

THE RICKMAN REPORT

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5



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Dear Neighbors,
As we enter summer, I want to take a moment to thank you for staying engaged and involved in the life of our County. Whether it is through community celebrations, local events, or providing your input on key decisions, your participation makes a real difference.

In this issue, I am highlighting just a few of the many efforts underway across District 5 and San Joaquin County. From adopting a balanced County budget that prioritizes public safety, to securing grant funding for local organizations, to fighting for accountability during recent power outages - you will see that I continue to focus on delivering results that matter to our communities.

I have also included a roundup of events across District 5. It has been a busy month, and I have been proud to be on the ground, meeting with residents, celebrating new milestones, and advocating for the services and infrastructure our district deserves.

As always, I encourage you to reach out to my office if there is anything we can do to support you or your family. My team and I are here to serve.

Sincerely,
Robert Rickman

Board Approves Annual Budget

Focused on Public Safety, Financial Stewardship, and Strategic Priorities



Supervisor Robert Rickman commented, "We are not just preparing for economic uncertainty-we are making sure County services stay strong, safe, and reliable. This year, more than half of our discretionary budget pays for the law and justice departments that keep our residents safe and ensure that we are able to hold people who break the law accountable in the justice system. We are backing that up with real investment: hiring more personnel, upgrading equipment, and ensuring that the brave men and women working to keep our communities safe have the tools they need to do the job."

Supervisor Rickman also addressed concerns about shifting costs in the face of a looming State budget crisis and economic uncertainty. "Time and again, we see Sacramento politicians balance their budgets with so-called 'creative' solutions that end up pushing costs down to counties like ours. It is unacceptable. San Joaquin County should not be left holding the bag for decisions made miles away. My priority is making sure local resources stay local-so we can fund the public safety, infrastructure, and essential services our communities actually depend on."

\$2.5 Million Grant Funding Available for San Joaquin County Community-Based and Non-County Organizations (CBO/NCO Funding)

New Online Portal to Submit Applications Available July 1-31, 2025

Grant funding is available for CBOs/NCOs based and providing services in San Joaquin County. Every year San Joaquin County awards one-time funding to Community Based/Non-County Organizations. Up to \$2.5 million has been set aside by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors for this purpose. For more information, read [press release](#) or [visit the webpage](#) to learn more.

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Adopts Stricter Fireworks Ordinance - New Rules Include Property Owners or Party Organizers that Use Illegal Fireworks

The Board of Supervisors adopted a new ordinance with stricter regulations on the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of the County. The new rules aim to improve public safety, reduce fire hazards, and hold individuals more accountable for violations.

You can read the [press release here](#). For more information about fireworks regulations or to apply for a public display permit, contact the Community Development Department at 209-468-3121.





Visit www.valleyair.org

Supervisor Rickman is on the Governing Board and urges you to visit the District's website for air quality updates and incentive programs for businesses, agriculture, and households.



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

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View past or upcoming Board meeting materials or watch a Board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY: MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

PG&E

Per my request, the County has consistently registered opposition to PG&E rate increases, but this month we experienced a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) in the southwest portion of our county. What started as a PSPS ended with an unplanned rebalance of the electrical grid, causing tens of thousands of residents to lose power in Tracy, Lathrop, and Manteca. Throughout this outrageous power outage and moving forward, I will continue to advocate for common sense solutions instead of punitive service interruptions from PG&E. I sent a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) asking for a review of the PSPS, copying the Governor, our legislators, and the PG&E CEO. Shortly thereafter, PG&E asked for a meeting where South County Fire Authority Chief Randall Bradley and I argued on behalf of our local residents, ranchers, and businesses. Power was restored the next day.

Oppose: AB 470 As Amended – Carrier of Last Resort Mandate

The County, along with the California Farm Bureau Federation, remains opposed to Assembly Bill 470, as amended. AB 470 would dismantle core public obligations and accelerate the erosion of reliable, affordable telephone service - particularly in rural and high-risk areas. I believe we should not prioritize company convenience over consumer protection.

Support: SB 712 – Classic Car Smog Check Exemption

I continue to support SB 712, recently amended in the California State Senate. This bill provides exemptions for collector motor vehicles from smog checks—a win for car enthusiasts and preservationists alike.

Valley Link Sacramento Legislative Day

This month, as Chairman of the ValleyLink Board, I joined other ValleyLink leaders and met with legislators in Sacramento to promote this important rail project that will close a critical gap in the statewide rail system. ValleyLink will provide a clean, reliable alternative to congestion on Interstates 205 and 580 for more than 105,000 workers now commuting daily from their homes in San Joaquin County. It is expected to remove 33,000 cars off the Altamont Corridor, connect nearly 500 miles of commuter and intercity rail with more than 130 stations in the Northern California Megaregion, improve our air quality, and create jobs.

To learn more visit: <https://www.valleylinkrail.com/>

TRACY

- City of Tracy Block Party (Country Night) Downtown Tracy
- Tracy Police Department 7th Annual Donut Dash 2025
- TAAA Wayne Nelson Scholarship Recipients Ceremony and Juneteenth Festival
- City of Tracy Trader Joe's - Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Tandoori Flavors
- Animal Rescue of Tracy's 2024-2025 Compassion to Action Internship Award Ceremony
- Attended Tracy Fire Department and Tracy Police Department flag football fundraiser game, supporting the Tracy High Cheerleaders
- Visited the Greater Yosemite Council, Scouting America (Girl Troop 2525) which meets at the Larch Clover Community Center
- IPFES Portuguese- Holy Ghost Festa



RIPON

- Ripon Chamber Networking Coffee hosted by *Greet Ripon*
- Grand Opening of The Office - A Collaborative Workspace
- Secured funding for Ripon High School Drone Program's students' drone test certification - [read more here](#)



ESCALON

- Stuyt Dairy Farmstead Cheese Company celebrates Soft Serve Community Kickoff
- Escalon Fire Department Board Meeting and Luncheon
- Provided \$10,780 to cover the cost of the expansion of the Escalon Strong Community Garden



MOUNTAIN HOUSE

- \$16,776 Check presented to Mountain House Chamber CEO Matt Disko & VP Lisa DeLeon
- Lammersville USD Pombo Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony
- Mountain House 3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration
- City of Mountain House Fire Station No. 2 Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



COUNTYWIDE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

(PARTIAL LIST)

- San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs Association Annual Chiefs Luncheon
- San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office Fallen Officer Memorial
- San Joaquin Medical Society Annual Membership Dinner, Honoring 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Parampal K. Gill, M.D., and Young Physician Award Recipient Manreet Basra
- San Joaquin County Ag Fest
- Valley Air District Media Outreach Video
- Sponsored AgFest Champion Market Turkey Belt Buckle
- SJCOG Executive Meeting
- 10th Annual San Joaquin County Night at the Stockton Ports
- Selection of the 2025-26 SJC Grand Jury and Discharge of the 2024-25 Grand Jury
- Expanded outreach on recent SJCOG OneVoice Trip in annual Celebrate Tracy magazine, showing continued commitment to transportation infrastructure

