

Programs & Issues for the third quarter of 2022 July, August, September

It has been determined that the following subjects are of concern to the community and have been considered and addressed substantially by elected officials, community leaders, expert witnesses and the general public.

1. Public health and safety
2. Environment and energy
3. Emergency preparedness
4. Affordable housing
5. Economy and economic recovery

The following programs were produced and broadcast in the public interest:

KCRW PROGRAMS/ISSUES LIST – 3rd QUARTER 2022 JULY – AUG – SEPT

ISSUE DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM DATE DURATION

Public health and safety

For the first time in the American Heart Association’s nearly 100-year history, a woman is its president. Dr. Michelle Albert has spent her career studying how heart disease affects Black women and other communities of color.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, July 5, 2022 (09:00)

Public health and safety

LA County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said the currently dominant strains of Covid-19 are of special concern because of their apparent ability to cause reinfection and they can spread faster than other sub variants.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, July 6, 2022 (08:00)

Emergency preparedness, public health and safety

Due to climate change, fires are now hotter, bigger, and more devastating, especially in California. To stave off the worst damage, should the focus be on putting out existing fires or preventing them? We talk to Michael Wara at Stanford’s environmental institute.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, July 12, 2022 (08:00)

Economy

Truckers who move goods out of Southern California ports and across highways are threatening a work stoppage on July 14. These drivers, who own their own vehicles, say they like the freedom of being a contractor, but struggle to make ends meet.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, July 13, 2022 (12:00)

Economy

Inflation in the U.S. has surged to 9 percent which is the highest in 40 years. Grocery items, about 11 percent more expensive over the past year, are partly driving that increase. KCRW hears from two California farmers about how inflation is affecting their work and livelihoods.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, July 13, 2022 (11:00)

Public health and safety

As monkeypox cases continue to rise in LA, some California municipalities have not gotten much help while Los Angeles County has so far received more than 7,000 vaccine doses from the federal government, and expects to get more in the coming weeks

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Thursday, July 14, 2022 (08:00)

Public health and safety

In a culture obsessed with youth, beauty, and trendiness, turning 40 can be a daunting milestone. No longer young but not yet old, reaching life's relative mid-point provides a moment to pause and assess. KCRW talks to philosopher Kieran Setiya.

Life Examined -- Aired Saturday, July 23, 2022 (31:00)

Public health and safety

Some tennis legends were phenoms in their youth, but retired in their 20s. Yet twenty-time Grand Slam singles winner Roger Federer continues to play at age 40. So when do you know when the end begins, and should endings or retirement follow a chronological order?

Life Examined -- Aired Saturday, July 23, 2022 (20:00)

Public health and safety

For just over a week now, Americans have been able to call or text the number 988 to access the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Federal officials invested more than \$400 million to beef up mental health centers but many are still understaffed and struggling.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Monday, July 25, 2022 (08:00)

Public health and safety

The U.S. leads the world in confirmed and suspected monkeypox cases, logging approximately 3,500 nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control. California has reported more than 400 confirmed or suspected cases, mostly clustered in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, July 26, 2022 (09:00)

Public health and safety

On Tuesday the Senate approved the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, which would help veterans struggling with health problems after being exposed to toxic chemicals mainly in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022 (08:00)

Public health and safety, education

California lawmakers are they're teeing up a bill that would allow public prosecutors to sue social media companies for using designs they know are addicting to kids. Republican Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham is co-sponsoring the bill with Democrat Buffy Wicks.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022 (09:00)

Housing and affordable housing

The LA City Council voted to ban people from sitting, sleeping, lying on, or storing property within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers. The so-called "anti-camping" law faced strong resistance from activists, who say the wasteful ban would further criminalize homelessness.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022 (09:00)

Public health and safety

UC San Francisco's infectious diseases specialist says new polio cases have appeared in four different regions in New York, as well as London and Israel, speaking to the fact that immunizations have been having a backslide.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Monday, Aug. 15, 2022 (06:00)

Environment and energy

The Inflation Reduction Act, the major environment and tax bill signed into law last week, legislation includes generous tax breaks for facilities that use carbon capture technology, on top of \$12 billion in investments already carved out in last year's bipartisan infrastructure bill.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022 (08:00)

Public health and safety, economy

Two competing sports betting measures are on the California ballot this November. They could turn the state into the biggest sports betting market in the world after Berlin. If approved, one would make in-person sports betting legal, and the other would make online betting legal.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022 (10:00)

Environment and transportation

The California Air Resources Board is expected to finalize Governor Gavin Newsom's executive order that bans the sale of gas-powered cars by 2035. The rules would require all new cars on the market here to be zero emission. And they have the potential to transform the U.S. market.
Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022 (08:00)

Public health and safety, environment

In Los Angeles downtown temperatures could top 100 degrees, while the mountains and valleys could hit 115 degrees. Severe health effects often result from temperatures between about 103 and 125 degrees, says Jennifer Marlon, a scientist at the Yale School of the Environment.
Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022 (08:00)

Environment

The Western U.S. is experiencing its driest period in more than a thousand years, according to scientists from UCLA and Columbia University. Arizona and Nevada residents must curb their use of water from the Colorado River, and California could be next.
Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022 (08:00)

Public health and safety

The CDC will meet this week to discuss the next round of Covid boosters ahead of an expected surge this fall and winter. If they sign off on a new formula that targets Omicron and its BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, people could start getting shots as soon as next week.
Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022 (09:00)

Police, public health and safety

California lawmakers have sent Governor Newsom a first-of-its-kind bill that would allow the state's medical boards to revoke or suspend a doctor's medical license if they're caught giving patients false information about Covid vaccines and treatments.
Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022 (07:00)

Education

American school children have lost two decades of progress in reading and math skills, largely because of remote schooling during the worst of the pandemic. That's according to a report released today by the National Center for Education Statistics.
Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 (10:00)

Public health and safety, education

Public high schools cannot start before 8:30 a.m., according to a California law that went into effect this year. It's because research shows that teens need more sleep than adults — up to 10 hours per night. This extra sleep is critical for their developing brains.
Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 (11:00)

Public health and safety

The new booster shots targeting the Omicron variants are already available at some LA locations after the CDC signed off on them last week. The Pfizer dose is approved for people 12 years old and up, while Moderna's is for everyone 18 years and older.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022 (09:00)

Emergency preparedness, environment and energy

To ease pressure on California's power grid, the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant will stay open until at least 2030, thanks to a bill signed by Gov. Newsom. The state is loaning PG&E, whose equipment sparked the most devastating wildfire in California's history more than \$1 billion.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022 (12:00)

Environment, public health and safety

Californians have spent several straight days coping with a record-breaking heat wave, and the most vulnerable residents are seniors, children, people with preexisting health conditions, those living on the streets, and low-income communities.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 (19:00)

Environment, public health and safety

With California's longstanding drought, vital agricultural products — like corn, wheat and tomatoes — are seeing the lowest yields in years. Fields for other crops like rice and cotton are sitting fallow and abandoned. What does this mean for farmers and consumers?

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 (09:00)

Economy, public health and safety

Governor Gavin Newsom has signed the FAST Recovery Act, which sets up a state-appointed council to protect pay, hours, and working conditions for fast food workers in California. The law will apply to any fast food chain with at least 100 locations nationwide.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 (06:00)

Police, public health and safety

The legalization of recreational marijuana came with the promise that regulating sales would cripple the black market and bring in significant revenue for the state. However, the illegal market has grown to an unprecedented level and spurred a new wave of organized crime.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022 (16:00)

Public health and safety

More than 1,100 teens died from a drug overdose last year in the U.S., more than twice the amount in 2019, according to a recent UCLA study. Stanford psychiatry professor Keith Humphreys says teens are typically not looking for drugs.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 (09:00)

Public health and safety

Many trans patients have trouble getting insurers to cover gender-affirming care due to transphobia and how medical diagnoses and procedures are coded for insurance companies, said the director for the Center for Transyouth Health at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 (09:00)

Public health and safety

People are still struggling with recurrent respiratory, cardiac, and cognitive issues after their COVID infections with long-term ailments including brain fog, which is one of the worst and most misunderstood symptoms, according to The Atlantic science writer Ed Yong.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 (15:00)