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In this edition of County Crossroads, we celebrate the people, programs, and milestones that make San Joaquin County strong. Our recent advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. allowed us to champion local priorities and secure support for projects that matter to our residents. Back at home, we broke ground on the SJ BeWell Campus, a major investment in behavioral health services, and launched the county's upgraded NEXGEN 311 system, making it easier than ever for residents to report issues and connect with services.

We also reaffirmed our commitment to children and families by supporting Camp HOPE, helping young survivors of trauma heal and rediscover hope, and marked one year of SJ Cares, a program demonstrating the power of coordinated outreach and behavioral health services across the county.

Of course, we paused to honor our rich history with 175th anniversary celebrations in Ripon, Escalon, and Stockton, culminating in last week's State of the County—an inspiring gathering that showcased our achievements, recognized community leaders, and highlighted the promise of the future.

These accomplishments remind us that greatness grows here. Whether through investment, advocacy, or community celebration, we are building a county that honors its past, serves its present, and prepares for a brighter future.

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Trip to DC

In September, members of the Board of Supervisors and County leadership traveled to Washington, D.C. to make sure San Joaquin County’s priorities are heard. From safer roads to better health care and more jobs, they took San Joaquin County’s priorities straight to our nation’s leaders.

Over several days, the delegation met with lawmakers and federal agencies to discuss key issues including homelessness and housing, infrastructure investment, the APHIS detector dog program, and water project funding.

Chair Paul Canepa said it best: “Our communities are best served when we are in the room, advocating face-to-face.”

The trip underscored a unified message from County leaders: federal decisions have real impacts at home, and local perspectives must continue to guide national policy discussions that shape the Valley’s future.





SJ BeWell Campus Groundbreaking

San Joaquin County has officially broken ground on the long-anticipated SJ BeWell Campus, a major milestone in the County’s commitment to expanding behavioral health services and improving access to care for residents.

Located on an 18.6-acre site near San Joaquin General Hospital in French Camp, the SJ BeWell Campus will bring a wide range of behavioral health and supportive housing services together in one place, designed to provide help when and where it is needed most.

The project includes two main areas:

- South Campus: A 76,000-square-foot Community and Outpatient Services building, a 35,250-square-foot Urgent Care Services building with 42 beds, and two residential treatment program buildings offering 132 beds.
- North Campus: Supportive Transitional Housing with 252 beds across 150,000 square feet of living space.

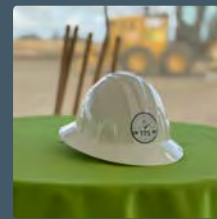
Together, these facilities will create a full continuum of care, from outpatient services and residential treatment to crisis stabilization and transitional housing, all within a single, coordinated campus.

“This project represents a generational investment in the health and well-being of San Joaquin County residents,” said the Board of Supervisors in a joint statement. “It is about meeting people where they are, removing barriers to care, and ensuring that help is available close to home.”

The \$261 million project is funded through a combination of local, state, and federal resources. Construction is expected to begin in earnest this fall, with the first building scheduled to open in July 2027. Each additional facility will open roughly six months apart, with full campus completion anticipated by 2029.

The SJ BeWell Campus is a cornerstone of San Joaquin County’s long-term effort to improve behavioral health infrastructure, reduce emergency room reliance, and provide a more compassionate, effective system of care for all residents.

Greatness Grows Here, and with projects like this, so does hope.





NexGen311 Launched - Report Illegal Dumping Online!

San Joaquin County has launched a new public service request system called NEXGEN 311, giving residents a faster and more convenient way to report issues such as potholes, illegal dumping, or roadway hazards in unincorporated areas of the County.

The new system replaces the outdated “My San Joaquin” app and introduces an upgraded platform that allows users to submit requests, upload photos, track progress, and communicate directly with County staff, all from their phone or computer.

“NEXGEN 311 makes it easier than ever for residents to get help when they need it,” said Board Chair Paul Canepa. “We are committed to improving customer service and transparency, and this new system is a major step forward.”

Residents can access NEXGEN 311 through the web at sjcdpw.public.311service.com or by downloading the free NEXGEN 311 app, available for both iOS and Android devices. Users can also continue to report issues by calling the Public Works Department at (209) 468-3000.

The transition from “My San Joaquin” to NEXGEN 311 officially took place on August 31, 2025, marking the end of the old system’s service. The new platform improves workflow efficiency, ensuring faster response times and better coordination among County departments.

The Board of Supervisors encourages residents to explore the new system and take advantage of its easy-to-use features. “Technology should make life simpler, not harder,” Canepa stated. “NEXGEN 311 delivers on that promise by making it quick, direct, and effective to report a problem and see it resolved.”

With this new tool in place, the County continues its commitment to responsive government and efficient public service—another example of how Greatness Grows Here in San Joaquin County.

NEXGEN 311



CAMP HOPE: Helping Local Children Heal from Trauma

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors approved a combined contribution of \$20,000 to the San Joaquin County Family Justice Center Foundation to support Camp HOPE, a program that helps children and teens recover from the trauma of abuse or loss.

Each Supervisor contributed \$4,000 from their district funds, expanding access for local youth to attend Camp HOPE in 2026 and bringing the county closer to establishing a permanent Camp HOPE program locally.

“Camp HOPE gives children the chance to heal, rediscover joy, and believe in their future again,” said Board Chair Paul Canepa. “This Board is proud to stand behind that mission.”

The nationally recognized, trauma-informed program provides mentorship, activities, and emotional support, helping children rebuild trust and self-esteem. The Board’s support highlights San Joaquin County’s ongoing commitment to collaboration, prevention, and recovery for families impacted by domestic violence.

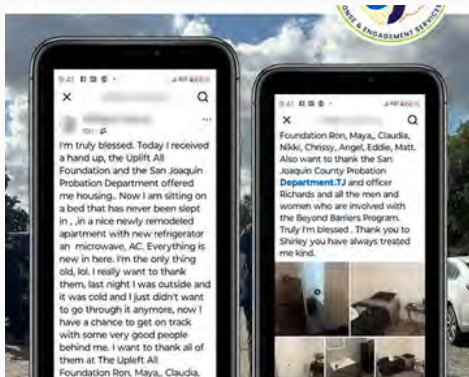
One Year of Real Change: SJCARES



The Board of Supervisors joined the San Joaquin County Probation Department to mark the first full year of the SJ CARES initiative — a bold step toward bridging behavioral health, housing, and public safety in partnership.

In just 14 months:

- Outreach teams made 4,400 contacts, engaging 770 people across the county. sjgov.org
- 484 individuals were connected with services like medical care, housing assistance and behavioral-health treatment. sjgov.org
- 85 people transitioned off the streets; nearly one-third secured permanent housing and others reunited with family. sjgov.org



Chair Paul Canepa emphasized: “Every person housed, every family reunited... makes our community stronger, safer and more compassionate.” sjgov.org

This initiative isn’t just about statistics—it’s about giving people a second chance and doing what government has always aimed to do: serve people, not paperwork.

If you’d like to refer someone or learn more, email them at sjcares@sjgov.org.



175th Anniversary Update: Celebration in Ripon, Escalon and Gala at the Haggin Museum

San Joaquin County recently commemorated its 175th anniversary with a series of community events that highlighted the rich history and vibrant future of the region.

Ripon's 175th Anniversary Celebration

On August 12, the Board of Supervisors and the Ripon City Council held a joint celebration of the County's 175th anniversary. Ripon was founded in the 1870s as a small agricultural community rooted in almond orchards and family farms. Today, it is a thriving city known for its strong schools, safe neighborhoods, and enduring small-town charm.

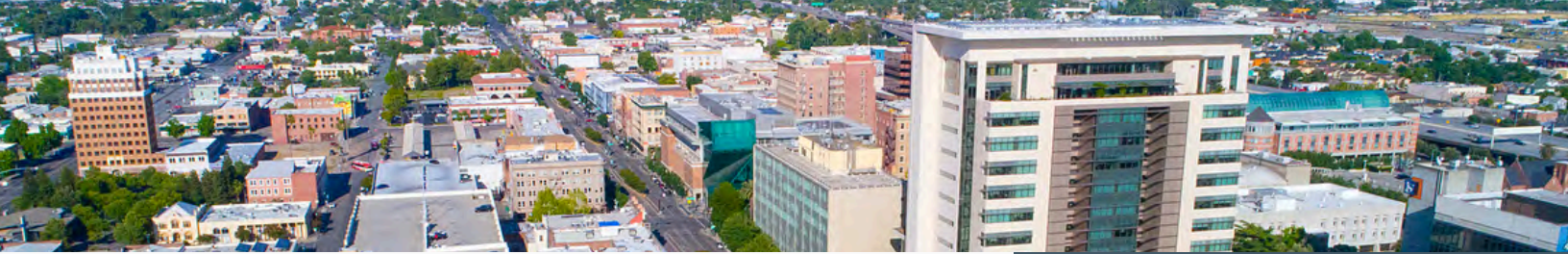
Escalon's 175th Anniversary Event

On October 6, Escalon joined the countywide celebration with a community gathering that showcased local history and culture. The event brought together residents and visitors to honor Escalon's contributions to the county's development over the past 175 years. Escalon began as a railroad and farming town in the early 1900s, built on rich soil and a strong agricultural spirit. Today, it remains a close-knit community that blends rural heritage with steady growth and hometown pride.

175th Anniversary Gala at the Haggin Museum

We shared in a beautiful anniversary celebrations on September 5 at the Haggin Museum in Stockton. The gala featured live music by the Stockton Symphony and Port City Music, offering attendees an elegant evening of local flavors, wine, and art. The event underscored the county's commitment to preserving its history and fostering community connections.

These events exemplify San Joaquin County's dedication to celebrating its past while looking forward to a promising future. A special thank you to the San Joaquin County Historical Museum for its partnership in all of these celebrations.



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