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Can you believe it is March already?! I hope through this year's storms you all have fared relatively unscathed. We are grateful to have received some much-needed precipitation, but we are more grateful that it didn't come all at once again.

My introduction in this newsletter edition focuses on some of the more exasperating portions of this job. Certainly, the featured article addresses one of the "big ticket" items I have been working on, but so much more happens daily in response to concerns of residents in the District.

Let me first acknowledge that this would not work nearly as smoothly without the support of my amazing staff: Chief of Staff Rebecca Sloan, Special Assistants Ashleigh Kaufman and Stephanie Kauss, and Executive Secretary Carolyn Hill. Chances are, if you reach out, you're more likely to be assisted by them without much of my intervention. That is, as they say, a win-win.

There have been a couple of incidents recently that have bubbled up, given their complexity and lack of any easy resolution. Many have to do with the changing nature of the more rural parts of District 5. Most of this is due to an influx of newer residents and zoning code language that, in my opinion, hasn't quite imagined some pretty significant "what ifs."

One of these examples is a large rooster operation on a five-acre parcel, that abuts smaller parcels. Can anyone tell me a legitimate reason one would need to raise literally hundreds of roosters? I certainly can't. I'm not a biologist, but I know how many roosters it takes to keep a healthy flock of chickens. Unfortunately, our code addresses crowing fowl for smaller residential parcels, but it does not specifically speak to this use within the permitted "General Agricultural Issues." I will seek a code amendment to fix this, but these neighbors will have to endure more relentless crowing in the meantime.

Another issue is a commercial agricultural operation that has expanded its footprint and thereby its impact on the neighbor's peaceful enjoyment of their property. Again, the use is called out as permitted generally as a primary use given the agricultural zoning of the parcel, but I can't imagine the framers anticipated the incompatibility of such a use on what is essentially an industrial scale. In this instance, a code amendment is probably an insufficient work-around, and so I will have to work with the property owner for some sort of attenuation to minimize the impact.

There are plenty more examples I could cite, but my intent was to provide a glimpse of the types of things that live rent free in my head, even when I'm not in the office.

Perhaps, I'll have a chance to meet and talk with you in person at one of the many special events and community meetings in March. As always, please encourage your friends and neighbors to subscribe to these newsletters or check out my Facebook page <u>here.</u>

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## Delta Counties Tour Metropolitan Water District



Last month, myself and members of the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) were invited by the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California to visit and tour regional water facilities from San Diego to Los Angeles. Together, these players from different regions of our state's water community came together, sharing our unique perspectives on water management issues in our respective areas. Last year, the DCC hosted members of the MWD on a tour of the Delta region and this recent tour of Southern California water facilities was our opportunity to get a glimpse into the water infrastructure in their neck of the woods. As Chair of the DCC, which consists of a coalition of the five counties touching the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta (Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Solano and Yolo), me and my fellow members' primary goal is to protect the Delta, a charge we take very seriously. We are now being tasked with the protection of this area as it exists today, that for a



millennium was under the care of the indigenous people from this area: the Miwok, Patwin and Nisenan peoples. We not only view the Delta as a source of life and livelihood, but also a place of significance: so significant in fact, that it was recently named a national heritage area, one of only 13 in the nation!

So, in the spirit of understanding and collaboration, and with an ever-present eye on the future of the Delta and its importance, not only to our constituents but to all Californians' and their descendants going forward, the DCC embarked on a learning field trip with our neighbors to the south.

The first stop was the Pure Water Demonstration Facility in San Diego. Pure Water San Diego is the City of San Diego's phased, multi-year program that will provide nearly half of San Diego's water supply locally by the end of 2035.



The Pure Water San Diego Program, using the most current water purification technology, recently installed the final segment of pipeline that will convey purified water from their North City Pure Water Treatment Facility to the Miramar Reservoir, where it will be blended with fresh water to be used for safe, high-quality drinking water. This innovative program offers a cost-effective

solution to providing a reliable, sustainable, locally controlled water supply.

A similar process is happening at the Grace F. Napolitano Pure Water Southern California Innovation Center, which we visited on Day 2 of our tour. This facility, which is a partnership between MWD and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, is a testing facility allowing treated wastewater to pass through the plant and undergo a rigorous 3-stage purification process removing contaminants such as pesticides, bacteria and pharmaceuticals, leaving clean and purified water that will be diverted to groundwater. Because this is a demonstration facility, the plant is currently offering data, insight and other relevant information. As envisioned, a future full-scale operation could produce up to 150 million gallons of purified water, enough to meet the daily needs of over 1.5 million residents.

I was also pleasantly surprised to see we were scheduled to tour Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet, which is a little more than halfway from San Diego to Los Angeles. I had no idea this reservoir existed! Located at the base of the San Jacinto Mountains in Riverside County, Diamond Valley Lake is one of the largest manmade reservoirs in Southern California with a capacity of 800,000 acre-feet, a depth of 260 feet and over 4,500 surface acres. This lake alone nearly doubled the area's surface water storage capacity and provides additional water supplies for this drought-prone area.

So, what is my take-away from these two days of touring? I was amazed at all the innovative projects currently underway in this state relative to reuse, storage, stormwater filtration and capture, and compatibility among systems utilizing new technology to secure a future water supply. My other observation is the need for ongoing constructive dialogue and the continued search for common ground. I cannot stress enough the importance of finding those areas we have in common on which we can agree and work outward together.

With that being said, there are a few things we must consider in terms of long-term planning. First and foremost, is the existing freshwater pathway. Even if the Delta Conveyance Project is built, the vast



majority of water that Southern California relies upon will still come through that freshwater pathway, 60-85%. Secondly, it is critical that we invest in our levees. We recently had a few minor earthquakes centered in the Delta and I am proud to report that the levees held steadfast with minimal damage. So, the work we have

already done is paying off, but we need to continue. This work is critical to our future and the future of the Delta.

For those of us privileged to live in or near the Delta, this region means a lot to us as a place of heritage, recreation and for many people who came before us, a place of survival. Although we recognize that others in our state view the Delta as an unlimited source of a precious commodity, I worry without careful consideration, planning and management, the Delta might be cast into a permanent drought status with long-term, irreversible effects on our fisheries, flyways, farmers and potentially, our future.



After taking the time to visit and collaborate with our neighbors to the south, I am hopeful and confident we can find a way forward that is beneficial, prudent and mindful of the preservation of this natural resource which we call the Delta. If we can all share a little bit of the pain and a little bit of the benefit, that is the best deal we can ask for. I am committed to continuing a constructive dialogue that seeks 21<sup>st</sup> century solutions, rather than relying on last century thinking.

## **County Boards & Commissions**

Sacramento County provides a plethora of opportunities for civic participation through its boards and commissions. Ranging from advisory boards to cemetery districts, to voting bodies for proposed planning projects, there are plenty of chances to get involved.

The County's 70 boards and commissions cover a variety of topics such as public health, children, seniors and veterans' issues, the environment, housing and more. We value these boards and their members for providing perspective from both the residents of Sacramento County and from those who are experts in their related fields.

Many of our boards currently have vacancies so I encourage anyone who is passionate on a subject and looking to become more involved in their community to apply for a seat.

There are even a few youth seats to be filled such as on the Behavioral Health Youth Advisory Board, the Children's Coalition and the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.



The Sacramento County Behavioral Health Youth Advisory Board poses with the Board of Supervisors after delivering their presentation.

View the full list of Sacramento County boards, commissions and committees as well as see their vacancies <u>here</u>.

More information and instructions on how to apply can be found on our <u>Boards and</u> <u>Commissions</u> page. Please feel free to reach out to my office with any questions and we would be happy to assist.

## **Women's History Month**

March marks Women's History Month and we are happy to be commemorating the month with the Sacramento County Women and Girls Festival on March 9<sup>th</sup>. This Festival has been graciously planned by our very own Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, is family-friendly and free to the public.

Sacramento County established the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls in 2021 to serve as an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors and the public on the wellbeing of women and girls in our County. They focus on identifying and highlighting local resources and support systems as well as increasing gender equity through addressing topics of homelessness, domestic violence, human trafficking and discrimination against women.



The Commission on the Status of Women and Girls joined by staff member Ashleigh Kaufman at their January 2024 meeting.

This year marks their inaugural Festival for Women and Girls, to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) and will be held on Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sacramento City College. IWD has been recognized for over 100 years and is a global celebration of the achievements of women. The theme for this year's IWD is 'Inspire Inclusion,' encouraging everyone to value unique perspectives and contributions of women from a variety of backgrounds.

We would love for everyone to come out and meet some of our amazing Commissioners while enjoying the entertainment and discovering new opportunities and programs.



## **Out & About in District 5**



Beautiful day for the Lunar New Year festivities at Elk Grove Regional Park.









Me, Veterans Services Officer Rochelle Arnold and Mrs. California USA, Breona Calvert at the CA Assoc. of Veterans Services Officers annual conference.



Spending time with the co-founders and students at the Grand Opening of the café at WeEMBRACE.

# **Upcoming Events**

## YOUR AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES NETWORK: A SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

## **Community Forum**

Hosted by: County Supervisor Pat Hume and Senior Center of Elk Grove

Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. District 56 Senior Center 8230 Civic Center Dr #140, Elk Grove, CA 95757

Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume wants to hear from you! Please join us for this special community meeting for older adults, people with disabilities and family caregivers to share concerns and help us find some practical solutions together.

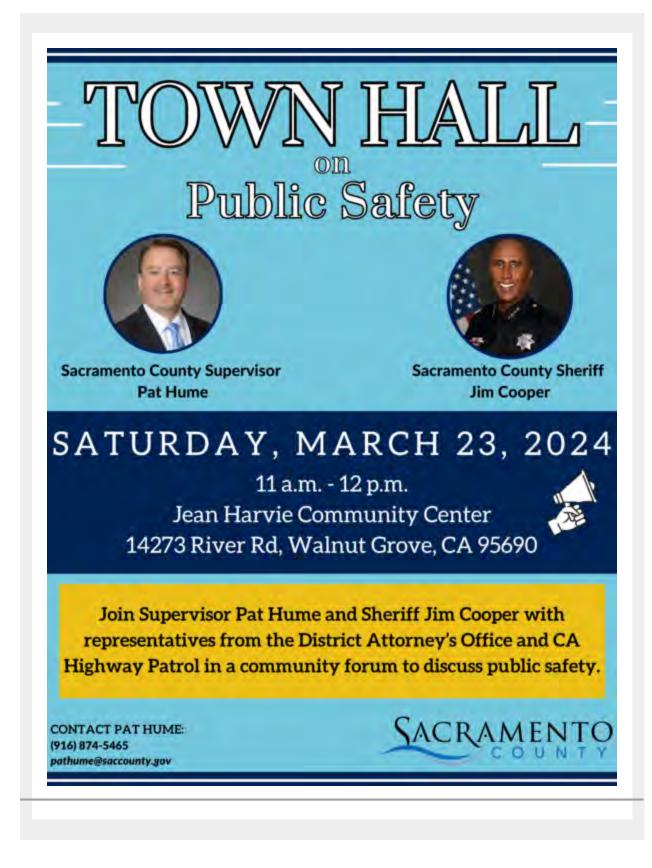




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	Food, and Fun!
Saturday March 23 11am-1pm Hunt begins at 11:30am, don't forget your Easter bas Location: Herald Community	Special Guest Appearance- Easter Bunnyl
	Carl And Printernal Carpy

## Eggstravaganza & Kite Day

Saturday, March 30, 2024 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Food • Pie Eating Contest • Crafts Egg Hunt • Vendors • Egg Drop Easter Bunny Pictures

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McFarland Living History Ranch 8899 Orr Road, Galt \$5 per car parking





#### Rancho Cordova Schools Moving Forward

with FCUSD Superintendent Sarah Koligian

Join us as we hear from Folsom Cordova Unified School District Superintendent Sarah Koligian as she takes a look ahead at facility needs for Rancho Cordova schools.

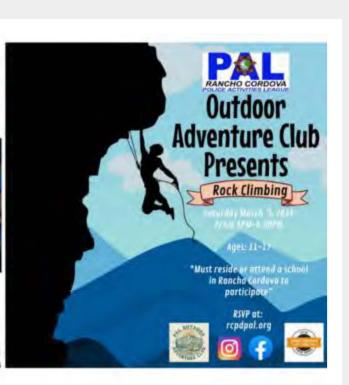
What is needed as the Rancho Cordova side of the district grows and expands? What should be done with older schools, and what does the future hold for new facilities? Where will the money come from? Be sure to register early!

#### Great people. Great food, Great speaker!

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for the buffet, and program begins at noon. Get your tickets now for the March Rancho Cordova Luncheon. We've been meeting since 1959!

> Rancho Cordova Luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday, March 15 American River Room Rancho Cordova City Hall

Register for March 15 luncheon at www.cordovacouncil.org.





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MARCH 19, 2024 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM



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## MARCH 14, 2024

at Mariscos Las Islitas Galt 11:30am - 1:30pm

opic of Discussion

"C Street Improvement Project"

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Register online: galtchamber.org



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