

NEWSLETTER

THE RICKMAN REPORT

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5



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Spring Forward in District 5

Spring has a way of reminding us what steady work can do over time. Fields that looked quiet not long ago are coming back to life, days are getting longer, and there is a renewed sense of purpose across our communities. It is a season that rewards patience and consistency, and a good moment to take stock, stay grounded, and keep moving forward with intention.

Easter carries that same spirit - renewal, hope, and the promise that brighter days are ahead. It is also a time to gather with family and friends, reflect on what matters most, and appreciate the simple things that hold a community together. Those traditions still matter; they are the foundation that keeps us connected, even as everything around us continues to change.

In District 5, that means looking out for one another, taking pride in where we live, and doing the kind of practical, everyday work that keeps our communities strong. Whether it is supporting local efforts, helping a neighbor, or staying involved in the decisions that shape our future, those actions add up. That is how progress is made, not all at once, but step by step.

It continues to be an honor to serve the residents of District 5. Thank you for staying engaged, for sharing your time and perspective, and for being part of what makes this District special.

Supervisor Robert Rickman, District 5



Please join me in sending our thoughts and prayers to the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office and the family and friends of Sgt. Jason Whelen. His service and commitment to our community will never be forgotten.

COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

San Joaquin County Releases Fiscal Impacts Related to H.R.1.

Supervisor Rickman called for and held a meeting with County leadership on March 9, 2026, to discuss the potential impacts of H.R. 1. and later in the week, led staff in a meeting with the offices of our local delegation of state legislators. Supervisor Rickman also participated in H.R. 1 discussions at the California State Association of Counties Board of Directors meeting. Recognizing the seriousness of the impacts California and its counties are facing, he asked staff to brief the full Board. On March 3, 2026, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors received an oral report from County Administration and Health and Human Services leadership outlining the estimated local impacts of H.R.1, signed into law on July 4, 2025.

Read more [here](#) and our letter to our [State Senator here](#).

Valley Link Rail Project Awarded \$10 million

As Chairman of the Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Valley Link) and a Board Member of the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), I'm proud SJCOG has approved a \$10 million SB 125 allocation to move Valley Link forward—bringing us one step closer to improving quality of life by reducing commute times, easing congestion, and giving families more time at home instead of on the road.

See [press release here](#).



San Joaquin County Urges Delta Stewardship Council to Reject Department of Water Resources' Delta Tunnel Consistency Certification

On February 27, 2026, the County issued a statement regarding the Delta Stewardship Council's hearing on appeals of the Department of Water Resources' consistency certification for the Delta Conveyance Project Delta Tunnel.

See [press release here](#).

County Projects \$23.7M in General Fund Savings Midyear but Urges Prudence

At their regularly scheduled meeting on March 17, 2026, the Board of Supervisors reviewed the midyear budget report for the current fiscal year. At the end of the fiscal year, the County projects General Fund savings of \$23.7 million as compared to the budget for the year. However, County leaders are warning that tough times may be ahead due to cuts at the state and federal levels.

See [press release here](#).



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Supervisor Rickman Submits Letter of Support for SB 1392

SB 1392 would redefine collector motor vehicle to mean a vehicle that is at least 35 years old, is used primarily in shows, parades, charitable functions, and historical exhibitions, is not used as the owner's primary mode of transportation, and is insured as a collector motor vehicle, as specified. The bill would exempt a collector motor vehicle manufactured before the 1981 model year from the requirement to obtain a certificate of compliance or noncompliance and, provides a pathway for qualifying collector vehicles to receive relief from the state's biennial smog check requirement, requires collector-vehicle insurance with proof at registration, and phases in eligibility by one model year each year, beginning January 1, 2028, until the final extension takes effect on and after January 1, 2032.

See here:

1. [Supervisor Rickman SB 1392 Support Letter](#)
2. [Leno's Law Returns in California as SB 1392 Office of SEMA Washington, D.C.](#)

Supervisor Rickman Supports Projects in San Joaquin County Cities

Throughout the year, Supervisor Rickman proudly works with the agencies and jurisdictions within his supervisorial district to promote and advocate for important projects.

See most recent here:

1. [Support for the City of Tracy Request for the I-205, Lammers Road, and 11th Street Interchange Project](#)
2. [Support for the City of Tracy Request for the Corral Hollow Road Phase 4 Project](#)
3. [Letter of Support for the City of Tracy's Animal Shelter Community Center](#)
4. [Letter of Support for the City of Tracy Police Department's Drone as a First Responder Program](#)
5. [City of Escalon's application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's FY25 Disaster Supplemental Program for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade](#)



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TRACY

- McKinley Elementary School Literacy Night
- Drift & Blast Zone Grand Opening
- City of Tracy "State of the City"
- Tracy Learning Center Student STEM Event
- First Presbyterian Church of Tracy "100 Year Celebration"
- Veterans Mobile Medical Unit Community Visit
- Tracy Sister City Association: Welcome Sister City Visitors from Memuro, Japan
- Golden Bridge Initiative Celebration of the Ancient Festival of Nowruz
- GFWC Tracy Woman's Club Annual Tea Party
- Tracy Sunrise Rotary 33th Annual Shrimp Dinner



RIPON

- Networking Coffee hosted by Clarence Smit Museum
- District Hours at Ripon City Hall
- One Church Ripon 10th Anniversary
- Austin's Coffee Crafters (Darpinian Family) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Central Valley Chapter Banquet



ESCALON

- Every 15-Minutes Escalon High School
- Escalon District Hours at City Hall
- Business Check-in with Escalon Nutrition
- Community Check-in with Escalon Strong



MOUNTAIN HOUSE

- Future Leaders Board Recognition of MH High School Students for their Vitals First Campaign Initiative
- Mountain House Matters Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Mountain House Chamber Office Launch
- District Attorney's Office Presentation about the Dangers of Fentanyl
- Mountain House Little League Opening Day Ceremony
- Poorba's Holi 2026 Celebration
- Costa Park Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony



COUNTYWIDE MEETINGS AND EVENTS (PARTIAL LIST)

- iHub San Joaquin Innovation Summit
- San Joaquin Farm Bureau Meeting
- SJCOG Electric Carsharing Services Expansion Miocar Station Launch
- CALCOG Board Meeting
- San Joaquin County District Attorneys Cold Case Press Conference
- San Joaquin County Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting
- Medal of Honor Day Ceremony hosted by American Legion Karl Ross Post 16
- Ava Community Energy Board of Directors Meeting
- Ceremonial “First Ride” Marking Launch of Knights of Care’s Senior and Veteran Transportation Service
- “The Moving Wall” Breakfast Event
- San Joaquin County Parks & Recreation Micke Grove Easter Egg Hunt

