

THE RICKMAN REPORT

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5



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A father's strength is measured not by what he carries, but by the lives he lifts.

Happy Father's Day.

Celebrating Achievement, Honoring Sacrifice.

As May comes to a close, it is a fitting time to reflect on a season of growth, achievement, and community across District 5. Families celebrated graduations, neighbors gathered for spring events, and many enjoyed the longer, warmer days that make this time of year so special.

Graduation season serves as a powerful reminder that hard work, perseverance, and investment in our youth create opportunities for the future. Congratulations to all of the students who reached this important milestone. Your accomplishments show personal success and a bright future for our communities.

This month, we also paused to observe Memorial Day and honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. Memorial Day is a sacred day of remembrance—a time to honor those who answered the call, stood in the breach, and made the ultimate sacrifice so that future generations could live in freedom. We remain forever grateful to our fallen heroes and the families who carry their legacy forward.

This spirit of progress, service, and community continues to guide my work and the efforts of my dedicated staff. Whether advancing critical infrastructure projects, strengthening public safety, supporting economic opportunity, or improving county services, we remain focused on delivering results that enhance quality of life and help District 5 move forward.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support. Together, we are building stronger communities, creating new opportunities, and ensuring District 5 remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

— **Robert Rickman**
San Joaquin County Supervisor, District 5

COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

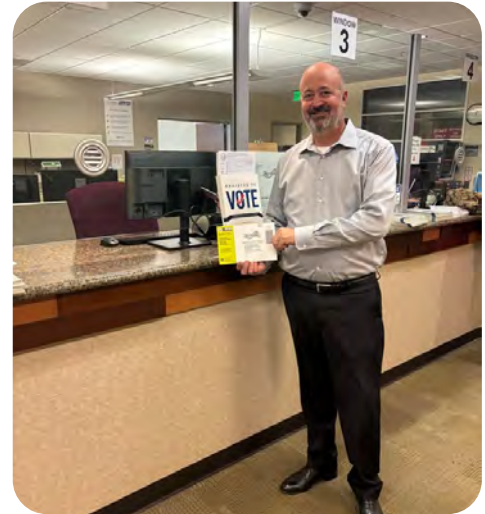
Statewide Primary Election

Don't forget to vote. Polls will close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, June 2, 2026, at which time the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters will release its first results. This initial report will include all Vote-by-Mail ballots received through Saturday, May 30, 2026, along with all ballots cast during the early voting period.

Election results and updates will be available at www.sjcrov.org. For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters Office at (209) 468-VOTE (8683) or Registrar@sjgov.org.

See the press release [here](#).

For options to cast your ballot, find details [here](#).



Countywide High School Internship Program

Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors, whether they be continuing your education or immediately entering the workforce.

Juniors – about to become Seniors – I encourage you to consider the [countywide high school internship program](#) I pushed for, which provides students across San Joaquin County with the opportunity to build real-world experience in departments that traditionally have not offered internships.

Our County Human Resources Department partnered with a local nonprofit San Joaquin A+ to handle hiring and payroll for student interns. Under the program, each department participating in the summer program will pay approximately \$1,000 per student intern, with the other half of the program cost covered by San Joaquin A+.

Do not wait, the process begins in September ([Schedule](#)). If you are a high school located in San Joaquin County and you are interested in partnering with San Joaquin A+ to provide students with valuable career experiences, please reach out to them directly at careers@sjaplus.org.

See press release [here](#).

Awareness: Ag Commissioner Urges Residents To Report Possible Invasive Pest on Grape Plants Sold at Costco

The San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner's Office is urging residents to take immediate precautions after the invasive glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) was discovered on grape plants sold at Costco stores throughout the wider Northern California Region, including the Central Valley. The Costco stores in Stockton, Lodi, Manteca, and Tracy are among those that received these grape plants from a wholesale nursery located in Fresno County.

If you purchased a grapevine from Costco in an affected county between April 21 and May 19, please see the press release [here](#) for important instructions.



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY: MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and Directors' Conference

It is a pleasure to serve as your county representative on the Policy Council, which provides a forum for our Valley to communicate easily and effectively on regional issues that impact us all, like transportation, air quality and advocacy efforts. Working regionally to identify action items that--when implemented by individual Regional Planning Agencies--result in a single vision for the entire San Joaquin Valley. At our latest gathering, our group covered a wide range of federal and state topics and focused on collaboratively refining valley-wide priorities and legislative efforts.



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San Joaquin Council of Governments One Voice

This advocacy trip can be tasking, but I proudly travel to Washington, D.C. annually, in unison with local government officials and colleagues to promote our local projects and advocate for funding needed to complete them. This public-private delegation comes together to select prioritized projects before visiting congressional and federal departmental representatives in Washington, D.C., to pursue funding and grant opportunities. One Voice is an advocacy program to promote projects, programs, and issues of regional significance to federal legislators and agencies.

A sample of projects advocated for include:

- State Route 120/Airport Way Diverging Diamond Interchange Project
- Byron Highway Widening Project
- I-205 Managed Lanes and SR 99/120 Connector Project
- Stockton Metropolitan Airport Taxiway D Extension and Upgrade Phase I
- Grant Line Road Realignment Project (Tracy City Limits to Eleventh Street)
- San Joaquin Street Station Layover Track Project
- I-205 Mountain House Parkway/International Parkway Interchange
- Valley Link Passenger Rail

2026 CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (CSAC)

This conference provides an invaluable opportunity to engage with legislators, state leaders, and county peers, to collaborate and address critical issues facing our communities. CSAC advocates on behalf of all 58 of its member California's counties. Its directorship is comprised of appointed supervisors from each of the member counties. CSAC's strength lies in the ability to come together and advocate for the resources and local control counties need to deliver essential services. During this conference, the topics and challenges we broached covered homelessness, transportation, law and justice, the state budget and its impacts, healthcare and wellness, environment and natural resources, rural and urban matters, among others. We earnestly look for every opportunity to collaborate with our state legislature and state partners but remain steadfast as we work to safeguard local needs amid an anticipated budget deficit.

DISTRICT 5 IN ACTION

MAY 2026

TRACY

- Love Tracy Community Event
- Taps on Tenth
- West High Air Force Junior ROTC Annual Pass-in-Review
- Nick The Greek Souvlaki & Gyro House-Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
- Delta Charter Middle School Wax Museum - Recreation of Historical Figures
- Tracy Buccaneers Youth Football and Cheer - Check Presentation (\$10,046)
- Sam Matthews Park Dedication & Ribbon Cutting
- James McDermott- American Legion Post #172 Memorial Day Ceremony
- Sutter Tracy Imaging Center Open House & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



MOUNTAIN HOUSE

- Iron Zone Gym Ribbon Cutting
- Mountain House Bike Rodeo
- Mountain House Little League Check Presentation (\$10,136)
- Veterans Liberty Garden Project Groundbreaking Ceremony



RIPON

- American Legion Post # 190 Memorial Day Ceremony
- District Office Hours at Ripon City Hall
- Farmers Market Event



ESCALON

- 17th Annual Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District Appreciation Dinner
- District Office Hours at City Hall
- Business Check-in with The Barn
- Coffee with a Cop - Escalon PD
- Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by American Legion Post #263



COUNTYWIDE MEETINGS AND EVENTS (PARTIAL LIST)

- SJC Community Clean-Up Event at San Joaquin River Club
- Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin – Collaborative Courts Commencement Ceremony
- AgFest Camp Check Presentation (\$8,250)
- San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Recognition of Judge Barbara Kronlund’s Retirement
- San Joaquin Board of Supervisors Veterans Recognition of Bruce Cleaver
- The Moving Wall Opening Ceremonies
- San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs Association Collaborator’s Meeting
- San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Meeting
- The Moving Wall Remembrance Ceremony
- CSAC Legislative Conference
- CALCOG Board Meeting
- San Joaquin County Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting

