

Quarterly Community Issues

2019: January – March

KQNC 6:04 – 6:06 pm Weekdays

January

02: NLRECORDS

Police records and investigations that were once confidential will now be available to the public.

02: CANNABIS

California's outgoing treasurer announced the results of an independent study which found establishing a public cannabis bank would pose a large legal and financial risk to the state.

03: NL_HOV-1

And the rules for which vehicles are allowed in California's carpool lanes have changed in the New Year

03: BROWNMOMEN

For all that Jerry Brown accomplished during his final two terms as California governor, a single moment could have changed everything. A pivotal battle six years ago gave him the financial and political capital that fueled the rest of his governorship — which ends Monday with the inauguration of Gavin Newsom.

04: NL_HOMECOOK

It's not unusual to buy food from a friend that they make in their own kitchen. Until a new law went into effect this year in California, that was illegal ... and could still be ... depending on where you live.

04: BROWNISMS

Love him or hate him, Jerry Brown was one-of-a-kind. The man whose record 4th term as California governor will come to an end Monday has always relished reeling off Latin quotes ... and obscure literary and historical references. Cap Radio's Ben Adler offers up this reporter's notebook of some of Brown's more memorable — and entertaining — quips during his final stint as governor.

07: PFNEWSOM-METER

Democrat Gavin Newsom will be sworn in as California's next governor today. On the campaign trail, he made bold promises about creating universal healthcare and building millions of new homes.

07: CAMPGAME

Millions of college football fans will have a chance to help Butte County wildfire survivors during tonight's national championship game.

08: STORMPACT

The trunk of a giant elm in Sacramento's South Side Park split in two late Sunday night as the wind snapped the 75-foot-tall tree and felled it across 6th Street. The tree had withstood years of wind from the west, but water-logged limbs and wind from the southeast overwhelmed it. Kevin Hocker is the city of Sacramento's urban forester. He says his department assesses each downed tree.

08: CAGEFREE

Twelve states joined forces to challenge a 2010 California law requiring egg producers to follow California's animal welfare guidelines if they choose to sell their goods IN California. On Monday, the Supreme Court declined to hear that case, upholding the requirement.

09: AGREPORT

Fifty billion dollars...that's the total of cash receipts California tallied in 2017 for its farm goods. That's almost double the total for Iowa which came in second.

09: GOVDRUGS

The 13 million Californians on Medi-Cal have either a public or a private plan, and each plan negotiates with drug companies to get the best deal. Newsom's executive order calls for the Department of Health Care Services to take over those negotiations by January 2021.

10: GAVHEALTH

Health care was a major focus in California Governor Gavin Newsom's first budget proposal.

10: GAVBGT

California's booming economy and fiscal health have offered Governor Gavin Newsom a rare opportunity: to propose a state budget with something for nearly everyone.

11: DAVIS SHOOTING

The community of Davis is mourning the death of 22-year-old Officer Natalie Corona, who was fatally shot last night after responding to a traffic collision.

11: ACES mix

ACEs stands for adverse childhood experiences. Like living with a mentally ill or addicted parent, or being hit or sexually assaulted. There's a screening for ACEs, and studies show people who test positive for at least four adverse experiences are more likely to suffer from chronic diseases later in life.

14: PG&EIMPACT

PG&E announced it will file for bankruptcy for the second time in recent history because of an estimated \$30-billion dollars in liability costs from wildfires.

14: STANSTRIKE

The people holding strike signs work in animal services, libraries, and social work to name a few. Seven hundred county employees belong to SEIU out of a total workforce of about 4,500. Union Chapter President Kate Selover who is also a child support officer says workers are demanding pay that is equal to surrounding areas.

15: ARRIVER

The storm is what National Weather Service Meteorologist Corey Miller calls an atmospheric river or a Pineapple Express. It's a warm storm that forms over the ocean and then shoots rain on California like a hose.

15: SNOWMAN

The man who measures California's snowpack is retiring. For 30 years, Frank Gehrke has shown up on TV, educating the public about California's "frozen reservoir" - the snowpack that provides one third of the state's water supply.

16: FIREWISE

Tuolumne County Supervisors are taking steps to prevent another disaster like the wildfire that destroyed Paradise.

16: YUBASHOT

The Yuba County Sheriff's Department cannot say why deputies shot and killed a robbery and assault suspect Monday.

18: CORONAREAX

Residents from across the Sacramento region gathered on freeway overpasses and along roadsides today [Friday] to say goodbye to Davis Police Officer Natalie Corona.

18: NALOXONE

The federal government wants to make an overdose antidote called naloxone available over the counter.

21: PDWEAPONS-

If the Sacramento Police Department gets its way, bricks, rocks and pipes could be illegal in the city, if carried by people who are involved in a protest.

21: PFKAMALAPRONOUNCER

California Senator Kamala [Comma-Luh] Harris announced today [Monday] she's running for president in 2020. But some news anchors and pundits still can't pronounce the Democrat's first name.

22: BUSLINE

Many routes would have wait times of no more than 45 minutes every day of the week. James Boyle is Director of Planning for the agency. He says Sac RT looked at existing ridership and underserved areas of the county.

22: JUVJUSTICE

Governor Gavin Newsom wants to change the way California's juvenile prisons are overseen, eventually closing facilities to cut what he calls the ludicrous cost. CapRadio's Drew Sanders says the governor laid out his plans today [Monday] after touring a coding class at a youth prison in Stockton.

23: COMMFOCUS

The Sacramento City Council was to consider a proposal at Tuesday's meeting that would have given it the power to tell the police commission how to spend its time.

23: SOCCER WHALE

I am thrilled to announce that investor and philanthropist Ron Burkle has agreed to become the lead investor in the Sacramento Republic." That's the mayor revealing Ron Burkle as the Republic's new majority owner. This is a huge development because Major League Soccer told Sacramento last year it needed a wealthier investor to compete for one of its last-remaining franchises.

24: CALFRESHFUNDS

California lawmakers and advocates are calling on Governor Gavin Newsom to work on a contingency plan to pay for its food stamp program as the federal shutdown continues.

24: EIBECK

University of the Pacific President Pamela Eibeck is stepping down. Cap Radio's Rich Ibarra tells us Eibeck has served as Pacific's leader for the last decade and will retire July 1st.

25: TRAFFICKIDS

We know sooty air is bad for kids' lungs, but could it also be making them eat more fast food? Researchers at the University of Southern California say there's a link

25: TRIAGESITE

Sacramento City Council members have been looking for possible homeless shelter triage sites for a couple of months. Cap Radio's Bob Moffitt reports on the progress of two locations.

28: TUBBSUITS

Cal Fire determined last week that PG&E equipment was not responsible for starting the Tubbs Fire, which destroyed thousands of homes in Napa, Sonoma and Lake counties.

28: NONRENEW

Butte County will be cleaning up after November's deadly Camp Fire for months. But not all houses in Paradise were destroyed. Fire officials say about ten percent of buildings are still standing. And as CapRadio's Pauline Bartolone reports, one family has already had trouble keeping their home insured for the future.

29: ClarkLawsuit-final

The family of Stephon Clark is seeking more than twenty million dollars in damages according to a wrongful death lawsuit filed today [Monday] against the city of Sacramento. CapRadio's Nick Miller reports that the family is also suing two city police officers for excessive and deadly force.

29: TAXPOT

A group of California lawmakers are proposing major tax cuts for California's marijuana industry as a way to jump-start the state's sluggish legal marketplace

30: AGPOLICE

The California Department of Justice has found "significant deficiencies" in the Sacramento Police Department's use-of-force policies, internal investigations and the process for personnel complaints. Cap Radio's Bob Moffitt says a new report has more than 60 recommendations for the department.

30: RIOVISTACOP

When police abuse their power and get disciplined for it, the public rarely finds out. For decades California has had some of the most secretive laws when it comes to records about police misconduct. But now ... under a new state transparency law ... the public is finally getting to see inside the black box of these investigations.

31: BLACKCHILDDATA

The African American child death rate dropped 32 percent between 2015 and 2016. The decrease might have to do with a county-funded, community-run effort called the Black Child Legacy Campaign that launched that year to prevent deaths from gun violence and other causes.

31: TOBACCO

The American Lung Association has released its annual State of Tobacco Control Report. Lindsey Freitas with the association says the state gets an A grade in the category of smoke-free air.

February

01: GHOSTTOAST

Elk Grove's unfinished "Ghost Mall" stood as a symbol of the Great Recession for more than a decade. But as Cap Radio's Bob Moffitt reports, the mall will stand no longer. It's being demolished to make way for a casino.

01: WINEEXPO

This week wine makers and grape growers converged on the state capital for a trade expo that's a big deal for the wine industry.

04: FUNDING

Sacramento and San Joaquin counties will see some major funding coming their way to house the homeless. Cap Radio's Rich Ibarra reports that funding is coming from the state and federal government.

04: KAMALAPROG

Early in her run for president, California Senator Kamala Harris has presented herself as a 'progressive prosecutor'... someone who pushed for criminal justice reforms from inside the system.

05: GUNS

Former congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords survived an assassination attempt in 2011 which left her with a severe brain injury. Giffords was at the state Capitol today [Monday] and joined Democratic lawmakers in announcing what they call a gun violence working group.

05: SCOOTERS

You can rent and ride an electric scooter in Sacramento beginning this week.

06: PGÐINK

PG&E says it's going to revamp its wildfire-prevention strategy, which may leave customers in the dark when the risk of flames are high.

06: KINGSWORTH

The Sacramento Kings are the 15th most valuable when it comes to the NBA's 30 teams according to an annual report by Forbes.

07: PITDOWN

That 21 billion dollar surplus California Governor Gavin Newsom projected in his budget proposal might not be so big after all.

07: CLEANCEMENT

The California cement industry could be forced to clean up it's act.

08: CAMPCLEAN

Crews at the Camp, Woolsey and Hill fires say they have removed almost all of the household hazardous waste, like paints, batteries, and pesticides for people who signed up for state assistance.

08: YOSEMITEHOUSING

The storms earlier this week displaced more than 160 employees who provide services for visitors. No one was injured when trees and branches, under heavy snow, began falling and damaged cabins and tents housing the employees near Half Dome Village.

11: WHOVOTED

There's new data out on which Californians voted in the November election. And it turns out — not all those pre-election predictions came true.

11: CASHONLINE

Getting your hands on campaign finance documents for your city councilperson or county supervisor can mean a long and possibly inconvenient trip to your clerk's office. A new bill would end that by requiring local officials to post those records online.

12: DEADTREES

The number of dead trees in the state has grown to 147 million since 2010. That's up 18 million from last year reports CalFire and the Forest Service. The lack of water increased the number of bark beetles in the Sierra.

12: PFTAXCREDIT

Our 'Newsom-Meter' is tracking 12 of the governor's biggest campaign promises, on housing, education, healthcare and the environment ... So, far we've rated three promises 'In the Works', meaning there's evidence to show he's taken a key step forward.

13: SOTSTEINBERG

A new strategy to help homeless people struggling with mental illness and addiction has gotten the thumbs up from California Governor Gavin Newsom. And he's putting Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg in charge of it.

13: PFNEWSOMSOTS

We took this to mean illegal crossings at the Southwest border. Those are measured by border patrol arrests, which have plummeted since the 1980s and 90s, when they averaged over 1 million per year.

14: ARCATFOUR

This is the first atmospheric river to hit California since a new severity scale was put into place earlier this month.

14: DATADIV

In his state of the state address yesterday [Tuesday], California Governor Gavin Newsom said he will develop a proposal to establish a data dividend for the state.

15: WITHDRAWAL

When someone experiencing opioid withdrawal comes into the emergency room, doctors say it's a critical window for preventing an overdose.

15: VIOLINIST

Highly respected during her career, Price fell into obscurity with the passage of time. That changed last year when a recording of two, long-lost Price concertos was released. The violinist featured on that CD performs this weekend in Sacramento.

16: CAMPFIRECATS

More than three months after the Camp Fire hit Paradise, dozens of lost animals - mostly cats - remain in shelters throughout the region

16: HSRWHAAAAT

Governor Gavin Newsom's remarks on California's embattled high-speed rail project in his State of the State address Tuesday seemed to confuse just about everyone.

19: GHGHOMES

A coalition of California advocacy groups would like lawmakers to further address what they call a blind spot in the state's climate policy.

19: DYNASTRIP

The California Supreme Court made a decision last year which redefines what it means to be an employee. The court's three-part test determines if an independent contractor should be reclassified, has caused a backlash from several industries like ride-sharing, hair salons, and... adult entertainment.

20: SODA

How sodas are taxed and sold in California could change under a package of bills introduced today.

20: INJECT

The City of Roseville today [Wednesday] started injecting water underground as a sort of water savings account.

21: ALLOCATIONS

California's reservoirs are filling up, and that means more water for farmers and cities.

21: PFHOMICIDE

Sacramento area Congressman Tom McClintock recently made an eye-opening claim about the number of Americans killed by undocumented immigrants, as he defended President Trump's efforts to build a border wall.

22: GAVAPPOINTS

California Governor Gavin Newsom campaigned on promises to build a single-payer health care system and three-and-a-half [3½] million new homes. But more than six weeks into his administration, he has yet to appoint the cabinet secretaries or department heads who will lead those ambitious initiatives. CapRadio's Ben Adler reports.

22: RAMONA

The project includes a new intersection at Folsom, a new road, sidewalk and bike path. They connect the off-campus housing on the south side of US 50 to the campus on the north. Hector Barron (behr ohn) is the Director of Public Works. He says the new dorm helped the city secure the \$6.9 million in local state and federal funding for the project.

25: CAGOPCHAIR

When the California Republican Party convention opened in Sacramento over the weekend, it honored former party chairs — and 10 men stood on stage, nine of them white. It wrapped up Sunday with its first ever female chair — and its first Latina.

25: CANDIDATES

That's former Orange County Assemblyman and gubernatorial candidate Travis Allen, who — along with Steve Frank — ran for chairperson with support from the GOP's Tea Party wing. And yet, the party's challenges remain just as steep as before. Strategist Marty Wilson, who runs the California Chamber of Commerce's political operation, suggesting it the fight is a long haul.

26: BETTERPARADISE

Hundreds of people displaced by November's Camp fire gathered in Paradise on Friday to formally start the process of redesigning their town.

26: BERRYDNA

For the first time ever, humans have mapped the DNA of the strawberry. [Capital Public Radio's] CapRadio's Julia Mitric [MEE-tritch] has more on what this could mean for California's 3-billion-dollar strawberry industry.

27: NODISSECT

Judie Mancuso refused to dissect frogs back when she was in high school. She says many students don't feel comfortable dissecting an animal.

28: EXPUNGE

Attorneys and law students are volunteering their time at American River College to help people with misdemeanors or felonies who want a fresh start. "I have seen people well up with tears, I have seen people literally jump for joy, some individuals give us all hugs as they walk out."

28: JUDGECEASURED

A former El Dorado County judge who ran for state attorney general has been disciplined. CapRadio's Drew Sandor says the California Commission on Judicial Performance has barred judge Steven Bailey from serving on the bench or working with any state court.

March

03: PGECAAMPFIRE

Pacific Gas and Electric says it's "probable" its equipment ignited the deadliest wildfire in California history that destroyed the town of Paradise last fall.

03: RODDBIZZ

Fridays are when we talk about the region's business news...and that means it's time to check-in with Scott Rodd from the Sacramento Business Journal.

04: SUICIDECLARK

When Sacramento District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert gave a rundown of the night police killed Stephon Clark, she included details few were expecting: the 22-year-old was thinking about suicide. Clark's mother is criticizing the DA's office for publicizing that, and other private information that was found on his cell phone. CapRadio's Sammy Caiola has more.

04: CLARKPASTOR

Religious leaders from Sacramento's black community offered houses of worship as havens for residents feeling hurt, frustration and anger in the wake of the D.A.'s decision. Julia Mitric [MEE-tritch] visited Genesis church in the Meadowview neighborhood where the shooting took place.

05: CLARKNEXT

The California Attorney General's Office has been conducting what it has called, a "parallel investigation" to the one the Sacramento County District Attorney just completed. Attorney General Xavier Becerra says his office is not investigating Anne-Marie Schubert or her determination that the officers' actions were within the letter of the law.

05: SACSTATE

Sacramento State leaders provided a space today [Monday] for the campus community to express feelings about the police shooting death of Stephon Clark.

06: CLARKFORCE

The decisions by California's attorney general and Sacramento's district attorney not to file charges against the officers involved in the fatal Stephon Clark shooting has reignited debate over two competing bills to change California's use of force law. CapRadio's Ben Adler has the story.

06: ARRESTREVIEW

Tournour will have to identify what led up to one of the largest arrests at a protest in the city's history, including a review of whether officers herded people in one direction in order to pen them in for arrest. Officers say a large group of people did not disperse after the final order to break up their unlawful assembly at around 10 o'clock Monday night, but instead headed down 51st Street.

07: SEAFOOD

One in five fish are mislabeled or sold as something different. That's according to a new study of 250 locations in 24 states by the conservation group Oceana. Kimberly Warner is a senior scientist with the group. She says restaurants were the biggest culprits.

07: WATERYEAR

This week's storms helped push California's water year into above average territory, according to a couple of the state's key tools for measuring.

11: AUTOCLEAR

Past criminal records prevent millions of Californians from obtaining housing, jobs or volunteering at their child's school.

11: JAYJORDAN

The bill would apply to those who are already eligible to petition a court to have their records hidden. Supporters say an automated process would save people time and the cost of having to hire an attorney.

12: MALESSUICIDE

Middle-aged men are at the highest risk for suicide, but experts say they're also the least likely to talk to their doctors about it. UC Davis Health is working on something that could change that.

12: DRANTHONY

When Dr. Anthony Jerant started designing videos for men struggling with suicidal thoughts, he says he had to frame it a certain way ... because of that old trope that men don't like asking for help.

13: HOMELESSSTUDENTS

A new survey finds 19 percent of community college students in California have faced homelessness in the past year. Now a new bill is looking to help resolve the issue.

13: GNDGAPS

It's unlikely that Congress will approve the Green New Deal, and even if it does the ideas in the proposal wouldn't become law. That's because the resolution is nonbinding. California has a head start in all this, but as CapRadio's Ezra David Romero reports there are still gaps in the state's climate policies.

14: CAMPFIRE

The Camp Fire in Paradise also destroyed students musical instruments. CapRadio's Jeff Hudson says there's a fundraiser tomorrow [Saturday] to help schools buy new gear.

14: SMFBOEING

A MAX 8 plane crashed Sunday in Ethiopia, killing 157 people. At first American regulators said the planes could keep flying. Then President Donald Trump announced Wednesday the U.S. would be joining more than 40 countries in grounding the planes.

15: GIGSAC

The nation's largest all-electric, car-share fleet is currently launching in the city Sacramento. CapRadio's Randol White rode along with a resident who was part of the test period for the new, zero-emission transportation option.

15: FOODPANTRY

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18: GAVINBEHEST

Gavin Newsom raised nearly EIGHT million dollars to celebrate his inauguration as California governor earlier this year. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler looks at who gave that money — and why it matters.

19: FLAVORBAN

The tobacco industry was allowed to put its own proposal on the committee's agenda. Instead of a ban, retailers want to scan IDs to prevent sales to minors, and with hefty fines for those who don't comply. But council members rejected this proposal, siding with speakers like Dr. Valerie Yerger, a researcher with the U-C system.

19: ROUNDUP

A federal court jury in San Francisco has concluded the weed killer Roundup was a substantial factor in a Sonoma County man's cancer.

20: CLIMATEBIRDS

Recent climate change is affecting birds that use wetlands in California and Nevada as they migrate to South America along the Pacific Flyway.

20: UCONEDAY

Steve Telliano is a UC Davis Med Center spokesman. "There have already been additional third parties that have been brought in, arbitrators have been brought in, fact-finding has been conducted and we're sort of at the end of this process. We have made a number of proposals. Unfortunately, the union has not made any counter proposals and we can't really negotiate against ourselves." Dan Russell is with the University Professional and Technical Employees union.

21: GAVINMAYORS

Governor Gavin Newsom says the mayors of California's largest cities have persuaded him to rework his budget proposal for emergency homelessness aid.

21: MVTRAILER

Meadowview is just 8 miles south of downtown, but many Sacramento residents have never passed through. CapRadio is spending a year reporting in Meadowview, as part of a View From Here podcast series. Reporter Pauline Bartolone gives us this preview of the project launching this summer.

22: TRIAGES

Three new homeless triage shelters have been proposed for the city of Sacramento. Cap Radio's Bob Moffitt reports two of the shelter sites would be in the same council district.

22: SUMMERMEALS

When students in low-income neighborhoods get out of school for the year, their nutritional needs don't go away. But some families don't know where to find free meals.

23: DEATHFAMILY

Governor Gavin Newsom said last week he would like the justice system in California to no longer hand out death sentences.

23: NOAVOCADO

You might think twice before you smear avocado on your toast. CapRadio's Ezra David Romero reports some California-grown avocados are being recalled.

26: NUTRIA

California has a different kind of rodent problem. CapRadio's Ezra David Romero reports it's an invasive species that likes to burrow in the state's wetlands and vulnerable levees.

26: DELRIOBIKE

The Sacramento City Council is expected to decide whether to go ahead with a five-mile section of bike trail that would connect Land Park with the water tower along Interstate 5. Cap Radio's Bob Moffitt reports some preservationists are upset with the idea.

27: COMMCOUNC

For months, demonstrators have urged Sacramento City Council to act on reforms recommended by its independent police review commission.

27: MFUFIRST

California's Secretary of State building in Sacramento is now officially named after the late March Fong Eu [YOU]. As CapRadio's [Capital Public Radio's] Randol White explains, the naming is historic ... but it's a bit different than what some are reporting.

28: VOTERTHRESH

Local governments would have an easier time raising taxes and issuing bonds for public projects under a proposed constitutional amendment that may go before California voters next year.

28: GAMELAN

A rare chance to experience Balinese [BALL-in-ease] music and dance is coming to Folsom tonight. Gamelan Sekar Jaya will be performing at the Harris Center.

29: PFRAID

Harris has gone after Trump on immigration and the wall. Here she is at an Iowa town hall in January making a pointed comment about how he treats the so-called Dreamers.

29: RESTRACLARK

Five people, including three Sacramento City Council members and the city manager, have filed for a restraining order against a man who has been ordered removed from half of the council meetings he has attended in the last year. Cap Radio's Bob Moffitt reports.