne reports.

JBPOVERTY

06: California Governor Jerry Brown says the state is dealing with historically unprecedented economic inequality. He made his remarks today (Wednesday) while talking at a California School Employees Association convention. And Brown says a recent analysis by the bond rating agency Standard & Poor's backs him up. S&P found the country's widening wealth gap could damage economic growth.

NONINO

07: Meteorologist Michelle Mead with the National Weather Service in Sacramento says the consensus of forecasters is that El Niño will emerge during August-to-October - and chances for development of the warm ocean condition are about 65 percent.

INSTATE

07: Chavez says there are more than 50,000 vets attending college in California and only about 120 come from out-of-state. But he says failure to comply with the new federal law could put GI Bill benefits for all student vets at risk.

YOVOL

08: Park Ranger Ashley Mayer says the park will need more than a thousand volunteers in the last week of September for the "Yosemite Facelift". They'll pick up thousands of pounds of trash left by visitors.

LAWFEE

08: Some attorneys say Sacramento County Superior Court is blocking access to justice with fees it recently adopted. About a month ago, the court began charging for online access to court records. Sacramento Business Journal Editor Jack Robinson says the county bar association and a Latino lawyers' group are worried disadvantaged and low-income people could be priced out of court.

WABOND

11: Today is a key deadline for water bond negotiations between Governor Jerry Brown and California lawmakers. It's the date the Secretary of State's office is supposed to begin printing voter guides for the fall election.

JULYMO

11: Borrowing for the state's operating funds was also at its lowest level since the 2006-2007 fiscal year. The state ended last fiscal year with a positive cash balance for the first time since 2007.

GASRATE

12: But The Utility Reform Network, or TURN - a consumer advocacy group, is opposed to any rate hikes. Mark Toney with TURN says customers already pay their fare share for a safe system.

CASES

12: Governor Jerry Brown's Administration says the judicial branch needs to find ways to manage its rising employee costs, including "compensation changes...with the goal of increasing access to justice.

ENGLEARN

13: Judge Chalfant didn't tell California officials how to comply. That's up to state officials. They did not say whether they'd appeal the ruling.

SACCARGO

14: The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors has approved a plan to expand cargo operations at Mather Air Park, though many residents of nearby communities oppose the move.

TSLACHARGE

14: Electric car maker Tesla is finishing construction of a new charging station in Truckee. But it's not for public use. As Capital Public Radio's Ky Plaskon reports, the town would like more stations the where the public could plug in.

DRYTAHOE

15: UC Davis researcher Geoff Schladow [Schlad-doh] says the drought has improved clarity. Reduced snowmelt has kept contaminants and pollutants from washing into the lake.

FUNRUN

15: Some for-profit races say they give a portion of their profits to charity. Meanwhile some observers say charities could continue to raise money if they adapt by hiring these new companies that put on MOB runs to operate their events.

SACBIKE

18: Tony Lucas with the school's Transportation and Parking Services department says the school has been planning this safety project for the past 30 months. State University Drive and College Town Drive received a lot of paint.

RESERVE

18: Legislative Republicans are calling on Democrats to reverse a law included in this year's California budget package that restricts the ability of school districts to build large reserves.

ACAFIELD

19: That margin of support is up 15 points since last year. Voters also like the way the state has implemented "Obamacare," by a wide margin - 60 percent to 30 percent. In fact, they prefer California's handling of the law, with only 49 percent of voters giving the federal implementation of the law a positive assessment.

HUMPSLUMPS

19: Driving on city streets, I noticed signs telling me bumps were ahead. Looking more closely, they weren't bumps but humps, lumps, tables and undulations. The raised hunks of asphalt seem the same, so why the different names?

WARIGHTS

20: They found allocations exceed the state's actual water supply by five times the average annual runoff and 10 times the actual surface-water supply for some river basins.

COMPMATH

20: The California Senate passed a bill today (Wednesday) that would encourage the University of California and California State University to establish computer science courses that would meet the mathematics requirement for college admission.

BAGBAN

21: A bill in the California legislature would ban single-use plastic grocery bags and require a 10-cent charge on paper bags. The money collected from the charge would be used for costs of complying with the law, actual costs of providing recyclable carryout bags and for education campaigns encouraging use of recyclable bags. Cathy Browne is General Manager of Crown Poly, a company that makes single-use plastic bags in Huntington Park. She's against a ban, whether or not there's a fee for paper bags.

DISCLOSUR

21: A pair of bills that would tighten California's campaign finance disclosure laws passed out of the legislature today (Thursday). One would require the disclosure of the top five contributors to ballot measures; the other would require that paid actors appearing in campaign ads be identified as such.

BEES

22: According to the USDA, California produced about 11 million pounds of honey last year ...15 million pounds less than in 2010. This year beekeepers expect even lower totals because of the drought. Beekeeper Donald Sanchez from Merced County has seen his production drop by 50 percent and says growers are planting fewer crops due to the drought.

STANDOWN

22: Healthcare, help with paperwork, clothing: all things available at this year's Yuba Sutter Stand Down event in Marysville. But, as Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports, some veterans don't take advantage of the things that might help them the most.

QUAKEHELP

25: It's everything from people came to get a hot meal. We've got health services people. A number of people have chronic diseases and were without their prescriptions, things like that, due to the earthquake. We've got crisis counselors here, so it's everything from food to health.

RALEYWASTE

25: As part of the settlement, Raley's has also agreed to buy five mobile freshwater purification systems to provide safe drinking water during emergencies. They'll be located in: Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Sonoma and Contra Costa counties.

WINEFINE

26: He's also on the board of directors of the Napa Valley Vintners Association. On Capital Public Radio's "Insight with Beth Ruyak," Leary said most businesses came away unscathed from the quake.

NUCREST

26: The theater will remain open under new management. Mother restaurant recently opened in part of the building. Construction on the Empress Tavern restaurant is scheduled to begin next month.

RESTRAIN

27: The bill would allow a judge to determine whether someone could be dangerous. Democratic State Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg says an individual's gun rights have to be balanced with public safety.

PROPANE

27: Roberto Padilla with the Sacramento Fire Department says the tank that exploded was attached to a bus at North 12TH and North B streets.

GONZO

28: That high note, Gonzalez says, includes setting up various academic programs, construction of a student-funded recreation center and building a campus bookstore and state-of-the-art track at Hornet Stadium without using state money. California State University's chancellor will begin the search for a new president. Gonzalez says after he retires he plans to return to Sacramento State to teach.

GOVLEG

28: Governor Jerry Brown praised former Assembly Speaker John Pérez and Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg in the California legislature today (Thursday) as they end their terms in office this week.

DRIVEIN

29: So much so that plans to tear it down and build a shopping center and indoor theater called "Bradshaw Landing" are in temporary limbo. Sacramento Business Journal Editor Jack Robinson says the property owner is satisfied with the way things are now.

INMATES

29: CDCR will create specialized units for the inmates and provide them with more treatment and out-of cell time. Prison officials will also begin a case-by-case review of mentally ill inmates in long-term segregation.

September

SEAFOOD

01: The West Coast groundfish fishery was declared a federal disaster in 2000. But improvements in management, habitat, and fishing gear have led to the recovery of overfished species.

NAPAWKND

01: The earthquake damaged about 20 percent of the wineries in the Napa Valley. In the city and county of Napa, hotels and restaurants suffered damage too. Clay Gregory of Visit Napa Valley was worried that some media coverage focusing on damaged buildings and spilled wine might discourage visitors.

NUSUPER

02: Gina Chavez has two children who once attended district schools, but she pulled them out and enrolled them at a charter school. She says teachers couldn't provide proper instruction in classes with 40 children.

EARLYEQ

02: U-C Berkeley Seismologist Richard Allen is leading a conference today [WEDNESDAY] for scientists, policy makers and private sector industry leaders to discuss how to move the project forward.

BAGBILL

03: The effort to pass legislation banning single-use plastic bags lasted for years. Environmental groups have pushed bills to ban the bags in previous sessions. But this year, after some tweaks to the bill during the session, lawmakers approved it. Dan Jacobson with Environment California says the key this year was cooperation.

EARLYEQ

03: The system detected last month's Napa Quake five seconds early in Berkeley and eight seconds early in San Francisco. That would have been enough for Bay Area Rapid Transit trains to slow down or stop – had the trains been running at that early morning hour.

NINOBUST

04: The NOAA Climate Prediction Center analysis shows a 60-to-65 percent chance of the warm ocean condition known as El Niño developing this fall and winter. The report also indicates a strong El Niño is not expected and a weak event is likely.

TART

04: This week 28 artists have been painting outside at north Lake Tahoe, trying to capture the landscape. They will either donate or sell the work. Artist Cheryl LeClair-Sommer came all the way from Minnesota for the visual experience.

DIRECTION

05: The latest Field Poll finds 43 per cent of sampled voters believe the state is moving in the right direction. Forty-one per cent say California is still on the wrong track, but that's a significant improvement from 80 the per cent negative assessment four years ago.

PINEX

05: The latest analysis from federal forecasters shows a weak, if any, El Niño this fall and winter. And the California drought is now expected to continue into a fourth year in 2015. Michelle Mead is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sacramento.

SACWHISTLE

08: The City paramedics were not obtaining the necessary signatures to get reimbursed for transports and as a result we weren't able to collect on several hundred transportations that we made which were valued at over \$168,000.

PORTRAIT

08: Schwarzenegger's portrait will hang on the third floor of the Capitol next to the portrait of former Governor Gray Davis. Schwarzenegger defeated Davis in the 2003 recall election.

RENOCRASH

09: The Reno Air Race Association says 64-year old Lee Behel from San Jose was trying to qualify for the races when his plane, the "sweet dreams," went down about 3:30 yesterday afternoon.

MEADOW

09: Despite the Meadow Fire, Yosemite's Facebook page reports air quality and visibility are good. The Park remains open, but backcountry trails are shut. Hikers with permits who were planning to hike Half Dome or other trails this week should check the park's Facebook and Twitter

REGRAD

10: The Washoe County, Nevada School District is reporting record graduation rates for the third year in a row. As Capital Public Radio's Ky Plaskon reports, it's a dramatic turn around for the district.

LEAVESIGN

10: San Diego Democratic Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez authored the bill and pledged to campaign in other states to pass similar laws.

NVSESSION

11: Lawmakers are expected to begin today by debating up 1.1 billion dollars to finance the abatement of Tesla's property, sales and use taxes - in some cases for up to two decades.

SAC911TOWER

11: Sacramento area firefighters are holding a tribute to the New York City firefighters who died 13 years ago today at the World Trade Center during the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

DOMESTIC

12: Niemczyk says the state also provides about 21 million dollars a year from its General Fund for domestic violence shelters. Though she says other funding sources are decreasing. Nationally it's estimated one in four women will experience domestic violence.

CLEANUP

12: Madrid says volunteers can show up on Saturday at any one of 800 locations in the state from 9:00 in the morning to noon.

TRUANCY

15: A new report says the truancy rate in California elementary schools is rising – and is especially high among low-income students and minorities. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler has more.

TRIBES

15: Picture a crowded house... the parents are pushing 60, and their three 20-something children are still living at home, and not happy about it. What's more, these folks are intellectuals and artists, and they really like to argue.

KINGSMOKE

16: The fire, northeast of Placerville, has burned nearly 12-thousand acres and is 5 percent contained. The National Weather Service in Reno says "slight changes in wind directions and fire activity" will determine which areas get the smoke.

SWEARINGIN

16: Stockton has passed a milestone by swearing in a new police officer and adding nine new trainees for its police academy. Those additions put the police force seven officers past the department's authorized force of 365.

WEEDWED

17: Meanwhile, the number of structures damaged or destroyed in the wildfire that swept through the Siskiyou County lumber town of Weed has risen to 150.

KINGTHUR5

17: Eldorado County District Attorney Vern Pierson charged Hunstman with setting a fire that caused an injury to a first-responder. Pierson says he wants a judge or jury to consider Huntsman's four prior felony convictions when determining a sentence.

KINGWED

18: The fire, near Pollock Pines has forced evacuations. Cal Fire says more than 16-hundred homes are threatened. The wildfire has burned nearly 19-thousand acres since it started Saturday and is five-percent contained.

RCATS1A

18: Andy Dolich is a former Oakland A's executive and sports marketing expert. He's known for his creative marketing campaigns during 15 years with the A's.

NETERCA

19: Four children in 2 counties -- San Diego and Ventura -- have recently been discharged from the hospital after contracting Enterovirus D68.

PROPTAX

19: Proposition 13 regulates property tax values in California by limiting increases to 2 percent annually. But homeowners could see larger increases this year thanks to another, lesser-known proposition. Katie Orr reports from Sacramento.

KINGMON

22: Fire officials say cooler, wet weather that helped firefighters over the weekend is expected to give way today to a weather pattern that could increase activity in the roughly 88-thousand acre fire 60 miles east of Sacramento.

TRBIO

22: Right now, local fire agencies trying to reduce fire danger through forest thinning and clearing just push the discarded wood into a pile and burn it. It doesn't make sense to truck it out to a power plant, so it essentially goes to waste.

SOLARDESERT

23: It recommends a total of 2 million acres be designated as good sites for solar, wind and geothermal areas. Another nearly 5-million acres belonging to the Bureau of Land Management would be designated as conservation areas.

BURNDAY

23: Rules are being tightened for the use of wood-burning fireplaces in the San Joaquin Valley this winter. In some areas, the number of "no burn" days will double, as the Valley works to comply with federal limits on particulate pollution.

BROWNUN

24: He touted the state as a leader on efforts to fight climate-change while delivering remarks at the UN climate summit. Brown ticked off the various state programs aimed at lowering the amount of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere.

REBOARD

24: Martinez was initially fired in July after the board questioned him about his status as a certified public accountant. He sued, and later returned to the job...and the Nevada Attorney General determined state open meeting laws were violated in the firing.

RAIN

25: Dang says the King Fire area east of Sacramento will likely get a few tenths of an inch of rain - and though that may not be enough to put the fire out, he says the elevated moisture in the air should help firefighters gain ground.

SACFCCHAMP

25: Sacramento has championship fever on the eve of the USL PRO soccer championship game. Sacramento Republic F-C will host Harrisburg tomorrow [FRIDAY] night at Bonney Field.

SIGNING

26: Governor Jerry Brown signed a variety of bills this week covering a range of topics. One regulates the transport of crude oil by rail through California. Another requires health insurance carriers to give women access to all FDA-approved forms of birth control.

ENDFIRE

26: Temperatures in the mid-to-upper 80's and up-canyon winds pushed the fire for a week-and-a-half. But, the arrival of fall brought rain and cool temperatures and nearly 70-percent containment as of this morning. All mandatory evacuations orders have been lifted.

TAXES

29: In Truckee, the rate bumps up to 8.375 percent, after voters approved Measure R in June. The money from the additional one-quarter percent would pay for the maintenance, construction and upkeep of biking and hiking trails and natural, open-space areas. The increase would continue until 2020.

CHANGE

29: The drought currently hitting California is one of the worst in state history. As Capital Public Radio's Amy Quinton reports, a new study by climate scientists at Stanford links the cause of the drought to climate change.

ELDERBILL

30: Governor Jerry Brown has signed ten bills aimed at improving care for seniors at assisted living facilities. From the California Report, Mina Kim explains that the focus for advocates now is ensuring the reforms are implemented.

BROWNBAG

30: One of the more notable measures in the governor's to-do pile would enact a state-wide ban on single-use plastic grocery bags. At a Gubernatorial debate earlier this month the Governor hinted at his decision.