



FALL & WINTER

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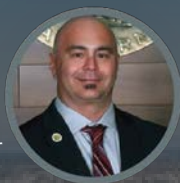
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The 411 from District 1

Dear District 1 residents,

As we move toward the fall and winter months, I am pleased to share several important updates affecting our neighborhoods, families, and the greater San Joaquin County Community.



We are making meaningful changes throughout District 1.

From helping homeowners potentially save hundreds of dollars each year on flood insurance, to preparing our communities for the upcoming rainy season, protecting our waterways from the invasive golden mussel, and continuing to invest in our neighborhood parks.

My focus continues to be on delivering results, advocating for the resources our communities deserve, and making sure the voices of District 1 residents are heard.

- Supervisor Mario Gardea

Flood Insurance Relief for the Smith Canal Area

There is welcome news for many property owners in the **Smith Canal area**. Following the completion of the Smith Canal Gate Project and revisions to FEMA's flood map, affected properties that have been moved into an X Zone may no longer be subject to the federal mandatory flood insurance purchase requirement.

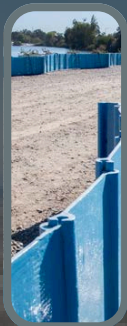


For homeowners who have been paying hundreds of dollars or more each year for required flood insurance, this could provide meaningful annual savings. Residents who believe their property may be affected are encouraged to contact their mortgage lender or loan servicer to determine whether the flood insurance requirement can be removed from their loan.

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The completion of the Smith Canal Project represents an important investment in the long-term protection of our community. It demonstrates that investments in flood-control infrastructure not only improve public safety and strengthen our neighborhoods but can also have a direct financial benefit for the families who live here.



While the federal requirement may no longer apply to certain affected properties, individual lenders may maintain their own insurance requirements. Property owners should confirm their specific circumstances directly with their lender before making changes to their coverage.



Preparing San Joaquin County for El Niño and Winter Weather

As we look ahead to the fall and winter months, preparation remains one of the most important things we can do to protect our families, homes, and neighborhoods from severe weather.

Periods of heavy rainfall can place additional pressure on our storm drains, waterways, levees, and flood-control systems. Residents can help by preparing their properties before storms arrive, including clearing gutters and drains, checking roofs for needed repairs, securing outdoor items, maintaining emergency supplies, and staying informed through official County emergency notifications.

It is equally important for residents to use caution during significant storms. Flooded roads should never be crossed when the depth or condition of the roadway is unknown. Families should also have an emergency plan and take time to check on elderly neighbors, individuals with disabilities, and others who may need additional assistance during severe weather.

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San Joaquin County will continue working with Public Works, Office of Emergency Services, flood-control agencies, and our regional partners to prepare for changing weather conditions and protect our communities. Preparation begins before the rain starts, and we encourage every household to take the necessary steps now.



National Night Out Brings Our Communities Together

National Night Out once again provided a wonderful opportunity for residents throughout San Joaquin County to come together with their neighbors, law enforcement, first responders, community organizations, and local leaders.

These neighborhood gatherings are about much more than a single evening. They help build relationships and strengthen the sense that community is essential to creating safer neighborhoods. Public safety is a partnership, and some of our strongest communities are those where neighbors know one another, communicate, and look out for each other.

It was a pleasure to visit with residents and families throughout our community and see firsthand the pride people have in their neighborhoods.



I want to thank everyone who organized an event, volunteered, participated, or simply took the time to come outside and meet their neighbors. These relationships help build stronger and safer communities throughout San Joaquin County.



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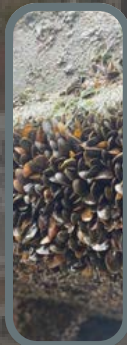
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Golden Mussels Update: San Joaquin County Continues to Lead

The invasive golden mussels continues to present a significant environmental and bio-economic threat to San Joaquin County, the Delta, and communities throughout California. San Joaquin County has been at the forefront of mitigation efforts and has consistently sounded the alarm at the state level about the potentially far-reaching consequences of this invasive species.

The impacts extend well beyond recreational boating. Golden mussels have the potential to affect farming and agricultural operations, irrigation systems, waterways, storm drains, pumps, water-delivery infrastructure, and recreational activities throughout the Delta. Because agriculture and water are so closely connected to our local economy, the spread of the golden mussel is not simply an environmental concern. It has the potential to become a significant economic and infrastructure issue for San Joaquin County and the State of California.

Our County recognized the seriousness of this threat early and has continued advocating for greater awareness, coordination, funding, research, and mitigation resources. We have worked to make sure decision-makers throughout California understand that waiting until the impacts become widespread will only make the problem more difficult and costly to address.



That advocacy is being noticed. More attention is being directed toward the golden mussels threat, and additional conversations, partnerships, and resources are beginning to emerge. This is encouraging, but our work is far from finished.

San Joaquin County will continue to be a strong voice on this issue. We will continue advocating for the resources necessary to protect our agricultural community, waterways, storm and irrigation systems, recreational opportunities, infrastructure, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Early intervention and continued collaboration will be essential to limiting the environmental and economic consequences of this invasive species.

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Investing in District 1 County

Our Parks and Recreation teams have been hard at work across District 1, completing important maintenance and improvements that enhance safety, functionality, and overall community experience. Here are the latest updates:

- Major irrigation repairs were completed at Kennedy Community Center & Park, restoring water service to areas that had been without functioning irrigation for an extended period.
- An aging bench was removed at Kennedy Park to prepare for upcoming site improvements, and staff also cleared an abandoned sports cargo container for removal.
- At Gianone Community Center & Park, site preparation continues for new park furnishings, including forms for fresh concrete pads. Tree trimming was also finalized to support the perimeter fencing project.
- Garden Acres Community Center & Park is undergoing similar site preparation, with concrete pad forms being set for new amenities.
- Staff responded promptly to unauthorized vehicle activity at West Jackson Park, notifying the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office after identifying tire marks caused by reckless illegal activities.
- At the Regional Sports Complex, staff replaced the air-release component on the pressure tank and repaired a six-inch mainline break, restoring full system functionality.
- Basketball hoops and nets were distributed throughout South County parks as part of ongoing improvements to recreational amenities.
- Parks staff partnered with Eastern Little League to rehabilitate ballfields at Kennedy Park. New field material is being delivered and prepared to accommodate the league during its temporary relocation while improvements move forward at Eastside Community Park.

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Continuing to Deliver for District 1

Whether we are strengthening flood protection, helping homeowners potentially reduce their annual expenses, preparing for severe weather, protecting the Delta, investing in our parks, or bringing neighbors together, our commitment remains the same: to deliver results and improve the quality of life for the residents of District 1.

It continues to be an honor to serve you on the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors. I look forward to continuing our work together to build safer, stronger, and healthier communities throughout District 1 and San Joaquin County.

