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Happy Mother's Day to all the incredible mothers across San Joaquin County. Your strength, sacrifice, and steady guidance hold our families and communities together. Today we recognize all you do. Wishing you a day of love, appreciation, and well-deserved rest. Thank you for every sacrifice, every hug, and every lesson you share.

April Showers Bring May Flowers

April underscores the importance of community.

As events, youth programs, and local activities ramp up, we are reminded that the real strength of District 5 comes from engaged residents who take pride in where they live and actively shape its future.

That same spirit of engagement drives our work at the County level. From investing in infrastructure to expanding public safety resources and improving access to critical services, our focus remains on delivering results that reflect the priorities of the people we serve.

My commitment is clear: delivering results, upholding transparent governance, and maintaining a relentless focus on the priorities that matter to our families—public safety, cost of living, and a strong local economy that works for our families.

Thank you for staying engaged—
together, we are building a stronger District 5.

— Robert Rickman
San Joaquin County Supervisor,
District 5

COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

San Joaquin County Opens New Medical Examiner Facility

It was an honor to join my colleagues, County leadership, and our dedicated County employees, to officially open the County's new Medical Examiner facility. The modernized building is designed to provide a secure, respectful, and efficient environment that supports advanced forensic operations, offers thoughtful accommodations for families and visitors, and includes flexibility to meet future needs.

[See press release here](#)



SJ BeWell Campus Update

We celebrated the topping off of Building B at the San Joaquin BeWell Campus—a major milestone in expanding behavioral health services for our community.

When completed next April, Building B will provide:

- Crisis Stabilization Unit – 16 slots
- Sobering Center – 10 slots
- Behavioral Health Urgent Care – 100 slots
- Psychiatric Health Facility – 16 beds

This campus is about more than meeting today's needs—it's about building a system of care that will serve our children and grandchildren for generations to come. A true investment in the long-term health, safety, and well-being of San Joaquin County.



San Joaquin County Requests Nearly \$19 Million in Funding from Federal Lawmakers

As part of the 2027 Federal budget process, San Joaquin County recently submitted nearly \$19 million in funding requests to support ten local projects to enhance programs, services, and infrastructure throughout the County.

See press release [here](#).

Encouraging News for SB 1392

SB 1392 has passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee, is now pending the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 1392 aims to modernize smog check exemptions for classic and collector motor vehicles. I supported the previous version – SB 712, aka 'Leno's Law' – and reaffirmed my support – see letter of support below – for these efforts on behalf of California car enthusiasts and a culture and industry that fuels our state's economy.

See here: [Supervisor Rickman Support Letter for SB 1392 \(as amended\)](#)



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY: MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

Megaregion Working Group Advocacy Day in the Capitol

On April 13th, I joined colleagues in Sacramento to advocate for key regional projects and secure funding support.

The Megaregion Working Group is a 12 member coalition with representatives from the San Joaquin Council of Governments, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Together, we represent 16 counties and 136 cities, nearly 11 million residents, from the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Sierra foothills.

Highlighted projects included:

- Valley Link Passenger Rail: A 42 mile, zero emission rail line connecting Northern San Joaquin Valley commuters to BART via the Altamont Pass, easing I-580 congestion.
- SR 99 / 120 Connector Project: Rebuilds a critical Manteca interchange, easing congestion for commuters and goods movement. Phase 1A is underway, with completion expected by summer 2026.
- I-205 Managed Lanes Project: Expands I-205 to reduce congestion, improve carpooling, and support freight. Environmental work is expected by 2027, with funding efforts ongoing.

Further information and additional projects may be viewed [here](#).



Update your App to
NexGen311

Use the non-emergency reporting system to report issues such as illegal dumping, potholes, inoperative traffic signals.

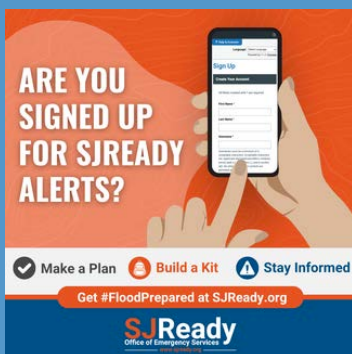
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Air District Legislative Efforts: State Budget and Funding

It is a pleasure to serve as your county representative on the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board, and I am proud of the successes the Board and District Staff have achieved on behalf of San Joaquin County and our neighboring valley residents. It takes great effort by the whole team to execute a holistic approach to improve our air quality. I encourage you to review our [Annual Report](#).

With respect to the State's 2026-27 budget, the District has been actively advocating for sustained investment in cost-effective clean air incentive programs, including Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER), Alternatives to Open Burning, and Clean Vehicles and Equipment (see <https://www.valleyair.org/grants>). The District continues to work closely with our state policy advocate, as well as a broad coalition of Valley and statewide stakeholders, to ensure these funding priorities are effectively communicated and supported throughout the legislative process.

At my request, the County wrote to the Governor requesting his support for critical State funding for the Whole Orchard Recycling, Carbon Sequestration Program (Alternatives to Open Burning).

You may read the letter [here](#).

TRACY

- Guest Speaker at Cub Scout Pack 525 Den Meeting
- 2nd Annual West High School Blue & Gold Ball
- SJC Incubator Pitch Event in Tracy
- Wienerschnitzel Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Tracy Interfaith Ministries Annual Dinner
- Larch Clover Community Center Volunteer Recognition Ceremony
- Tracy High School FFA Senior Abigail Avila's project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Tracy Boys & Girls Club "Youth of the Year" Ceremony
- Tracy Earth Day Event
- Annual James McDermott American Legion Post 172, Law and Order Awards
- Clyde Bland Park -BMX Pump Track Opening Ceremonies



MOUNTAIN HOUSE

- Gangaur Utsav Celebration Event
- Aaria's Blue Elephant - Circle of Friends Inclusion Project, Awards Ceremony
- D.A.R.E Graduation at Lammersville Elementary School



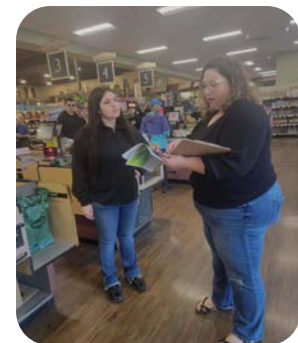
RIPON

- Oak Valley Bank 20th Anniversary Celebration
- District Hours at Ripon City Hall
- Ripon First Responders Appreciation Day
- Love Ripon Event
- Save Mart Re-Grand Opening & Ribbon-Cutting
- Glory City Church Ribbon Cutting



ESCALON

- Escalon District Hours at City Hall
- Escalon Business Check-in with Rosa's Portuguese & European Bakery
- Escalon Business Walk
- Business Check-in with Happy Artist Children's Creative Studio



COUNTYWIDE MEETINGS AND EVENTS (PARTIAL LIST)

- San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs Association Collaborator's Meeting
- San Joaquin Building Trades Council – MC3 County Jail Program Graduation
- Special Recognition of Supervisor Rickman from San Joaquin Delta College Board of Trustees
- Guest Speaker at Humphreys University – Trial Practice Class
- San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Meeting
- San Joaquin County AgVenture Day- Tracy students from, Banta, Lammersville, and New Jerusalem Elementary Schools
- Stockton Maritime Museum USS Lucid Spring Open House
- Megaregion Advocacy Day – Sacramento State Capital
- CALCOG Board Meeting
- San Joaquin County Community Clean-Up Event at Larch Clover Community Center
- San Joaquin County Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting
- Ava Community Energy Board of Directors Meeting
- San Joaquin County DA's National Crime Victims' Right Week- Opening Ceremony
- California Army National Guard's Stockton Flight Facility Tour
- 10th Anniversary Inspirational Messages of Peace - Celebration of Student Voices
- SJC Incubator Countywide Pitch Event
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for SJC Office of the Medical Examiner
- 13th Annual Crystal Apple Award Ceremony hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- District Attorney's 4th Annual Survivor's Luncheon
- Annual San Joaquin County State of Education
- Dignity Health St. Joseph's Medical Center New Tower Groundbreaking
- City of Manteca "State of the City"

