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State of the County & 250 Years of America

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This year, as our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary, I have so much gratitude for the promise of America and on my own American journey. Forty years ago, I arrived from India with hope for a better future. Today, I have the honor and privilege of serving the people of San Joaquin County.



Our nation's 250th anniversary is a celebration of the ideals that have shaped America: opportunity, service, and community. Those same ideals are at the heart of this year's State of the County theme: "United in Service. Focused on the Future."

I invite you to join us on October 14, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Great Wolf Lodge in Manteca as we celebrate the people and progress that make San Joaquin County special.

You'll hear about the accomplishments of the past year and our vision for the future, meet the people behind the services you rely on, and connect with community leaders and fellow residents.

Most importantly, the State of the County is a celebration of San Joaquin County, our people, our thriving agricultural industry, our growing communities and the thoughtful progress taking place across all of our Districts.

I hope you'll join us on October 14.

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News of Note

- Board Approves New Contract for More Than 4,000 County Employees
- San Joaquin County Cracks Down on Catalytic Converter Theft
- San Joaquin County Agriculture Generates $7.4 Billion and 35,000 Jobs to Local Economy
- San Joaquin County Announces Long-Term Closure of Foothill Sanitary Landfill
- First Human Case of West Nile Virus in San Joaquin County in 2026

Celebrating San Joaquin County Employees

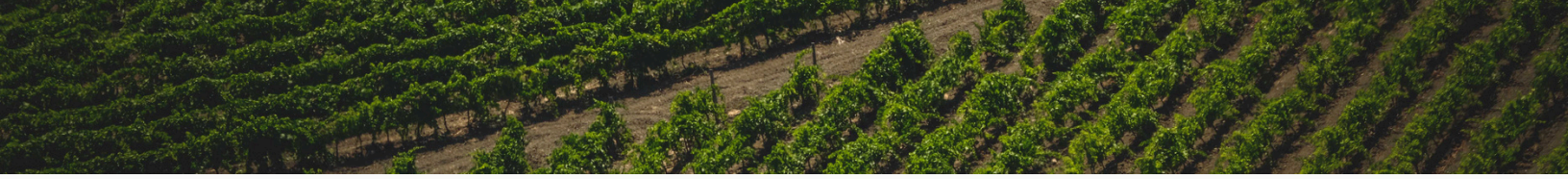




Our employees are the heartbeat of San Joaquin County. From Public Works to Employment and Economic Development, they work every day to ensure essential County services are delivered to our community.

At our recent Service Awards Ceremony, the Board recognized 161 employees from 15 departments who retired or reached a service milestone between September 2025 and April 2026. We proudly celebrated 132 retirees representing 17 departments, along with employees marking significant milestones in their years of County service.

These awards are a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment our employees bring to serving San Joaquin County. Congratulations to all of our honorees, and thank you for the countless contributions you have made to our County and our community!



Golden Mussels Emergency Proclamation and a Win in the Fight Against the Delta Tunnels Plan

During its last meeting, the Board voted to extend the emergency proclamation to combat the golden mussels threat. Supervisors Gardea and Canepa continue to work with an Ad Hoc Golden Mussel Committee that includes the Port of Stockton, San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency, San Joaquin Delta Neighborhood Watch, the San Joaquin Farm Bureau, among others. In September, they will lead members of the Western Regional Panel on a tour of the Delta to highlight the region's challenges, response efforts, and promote national advocacy to address the problem. https://www.sjgov.org/department/bos/board-news/board-news-detail/2026/08/06/board-extends-emergency-golden-mussels

District Four Supervisor Steve Ding had the opportunity to hit the water and get a bird's eye view of our beautiful waterways and the threat posed by golden mussels.

He joined Senator Jerry McNerney, Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limon, San Joaquin County Public Works Director Najee Zarif, a Restore the Delta representative, and other advocates for a boat tour. The group viewed water intake facilities that support our communities and agriculture and observe wildlife habitat. We continue to assess the risks and damage caused by the golden mussels and discuss ways we can work together against this threat.



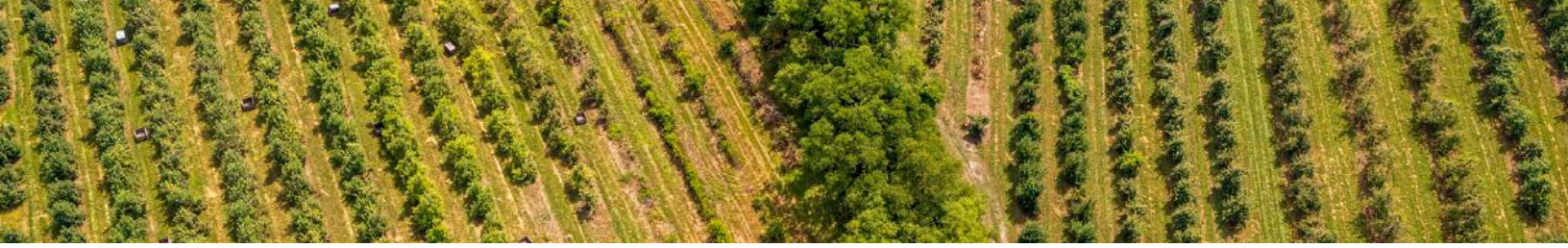
The latest effort to force through the Delta Tunnel project will not advance through the State legislature this year. AB 2215 was pulled from committee thanks to efforts by local leaders, advocates, tribes, farmers, and residents who have worked tirelessly to preserve our Delta. This bill would have paved the way for the Delta Conveyance Project while weakening accountability and putting the interests of our Delta communities, environment, and economy at risk.





The Delta Counties Coaltion (DCC) has launched a Facebook page to inform our residents of real-time policy updates, community alerts, and information about issues affection our region.

Follow the DCC's new page: www.facebook.com/deltacountiescoalition



County Roundup



Lathrop Police Chief Stephen Sealy received the Patriotic Recognition



Dr. Gurinder Grewal received a Commendation Recognition



Proclamation of August 17 as Laura DeForce Gordon Day



Recognition of Serving Handz for Outstanding Youth Leadership



Recognition of Retirement for Stockton Metropolitan Airport Director



Proclamation of June as Gun Violence Awareness Month

County Calendar



- August 18 - Regular Board Meeting

9am, County Administration Building, 44 N. San Joaquin Street, Stockton

- August 20 - Town Hall with Supervisor Canepa

11-1pm, 678 N Wilson Way, Stockton

- August 25 - Town Hall with Supervisor Canepa

10-11am, 227 Doris Place, Stockton

- August 27 - Community Forum with Supervisor Gardea

5:30-7:30pm, Garden Acres Community Center

- October 14 - State of the County

10-12:30pm, Great Wolf Lodge, Manteca



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