

THE RICKMAN REPORT

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5



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It is always rewarding to see the outcomes we have fought for become reality.

In the coming months, several projects will come to fruition, fulfilling promises we made and finalizing decisions from early in my tenure. This month, we broke ground on the new mental health BeWell Campus in French Camp. This facility will transform lives, guiding people from crisis to recovery, all in one place, and sets the standard for complete care in San Joaquin County.

The new honor farm at the Sheriff's correctional facility will also be opening soon. It offers inmates the chance to learn, grow, and start over. We are committed to creating opportunities for individuals to make the right choices for themselves and our community.

We are preparing to open the new County morgue, which began construction less than two years ago. Replacing a facility that served for over 100 years, it brings the Office of the Medical Examiner into the 21st century with modern equipment and technology to ensure justice is served.

There is so much happening across San Joaquin County. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as we continue building a stronger, brighter future together.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Robert Rickman
District 5

County Awards \$2.5 Million in Community Grants

As your Supervisor, I am proud to share that San Joaquin County has awarded \$2.5 million in one-time grants to 43 local nonprofits. These funds will strengthen programs that serve youth, seniors, families, and animals across our communities.

In District 5, these non-profits make a real difference in the lives of our residents. Funding a nonprofit is not just about keeping the lights on; it is about fueling hope, providing essential services, and strengthening the fabric of our community.

A partial list of awardees includes:

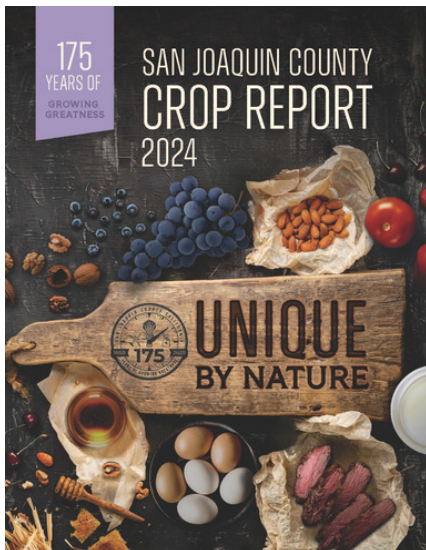
- McHenry House Tracy Family Shelter
- Coalition of Tracy Citizens to Assist the Homeless
- Tracy Interfaith Ministries
- Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin
- Pregnancy Resource Center of Tracy
- SJ Farm Bureau Foundation for Ag Education
- Dining for Hope and Game On - Lakey's Youth Foundation
- Boys and Girls Club of Tracy

County Breaks Ground on SJ BeWell Campus

As your Supervisor, I am proud to announce that San Joaquin County has officially broken ground on the SJ BeWell Campus, a transformative \$261 million behavioral health facility in French Camp. This project is a significant step toward enhancing mental health and substance use disorder services for our residents.

The campus will feature two distinct areas: a South Campus focused on residential treatment and a North Campus dedicated to outpatient services. Together, these facilities will provide a comprehensive range of care, including sobriety centers, treatment beds, and integrated medical and behavioral health services.

This project reflects our commitment to building a healthier future for San Joaquin County. By investing in mental health infrastructure, we are ensuring that our community members have access to the care they need, when they need it.



Celebrating 175 Years of Agricultural Excellence

Agriculture is the backbone of San Joaquin County, and this year we mark 175 years of farming heritage with the release of the 91st Annual Crop Report. The 2024 report shows a remarkable \$3.14 billion in production, highlighting both the strength of our local growers and the diversity of our crops.

Top commodities included wine grapes, milk, almonds, walnuts, and cherries, which together make up nearly two-thirds of the county's agricultural value. These numbers are impressive, but what they really represent is the hard work of farm families and workers who continue to make San Joaquin County a leader in feeding the nation and the world.

As your Supervisor, I remain committed to protecting agriculture and ensuring it thrives for generations to come. Read the full release [here](#).



The San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District provides comprehensive vector surveillance and control services to enhance the public health and quality of life for the residents and visitors of San Joaquin County. For more information visit <https://www.sjmosquito.org/>



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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY: MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

Advocating for San Joaquin County in Washington, DC

This month, my colleagues and I made our annual trip to Washington, DC. Our goal was simple: to take your concerns directly to the decision makers who shape policies that affect San Joaquin County families every day.

During a series of meetings with our federal delegation and members of the current administration, we highlighted local priorities, from infrastructure and public safety to health services and economic development. These discussions are crucial to ensuring our County receives the resources and attention it deserves.

I believe in making sure your voice is heard at every level of government. Trips like this allow us to advocate effectively for our residents, spotlight the unique needs of our communities, and strengthen our partnerships with federal leaders. I will continue fighting for San Joaquin County, ensuring your concerns are always represented in Washington.



Protecting the Delta

San Joaquin County continues to fight the Delta Tunnel Conveyance Project, which threatens our waterways and farmland. The Delta Counties Coalition has pushed back against legislative attempts to fast-track approval. Governor Newsom's effort to accelerate the project has stalled, though the state is asking the appeals court to allow preliminary work.

We remain committed to protecting our communities, preserving our environment, and ensuring any decisions about the Delta are made with transparency and public input.

SB 712 – Classic Car Smog Check

SB 712, which would have exempted collector vehicles from smog checks, is currently held in committee and under submission, so it will not move forward this year. The bill aimed to help car enthusiasts and preservationists maintain classic vehicles more easily.

San Joaquin County will continue to monitor this and other legislation affecting our residents and their interests, ensuring a balance between preservation and public policy.

TRACY

- GamePlex Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Medline's New Tracy Facility Tour
- West High Home Field Advantage Athletic Booster Club- Check Presentation (\$19,382) for West HS Football Equipment Needs
- West High School Air Force JROTC 9/11 Remembrance and Retreat Ceremony
- 9/11 Fundraising Dinner Benefiting Tracy Fire & Police Departments
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony hosted by 76 Gas Station
- St. Bernard's Parish Fall Festival
- Honored to be the Grand Marshal of the South Side Community Organization's Annual Mexican Independence Day Celebration Parade
- Downtown Tracy Wine Stroll
- Ellis Village Center Groundbreaking Ceremony for "Spouts Farmers Market"
- Tracy FFA Foundation Check Presentation (\$18,668) for Tracy High FFA Senior Project
- Honored Dr. Gurinder Singh Grewal, MD, for his retirement after 43 years of service in our community (August)



RIPON

- Chamber Coffee Mixer hosted by The Office - A Collaborative Workspace
- Ripon Farmers Market
- Bella Vita Beauty Collective - Grand Opening Ceremony (August)
- Ripon Chamber Business Meeting



MOUNTAIN HOUSE

- 3rd Annual Youth Business Fair
- MH Firehouse Dinner
- Central Valley Gujarati Community Association Garba & Dandiya Night 2025
- Poorba's 2025 Disco Dandiya and Durga Puja Inauguration Ceremony



ESCALON

- Escalon Fire Department 9-11 Community Moment - Silence & Prayer
- District Hours at Escalon City Hall
- Escalon Business Drop-in's



COUNTYWIDE MEETINGS AND EVENTS (PARTIAL LIST)

- San Joaquin County Sheriff's Foundation 5th Annual Sheriff's Ball
- San Joaquin County 175th Gala
- SJ BeWell Campus Groundbreaking Ceremony
- Karl Ross Post 16 | Patriot Day 9/11 Remembrance Day Honoring our First Responders
- St. Mary's Meet & Greet and Zeiter Center Tour
- San Joaquin County POW-MIA Flag Raising
- Greater Valley BIA Salute to Policy Makers Reception
- Aria University School of Medicine Building Renovation Groundbreaking Ceremony
- City of Stockton's Delta Water Supply Groundwater Recharge Project Groundbreaking Ceremony
- Attended the Oath of Office to Adam Ramirez as Judge (Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Joaquin)
- District Attorney End-of-Summer BBQ
- San Joaquin County Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting
- San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting
- Valley Link Board of Directors Meeting
- San Joaquin Farm Bureau BOD Monthly Meeting

