

# NEWSLETTER

# THE RICKMAN REPORT NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5



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## Stay Informed

**Upcoming Board Meeting  
Agendas available online at:**

<https://sjgov.link/bos-agenda>



### **Protecting San Joaquin County from Costly State Mandates**

Sacramento is back in full session — and once again, the volume of legislation moving through the Capitol has direct consequences for San Joaquin County families.

Too often, statewide policy decisions are written with coastal priorities in mind, while regions like the Central Valley are left absorbing the cost.

I will continue to closely monitor proposals that impact:

#### **Cost of Living**

Energy policies, fuel regulations, and new mandates that may increase household expenses. Valley commuters drive farther. Our agricultural economy depends on affordable energy. Policies that raise costs here hit harder than in urban centers with shorter commutes and alternative transit options.

#### **Housing and Local Control**

State housing streamlining measures continue to shift decision-making authority away from local communities. While housing production is important, one-size-fits-all mandates that override local planning create long-term infrastructure and service challenges.

#### **Transportation Funding**

Our region depends on fair and stable transportation funding to maintain roads and support economic growth. Redirecting funds away from road maintenance or rural infrastructure disproportionately impacts counties like ours.

Let me be clear: collaboration with the state is essential. But accountability is equally essential.

When legislation threatens to increase costs for working families, undermine local decision-making, or create unfunded mandates for county government, I will advocate firmly on behalf of District 5 and San Joaquin County.

State policy should recognize the realities of the Valley — not penalize them.

**Supervisor, Robert Rickman, District 5**

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# COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

## Board Approves New Emergency Ambulance Services Agreement

At our February 10, 2026, meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority to provide exclusive emergency ambulance services in Ambulance Zones X and Y and dispatch services for all emergency ambulance providers, reinforcing the County's commitment to public safety, accountability, and high-quality emergency medical care. The five-year agreement runs from May 1, 2026, through May 1, 2031, and follows an extensive, multi-year review of the County's emergency medical services system, including an independent system assessment and a competitive request for proposals process led by the San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency. CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority were selected through a competitive process. The agreement establishes exclusive operating areas for Zones X and Y.



See press release and map [here](#).

## San Joaquin County Strengthens Protections Against Real Estate Fraud

San Joaquin County codified Senate Bill 255 into county law, expanding early warning protections for property owners and strengthening accountability for those who prey on seniors and vulnerable residents. SB 255 requires counties to establish a Recorder Notification Program that alerts property owners when key documents affecting ownership are recorded, including deeds, quitclaim deeds, mortgages, and deeds of trust. Notifications must be sent within 30 days, providing an early alert if fraudulent activity may be underway.

See press release [here](#).

## San Joaquin County Community Development Department Launches Online Appointment Scheduling

San Joaquin County Community Development Department launched an online appointment scheduling service to improve customer experience, making it easier and more convenient for residents, contractors, and business owners to access services by offering online appointment scheduling. The new system allows customers to schedule appointments in advance, skip the line, reduce wait times, and better plan their visits. Appointments can be scheduled from a computer or mobile device, allowing customers to choose a date and time that works best for their schedule.

See press release [here](#).



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# LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY: MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

## Supervisor Rickman Submits Letter in Opposition to AB 1421 (Wilson. Vehicles: Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee)

In February, I sent a letter opposing AB 1421, which would move California toward a vehicle mileage tax. AB 1421 has cleared the Assembly; while it doesn't impose a mileage tax yet, it advances studies that could lead to one in the future.

A mileage-based tax would disproportionately impact San Joaquin County families, rural residents, and working commuters who have no alternative but to drive longer distances for work and essential services.

With families already facing high costs for food, housing, electricity, and gas, now is not the time to add additional burdens that penalize people simply for where they live.

See here:

- [Supervisor Rickman AB 1421 Opposition Letter dtd 01/30/26](#)
- [Supervisor Rickman's letter to Governor 'Subj: Request Relief for Our Residents from Historic High Fuel and Energy Costs' dtd 04/11/22](#)

## San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Update

I continue to push for recreational opportunities and improvements to our County facilities. Here are a few updates:

- Preparations for fence install continues at Larch Clover Community Center.
- Planning and design for Phase 2 of South County Regional Park continues to advance, with ongoing refinement of infrastructure concepts and environmental review activities progressing toward preparation of an Initial Study.
- Security fencing improvements across multiple park sites remain in progress under Facilities Management.
- Development of the 10-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan is underway.

Registration opens at [www.sjpark.org](http://www.sjpark.org) March 2, 2026, for the Micke Grove Easter Egg Hunt being held Saturday, March 28, 2026.



Sign up for emergency  
alerts at  
[www.sjready.org](http://www.sjready.org)

# DISTRICT 5 IN ACTION

## TRACY

- D.A.R.E Graduations at Tom Hawkins Elementary and Jefferson Middle School
- Starbucks Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Dhaba Indian Cuisine 17th Anniversary Celebration
- D.A.R.E Graduation for Discovery Charter, St. Bernard's Catholic, Central, Louis Bohn and McKinley Elementary Schools
- Knights of Columbus and YMI Crab Feed
- South Side Community Organization Board of Directors Installation Dinner
- Menchie's Frozen Yogurt 12th Annual City-Wide Art Competition Ceremony
- Guest Speaker at Scouts BSA Troop 525 meeting
- Marbella Tracy - An Integral Senior Living Community Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 34th Annual Exhibit of Fine Art - Opening Reception of 'Expressions!' TAL
- The People of Christ Missionary Church - Check Presentation (\$12,470)
- TUSD STEMLine Academy Community Engagement Dinner
- SJFB Federation's Tracy & Roberts Union Farm Centers Annual Dinner Meeting
- Guest Speaker at Jefferson Elementary School Bulldog Project
- Tracy our Town USA Play hosted by GFWC Tracy Woman's Club
- South San Joaquin County Fire Authority Badge Pinning and Awards Ceremony



## RIPON

- Networking Coffee hosted by One Church Ripon
- District Hours at Ripon City Hall
- Ripon Book Store Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 64th Annual Almond Blossom Festival



## ESCALON

- District Hours at Escalon City Hall
- Business Check-In
- Lions Club Student Speaker Contest
- SJFB Federation's Calla Nile & Escalon Farm Centers 4th Annual Dinner



- 2nd Annual Cancer Connect Event
- City Council Update
- D.A.R.E. Student Recognitions
- SJC Delta College South Campus Mixer



## COUNTYWIDE MEETINGS AND EVENTS (PARTIAL LIST)

- SJC Fire Chiefs Association Collaborator's Meeting
- San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Meeting
- SJC Probation Pinning and Swearing-In Ceremony
- CARB One-Stop Truck Event
- DA FIRST Unit Presentation at Delta Charter High School
- Ava Community Energy Board of Directors Meeting
- Recognition of Military Academy Nominees
- Celebration of St. Joseph's Pediatric Services Unit Construction Completion
- SJ CWA's 29th Annual "Celebration in the County" Event
- Ribbon Cutting for Children's Museum of Stockton Exhibits
- Tour of San Joaquin Courthouse and Shelled Courtrooms
- 38th Annual Crab & Oyster Feed hosted by SJC DSA
- Celebration of GCRM New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center Completion

