NEWSLETTER

THE RICKMAN REPORT

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5



Welcome to the Spooktacular October Edition of The Rickman Report!

October brings cooler evenings, changing leaves, and the glow of the Hunter's Moon. Traditionally, the bright autumn moon gave hunters extra light as they prepared for the winter months ahead. Today, it's a reminder that fall is here and Halloween is just around the corner!

Halloween has a way of bringing out the kid in all of us. From carving pumpkins and decorating our homes to seeing the creative costumes and excited trick-or-treaters, it's a time for good fun and making memories with family, friends, and neighbors.

October has also been a busy month throughout District 5. In this edition, I'll share updates on County business, community investments, and some of the events and people making a difference in our communities.

Thank you for reading The Rickman Report. I hope you and your family enjoy the season and have a safe and happy Halloween!

— **Robert Rickman**
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Wishing you and your family a safe and happy Halloween!

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COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

DATA CENTER MORTORIUM ADOPTED

Following a Board discussion I sponsored regarding artificial intelligence (AI) data centers, County staff returned with an interim urgency ordinance establishing a 45-day moratorium on land use approvals for new data center development in unincorporated San Joaquin County. The Board approved the ordinance at its October 6, 2026, meeting.

The temporary moratorium will allow the County to study the potential impacts of large-scale artificial intelligence (AI) data centers.

You may view my initiating Board letter **here**.

You may view the resulting press release **here.**

Want to be a part of the AI Data Center discussion? Register here.

COUNTYWIDE SIDEWALK CONNECTIVITY PLAN APPROVED

At our October 20, 2026, meeting, the Board approved the Countywide Sidewalk Connectivity Plan. Development of the plan began after the Board approved the project in mid-2024. The plan evaluates the pedestrian network in rural communities and unincorporated neighborhoods throughout San Joaquin County.

The plan identifies sidewalk gaps and barriers to crossing roadways and establishes a data-driven framework for prioritizing future improvements. It supports the County's ongoing efforts to improve pedestrian safety, mobility, connectivity, and access for people of all ages and abilities.

You may view the Sidewalk Connectivity Presentation **here**.

STATE OF THE COUNTY 2026

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors welcomed members of the public and the media to the 2026 State of the County Exhibition. The event was held on October 14, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Great Wolf Lodge in Manteca.

The exhibition highlighted major developments, innovative programs, and strategic initiatives shaping San Joaquin County.





View our 2026 State of the County Intro video **here.**

View the 2026 State of the County video **here.**

Read the 2025-2026 San Joaquin County Annual Report, A Year in Review, **here.**



The San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) is gathering input on unmet transit needs in San Joaquin County, and we encourage you to complete our survey by December 31, 2026.

Take the Survey Here

SJCARES

Homeless Response Team

sjcares@sjgov.org

San Joaquin County PARKS

View the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Draft Micke Grove Zoo Master Plan and share your thoughts before November 11, 2026! Click here

NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION



The San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters has announced its plan for reporting results from the November 3, 2026, General Election. The plan reflects the Registrar's commitment to transparency, accuracy, and timely updates to the public.

For more details, you may view the press release **here**.

Election results and updates will be available at **www.sjcrov.org.**

See voting options **here.**

Additional information, including **hours and locations for ballot drop boxes** and **polling sites or look-up**, is available at: **http://www.sjcrov.org**.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters Office at (209) 468-VOTE (8683) or Registrar@sjgov.org.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: KNOW YOUR ZONE

The San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services **(OES)** launched the Know Your Zone public awareness campaign to help residents understand their evacuation zones and prepare for emergencies, particularly flooding associated with El Niño.

The County will begin using evacuation zones instead of street names in emergency alerts and warnings to provide more precise and consistent information. This change will help residents identify areas affected by an emergency and find relevant evacuation information.

Residents are encouraged to look up their evacuation zone now so they can recognize their zone code and know where to find information during an emergency.

I urge you to learn more about the Know Your Zone campaign and find your evacuation zone by visiting **www.sjready.org/knowyourzone.**

SJReady
Office of Emergency Services
www.sjready.org



Event Date: Saturday, December 5, 2026
Time: 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Event Location:
San Joaquin County Fairgrounds
Gate #3
1658 S Airport Way
Stockton, CA 95206

Check your address: call us, scan QR code or visit: https://community.valleyair.org/checkstockton

NEXGEN

Update your App to NexGen311
Use the non-emergency reporting system to report issues such as illegal dumping, potholes, inoperative traffic signals.

Available in the app store



Sign up for emergency alerts at www.sjready.org

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY: MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

2026 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW





Throughout the year, my colleagues and I travel to Sacramento and Washington, D.C., to meet with elected officials, government representatives, and other local leaders from across California and the country. Through these meetings and conferences, we advocate for funding and legislation to address challenges and support improvements in San Joaquin County.

At the conclusion of the legislative sessions, our legislative consultants provide an overview of the year's work. We received this report at our October 6, 2026, Board meeting, highlighting our successful advocacy efforts.

Read the full Annual Report **here.**

You may view the report as presented at our meeting **here.**

WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties (SJVRACC) Conference brings together county leaders from across the Valley to discuss shared challenges and opportunities.

Organized by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the conference serves as a regional policy forum for elected officials, county executives, and other leaders from Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties. It provides an opportunity to share ideas and best practices, build partnerships, and address issues that cross county boundaries.

Our nine Central Valley counties have a lot in common, including many of the challenges our residents face. When we stand together and advocate for the Valley, our voice is stronger, and we can get more done for the people we serve.

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COUNTYWIDE MEETINGS (PARTIAL LIST) AND EVENTS

- San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting
- Oath of Office for Michael Robert Tener as Judge of the Superior Court
- Waste Management Re-Grand Opening
- San Joaquin Farm Bureau Meeting
- SJC Sheriff's Office Promotional and Swearing-In
- Board of Supervisors Proclamation of "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in San Joaquin County
- Meeting with State & Federal Legislative Advocates
- Forward Landfill Compost Facility Expansion Celebration
- Multi- Chamber Networking Event
- Micke Grove Regional Park Trunk O' Treat Event
- 6th Annual San Joaquin County Tractor Fest
- State of the County "United in Service" Focused on the Future
- Tour of Family Resource Center's NEW location
- Church of Latter-Day Saints, Special Tour
- STAART Billboard Unveiling
- 41st Annual Agriculture Hall of Fame Awards Dinner
- SJC Clean-up event at the River Club
- 2026 Educator Impact Awards Ceremony

















DISTRICT 5 IN ACTION

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TRACY

- 53rd Annual Firefighters Pancake Breakfast (Local 3355)
- SHAWOOD at Ellis Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
- Chamber Coffee hosted by GFWC Woman's Club
- Jay's Gourmet Grand Opening
- Pregnancy Resource Center Annual Gala
- Hungry for Success Athletics Ribbon Cutting
- St. Bernard's Church-Our Lady of Fátima Annual Festa
- Tracy Rampage Youth Cheer & Football Check Presentation ($9,943)
- TUSD DARE Graduation Ceremony
- District Attorney Check Presentation to Tracy High Cheer Boosters









MOUNTAIN HOUSE

- 4th Annual Youth Business Event
- Rotary Club Check Presentation ($6,201)
- CVGCA Navratri Garba & Dandiya Night
- Poorba's Disco Dandiya & Durga Puja 2026 Inauguration
- South Community Park Groundbreaking
- MH Fire Pancake Breakfast







RIPON

- Chamber Coffee hosted by Barnwood Arms
- One Church Ripon Check Presentation ($15,000)
- 41st Annual Main Street Day & Ripon Fire Pancake Breakfast
- Chamber Check Presentation ($2,519)
- Risen Kitchen Ribbon Cutting
- Liberty Tree Dedication Ceremony







ESCALON

- City of Escalon Fall Business Walk
- District Office Hours at Escalon City Hall
- Coffee with a Cop at Soul Coffee
- Business Check-in: Olivia Dawn Studio





