



CANEPA'S CORNER

A District 2 Dialogue

June 2026

GOLDEN MUSSELS UPDATE AND NEW WEBPAGE



Invasive golden mussels continue to threaten our Delta ecosystem, infrastructure, and local businesses. Finding a solution to the destructive species remains one of my top priorities. I, along with District 1 Supervisor Mario Gardea, implemented a special taskforce in which we are working with local stakeholders, partners across our County, at the State and federal levels, and environmental experts. Our taskforce is committed to protecting our Delta. The Board of Supervisors recently proclaimed a local emergency paving the way to procure funding for preventative and decontamination efforts. These golden mussels can cause serious damage to our water conveyance systems, flood control infrastructure, and disrupt the Delta's natural habitat.

Additionally, the Office of Emergency Services launched the [Golden Mussel Recovery Reporting page](#), where organizations can submit information regarding documented impacts and actual costs. You can also find comprehensive information about golden mussels and the latest efforts to protect our environment. A reminder: when you are out on the water, "Clean, Drain, and Dry" all watercraft and gear to prevent spreading golden mussels to other areas. Each one of us can make a difference.

SJ BEWELL CAMPUS



The SJ BeWell Campus is one of the cornerstones in achieving our Board's Strategic Priorities. I was honored to sign one of the foundation beams of the project at the recent groundbreaking. The campus will feature a new behavioral health care facility aimed at expanding access to care for San Joaquin County residents. I am passionate about this project because it's more than a facility. The campus is a commitment to our community's health and future.

When it's completed, the four-building campus house a variety of out-patient and residential behavioral health services that address mental health and substance use disorder treatment. The SJ BeWell Campus is a huge step in fulfilling our vision for a healthy San Joaquin County.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO COLONIAL HEIGHTS AND LINCOLN VILLAGE



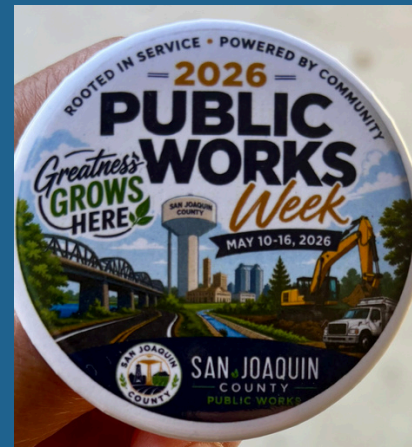
I, along with our Public Works Department, remain committed to delivering safe, reliable, and modern water infrastructure to Colonial Heights and Lincoln Village residents. Public Works has initiated a multi-phase effort to modernize and replace aging water infrastructure in the Colonial Heights and Lincoln Village Maintenance Districts. The existing water system is more than 70 years old, undersized, and requires frequent and costly maintenance. The water system rehabilitation project aims to relocate watermains into the County right-of-way, upsize pipelines, and install new service laterals, fire hydrants, and meter boxes. These improvements will enhance water reliability, improve system performance, and reduce long-term maintenance needs for both districts.

The first phase was constructed with secured outside funding and had a total project cost of \$6.1 million. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Small Community Drought Relief Program provided \$4.6 million in funding, and the remaining \$1.5 million was funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The subsequent phase continues the same water system improvements and is also largely supported by external sources, including ARPA funding of \$2.25 million for Colonial Heights and \$1.8 million for Lincoln Village, as well as an additional \$2 million for Lincoln Village through the Environmental Protection Agency's Sustainable Water Grant.

During one of my recent Coffee with Canepa events, Alex Chetley from our Public Works Department came out to provide updates and answer questions.

THANK YOU, PUBLIC WORKS!

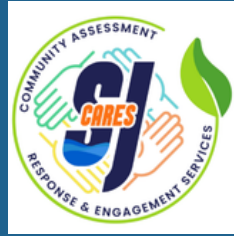


I am grateful that these crucial projects are moving forward seamlessly as our Public Works Department has transitioned to new leadership. First, I want to congratulate outgoing Director Fritz Buchman on his retirement. Thank you, Fritz, for your leadership and we wish you the best in this next chapter of your life. I am thrilled to work with our new Director Najee Zarif, who has more than 25-years of experience working in our County Public Works department. Our community can expect continued excellent service under Director Zarif's leadership.

May 17-23 also marked National Public Works Week. I had the opportunity to spend some time with members of our Public Works Department. Many thanks to these hard-working professionals who design, build, and maintain critical infrastructure in our community.

NEW DATA SHOWS WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

I am pleased to share that through commitment and collaboration, we have seen a major improvement in alleviating homelessness in San Joaquin County. The San Joaquin Continuum of Care (SJCOC) released its 2026 Point-in-Time Count data showing a 47% decrease in the number of unhoused homeless in our county. I want to recognize the great work of the Probation Department's SJCares team. This group of selfless individuals works tirelessly with partner agencies and community organizations to end homelessness. SJCares, along with other agencies, have found great success using the SHINE (Supporting Homeless to Interact, Navigate and Engage) app in monitoring and providing services to our unhoused population. The SHINE app is a real-time coordination platform that our advocates use in the field to provide outreach history, service referrals, and shelter availability. See the Point-in-Time Count data [here](#).



FOOD BANK GETS A BOOST



Struggling families suffering from food insecurity in our county are getting much-needed assistance. The demand for food assistance continues to rise. Nearly 200,000 residents were food insecure in 2024. I am committing \$150,000 in District 2 discretionary funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the Stockton Emergency Food Bank. Many thanks also to Rep. Josh Harder (District 9) who secured more than \$1 million in federal funding for a food storage expansion at the Food Bank that is necessary for continuing these services for our community.



The 17,400 square-foot Food Recovery Hub warehouse will expand the Food Bank's storage and service abilities.

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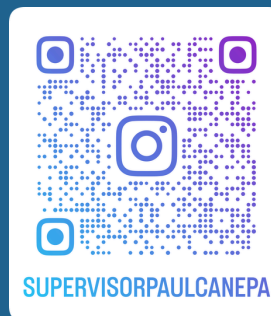
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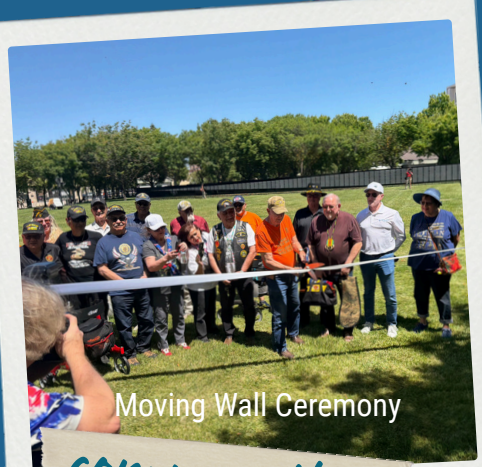


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Moving Wall Ceremony

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Public Works Week 2026



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Partnering with the Stockton Emergency Food Bank



New District Attorney's Office



Outgoing Public Works Director Honored