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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Welcoming Fall Across District 5

As summer gives way to fall, our communities are finding plenty of reasons to come together. Friday night lights are back, high school football stands are filling up, and homecoming celebrations are bringing students, families, and alumni together. It is one of my favorite times of year across District 5.

Harvest is underway across San Joaquin County, a reminder of the hard work our farmers and agricultural workers put in every day. Their dedication deserves our appreciation as we enjoy all that this season brings.

I am looking forward to the months ahead and the work we can accomplish for our communities. In this edition of The Rickman Report, I am pleased to share what I have been working on and highlight some of the people and events that make San Joaquin County such a special place to call home.

— **Robert Rickman**
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COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT AI DATA CENTERS

I brought forward an agenda item to discuss large-scale AI data centers in unincorporated San Joaquin County in response to concerns about water and electricity use, noise, agriculture, and public infrastructure. With no facilities operating or applications pending, now is the time to act.

At my recommendation, the Board directed staff to conduct a six-month study of potential impacts, and operating standards. The Board also asked staff to propose a temporary moratorium on new large-scale AI data centers during the study. Staff will return with recommendations and permanent policy options.

We should hear from our communities and answer these questions before deciding whether, and under what conditions, these facilities should be allowed.

Want to be a part of the AI Data Center discussion? Register [here](#).

You may view my Board letter [here](#).

You may view Board discussion [here](#).

Press release available [here](#).

LARCH CLOVER COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

Throughout my time on the Board of Supervisors, I have pushed to improve the [Larch Clover Community Center](#) because I know how much it means to the people who use it. The center connects residents with important resources and provides a place for service clubs, community meetings, holiday gatherings, and social activities. We have delivered new flooring, paint, tables, chairs, and equipment, along with an updated kitchen, HVAC system, and solar panels.

More recently, we have improved the parking lot, trash enclosure, and security fencing and added a digital information sign. There is more work to come. Our community deserves a center we can all be proud to visit and use, and I am grateful to the dedicated County employees helping make that happen.



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY 2025 ANNUAL CROP REPORT

Every year the County Agricultural Commissioner prepares and presents the Annual Agricultural Crop Report to the County Board of Supervisors.

San Joaquin County's 2025 Crop Report is a reminder of how much agriculture means to our communities. The gross value of agricultural production exceeded \$3.35 billion, up 6.39% from 2024. Almonds led the county's commodities at nearly \$584 million, followed by milk and walnuts. Those figures reflect the hard work of the farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and businesses that help put food on our tables and support our local economy. Here in District 5, we see that work every day.

To access the 2025 Crop Report and past years' reports, click [here](#).

To view the Agricultural Commissioner's presentation, visit [here](#).

V-TRANSFORM

VALLEY TRANSPORT RESILIENCY
ADVANCEMENT FOR NEIGHBORHOODS
SUSTAINABLE FREIGHT MOVEMENT STUDY

The Valley Transportation Resiliency Advancement for Neighborhoods Sustainable Freight Movement Study (V-TRANSFORM) is seeking feedback on ways to improve how goods are moved through the San Joaquin Valley by:

- ☑ Identifying important truck routes
- ☑ Improving freight movement
- ☑ Assessing climate-related risks

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V-TRANSFORM is seeking public input to improve the transportation of goods across the San Joaquin Valley. Take a few minutes to explore the proposed projects and maps for San Joaquin County [here](#)



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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY: MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

Advocating for San Joaquin County in Washington, D.C.



I spent several days in Washington, D.C., advocating for San Joaquin County alongside my Board colleagues and key County staff. We met with congressional representatives, Senate and House committee members and staff, federal agencies, Senator Adam Schiff, and the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

We raised priorities that directly affect our communities: protecting our water resources, combating invasive golden mussels in the Delta, exploring alternatives to the Delta Conveyance Project, expanding access to healthcare and behavioral health services, improving transportation infrastructure, supporting agriculture, and creating economic opportunities. I returned home knowing we made our county's voice heard and pursued federal resources for our communities. I'll keep working with our partners to turn those conversations into results and fight for the outcomes our communities deserve.

Press release available [here](#).

SB 1392, "JAY LENO'S LAW," SIGNED INTO LAW

On September 16, Governor Gavin Newsom signed **SB 1392** at Jay Leno's garage. After several letters of support from my office, trips to the State Capitol, and tremendous advocacy from classic car owners across San Joaquin County and California, I was glad to see this bill become law. Sponsored by Jay Leno and the Specialty Equipment Market Association, it will phase in smog check exemptions for qualifying collector vehicles from the 1976 through 1985 model years. This legislation helps preserve an important part of California's automotive history for generations to come.



Read my press release [here](#) and letters of support [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).



The Defense Logistics Agency is updating the Tracy Site's Community Involvement Plan and is soliciting feedback regarding the cleanup activities at the Tracy Site, determining the most effective means for distributing program information to the public, and identifying any issues of public concern.

[Take the Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin California \(Tracy Site\) Community Survey 2026](#)



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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY: MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD (continued)

Preparing for Winter Storms

During the 2022–23 winter storms, I wrote to state and federal officials and agencies to raise concerns about critical infrastructure and request support for San Joaquin County. Those storms underscored the importance of preparing before severe weather arrives.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecasts a high probability of a historic El Niño. San Joaquin County, alongside other Central Valley counties and agencies, is taking action to get ahead of the storms by seeking state and federal funding and assistance to strengthen infrastructure, better prepare residents, and reduce potential storm impacts. I will continue advocating for the resources we need to protect our communities.

Read the letter sent to State and Federal Officials [here](#).

Read the letter sent to the President [here](#).

Read the letter sent to the Governor [here](#).

See letter sent to the Governor urging signature of SB 872 [here](#).

For the latest El Niño prediction, click [here](#).

Proposed South Delta Gates Project: Soil Investigations

If you noticed drill rigs, testing trucks, or support vehicles near Old River, Middle River, and the Grant Line and Fabian-Bell canals this September, they were part of soil investigations by the California Department of Water Resources. The testing will help the state understand ground conditions as it plans and designs the proposed South Delta Gates Project. The project would replace existing temporary rock barriers with permanent, operable gates intended to improve water quality, conditions for fish, and water level protection in the South Delta. The project remains in the planning and review stages.

You may view the South Delta Geotechnical Investigations – Quick Facts Sheet [here](#).

Learn more about the project [here](#).

The meeting providing updates on technical studies and project planning may be viewed [here](#).

COUNTYWIDE MEETINGS (PARTIAL LIST) AND EVENTS

- San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting
- 59th Annual Industrial Barbecue
- San Joaquin Farm Bureau Meeting
- SJC 26th Annual Diversity Luncheon "A Seat At the Table for Every Voice"
- Ready Together Community Block Party
- 6th Annual Sheriff's Ball
- SJC Sheriff's Office Promotional Ceremony
- SJC Sheriff's Office Custody Graduation Ceremony- Class 187
- SJC Board of Supervisors D.C. Advocacy Trip
- Jensen Infrastructure - Lockeford Concrete Pipe Plant Grand Opening
- ACE Rail Safety Action Day hosted by SJ Regional Rail Commission in Partnership with Union Pacific Railroad and California Operation Lifesaver
- Haven of Peace Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Builder's Exchange of San Joaquin 2026 Trades Day
- SJC Recovery Awareness Event hosted by BHS
- SJC Homeless Forum "Working Together"
- San Joaquin Partnership - Innovation in Industry Event
- Coffee with DA's Office



DISTRICT 5 IN ACTION

TRACY

- Sprouts Farmers Market Grand Opening
- Debre Haile St. Rufael Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church Consecration & Thanksgiving Celebration
- 25th Anniversary 9/11 Remembrance & Retreat Ceremony hosted by West High's Air Force JROTC
- Never Forget 9/11 Annual Dinner and Fundraiser
- SSCO Mexican Independence Day
- Tracy Entrepreneur Pitch Event
- Downtown Wine Stroll
- LIVE Collective Real Estate Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Tracy High vs Ripon High Football Game
- Tracy High vs Valley Christian High Football Game



MOUNTAIN HOUSE

- Sri Krishna Janmashtami Celebration
- Tennis Courts Ribbon Cutting
- MH & Tracy Chamber Mixer at SJ Delta College
- 3rd Annual CVMM Grand Ganesh Utsav
- Multi Cultural Celebration
- MH Fire Department BBQ



RIPON

- Chamber Coffee hosted by The Office
- SJ Valley Swiss Club 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Interstellar Interiors, Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting
- District Office Hours at Ripon City Hall



ESCALON

- Escalon Fire 9/11 Community Moment of Silence & Prayer
- Lions Club 30th Annual Autumn Cruise Car Show
- Badge Pinning and Swearing-in Ceremony for Firefighter-Engineer Nathan Rodriguez
- District Office Hours at Escalon City Hall

