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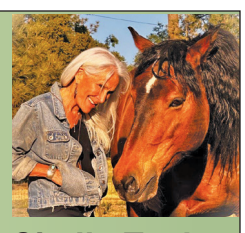
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No 'sugar coating': FAIR plan rates to increase for mountain communities

By David Jerome
Editor

Locals gathered in the Idyllwild Community Center meeting room on Sept. 16 for a presentation from a representative of the California Department of Insurance (CDI).

Andrea Maldonado, who came at the invitation of the Mountain Community Fire Safe Council, described herself as an outreach analyst 25% of the time and an ombudsperson 75% of the time.

MCFSC executive director Callie Squires introduced Maldonado, who noted that some bravery was required to address Idyllwild homeowners on the subject of fire insurance.

Maldonado said she was not going to "sugarcoat" the facts of rising insurance rates. Members of the audience often interrupted the presentation, shifting the subject from a dry technical overview to the specifics of a community at the forefront of a crisis. Maldonado offered to talk about individual cases after the presentation.

The talk began with some history, starting with the last major insurance reform in California, 1988's Prop. 103. That proposition expanded to the role of the CDI to regulate property, automobile and life insurance, and required that the department approve rates submitted by insurers before they take effect. It also made the Insurance Commissioner an elected position.

Since then, Maldonado said, Californians have seen historic inflation, insurers leaving the state, an increasing number of natural disasters, the growth of the FAIR plan, and increasing cost of reinsurance – the insurance for insurance companies.

The FAIR plan, Maldonado emphasized, was never intended to be a long-term solution, but to be part of a plan to prevent the complete collapse of the market.

The worst news for locals was that FAIR plan customers will be seeing big increases soon. As of Oct. 15, rates for new and renewing policies will rise an average of 29.1% statewide. This is down from the 35.8% that was requested. For 80% of homes, these increases will be modest, 5 to 6%, and some may see rates decrease. But for those in high risk zones like Idyllwild, rates may rise 50 to 100%.

As to the number of insurers doing business in the state, Maldonado noted that before 2022, 12 companies sold 85% of homeowner's insurance policies in California, but seven of those companies pulled out or stopped selling new policies. Insurance companies were losing money in the state.

She emphasized that insurers are returning to the state, expanding coverage or filing plans to write new policies, but pricesstill be high. One listener asked, "Who cares if they are here if you can't afford it?"

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Cal Fire, USFS, IFPD explain community safety projects at Mountain Area Safety Taskforce meeting

By David Jerome
Editor

Among the most important presentations at the Sept. 9 meeting of the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce were the briefings on the fuel reduction projects that protect the mountain communities. The three main agencies involved in this work provided updates; United States Forest Service, Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire, and Idyllwild Fire, as did the State Parks and local nonprofit Mountain Communities Firesafe Council.

The Forest Service was represented by both Battalion Chief Chris Fogle and Zone District Assistant Fire Management Officer Scotty Mason.

The Forest Service has several prescribed burn projects they would like to attempt this fall or spring, Mason said, depending on weather and fuels moisture levels. The largest is Thomas Mountain. The other is the North Fork phase 1. This will treat the drainage that brought the Cranston Fire close to Idyllwild in 2018. This project is still in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

Mason noted that as conditions permit, locals will begin to see smoke from pile burning around FS stations.

Fogle briefed on progress on the "very long" Strawberry fuel break. "The north part has just been completed and the large majority of that work was done, due to our partnership agreement, by Idyllwild Fire employees. They had a masticator out there, they had one to two fuels crews out there. We had some of our folks assisting with that. That part of the fuel break has been completed."

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Idyllwild Water board hears estimated cost of wastewater plant rehab has increased to $14 million

By David Jerome
Editor

The September meeting of the board of Idyllwild Water District was technically two meetings, a regular meeting followed by a special meeting. The second meeting was required because an item was brought up by General Manager Bill Rojas after the regular meeting's agenda had been posted.

That item was a resolution to update the project reimbursement amount for the wastewater treatment project. The resolution proposed increasing the maximum from $9,908,000 to $14,233,000.

A special district board must pass such a resolution so that they may reimburse the district's accounts for expenditures incurred for a project before grant or loan funding is secured for that project.

The GM's report notes an August 28 meeting with Dudek, the engineering firm hired to provide the plans for the project. After the meeting, Rojas explained to the Town Crier that although he had hoped to bring the cost of the project down by using prefabricated bioreactors to replace the 56-year-old primary treatment tank, calculations showed that to keep the flow capacity needed, the tank would have to be concrete, and cast in place.

Board members expressed shock at the new number. Steve Olson asked how the price had increased by 40%. Rojas answered only that costs had increased. He said that during the ongoing meetings with Dudek he was looking for ways to make cuts, do the work in stages and separate out the most urgent parts of the project. He said that they were looking at how much of the existing plant could be kept.

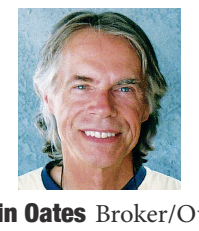
The present plan, according to Rojas, envisions restoring the existing equalization and primary treatment tanks as soon as new tanks are constructed. The equalization basin is a buffer that allows the plant to process a steady flow as the input goes up and down each day. IWD would essentially end up with redundancy in these two largest components. It is not possible now to take either of the two tanks offline for any period past a few hours for repair.

In answer to a question from the Town Crier as to what the monthly payments on a $14 million dollar loan would be, CFO Hosny Shouman gave the figure $55,000, adding that the interest rate on the loan the district is applying for recently increased from less than 2 percent to 2.2%.

The plant presently serves fewer than 600 customers, although some of these customers, like the Idyllwild

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Idyllwild Water

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School, and the Idyllwild Arts Academy, are quite large, and the downtown business district also depends on it. The directors discussed the possibility of serving more households. The plant normally functions at about half its rated capacity of 250,000 gallons per day, although winter storms bring "Infiltration and Inflow," raising the flow to near capacity.

Director John Stamper said that some properties within the zone the plant serves will not pass a percolation test for septic tanks, and offering them sewer service would allow construction, increasing their property values. Shouman, when asked the present cost of a sewer hook up, said $15,000.

Shouman said that the district was not presently accepting new sewer customers, and brought up the idea of reducing the fee to encourage new sewer accounts, but added that running pipe to new customers is costly. Directors agreed that the district would have a hard time finding hundreds of new customers.

Shouman said that the district's sewer fund reserves were now at $2 million, and that he had begun setting aside $55,000 each month towards the project.

Income from sewer customers now comes to $106,981 per month. Under a plan passed by the board in 2023, there are still two years of 13% sewer rate increases planned. With no additional customers this would bring income to $136,604 per month.

Schelly weighed in after the other directors. He said his biggest concern was that with every delay, the price, once upon a time $2 million, has risen. He said he wants to get a contract with prices locked in as soon as possible. "I don't like $14 million at all, didn't like 6 or 8 or 10 million…. The rate at which it is going up is startling. I would like us to get a contractor and a start date."

Schelly said it was "very frustrating" to see costs go up with plans still unfinished and no construction date.

The board voted to approve the resolution increasing the reimbursement limit four in favor and one, Mitch Davis, against.

The board also heard that the two funding avenues, loans and grants, are still being pursued simultaneously. The new cost estimate was submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for review as the district's loan application is under review. The WRCB is asking for more documentation.

Shouman noted that they might only approve the district for $10 million, forcing IWD to pay for the balance from reserves.

Meanwhile, the pursuit of grant funding continues. The Median Household Income Survey has been completed, and Rojas reported that the final figure was $65,000, well below the $79,298 cap. The numbers must be verified by the state before being submitted to the WRCB. Falling below the cap, the district must still face competition from other districts for limited grant funding.

Idyllwild Water hears of low water loss, approves new heating and cooling system for GM's residence

By David Jerome
Editor

At the Sept. 16 meeting of Idyllwild Water District's board of directors General Manager Bill Rojas reported water loss for August at 2% on production of just over 9.4 million gallons. He attributed the low figure to the replacement of a meter at the treatment plant which was now tracking with the meters at the wells.

The project to add a new hydrant in the Strawberry Creek Plaza was completed. This was required by fire code.

The board also approved an expenditure not to exceed $13,370 for heating and cooling systems for the Pine Crest house purchased by the district in 2024 and used as a residence for the GM.

The proposal from Idyllwild Heating and Cooling noted that alterations made over the course of the building's life had made the present central heating system, installed approximately 37 years ago, difficult to access. The contractor suggested installing two mini splits and a propane wall heater.

Board president Charles Schelly expressed concern. With the sewer plant project the district's main priority, he said that perhaps this should be held and included in next year's budget. He noted the other additional costs around the house, including fencing, a gate, and paving, and added that the project, when voted on, had a price limit, and said "I think we've reached it. I'd like to wait until next year."

GM Rojas told the board there had been problems during the past winter with the furnace working intermittently, and that during the summer inside temperatures had reached "around 90 degrees."

In the end the board approved the new heating and cooling system, but with the caveat that there would be no more money spent on the house until the next budget.



A hawk surveys a sea of clouds

PHOTO BY BILL RHOADES

Forest Devastation



Dear editor:

Living in a setting surrounded by the forest changes you. Falling in love with a new trail, stopping to acknowledge a towering tree, hearing the wind rustling leaves evoke moments of awe. Anyone who has spent time in nature understands that emotion.

If a divine entity created human beings, the intent was brilliant. As a species we are forced to be vigilant to the needs of our progeny. It's a lesson learned immediately and becomes a burden and joy that never ends. It also equips us to be guardians of the Earth.

Unfortunately someone who rarely leaves the confines of privilege now views the natural environment as prime real estate. Open spaces, clean air, roaring rivers, and vast wilderness are threatened if that person continues to wield unbridled power.

Voters have the power to stop devastation of our planet. The current President and his ultra-wealthy donors are focused on profitability rather than protection. A vote to quench unrestrained power is the privilege and duty of the people. We must vote for a future that rewards all of us.

Mary Rider
Idyllwild

Prop 38 proposes bond funding for medical research

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Proposition 38 is a November ballot request for voter approval for the state to borrow money. This proposition is asking approval to issue $8.4 billion in bonds for immunology and immunotherapy research.

The funding would be split into halves. One half will fund research in immunology and immunotherapy. Immunology is the study of the body's immune system and how it protects the body from abnormal cells and other causes of disease.

The other half of the funding will fund immunology research on cancer, heart disease, and Alzheimer's disease.

Many medical professionals and researchers support the proposition, but there is strong opposition. The language specifies that half of the funding will go to a single University of California-affiliated nonprofit medical research institute, and half to competitive research grants.

While the California Department of Public Health would select the institute, the selected institute must meet several criteria, which eliminate all candidates except the UCLA affiliated California Institute for Immunology and Immunotherapy.

Among the criteria that the single institute must meet are the following: it must be a nonprofit founded before 2025; focus on immunology and immunotherapy research rather than research broadly; be affiliated with a University of California campus with a medical center that serves a minimum number of patients (currently only UCLA meets that threshold); and meet a minimum square footage requirement for the size of the research institute.

Prop 38 language does require that 10 percent of any revenue generated from discoveries funded from this source must be given to the state to help offset the cost of the bond and interest.

Among the supporters of Prop 38 are the Alzheimer's Association/AIM, American Nurses Association\California, Parkinson's Foundation, and the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

The League of Women Voter's opposes Prop 38. While medical research can save lives, they argue Prop 38 is the wrong way to fund it. Borrowing is a poor way to pay for ongoing scientific research, they say, arguing that bonds are best suited to long-lived investments such as buildings and infrastructure.

"Further Research royalties are no reason to take on $8.4 billion in debt. When voters approved $3 billion for stem-cell research in 2004, supporters pointed to royalties and millions in new state revenue. By 2022, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine reported only $15.6 million in its licensing and royalties fund from royalty payments," the League wrote in its opposition statement.

As of the end of June, proponents have spent more than $12 million advocating its passage. Since then, Gary K. Michelson, an American orthopedic surgeon, medical inventor, and billionaire philanthropist, has donated $12 million personally and another $2 million from his Center for Public Policy. The Center had already given $8.2 million in support of Prop 38.

There is no organized committee with financing to oppose Prop 38.



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Idyllwild Weather

source: www.accuweather.com

Day	High / Low	Conditions
Wednesday 9/23	80 °F / 61 °F	Plenty of sunshine
Thursday 9/24	80 °F / 63 °F	Mostly sunny
Friday 9/25	78 °F / 60 °F	Mostly sunny and beautiful
Saturday 9/26	81 °F / 62 °F	Some sunshine
Sunday 9/27	80 °F / 48 °F	Sunny to partly cloudy
Monday 9/28	76 °F / 48 °F	Mostly sunny
Tuesday 9/29	87 °F / 49 °F	Sunny and warmer



Community Events
September 23rd - September 29th
Wednesday September 23rd
ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Chair Tai Chi Class -11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- ICC Senior Cabaret Workshop/Rehearsal - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Library events:
- Storytime: "Autumn"- 11:00am - 12:00pm
- Faces & Places Reading Group: "Internment Camps" 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Thursday September 24th
Library events:
- Yarn Club: 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Afternoon STEAM: Apple-CANO 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Ukes for Peace Jam - 4:45pm - 5:30pm

ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 8:30am-9:30am - Town Hall
- Fit After 50 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St

Friday September 25th
ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 8:30am-9:30am - Town Hall
- Tai Chi - 9:45am - 10:30am - Town hall
- Free Senior Yoga - 10:45 am - 11:45 am - Town Hall
- Chair Exercise Class -12:00-1:00pm - Town Hall
- Fit After 50 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Town Hal

Saturday September 26th
ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 8:30am-9:30am
- Idyllwild's Yoga and Wellness Festival - 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday September 27th
ICC events:
- Farmers Market – 9:00am - 2:00pm – Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Monday September 28th
ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Tai Chi Class- 10:30 am - 11:30am
- Chair Exercise Class-12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- ICC Senior Cabaret Workshop/Rehearsal - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Tuesday September 29th
ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 7:00am-8:00am & 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Fit After 50 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St

Idyllwild Library:
- **Library CLOSED - Staff Training**

Idyllwild Shuttle Service:
Local Shuttle Service
- Monday - Sunday: Local service Off-the-Hill

Transportation:
- Mondays: Trips to the Desert
- Wednesdays: Trips to Hemet/Temecula
- Fridays: Off-the-Hill destination (varies)
- Wheelchair accessible.
- For reservations or information, call (951) 426-9688 or visit www.forestfolk.org.

Food Distributions:
- First Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
- ICC Feeding America food distribution. Free. Held at Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Alternate Thursdays, 12:45–2:00 p.m.
- Food distribution at the LDS Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd.
- Sign up by noon on the Monday before distribution at mountain aid.net.
- Participants will receive a text message with their pickup time to help reduce wait times.
- Donations are appreciated.

Coming Up!

Saturday, September 26

Forest Service Biologist Heidi Hoggan at the Nature Center
Hoggan will speak about the secret mines of Idyllwild. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243.

Braver Angels
Braver Angels organizes events across the country to "transform political polarization" with respectful dialog. RSVP 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Idyllwild Yoga & Wellness Festival
Yoga, wellness, food, music. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Monday, September 28

Fourth Monday Players present: "Neat Strip" by Damon Runyan
Director Mick Lynch and the Fourth Monday Players present "Neat Strip," Damon Runyan's quick-paced 1940s comedy — a love story with an unexpected twist, to Middle Ridge Winery in vintage radio theater style. Free, 5:00 p.m., Middle Ridge Winery 54301 North Circle Dr.

Thursday, October 1

Idy Creeps at the Rustic Theater
Director and Producer Sammy Busby and a dozen local actors will stage scenes from everyone's favorite horror films live on the Rustic's stage. The scenes will be drawn from films including *Poltergeist, The Shining, Psycho, Whatever Happened to Baby Jane, Hereditary, The Exorcist, The Blair Witch Project, Carrie,* and *Misery*. $20, 7:00 p.m., the Rustic Theater, 54290 North Circle Dr.

Saturday, October 3

Falconers Jamie Lessie and Derek Thrasher at the Nature Center
Meet two local falconers and their hunting birds. Learn about these raptors and the ancient practice of falconry including how the birds are trained. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243.

Strut Your Mutt: Dog show for mixed breeds only

Mixed breed dog show to benefit Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends. Categories for all sizes, x-small to x-large. Inexperience encouraged. Bring a short narrative about your dog. Food vendors. Register your pup online at: www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing.strut-your-mutt-3 or before the event 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. $20 entry. Categories begin at 1:00 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center, 54195 Ridgeview Dr.

Rotary Town Hall Bingo to benefit Idyllwild School PTO
The last Idyllwild Rotary Bingo Night until spring will benefit Idyllwild School's PTO. Chili, Hot Dogs, Corn Bread, Drinks and Brownies ages 18 and over only, doors open at 4:30 p.m, , play begins at 5:00. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St

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Staged scenes from favorite horror films, see entry under Thursday, Oct. 1, $20, 7:00 p.m., the Rustic Theater, 54290 North Circle Dr.

Sunday, October 4

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Staged scenes from favorite horror films, see entry under Thursday, Oct. 1. $20, 3:00 p.m., the Rustic Theater, 54290 North Circle Dr

Wednesday, October 7

Candidate for State Assembly Leila Namvar

Idyllwild Indivisible hosts Democratic candidate for state assembly Leila Namvar at the Idyllwild Public Library, 5:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner at Ferro to Benefit Soroptimist House of Hope
All proceeds support scholarships for women and Soroptimist House of Hope, helping women in recovery. Raffle baskets. Tickets start $40. For tickets and sponsorship information call (909) 239-8232 or email siidyllwild73@gmail.com

Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10

Mountain Quilters Quilt Show
Idyllwild Mountain Quilters host exhibition of their latest handiwork. New and Vintage quilts, some for sale. Handmade gifts, fabric sale, themed "opportunity" quilts and baskets. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Idyllwild Community Church, 54400 North Circle.

Saturday, October 10

Trail of the Acorn at the Nature Center
Cahuilla elders share their culture and traditions. Activities for kids and adults, and a special blessing ceremony for the 600-year-old "Mother Oak."Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243.

Art Alliance of Idyllwild 28th Annual Art Walk & Wine Tasting
Sample wines from more than 15 wineries from across California, browse the work of more than 20 local and regional artists, and enjoy live music throughout Idyllwild's scenic, walkable business district. Early bird tickets are $35 for AAI members and $45 for non-members. After September 1, prices increase to $50 for members and $60 for non-members. Tickets purchased on October 10 are $70. Visit aai.clubexpress.com
. Booths open at noon, wine tasting 1 - 4 p.m.

Monday, October 12

Indigenous People's Day at Idyllwild Arts Academy
For the sixth year, the Academy and its Native American Arts Center welcome the community to a day of free programs honoring the contributions of Indigenous artists worldwide. Cahuilla Bird Singers, Keynote presentations, live music with Diné indie punk rock band Sihasin, Indigenous foods luncheon, glass blowing demonstration, culturally inspired hands-on activities. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

Discover Mountain Gardening at the Nature Center
Members of the Idyllwild Garden Club will share their gathered knowledge about gardening in our local micro climate, and best practices with native plants with three speakers, refreshments, bulb and native plant sales, lilac food and Alpaca Gold for sale. This meeting is free to everyone, and is ideal for those who may not be able to come to the Garden Club's Wednesday meetings.
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy

No Kings Protest
Organized by Idyllwild Indivisible as part of nationwide day of action focused on early voting and election protection. 11:00 a.m., starting at Art Dept., 54240 Pine Crest Ave.

Saturday, October 24

Creepy Crawly Day at the Nature Center
Meet spiders and snakes, eat treats, costumes encouraged. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy_

Songs and Stories of the living woods with Dryad flute and guitar duo
Dryad presents a musical conversation with the soul of a living tree. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic blanket. Under the Black Oak at the far side of the entrance meadow, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Idyllwild County Park, 54000 Riverside County Playground Rd.

Hoedown at the Rustic Theater to benefit the Living Free Affordable Animal Care Clinic

2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Rustic Theater 54290 N. Circle Dr

Friday, November 20

Senior Cabaret at Town Hall
ICC presents the 4th annual Senior Fireside Cabaret. Sign up is open for the 12 week workshop in which participants prepare their story and a song to present to the community.



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WILDOMAR, CA 92595

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Riverside County on 08/20/2026.
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I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

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R-202610329

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 16, 23, 30, August 6, September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PARTY ZONE WHOLESALE INC., 23942 ALESSANDRO BLVD 3K,MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing address: P.O. BOX 4912, ANAHEIM, CA 92803.

PARTY ZONE WHOLESALE INC.
23942 ALESSANDRO BLVD #K
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

State of Corporation: CA

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
ALISA GRANGER SHARON
PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 08/13/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202611907

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

CVCO2607614
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. Buena Vista Avenue, Rm 201, Corona, CA 92882. Branch name: Corona Branch.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Michelle Paulina Gamez Aguiniga filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: Michelle Paulina Gamez Aguiniga Changed to Proposed name: Michelle Paulina Aguiniga.

b. Present name: Michelle Paulina Gamez Aguiniga Changed to Proposed name Michelle Paulina Aguiniga Gamez.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 10/21/2026. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above, Dept. C2

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: September 4, 2026

STEFANIE FIELD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VIC'S ICE CREATIONS, 82061 SANTA ROSA AVE, INDIO, CA 92201. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

AGUI GROUP LLC
2108 N ST SUITE N
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of Company: CA

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
SONIA AGUILAR
MEMBER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 08/31/2026.
FILE NO.:
R-202612631

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as WATER 414, 2725 VIA CIELO DR, CORONA, CA 92882. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

KRISTOPHER WRAY LUCIER
2725 VIA CIELO
CORONA, CA 92882

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
KRISTOPHER LUCIER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 09/04/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202612933

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 10, 17, 24, October 1

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD BACKHOE, 53205 MARIAN VIEW DRIVE #3200, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: PO BOX 3200, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

JUSTIN WYN MARTIN JONES
PO BOX 3200
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 11/2023.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
JUSTIN JONES
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 09/01/2026.
FILE NO.:
R-202612671

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CHAMPION TAEKWONDO USA, 3430 LA SIERRA AVE, UNIT C, RIVERSIDE, CA 92503, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 16204 PERRIN CIR, RIVERSIDE, CA 92503.

IN OK YANG
3430 LA SIERRA AVE UNIT C
RIVERSIDE, CA 92503

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
IN OK YANG
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 09/01/2026.
FILE NO.:
R-202612646

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ENCHANTED GROUNDS, 54085 SOUTH CIRCLE DRIVE, IDYLLWILD CA 92549. Mailing address: PO BOX 4429, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

SOUTH CIRCLE IDYLLWILD, LLC
PO BOX 4429
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
DAVID LANE BRADISH
PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 07/08/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202610096

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 6, 13, 20, 27, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CALIFORNIA MUSIC HALL OF FAME, JESUS REVOLUTION, CALIFORNIA ROCK MUSIC HALL OF FAME, PRESLEY BUILT-ELVIS HERTITAGE HOUSE, NEWPORT POP FESTIVAL, JIMMY CHRISTMAS, 27659 MEDFORD WAY, SUN CITY, CA 92571. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

DR JAMES SHOUP CHRISTMAS ADAMS
27659 MEDFORD WAY
SUN CITY, CA 92586

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
DR JAMES SHOUP CHRISTMAS ADAMS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 08/19/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202612168

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BLACK OAK STUDIO, 61380 CEDAR AVE, MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing address: NORTH CANYON VENTURES LLC, PO BOX 23, MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561.

NORTH CANYON VENTURES LLC
61380 CEDAR AVE
MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
CARL DEWESE
MANAGING MEMBER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 07/08/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202612637

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BETTER BATH, VALLEY KITCHEN REMODELING LLC, 33528 MONTE VERDE RD, TEMECULA, CA 92592. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 28822 OLD TOWN FRONT ST UNIT 203, TEMECULA, CA 92590.

VALLEY KITCHEN REMODELING LLC
28822 OLD TOWN FRONT ST UNIT 203
TEMECULA, CA 92590

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 01/01/2026.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
NIKO ZAVALA
PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 07/27/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202610993

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 30, August 6, 13, 20, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2026

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CVMV2606740
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. Branch name: MORENO VALLEY BRANCH.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: CHRISTINE SCHUMANN VANEK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: CHRISTINE SCHUMANN VANEK Changed to Proposed name: CHRISTINE MARGARET MICHAUD.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 10/28/2026. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above, Dept. MV2.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: September 2, 2026

RANDALL S. STAMEN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2026

CVMV2608996
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET BLDG. D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. Branch name: MORENO VALLEY COURTHOUSE.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: DONNA GEPHART-ROBINSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: DONNA EILEEN GEPHART-ROBINSON Changed to Proposed name: DONNA EILEEN HART .

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 11/18/2026. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above, Dept. MV2.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: September 14, 2026

RANDALL S. STAMEN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as TEMECULA FLEET LLC, 28822 OLD TOWN FRONT STREET, 204, TEMECULA, CA 92590. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

TEMECULA FLEET LLC
28822 OLD TOWN FRONT STREET 204
TEMECULA, CA 92590

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of Company: CA

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
NIKO ALFREDO ZAVALA
PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/09/2026.

FILE NO.:
R-202613197

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THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

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LIEN SALE

On 10/08/2026 at 23125 TEMESCAL CANYON RD CORONA, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2015 BMW VIN:WBS3R9C5XFK330068 STATE: CA LIC: 7HZW297 at 10:00 AM.

Pub. TC: September 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that Lockaway Storage, 1181 N. State Street in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California, will sell at Public Auction to be hosted online at www.StorageTreasures.com on October 1st, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described Personal property. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, boxes, misc. tools & equipment. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

B335 - Juan Carlos Martinez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as VANTAX, 34523 SAKURA LN, WINCHESTER, CA 92596. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

IOANA ANDREEA HORJA
34523 SAKURA LN
WINCHESTER CA 92596

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
IOANA ANDREEA HORJA

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/14/2026.

FILE NO.:
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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

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12-STEP MEETINGS IN THE IDYLLWILD AREA July–September 2026

SUNDAY — AA Discussion, noon, Idyllwild Water District. "Mixed Nuts" (Al-Anon with AA participation), 5:30–7 p.m., Ark of Light.

MONDAY — AA Discussion, noon, St. Hugh's. CoDA (CoDependents Anonymous), 6 p.m. on Zoom; meeting WW744 at coda.org or call 951-634-4048. AA Closed Women Only, 7–8 p.m., St. Hugh's.

TUESDAY — AA 12x12, noon, St. Hugh's. AA Book Study, 6–7 p.m., St. Hugh's.

WEDNESDAY — AA Open Meeting followed by meditation, 9–10 a.m., St. Hugh's. ACA/ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics), 5:45–7 p.m., Spirit Mountain.

THURSDAY — AA Discussion & Birthdays, noon, St. Hugh's. Emotions Anonymous, 5–6 p.m., Spirit Mountain.

FRIDAY — AA Open Discussion, 7–8 a.m., St. Hugh's (starting July 17). Idy A's — members of AA, NA, Al-Anon, CoDA, etc., noon, St. Hugh's. AA with Al-Anon participation, 5:30 p.m., Ark of Light.

SATURDAY — AA Big Book Study, noon, St. Hugh's; AA Speaker Meeting on the last Saturday of the month. AA Happy Hour & Birthdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m., behind Idyllwild Water District (bring a chair).

EVERY DAY — AA meetings online anytime at aa-intergroup.org.

LOCATIONS: St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.; Ark of Light, 54445 N. Circle Dr., Suite F; Idyllwild Water District, 25945 State Hwy. 243.

All meetings are open unless otherwise noted. Meeting secretaries: Call 951-634-4048 to change information.

Rosario Maria Nowell Schutte 1982-2026



Rosario "Rosie" Maria Nowell Schutte was a woman whose strength, kindness, determination, and love for others left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Rosie was born on June 16, 1982, in California. From an early age, she possessed many of the qualities that would come to define her life; courage, independence, resilience, compassion, and an unwavering determination to keep moving forward.

Rosie lived her life with purpose and a deep desire to make a difference. She proudly served in the United States Navy, an experience that reflected so much of who she was: courageous, disciplined, resilient, and willing to step forward when others needed help. The strength and dedication she demonstrated during her service remained with her throughout her life.

Of all the roles Rosie held, being a mother was among the most meaningful to her. She was the proud and devoted mother of her beloved triplet daughters, Lorelei, Calista, and Josslyn. She loved her girls deeply, and the love she had for them was woven into every part of her life. Her greatest legacy will forever live on through her daughters and the love, strength, and values she shared with them.

Rosie was also a loving daughter, sister, loyal friend, and the kind of person people knew they could turn to. She listened without judgment, offered advice when it was needed, prayed with those she loved, celebrated their victories, and stood beside them through difficult times. She had a remarkable ability to make people feel supported, understood, and cared for.

Her determination was equally evident in her professional life. Rosie built a successful career in real estate, becoming an agent, then a broker, and eventually purchasing Village Properties. She worked hard to create the life she envisioned and was admired for her intelligence, independence, perseverance, and ability to continue moving forward even when life presented challenges.

Rosie's commitment to helping others extended throughout the Idyllwild community. She generously volunteered her time, including helping at food banks and supporting Mountain Communities Mutual Aid. She was not someone who simply talked about helping others; she showed up. Whether she was serving her community, helping a friend through a difficult season, or stopping to assist strangers after an accident, compassion was simply part of who she was.

Rosie also knew how to embrace and enjoy life. She loved the mountains, hiking, cooking, spending time with friends, and playing pickleball. She was adventurous, energetic, health-conscious, and always seemed to have something she was working toward or someone she was helping. Those closest to her remember a woman who was authentic, strong, positive, intelligent, beautiful, and full of life.

Perhaps one of the greatest reflections of Rosie's life can be found in the many people now sharing their stories and memories of her. Family, Navy sisters, lifelong friends, colleagues, neighbors, and members of her community all remember the same remarkable qualities: her strength, loyalty, generosity, courage, and enormous heart.

Rosie accomplished much during her 44 years, but her greatest legacy cannot be measured by titles or achievements. It lives in her beloved triplet daughters, Lorelei, Calista, and Josslyn; in the people she loved; in the friendships she nurtured; in the community she served; and in every person whose life was made a little better simply because Rosie was part of it.

On August 19, 2026, Rosie passed away unexpectedly at the young age of 44. Her passing was sudden and far too soon, leaving an immeasurable void in the hearts of her daughters, family, friends, and the community she loved and served.

Though her time here was far too short, the love Rosie gave, the memories she created, and the impact she made will continue through everyone who knew and loved her. She will be profoundly missed, but her spirit will live on in the lives she touched and, most especially, through her three beautiful daughters.

Rosie lived fully, loved deeply, helped freely, and left this world having made a difference. She will never be forgotten.

US Supreme Court rules Trump's vote-by-mail regs too late for mid-term elections

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled. only seven weeks before the November 3 election, that there was not enough time to implement new federal rules for mail-in ballots.

While it did not rule on the merits of the U.S Postal System's proposed rules to implement President Donald Trump's Executive Order imposing federal involvement in the states' processes for voting by mail, the majority opinion did state that this action was ". . . arbitrary and capricious in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act because state and local election officials do not have sufficient time to reasonably implement the rule before the elections."

Justice Brett Kavanaugh concurred that there was insufficient time to adequately implement the regulations, thus the action "would be arbitrary and capricious."

However, he disagreed with the majority that opined "The Government is unlikely to succeed on the merits of its challenge to the District Court's preliminary injunction."

Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas dissented from the order and would have granted the administration's request to pause the Boston-based District Court judge's ruling.

"Today is a good day for democracy, the rule of law, and the American people looking to exercise their Constitutional right to vote. California stood up for democracy and we won," Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a press release after the Supreme Court decision was announced. ". . . Finally, fifty days out, and the American people have certainty when it comes to our country's electoral process: Voting is safe, vote-by-mail is accessible to any and all who need it. And I encourage every Californian to make their voice heard this November."

The Supreme Court supported the Sept. 10 decision of the Appeals Court for the First Circuit, which also ruled against the Administration's request to lift the preliminary injunction of the recently released USPS regulations for mail-in ballots.

These changes would have required state and local election officials to redesign and reprint ballot envelopes, enroll millions of voters in a new and untested USPS system, and meet burdensome requirements that would allow USPS to refuse to deliver mail ballots that do not comply.

The Appeals Court opined that "Appellants have not made a strong showing that the district court erred in determining that the Final Rule is likely unlawful." The Court had ruled that elections are controlled by Congress and the States and neither party had approved the Postal Service regulations.

"The changes at issue could disenfranchise millions of voters, especially given how little time there is to implement them," California Attorney General Rob Bonta said in a press release announcing the Appeals Court decision. "As a reminder, President Trump has repeatedly voted by mail himself — he doesn't get to decide that mail voting is good enough for him, but not for other Americans."

In addition, a group of 38 state election officials, many of them Republicans, asked the Supreme Court to delay the rules until after the November election. "Attempting to implement the Rule now will almost certainly lead to mistakes, delays, and confusion for both voters and election officials," they wrote to the Court.

Prior to the Supreme Court ruling, Trump's Solicitor General John Sauer had filed two separate appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court seeking to overturn lower court decisions that enjoined or stayed immediate action to change the federal role in the mid-term elections.

One appeal was the result of a lawsuit filed several months ago. The League of Women Voters and the Electronic Privacy Information Center brought a lawsuit in federal court in Washington challenging the Department of Homeland Security's role in ballot verification.

In the original June ruling, Judge Sparkle L. Sooknanan agreed that the modified system violates federal privacy laws, the Social Security Act, and the federal laws governing administrative agencies, and she barred the government from using the modified system.

On Sept. 4, a divided U.S. Appeal Court for the District of Columbia agreed that the stay should not be removed until the merits of the whole case were decided. This decision was appealed four days later.

The Appeals Court concluded that "The government has not made the requisite "strong showing that [it] is likely to succeed on the merits" of the Social Security Act claim, , ,"

In the appeal of this ruling, Sauer claimed that the original District Court ruling was "indefensible" and "threatens the integrity of upcoming elections. . ."

California is one of more than 20 states litigating these proposed rules. The outcome of this issue could have a major effect on California's elections. In the June primary, statewide turnout was 40.8 %, but nearly 90 % of voters submitted their ballots by mail. For the 2024 Presidential election, turnout was 71.4 %, of which 80 % of ballots were cast by mail. In Riverside County, for both of those elections, the percentage of vote-by-mails ballots was nearly the same.

"After losing in the district and appellate courts, the Trump Administration has now lost at the U.S. Supreme Court. Today's decision is a victory for our democracy and a powerful affirmation of the rule of law," said Attorney General Rob Bonta, whose office was one of several opposing these rules. "The stakes in this litigation could not have been higher. Voting is the fundamental right from which all other rights flow, and all 50 states allow ballots to be cast by mail in some form."

Although he votes by mail in Florida, Trump as continually argued, without evidence, that mail-in ballots are a major source of election fraud.

FAIR plan

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Several metrics were presented to explain why rates are so high: incurred loss ratio, the ratio of losses to premiums, was 59.7% nationally, but 73.9% in California. Underwriting profit was 3.6 percent nationally, but -13.1% here. The numbers show that even with higher premiums insurance companies have been losing money in the state over the last 10 years.

More than one local asked what the Department of Insurance was going to do to get insurers to write affordable policies, but the state cannot force companies to lose money. Until losses decrease, prices will keep increasing.

Another noted that property values are affected by insurance. They spoke of buyers looking at prices and thinking a mountain home is affordable, then checking the cost of insurance and coming to a different conclusion.

Maldonado outlined the commissioner's response in three steps.

The first step, in 2022, was called Safer from Wildfires, and mandated insurers offer discounts for homeowners who harden their homes and increase defensible space. But several homeowners pointed out that even doing the work results in very small discounts, with thousands of dollars in work required to qualify for discounts in the low hundreds, and one spoke of having their company renege on a promise to provide a discount for $126.

In 2023 the department began its Sustainable Insurance Strategy. This uses "catastrophe modeling" to determine risks instead of historic loss rates, and factored in mitigation efforts at the property, community and landscape levels. This showed that the risks were not adequately represented by past models, driving up costs but making a more realistic picture of risk.

The third step was the California Safe Homes Grant Program. Still being rolled out, this will provide grants for low-income homeowners in high fire hazard severity zones to fund defensible space and home hardening.

Squires noted that MCFSC has applied for a grant under the program, and hopes to administer the grants locally. After noting again that the program focuses on homeowners who have low income, are seniors and/or have disabilities, listeners noted that description fits many in Idyllwild.

Maldonado noted that the state's portal for accessing these grants directly was supposed to be open in March, but is still in the works.

On the horizon, three state bills were presented as part of the CDI's strategy. The Smoke Damage Recovery Act, awaiting the governor's signature, would establish a framework for investigating, restoring and insuring smoke damaged homes.

The Disaster Recovery Reform Act is intended to reduce claim delays and disputes following major disasters. It would double penalties of fair claims settlement practices during a declared emergency. It would allow the commissioner to order insurers to pay direct restitution to policyholders harmed by unfair practices. It would require offers for extended replacement cost coverage and set a minimum 24-month loss-of-use coverage during emergencies. It also would clarify that building code upgrade coverage applies to the time of actual rebuilding, and allows underinsured policyholders to apply personal property benefits toward rebuilding.

There was talk of "risk scores" that insurers are required to show to homeowners and explain to them. These scores determine the premiums that will be charged. Unfortunately, each insurer uses it's own system, and so scores cannot be compared between different companies. One may use a scale for 1 to 5, and another a scale from 1 to 10.

Homeowners were recommended to request their risk scores and explanations in the following situations: when buying a new policy, when renewing, when notified of non renewal, and after completing mitigation work.

Maldonado also recommended that homeowners on the FAIR plan begin to shop now to see if any insurers are writing policies here, ask their insurers for their risk score and explanations of work they might undertake to reduce risk, and implement those steps they can, keeping records of work done and communications with their insurers.

Policyholders also were encouraged to fill out a home inventory. It is difficult to make a claim for personal possessions that are not inventoried.

A number of resources were offered from the CDI and UP, United Policyholders. For general questions and policy-specific questions, call the CDI at (800) 927-4357 or visit the website www.insurance.ca.gov. The United Policyholders website is a general education for insurance consumers: uphelp.org

The meeting was recorded by MCFSC and will be posted along with the slide show at mcfsc.org/insurance.

To inquire about MCFSC's programs, including help with abatement, email info@mcfsc.org or call (951) 659-6208

Prop 44 would require "safety net" clinics to spend 90% of funding on program services

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Proposition 44 intends to ensure that funding for medical health clinics is mostly used to support patients. If enacted, it would impose penalties on Federally Qualified Health Centers (community clinics providing primary care to medically underserved areas and populations) that spend less than 90 percent of their revenue on "program services." These can include their charitable purpose, which is not limited to patient services.

In exceptional circumstances, the California Department of Public Health may waive spending requirements.

If the center complies with the spending requirements within five years, prior penalty assessments may be refunded.

The Attorney General will specify what constitutes a qualifying expenditure.

Proponents note that clinics where people access certain health care services, such as doctor's visits, are considered "safety net." Their clientele is mainly low-income and uninsured people for whom they provide this care at low cost or free.

According to the Secretary of State's write up, California has about 2,000 safety net clinics. They are either private nonprofits or provided by public entities (such as counties).

While clinics spend most of their funding on health care for patients, they do incur administrative costs. The Secretary of States' summary for Prop 44 reports that an average of about 80 percent of their revenue goes to health care services.

Prop 44 wants to raise that average percentage for provision of health care services to 90 percent.

"Community health centers support their patients with investments in IT and cybersecurity (protecting confidential patient records and empowering telemedicine), staff training and quality improvement initiatives (ensuring care is efficient and effective), language access services (ensuring patients and providers understand one another), critical equipment (enabling modern care with things like x-ray and mammography machines), and facilities (meeting patient demand)," wrote the Health Center Partners of Southern California.

The Legislative Analyst's evaluation of Prop 44 did not offer an estimated cost.

Supporters believe that the chief executives of some clinics are using taxpayer support for their own salaries, which is the reason for Prop 44.

Despite these arguments, the opponents include a long list of medical professional associations, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics CA, the California School Nurses Organization, the California Medical Association, and the California Academy of Family Physicians.

They argue that "Prop. 44 is so poorly written that it restricts clinics from spending resources on essential staff and services, including nurse managers, physician leaders, translation services, insurance assistance and community education. It even restricts clinics from funding mammogram, X-ray and CT machines, information technology and expanding or upgrading clinics."

Non-medical groups such as the League of Women Voters and the San Diego Chamber of Commerce also oppose Prop 44.

The LWV opined that Prop 44 "would impose a rigid spending requirement on nonprofit safety-net clinics . . . Clinics that cannot meet the requirement could face substantial penalties or even close, shifting patients to other public safety-net providers and increasing public costs."

Through June 30, proponents had spent about $11 million advocating its passage. At that report, all donations came from the SEIU United Health Care Workers West Political Issues Committee

The opposition had spent about $1.1 million but had $32 million in cash to use in the months preceding the November election. Six donations were for $1 million or more.

Last week, the California Primary Care Association and five clinics filed a civil lawsuit in federal court accusing SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West and its president, Dave Regan, of racketeering and using ballot initiatives to "shake down" community health centers.

In their court filing, the plaintiffs allege that "Since 2022, UHW and its President, Dave Regan, have orchestrated and executed a multi-year campaign of coercion, threats, and economic pressure that culminated in the unlawful use of the state ballot initiative process to extort CPCA and California's CHCs into surrendering valuable property rights and adopting labor-organizing terms demanded by Defendants. The use of a state ballot initiative to leverage a quid pro quo deal is not a resolution to a labor dispute in any traditional sense. It is a shakedown."

FVWD considers rate increases, moves to conservation stage 2

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

The Fern Valley Water District board of directors will consider a rate increase at their Oct. 15 meeting. Last week, the board agreed to continue the process of justifying the increase, obtaining concurrence from the attorneys, and preparing for a public meeting to discuss the increase.

A date for the public hearing was not set at the board's September meeting, but it will likely be in December so that, if the new rates are approved, they can be in effect for the January consumption. Increases for the following four fiscal years will be part of the proposal.

Under California's Proposition 218, the district must mail written notices to all property owners, or renters who are responsible for the water bills, at least 45 days before conducting a public hearing on proposed new or increased property-related fees or charges.

FVWD finances are positive. No deficit has occurred or is expected. However, costs are increasing. In addition, provision of water to customers requires an intact and safe delivery system, according to management. Thus, pumps and pipelines must be maintained and replaced when necessary.

According to the draft analysis from the Rate and Revenue Committee, a low-volume water consumer could expect a $10.12, or 9.25 %, increase in their bi-monthly bill. However, a higher volume user might see their bill grow $34.02, or 28 % bi-monthly.

The difference is created because the district will have two tiers for water consumption. Tier 1 is the cost for water consumption up to 700 CF (slightly more than 5,230 gallons of water every two months). This is calculated based on the cost of providing this much water from the district's surface water sources (Tahquitz and Strawberry Creeks).

FVWD also relies on groundwater for its customers. This source is needed when stream flow decreases, particularly in the summer and fall. It costs more to provide groundwater, in particular the pumping costs and greater need for storage in the summer. Consequently, the price for usage of more than 700 CF will increase faster.

A customer's bill is the total of two charges. One is for their usage and is intended to recover 60 % of the fixed portion of annual operating costs. The second, labeled commodity charges, will recover 40% of fixed costs, 100% of variable costs, and nominal capital/reserve contributions. This rate is based on the size of the customer's meter. For the smallest meters, ¾ of an inch, the bi-monthly charge will increase about five percent.

These are all estimated charges. The Board has not approved any rate increase yet.

Basic water rates have not increased in five years, yet costs, such as electricity, fuels, and compensation have grown. In addition, the district's capital budget over this period is anticipated to exceed $5 million. These increases will enable the district to continue capital work, such as, replacement of aging-mainline pipes, upgrading fire hydrants, and replacement of old or failing meters with new technology and maintenance of equipment, including vehicles.

Current reserves are estimated to be only $1.7 million on June 30, 2027, the end of the current fiscal year.

When discussing his Operations Report, General Manager Victor Jimenez announced that the district had moved to Stage 2 Water Conservation on Sept. 1.

There are more restrictions in Stage 2. Irrigation of outdoor plants and gardens should be limited to the hours from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. Restaurants should provide drinking water to patrons only upon request.

Automobiles, trucks, trailers, and other types of mobile equipment may be washed, but only with a hand-held bucket and a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic, positive, shut-off nozzle.

He also mentioned the possibility of a new capital project. This would involve pipeline work in the Daryll, Strong and Hemstreet neighborhoods. He is reviewing the project. It might start in the Spring of 2027 in order to be completed before next winter. Jimenez estimated that work would probably take three months, but it will depend upon the volume of rocks encountered below the surface.

During August, the use of groundwater increased substantially. It was 71 percent of supply, nearly double the need during July, and about three times the August 2025 groundwater usage.

The initial testing of Well 4 has been good, Jimenez reported. "The main constituent --gross alpha-- from 15 years ago is back down." With this result, he is conducting further testing and is hopeful the well can be returned to service.

Water production in the July and August billing period totaled 8.9 million gallons, about three percent more than the same period in 2025. This was less than the 9.6 million gallons consumed in the 2024 July-August period; but greater than any other year this decade.

Jimenez did report that the volume of unaccounted for water is 14.7 percent. That is 3 percent less than in 2025 and below the average for the past year.

Matter of Fact: PCWD projects

Our story last week on Pine Cove Water District included several errors. In writing about general manager Jeremy Potter's strategic plan, we wrote that among the projects he hoped to undertake would be rehab work on seven wells. We should have said "several" wells.

In explaining the function of the new electronic meters and the customer interface portal which will soon be available, we wrote that customers would be able to turn their water off at the meter remotely. We should have said that they will be able to monitor usage and set alerts for unusual activity remotely, and will be able to then contact PCWD to ask them to turn their water off if a leak should appear.

We regret the errors.

On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

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The mayor of Inspiration Point



By Sam Markus
Correspondent

When I meet Paul, he is dressed head to toe in San Francisco 49ers gear.

This is not unusual.

Paul Hamilton and his dad, Steve, are devoted 49ers fans, and their house offers plenty of evidence. Shirts, hats, memorabilia. The whole thing. But football is only one of the many things Paul keeps close.

Paul has lived in Idyllwild his entire life and still adores his hometown.

Ask him what he likes about it and his answer is strikingly simple: fewer people. Fewer cars. Nature. He remembers Idyllwild when he was younger, when things felt a little quieter.

A good day for Paul begins with picking up the guitar and playing "Lola" by The Kinks.

Why "Lola?"

"Because it's easy. Three chords."

Three days a week, Paul works at Village Market cleaning. On Mondays, he washes dishes at the Red Kettle, where he can also be found eating breakfast on various mornings throughout the week.

His order: bacon and eggs.

After a good day of work, Paul often makes his way to Inspiration Point to watch the sunset or fly a kite. It is his favorite place in Idyllwild.

His three best friends are Jeremy, Mike and Spencer.

Why are they his friends?

"Because they're honest people."

He knows just about everybody in town.

And somehow, he knows their birthdays too.

Paul says he has thousands of birthdays stored in his head. There is no system he can offer to explain this phenomenon. They are simply there. Each day, he goes through what he describes as a Rolodex in his mind.

Then he makes sure the birthday person hears from him.

Sometimes that means a text. Sometimes a phone call. Sometimes it means tracking down somebody who knows somebody who knows how to reach the person whose day it happens to be.

Everyone knows Paul too. Why?

"Because I'm such a good person."

What makes someone a good person?

"Someone who's nice and honest."

There are even certain corners of town where the idea has been floated that perhaps Paul should become mayor of Idyllwild.

Paul agrees.

What would Mayor Paul do?

First, he would make sure everyone up here was a good person.

And there would be fewer cars.

When I ask what he would not change about Idyllwild, he doesn't hesitate.

"The spirit."

What is the spirit of Idyllwild?

"Kind and creative."

Paul doesn't have grand plans for the future. For now, he says he is taking things one day at a time. One thing he does know is that he plans to spend those days here.

Before I left, I casually mentioned that my birthday is March 19.

Hours later, I decided to test him.

I sent Paul a text.

"Do you remember my birthday?"

The response came back almost immediately.

"March 19th."

A moment later, another message appeared.

"Go 49ers."

Mark your calendars: Town Crier 80th Anniversary social Nov. 5

By David Jerome
Editor

Readers, mark your calendars. The Town Crier will be holding our 80th Anniversary Mixer and Members Appreciation night at Middle Ridge Winery on Thursday November 5, starting at 5 p.m.

There will be live music by Vincent's Choice, food and drink, prizes and lots of surprises. You will hear from our publisher Mike Ferro, our community outreach coordinator Corey Pickett, and also from me, your editor.

I intend to speak in a number of guises, some of which you may recognize, some of which you may not. I can say now that the message that will be shared in earnest and through all the various means I can muster will be the value of a community having independent local journalism, the role the Town Crier has played over the course of Idyllwild's history, and the importance of your continued support.

It was less than a year ago that we held our first member's social at Middle Ridge. The tradition had lapsed, and there was a sense of tentatively peeking above the parapets to see who was out there. Since then we have found a surer footing, and have a lot more to say. But I promise you, the speeches will be brief, entertaining, and of vital interest.



Idyllwilders Alois and Penelope Smrz digging into the Town Crier on the summit of Mt. Silliman (11,253') in the Ruby Mountains of Nevada, September 16th, 2026.

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Mast Meeting

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Fogle pointed to this project as an example that the public should visit and learn from. "If you haven't been up there, go look at it. It is a beautiful, open, shaded fuel break. That is the standard for what we want fuel breaks to look like surrounding the mountain communities."

Among upcoming projects, Fogle highlighted the North Fork fuel break. "We are moving forward with Idyllwild as, hopefully, we are transitioning into the North Fork phase 1, as soon as the NEPA gets signed." Also on the horizon is "reestablishing" one of the largest legacy projects on the mountain, the Fisherman's break, starting at the Arts Academy and looping out about two miles west of SR 243 before connecting with the highway about a half mile [past Lake Fulmor. Along with that large break, the FS looks forward to "then doing some thinning between Pine Cove, Strawberry and Fisherman's."

Fogle also referred to maintaining eight primary fuel breaks around the community, "shooting for an eight-year interval… very rarely are we able to hit that interval, mostly because of the length of the NEPA process and funding, the two main hurdles that we have."

Mason noted that as conditions permit, locals will begin to see smoke from pile burning around FS stations.

IFPD's Battalion Chief James LaMont reported that their type 1 initial attack crew was returning for deployment on the Timber Fire, near Big Sur, while the type 2 fuels crew continues work on the evacuation corridors, specifically Saunders Meadow Road. This is part of the grant-funded Thoroughfare project.

LaMont said that this project is about 35% done, with 94 acres completed and 175 remaining. With Hwy 243 from Mountain Center to Idyllwild treated, the work will move to major roads in Idyllwild, before continuing up the highway to Franklin Dr. and Foster Lake Rd.

He noted that residents should expect notices in the mail about the work to be done on their streets. These thoroughfares will include North and South Circle, Double View and Toll Gate, Saunders Meadow Road, Pine Crest, Riverside County Playground Road, and Fern Valley Road. The aim of the project is to provide safe ingress and egress in an emergency and a safe refuge in the event of evacuations.

LaMont also asked drivers to be on the lookout for crews at work on the Thoroughfare and other projects, and to drive safely in work zones.

As to IFPD's future projects, LaMont said that they had finalized their two Forest Health applications under CCI (California Climate Investments) and Prop. 4 (the 2024 Climate Bonds initiative.) At the most recent meeting of IFPD's commissioners, the board heard that these applications ask for $16 million.

LaMont also referred to the state's new Zero Zone regulations, requiring a five-foot non-combustible resistant clearance around buildings. This will be phased in over the next five years, and homeowners are asked to read local ordinance 19-01 which can be found at the IFPD website. New building permits, LaMont emphasized, must include the zero zone.

He reported that IFPD conducted 3804 abatement inspections this year, and handed out 167 citation notices. They are now returning to inspect those properties again.

Cal Fire unit forester Lynette Short's briefing about fuel reduction and grant projects began with an explanation that our mountain communities are like a hole in a donut, with Idyllwild and Pine Cove in the center a State Responsibility Area (SRA), surrounded by the USFS San Jacinto district. "That's why we have a unified front up here, we have to work together on all these projects," including emergency response and fuels reduction.

Short went on to describe the result: "What this community has, particularly Idyllwild and Pine Cove, is a network of a number of different projects, all paid for in different ways for different purposes, (but with) similar scopes of work. Largely, there is a shaded fuel break traversing different projects based on ownership and jurisdiction. The Forest Service has had historic fuel break projects around the entire community, almost fully surrounding the community."

Short promised a map with all of these projects for the December meeting. The absence of such a map has been brought up repeatedly at these meetings. Last year, the Town Crier was given a draft map that, although instructive, does not clearly label some of the projects, and does not distinguish between current work and "legacy" projects that have not been reentered in decades.

This is an outward and visible manifestation of the difficulty of MAST's mission coordinating work across jurisdictions. In response to a question from the public about the total cost of the various projects to create fuel breaks, Short also said this would happen in December.

At the state level, fuels reduction projects add up to about a tenth of what is spent on fire suppression, according to Net-Zero California. Drawing on figures from the state budget, Net Zero says that during the last fiscal year, "the state spent a total of $4.1B on wildfire, split $3.75B (or 91%) on suppression and $0.35B (or 9%) on prevention." The current budget maintains this proportion.

Short spoke of three main Cal Fire fuels projects: Point of Rocks (north and northeast of Pine Cove), Red Hill (west and northwest of Pine Cove) and AstroCamp. She noted that although the AstroCamp project is small, it is a dry creek wash that "has a lot of fire history" and affects the ingress/egress south from Idyllwild. She also noted IFPD's work helping State Parks with their project past Pine Cove, where the two agencies hope to perform a broadcast burn in fall or spring. All this "bolsters connectivity" of the shaded fuel breaks.

Short referred to a "plethora" of Cal Fire grant programs that "influence community risk reduction as a whole," falling into two categories, forest health and wildfire prevention. The forest health grants, she noted, have a much larger scope.

She highlighted the Idyllwild Right of Way project, now called the Thoroughfare project, IFPD's big current project, noting it has a performance period through 2029, although Chief Mark LaMont has said that the work will be finished well before then. Short noted that the project coincides with a community wildfire protection plan that was adapted in 2017.

Cal Fire's grant to the Idyllwild Arts Foundation is intended to produce another piece of connectivity. It will allow treatment of an area full of dead timber from the Cranston fire and the backburn that prevented that fire from coming into the Academy and the greater Idyllwild area. This will involve logging as well as treatment of the understory that has grown back since the fire, and may begin as soon as next spring. It also contributes connectivity to the breaks that protect the south side of Idyllwild.

Short spoke of two new Wildfire Preparedness Grants which she said will also begin work soon.

The first was awarded to the Girl Scouts San Gorgonio Council, which will soon undertake fuel reduction on 100 acres at their Skyland Ranch, about half way between Banning and Idyllwild on SR 243.

The second grant Short called "very large IFPD," saying it will include fuel reduction, broadcast burns, and pest management. Much of it, she said, will help the Forest Service with their "unfunded" activities, as well as helping treat state areas of responsibility.

These grants are still in the application process, although Short spoke of them along with projects that had been approved. It is two grant applications totaling $16 million.

Short also explained that MAST has a Forest Health working subgroup that meets before the quarterly public forum. She said the main issues they are facing include a biomass solution for goldspotted oak borer, saying that at a landscape scale it is not possible to tackle the problem, and so "high priority areas" are the focus, including parks. The cost of removing and disposing of insect infested trees from the mountain limits the amount of this work that can be done. Short noted MCFSC's work on the GSOB, collecting data, monitoring, and spraying barrier insecticide when funding is available, and called this a "huge benefit."

Short said that she would either have someone come here or would return herself to give a presentation on the state's new "Zero Zone" home defensible space requirement, noting that this has caused "a lot of confusion for the general public statewide…" The new rule will be phased in over five years. In some ways they mandate statewide what IFPD has been requiring locally.

She also addressed confusion about defensible space inspections, noting that although IFPD, USFS and Cal Fire respond together to fires, inspections are conducted by the agency with jurisdiction. IFPD inspects property within Idyllwild, and Cal Fire inspects property in areas of state responsibility including Pine Cove and Mountain Center.

Callie Squires, executive director of Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, briefed on her organization's activities. "We have funding under some Wildfire Prevention Grants from Cal Fire fiscal year 2022-23. It is over $3.5 million to see us through 2029 to help local homeowners with the creation of defensible space in order to meet the abatement requirements set down by the public resource code." Squires also noted that the organization has grant money to remove dead, dying and diseased trees, whether they have been affected by GSOB in the case of oaks, or conifers. "We are seeing an uptick in some conifer mortality, some pine beetles making a come back, unfortunately."

In July and August Squires reported that MCFSC spent $116,000 on contractual work, representing work with 36 homeowners across 36 parcels, treating 185 acres, and removing 80 tons of hazardous fuel. She added that those two months were slower than May and June, when IFPD starts putting out their first round of abatement notices, stimulating homeowners to action.

The next MAST meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 9



Middle Ridge Winery named Temecula Valley Zinfandel Winery of the Year at New York International Wine Competition

Press Release

Middle Ridge Winery has another reason to raise a glass. The Idyllwild boutique winery has been named Temecula Valley Zinfandel Winery of the Year at the 16th Annual New York International Wine Competition (NYIWC), earning the distinction alongside three medals for its wines — including two Gold Medals with scores of 95 points.

Middle Ridge's medal-winning wines are:

- 2020 Temecula Valley Zinfandel — Gold, 95 points
- 2022 California Bodacious White Wine — Gold, 95 points
- NV Ranger Red — Silver, 93 points

The official NYIWC results confirm the three scores and the Temecula Valley Zinfandel Winery of the Year designation.

The 2026 New York International Wine Competition featured more than 1,400 wines from over 24 countries. The competition is distinguished by its trade-only, blind judging panel, with judges drawn from the professional wine and beverage industry, including retail buyers, sommeliers, restaurant beverage directors, hoteliers, distributors and importers.

Unlike competitions where medals may be awarded across every category, NYIWC does not guarantee a Bronze, Silver or Gold medal in any category. Judges award medals on merit and evaluate wines within their product and price categories, with instructions to award no medal when a wine does not meet their standards.

For Middle Ridge, the recognition is a particularly fitting reflection of its California-focused approach to winemaking. Located in the mountain community of Idyllwild, Middle Ridge sources grapes from distinctive growing regions throughout California and crafts its wines in Temecula.

The three medal-winning wines each showcase a different side of that California winemaking approach.

The 2020 Temecula Valley Zinfandel, which earned Gold and 95 points, is light and elegant, with aromas of blackberry jam, fig, raisin and a hint of black pepper, followed by a medium-long rum-raisin finish.

The 2022 California Bodacious White Wine, also awarded Gold with 95 points, is an off-dry blend of California Symphony grapes with a little Orange Muscat, offering aromas of Fuji apple, lemongrass and peach.

The NV Ranger Red, awarded Silver with 93 points, is a Meritage blend combining 65% Santa Ynez Valley fruit and 35% Temecula Valley fruit, with aromas of black cherry, currants, clove, oak and roasted nut, followed by smooth tannins and flavors of spice and clove.

Chris Johnston, Winemaker and Co-Owner, says "As a winemaker, you always hope that what you taste in the cellar translates when someone else pulls the cork. To have three different wines recognized — and two of them with 95-point Gold Medals — is pretty darn gratifying. The Zinfandel award is the icing on the cake."

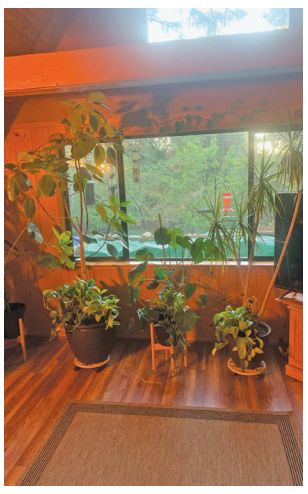
For Middle Ridge, the awards add another chapter to a winery story built around California wine, community and the experience of enjoying both in the mountains.

Co-owner Melody Johnson adds "We're incredibly proud of these wines, but we're just as proud to bring this recognition home to Idyllwild. Middle Ridge has always been about great California wine, good people and creating a place where people can slow down and enjoy both. It's pretty special to see that little piece of Idyllwild recognized on an international stage."

For more information, visit middleridge.com.

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For Rent

House/Cabin for rent in Fern Valley off of Scenic Dr. in Idyllwild. Recently Restored, sleeps 8, Fully furnished, plus bunk house that could be used for storage. Lots of parking on 1/3 of an acre, air conditioning and heaters, long term renter wanted with minimum of 60 days. Utilities to be paid by renter. No smoking, no pets. First and last plus deposit. Monthly Rent $2,750.00 Call 760-801-9301 or 760-598-8855 (leave message)

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Studio room, private entrance, private ¾ bath, mini fridge and microwave, quiet Fern Valley neighborhood, no dogs, references required, 950. Call (760) 831-6232

Wanted

Affordable one bedroom/ one bath that will take a dog. Furnished preferably. Contact Suzanne at 951-306-9153

For Rent Office/Retail

Office space/Retail, Downtown location, call Jackie: (951) 306-9769

For Rent

Studio for Rent $1,200 incl. wifi and water furnished/unfurnished. Private entrance/deck. Small pet OK w/deposit. Kitchenette: microwave, dual burner stovetop, laundry, new bathroom. First/last + pet deposit. 1 mile to town (951) 391-2788

Horoscopes

September 2026 — Week 4



March 21 – April 19

Aries, partnerships take priority. Welcome a fresh start together while giving your own goals equal attention.



April 20 – May 20

Taurus, restore order with manageable routines. Clear some clutter and make room for rest and renewal.



May 21 – June 21

Gemini, your social spark returns. Make time for fun and share the ideas you have been nurturing.



June 22 – July 22

Cancer, home and family deserve attention. Tackle a small household project and celebrate a career achievement.



July 23 – August 22

Leo, reconnect with friends and neighborhood events. A lively conversation could brighten your week and spark possibilities.



August 23 – September 22

Virgo, attention shifts to earnings and priorities. Give practical plans the care you usually reserve for details.



September 23 – October 22

Libra, your season begins. Celebrate yourself and give a personal ambition room to grow.



October 23 – November 21

Scorpio, step back from a busy social schedule. Quiet reflection helps you recharge before your next chapter.



November 22 – December 21

Sagittarius, gather your collaborators and celebrate recent progress. Friendship deserves space alongside your work.



December 22 – January 19

Capricorn, turn renewed ambition into action. Choose a meaningful goal and take a visible step forward.



January 20 – February 18

Aquarius, explore beyond familiar territory. Learning or a new adventure can expand your sense of possibility.



February 19 – March 20

Pisces, deepen a trusted connection. Make space for honest conversation and the closeness it can bring.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Answers to puzzles found on B6

MAGIC MAZE ● DESCRIBING SNOW

C P N K P P I G D B Z Y W X V
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: LIGHT, DRY SNOW

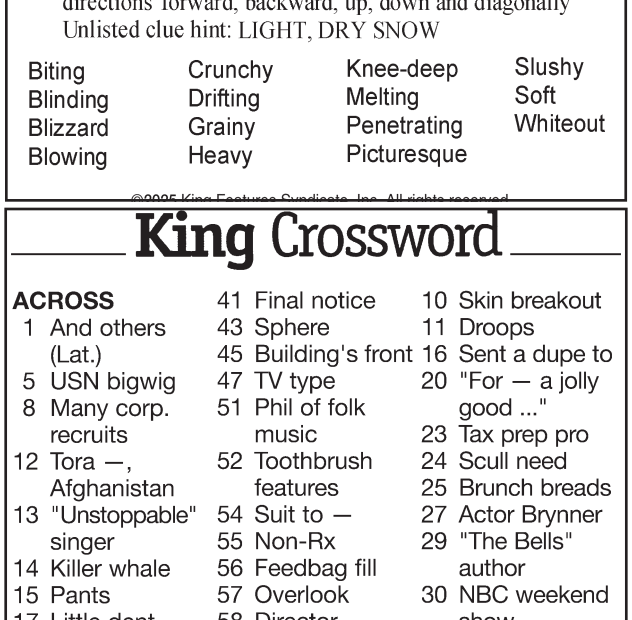
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Blinding	Drifting	Melting	Soft
Blizzard	Grainy	Penetrating	Whiteout
Blowing	Heavy	Picturesque	

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King Crossword

ACROSS
1 And others (Lat.)
5 USN bigwig
8 Many corp. recruits
12 Tora —, Afghanistan
13 "Unstoppable" singer
14 Killer whale
15 Pants
17 Little dent
18 Seize greedily
19 School papers
21 Shoe width
22 Belgrade resident
23 Corn core
26 Calendar box
28 Ginger cookies
31 Crony, out West
33 Tavern
35 Unsigned (Abbr.)
36 Disney mermaid
38 Lucy of "Elementary"
40 Sushi choice
41 Final notice
43 Sphere
45 Building's front
47 TV type
51 Phil of folk music
52 Toothbrush features
54 Suit to —
55 Non-Rx
56 Feedbag fill
57 Overlook
58 Director Craven
59 Gosling or Reynolds

DOWN
1 Recedes
2 Undecided
3 "Carmen" solo
4 Coffee bar offering
5 Worthless pile
6 Conk out
7 Clipper ship poles
8 Vaccine maker
9 Queensland's capital
10 Skin breakout
11 Droops
16 Sent a dupe to
20 "For — a jolly good ..."
23 Tax prep pro
24 Scull need
25 Brunch breads
27 Actor Brynner
29 "The Bells" author
30 NBC weekend show
32 Lowers
34 "I, Tonya" and "Gandhi," for example
37 Cover
39 Web addresses
42 Former quarterback Tim
44 Ulan —
45 Brew topper
46 Play opener
48 Do in
49 Self-referential
50 Org.
53 Numbered rd.



Live Music

	WED 9/23	THURS 9/24	FRI 9/25	SAT 9/26	SUN 9/27	MON 9/28	TUES 9/29
CAFE AROMA 54750 N Circle Dr	Jac Jacaruso 5:30pm-8:30pm	The ArisTrioCats 5:30pm-8:30pm			Adam James Glover 5:30pm-8:30pm		
FERRO 25840 Cedar St				The Greg Jones Band 6-9 pm			Jazz Night 6-9 pm
LEANNA'S IDYLL-AWHILE 54245 N Circle			Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm	Joe Baldino 11-3 pm	Cole Withers 11-3 pm		
LILY'S 54905 N Circle Dr				Leah Scott 6pm-9pm			
MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY 54301 N Circle Dr			Jazz | Seahawk 4-7pm	Rock & Pop | Spare Change 3-6 pm	Soulful Rock | The Family Julz 2-5pm	Fourth Monday Players 5-6pm	
TARYN'S PLACE 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3		Spare Change 7-10pm	In the Pocket 7-10pm	Dynamite Dawson 7-10pm	Elle Indigo 7-10pm	Mikele Kreitner 7-10pm	
THE PEAK RESTAURANT 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3		Kevin Kertin 5:30-7:30pm					Taco Tuesday w/ Music 5:30-7:30pm

NEWS OF RECORD

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Tuesday, Sep 22
• 4:51 a.m. — Emergency Notification, Address Withheld. [ID D26265006; pending dispo]
• 3:02 a.m. — Alarm Call, 5400 block North Circle Dr. [ID D26265005; pending dispo]

Monday, Sep 21
• 6:40 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 2500 block St Hwy 243. [ID D26264055; pending dispo]
• 8:25 a.m. — Public Assist, 5400 block Strawberry Valley Dr. [ID D26264008; pending dispo]

Sunday, Sep 20
• 7:08 p.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block Strawberry Valley Dr. [ID D26263044; pending dispo]
• 3:14 a.m. — Alarm Call, 2600 block St Hwy 243. [ID D26263006; pending dispo]

Saturday, Sep 19
• 7:41 p.m. — Noise Complaint, 5400 block Reed Ln. [ID D26262057; pending dispo]
• 6:51 p.m. — Missing Person, 5400 block Tahquitz View Dr. [ID D26262044; pending dispo]
• 6:10 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 5400 block Strawberry Valley Dr. [ID D26262040; pending dispo]

Friday, Sep 18
• 11:30 p.m. — Battery, Address Undefined. [ID D26261072; pending dispo]
• 11:07 p.m. — Unknown Trouble, 5400 block North Circle Dr. [ID D26261069; report taken]
• 7:23 p.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block North Circle Dr. [ID D26261052; pending dispo]
• 11:44 a.m. — Follow-Up, Address Withheld. [ID D26261022; pending dispo]
• 10:40 a.m. — Barking Dog, 5500 block Strong Dr. [ID D26261019; pending dispo]
• 8:21 a.m. — Suspicious Circumstance, 2600 block Delano Dr. [ID D26261011; pending dispo]
• 7:24 a.m. — Petty Theft, 2600 block Cowbell Alley. [ID D26261010; report taken]

Thursday, Sep 17
• 6:54 p.m. — Public Disturbance, 5200 block Toll Gate Rd. [ID D26260065; pending dispo]
• 2:50 p.m. — Assist Other Department, 2600 block Delano Dr. [ID D26260041; pending dispo]
• 2:39 p.m. — Alarm Call, 5400 block Marian View Dr. [ID D26260040; pending dispo]
• 1:28 p.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block Pine Crest Av. [ID D26260032; pending dispo]
• 11:44 a.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block Village Center Dr. [ID D26260022; pending dispo]

Wednesday, Sep 16
• 11:18 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 2500 block St Hwy 243. [ID D26259057; pending dispo]
• 9:09 p.m. — Suspicious Circumstance, 5400 block Strawberry Valley Dr. [ID D26259049; pending dispo]
• 8:55 p.m. — Alarm Call, 5400 block North Circle Dr. [ID D26259048; pending dispo]
• 7:39 p.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block North Circle Dr. [ID D26259044; pending dispo]
• 1:50 p.m. — Suspect Info, Address Withheld. [ID D26259025; pending dispo]
• 12:04 p.m. — Miscellaneous Criminal, 2500 block Tahquitz Dr. [ID D26259016; pending dispo]
• 8:37 a.m. — Check the Welfare, 2500 block Cougar Rd. [ID D26259008; pending dispo]
• 7:50 a.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block Strawberry Valley Dr. [ID D26259007; pending dispo]

Tuesday, Sep 15
• 10:20 p.m. — Public Assist, 5300 block Toll Gate Rd. [ID D26258061; pending dispo]

Monday, Sep 14
• 9:40 p.m. — Battery, 5400 block North Circle Dr. [ID D26257059; pending dispo]
• 2:13 p.m. — Suspicious Person, 2500 block Cougar Rd. [ID D26257040; pending dispo]
• 9:44 a.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block Strawberry Valley Dr. [ID D26257024; pending dispo]
• 12:10 a.m. — Public Assist, 2600 block Delano Dr. [ID D26257001; pending dispo]

Sunday, Sep 13
• 5:47 p.m. — Noise Complaint, 5400 block Pine Crest Av. [ID D26256040; pending dispo]
• 4:51 p.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block North Circle Dr. [ID D26256036; pending dispo]
• 12:23 p.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block South Circle Dr. [ID D26256027; pending dispo]

Saturday, Sep 12
• 9:04 p.m. — Noise Complaint, 5300 block Meadow Dr. [ID D26255055; pending dispo]
• 5:30 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 2600 block Lake Ln. [ID D26255041; pending dispo]
• 1:04 p.m. — Vehicle Theft, Address Undefined. [ID B26255015; report taken; area: Old Bann Idyllwild]
• 12:29 p.m. — Civil Dispute, Address Undefined. [ID D26255028; pending dispo]
• 10:55 a.m. — Unknown Trouble, Address Undefined. [ID D26255025; pending dispo]
• 12:28 a.m. — Traffic Collision - Minor Injury, 5400 block Maranatha Dr. [ID D26255001; pending dispo]

Friday, Sep 11
• 11:19 p.m. — Public Assist, 2600 block St Hwy 243. [ID D26254094; pending dispo]
• 11:08 p.m. — Suspicious Person, 5400 block South Circle Dr. [ID D26254093; pending dispo]
• 10:34 p.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block North Circle Dr. [ID D26254092; report taken]
• 7:38 p.m. — Suspicious Person, 5400 block North Circle Dr. [ID D26254075; pending dispo]
• 5:06 p.m. — Follow-Up, Address Withheld. [ID D26254059; pending dispo]

Thursday, Sep 10
• 8:15 p.m. — Alarm Call, 5400 block Ridgeview Dr. [ID D26253058; pending dispo]
• 9:03 a.m. — Suspicious Circumstance, 2600 block Lake Ln. [ID D26253013; pending dispo]

Wednesday, Sep 9
• 10:20 p.m. — Alarm Call, 5400 block North Circle Dr. [ID D26252080; pending dispo]
• 3:42 p.m. — Vandalism, 2500 block St Hwy 243. [ID D26252055; report taken]

Tuesday, Sep 8
• 9:19 p.m. — Suspicious Circumstance, 5300 block Marian View Dr. [ID D26251077; pending dispo]
• 12:51 p.m. — Suspicious Person, 5400 block Riverside County Playground Rd. [ID D26251039; pending dispo]
• 12:49 p.m. — Follow-Up, Address Withheld. [ID D26251038; pending dispo]
• 11:41 a.m. — Trespassing, 2600 block Delano Dr. [ID D26251031; unfounded]
• 9:45 a.m. — Suspicious Vehicle, 5400 block Marian View Dr. [ID D26251019; pending dispo]

Monday, Sep 7
• 5:35 p.m. — Public Disturbance, 5400 block Riverside County Playground Rd. [ID D26250040; pending dispo]
• 3:16 p.m. — Trespassing, 2600 block Delano Dr. [ID D26250027; pending dispo]

Sunday, Sep 6
• 6:21 p.m. — Unknown Trouble, 2600 block St Hwy 243. [ID D26249037; pending dispo]
• 8:10 a.m. — Harrassing Phone Calls, Address Withheld. [ID D26249013; unfounded]

Saturday, Sep 5
• 11:00 p.m. — Alarm Call, 5400 block Village Center Dr. [ID D26248077; pending dispo]
• 10:20 p.m. — Missing Person, 5400 block Maranatha Dr. [ID D26248074; report taken]
• 10:17 p.m. — Noise Complaint, 5400 block Riverside County Playground Rd. [ID D26248073; pending dispo]
• 8:01 p.m. — Danger to Self/Other, Address Undefined. [ID D26248057; pending dispo]
• 7:41 p.m. — Prowler, 2600 block Lake Ln. [ID D26248056; report taken]
• 7:32 p.m. — 911 Hangup from Cellphone, 2600 block Lake Ln. [ID D26248055; pending dispo]
• 7:20 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 2600 block Lake Ln. [ID D26248053; pending dispo]
• 6:45 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 2600 block Lake Ln. [ID D26248048; pending dispo]
• 4:04 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 5300 block Toll Gate Rd. [ID D26248036; pending dispo]
• 3:41 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 5300 block Toll Gate Rd. [ID D26248034; pending dispo]
• 3:25 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 2600 block Lake Ln. [ID D26248031; pending dispo]
• 3:14 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 5400 block Ridgeview Dr. [ID D26248030; pending dispo]

PINE COVE

Saturday, Sep 19
• 7:21 p.m. — Missing Person, 2400 block St Hwy 243. [ID D26262049; report taken]

Friday, Sep 18
• 2:22 p.m. — Danger to Self/Other, 2500 block Franklin Dr. [ID D26261031; report taken]

Thursday, Sep 17
• 4:23 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 5200 block Pine Cove Rd. [ID D26260054; pending dispo]

Tuesday, Sep 15
• 5:30 p.m. — Follow-Up, Address Withheld. [ID D26258046; pending dispo]
• 4:23 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 2500 block Franklin Dr. [ID D26258042; pending dispo]
• 3:58 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 2500 block Marion Ridge Dr. [ID D26258040; pending dispo]

Saturday, Sep 12
• 11:41 p.m. — Noise Complaint, Address Undefined. [ID D26255077; pending dispo]
• 10:27 p.m. — Noise Complaint, Address Undefined. [ID D26255061; pending dispo]
• 5:41 p.m. — Public Disturbance, 5200 block Acorn Ln. [ID D26255042; pending dispo]
• 12:37 p.m. — Follow-Up, Address Withheld. [ID D26255031; pending dispo]

Friday, Sep 11
• 8:29 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 2300 block St Hwy 243. [ID D26254085; pending dispo]
• 4:34 p.m. — Public Assist, 2500 block Marion Ridge Dr. [ID D26254057; pending dispo]
• 10:44 a.m. — Alarm Call, 5200 block Tall Pines Rd. [ID D26254027; pending dispo]

Thursday, Sep 10
• 11:03 p.m. — Battery, 5200 block Sylvan Wy. [ID D26253080; report taken]
• 10:59 p.m. — Public Disturbance, Address Undefined. [ID D26253079; pending dispo]
• 12:03 p.m. — Battery, 2500 block Nestwa Trl. [ID D26253027; report taken]

Saturday, Sep 5
• 3:28 p.m. — Area Check, 2400 block Logan Creek Rd. [ID D26248032; pending dispo]

Friday, Sep 4
• 6:21 p.m. — Alarm Call, 2400 block Schaffer Rd. [ID D26247055; pending dispo]

POPPET FLATS

Monday, Sep 21
• 11:37 p.m. — 911 Hangup from Cellphone, 2200 block Soboba Rd. [ID D26264070; pending dispo]
• 4:22 p.m. — Check the Welfare, 2200 block Soboba Rd. [ID D26264044; pending dispo]

Monday, Sep 7
• 10:59 p.m. — Noise Complaint, 4500 block Lynx St. [ID B26250034; pending dispo]
• 9:19 p.m. — Noise Complaint, 4500 block Lynx St. [ID B26250031; pending dispo]
• 9:16 p.m. — Noise Complaint, 4500 block Lynx St. [ID B26250030; pending dispo]

SAN BERDO NAT FORS

Monday, Sep 21
• 1:05 p.m. — Area Check, 3300 block Bautista Canyon Rd. [ID D26264031; pending dispo]

Saturday, Sep 19
• 3:20 p.m. — Suspect Info, Address Withheld. [ID D26262031; pending dispo]
• 11:50 a.m. — Check the Welfare, 5600 block E St Hwy 74. [ID D26262017; pending dispo]
• 6:25 a.m. — Check the Welfare, Address Undefined. [ID D26262009; pending dispo]

Friday, Sep 18
• 12:25 a.m. — Burglary, 6200 block E St Hwy 74. [ID D26261001; report taken]

Thursday, Sep 17
• 4:26 p.m. — 911 Call, 7000 block E St Hwy 74. [ID D26260055; pending dispo]
• 5:11 a.m. — Assist Other Department, 5600 block E St Hwy 74. [ID D26260005; pending dispo]

Sunday, Sep 13
• 7:51 p.m. — Suspicious Vehicle, 6100 block E St Hwy 74. [ID D26256044; pending dispo]

Saturday, Sep 12
• 7:26 p.m. — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined. [ID D26255050; pending dispo]

Tuesday, Sep 8
• 2:21 p.m. — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined. [ID D26251052; pending dispo]
• 1:19 p.m. — Check the Welfare, Address Undefined. [ID D26251042; pending dispo]

Monday, Sep 7
• 7:13 p.m. — Vandalism, Address Undefined. [ID D26250043; report taken]
• 6:23 p.m. — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined. [ID D26250042; pending dispo]
• 2:46 p.m. — Assist Other Department, 2900 block May Valley Truck Trl. [ID D26250024; pending dispo]

Sunday, Sep 6
• 5:32 p.m. — Suspicious Circumstance, 1900 block St Hwy 243. [ID D26249036; pending dispo]
• 5:31 p.m. — Follow-Up, Address Withheld. [ID D26249035; pending dispo]
• 2:01 p.m. — Assist Other Department, 5600 block E St Hwy 74. [ID D26249025; pending dispo]

Saturday, Sep 5
• 8:37 p.m. — Unknown Trouble, 2400 block Canyon Trl. [ID D26248061; pending dispo]

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‘Braver Angels’ seek to heal political divide, promote listening and encourage more accurate disagreement

By David Jerome
Editor

Members of the Hill community are invited to attend an introduction to an organization that aims to bridge political divides and foster constructive dialog. The organization, called “Braver Angels” is dedicated to its credo,“Let’s work together and become courageous citizens.” Their first local meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Idyllwild Public Library.

The website braverangels.org explains the group’s approach: “As individuals, we try to understand the other side’s point of view, even if we do not agree with it. In our communities, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together. In politics, we support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.”

The Braver Angels claim that their organization’s “rule” is to include “Red and Blue” leaders equally “at every level of organizational guidance.” The events intend to allow free and fearless sharing of views, an opportunity to engage neighbors of all viewpoints with honesty and respect. The structure encourages people to “disagree accurately, avoiding exaggeration and stereotypes,” as participants seek ways to work together.

The Town Crier spoke with facilitator Marit Resnik. Resnik told us that the point of the exercise is “not to convince anyone of anything but rather to heal the divide” in our political consciousness.

Resnik said she started participating in Braver Angels’ events during the COVID pandemic, when the meetings were online, and has continued to attend meetings in San Diego, Menifee, Riverside and Palm Desert.

“I wanted what they wanted,” she said. “I wanted to have discussions with people across the aisle from me without being scared. They provided that. Every time I go to one of their events I feel that not only did we not have sword fights, but I made friends from both sides of the aisle. It’s always a very pleasant experience.”

Although Braver Angels holds a variety of events, and has debate teams, Resnik says “this (event) is not that. This is going to be a ‘sample platter,’ an introduction to all the things that Braver Angels does. We want to see if the community wants more of it.”

The organization claims to have held over 7,600 events over the past nine years. The group was first named “Better Angels” in reference to Lincoln’s first inaugural address, but was changed in 2020 due to a trademark infringement suit.

Resnik asked locals to order free “tickets” online at Eventbrite. “There is a capacity limit of the meeting room, Eventbrite manages that… If people are not comfortable with that, they can email me at landoquakes@gmail.com.”

Braver Angels, Saturday September 26, Idyllwild Public Library 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Newsom signs bills to help recovery from smoke damage

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bills 1642 and 1795, both intended to help wildfire victims deal with the consequences of smoke damage.

The new laws create first-in-the-nation standards for testing and remediating hazardous wildfire smoke contamination from fires, and require insurers to cover qualifying smoke-damage testing, remediation, and restoration, according to the governor’s press release.

Assemblymember John Harabedian (District 41 D) authored AB 1642. This directs the state Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the California Air Resources Board to create standards for lead and asbestos testing, repair and removal. This is to be completed by Dec. 31, 2028. Similar standards for other toxic materials and contaminants are to be done by the end of 2029.

In addition, the CARB must develop and publish guidance on indoor air contaminants following residential smoke damage from a wildfire. The deadline for this work is the end of 2028.

Until the new standards are created, existing federal and state standards around lead and asbestos exposure will apply to establish smoke damage.

The second bill, AB 1795, establishes the nation’s first enforceable, science-based framework for investigating, restoring, and ensuring smoke-damaged homes, while creating stronger protections for families displaced by wildfire contamination.

AB 1795 creates the legal presumption that smoke damage in a fire zone came from the fire in the area. Residents will not have to prove the source of the smoke. It requires insurance companies to pay for testing and remediation based on the impending standards, which the DTSC is to establish.

Insurers must provide living expenses for qualified smoke damage claims until the structure is cleared for human occupancy. Insurers must begin inspecting damaged homes within 30 days of a claim and they must determine what actions are necessary to safely restore it.

“For homeowners who have already lost so much in a fire, the last thing a family should have to do is fight for a clear answer about whether it is safe to return home,” said Assemblymember Mike Gipson (District 65 D), author of AB 1795, in the press release.

More than 13,000 of the roughly 40,000 insurance claims filed after the January 2025 Los Angeles County fires involved smoke damage to homes that never burned, according to an estimate from the state Department of Insurance.

The DOI, fire survivors and Los Angeles County have filed multiple lawsuits or other legal actions against State Farm and the FAIR Plan over their handling of smoke-damage claims.



70 years ago — 1956
Nearly 400 county educators, administrators and groups concerned with education held an all-day meeting on the campus of the Arts Foundation (now Idyllwild Arts).

65 years ago — 1961
Idyllwild’s reputation as a creative center got a boost from a new art factory. Idyllwild resident and artist Jon Gnagy, with the help of local artists and technicians, produced art kits for Visual Art Industries Inc., New York. For many years, “Learn to Draw With Jon Gnagy” was a trade name across the country.

60 years ago — 1966
Paving Saunders Meadow Road started in preparation for developing the cut-and-fill dump to replace the open pit being used to dispose of trash.

55 years ago — 1971
Flags were at half staff in town to honor Robert Miller, a 21-year-old Forest Service foreman, who died as a result of burns received while fighting a 589-acre brush fire near the Idyllwild-Banning Highway (now called Highway 243). Officials suspected an arsonist ignited the fire.

50 years ago — 1976
Another heavy thunderstorm made for a very wet September. The Sept. 30 issue of the Town Crier featured a photo of Strawberry Creek near ISOMATA (Idyllwild Arts) which had swollen to a 50-foot-wide stream.

45 years ago — 1981
There was a wall-to-wall crowd at the Idyllwild County Park Visitor Center when a new book, “The San Jacintos: A History and Natural History,” written by 12 local authors, was unveiled.

40 years ago — 1986
Then Town Hall Recreation Program Director Shirley Root died in a traffic collision on Highway 243 south of Banning. She had been director for four years.

35 years ago — 1991
A dedication ceremony was held at the Idyllwild Visitor Center (Nature Center) addition. The new structure, a twin to the original Visitor Center building, added a 1,500-square-foot multipurpose room, offices and room for new exhibits.

30 years ago — 1996
The U.S. Forest Service announced that the Hill’s national forest lands would be part of a pilot project to start charging the public vehicle fees to use its lands. Thus, the Adventure Pass was born.

25 years ago — 2001
Three weeks after the Idyllwild Water District’s new filtration plant began operations, then General Manager Tom Lovejoy reported, “The plant is performing beautifully.”

20 years ago — 2006
A party was held at Café Aroma to celebrate the 95th birthday of Herb Jeffries, famous jazz singer and actor known as “Bronze Buckaroo.” He was known as the first black man to star as a cowboy in early movie westerns. Some sources claim that Jeffries was actually of Sicilian-Irish ancestry and that he was born in 1913, rather than 1911.

15 years ago — 2011
A 4.1-magnitude earthquake was felt in Idyllwild and other areas of the Hill about 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14.

10 years ago - 2016
Following the resignation of IWD’s GM Tom Lynch, board president Jim Billman and director Michael Freitas also submitted their resignations. No explanations were offered. The GM and departing directors were opponents of selling new meters and serving new customers until the stage 2 water emergency was over. The district had been in stage 2 status for 3 years.

5 years ago - 2021
A recall election failed to unseat Governor Gavin Newsom. Riverside was the only southern county to support the recall, although the difference was only 476 votes out of over 675,000.

1 year ago – 2025
Local bear sightings included a juvenile seen by FVWD staff and board members on a tour of district facilities. Jon King, founder of the San Jacinto Trail Report (sanjacjon.com) cautioned that it was difficult to know how many bears make their homes in our local forest, but said that he had seen evidence of 3 to 5 individuals.

Creature Corner

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats met new cattery and kittenry members.

Sequoia: ARF is truly overflowing with cats and kittens! But did you fellow felines know that ARF has a new dog?



KITTENS

Cardi: I heard the rumor…

Tasha: He is adorable, and his name is Nelson.

Paris: Is this Nelson coming into the room now?

Nelson: (bouncing into the room) Talking about me? I’m Nelson.

Honey: We are! So nice to meet you. What can you tell us all about you?

Nelson: I am about 3 years old, and everyone loves me.



NELSON

Sequoia: I’ve heard that you are super smart, very friendly, and nonreactive.

Nelson: Aw gosh, you are correct. I’m also told that even though I love every human I meet and I’m happy to see them, I do have a deep bark, but that’s all there is to it.



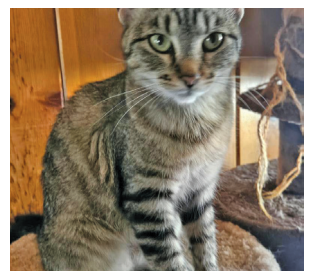
PARIS

Luka: That probably serves as a good warning to anyone entering the property.

Nelson: So true! I let everyone know I’m aware of their presence, but honestly, I’m so happy to meet them.

Tasha: And I heard you are good with other dogs.

Nelson: I am! But my future forever family should know I have lots of energy and love to play, but I also know some basic requests such as sit and wait.



SEQUOIA

Paris: Let’s hope your perfect family finds you very soon!

This week's Creature Corner is sponsored by Janey Mason. Would you like to be a sponsor? Please let us know! Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of Days of our Nine Lives each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy 243. ARF is open Saturdays 10-3, Sundays 10-2, and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.



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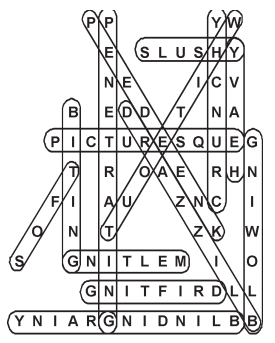
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San Diego nonprofit explains its role in Point of Rocks fuels reduction project

By David Jerome
Editor

At the September 9 meeting of the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST), a representative of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County (RCDSD) spoke to the Town Crier about their involvement with a local fuel break, the Point of Rocks. The project protects the north and northeast of Pine Cove.

Some months ago, a reader wrote a letter to the Editor asking why an organization from another county was working on local fire breaks.

After the MAST meeting, RCDSD Director of Forestry and Fire Prevention Programs Heather Cady explained to the Town Crier that the group was one of six recipients of a new block grant program, along with the Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF), the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, the Irvine Ranch Conservancy, the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy, and the Los Angeles based Mountains and Rivers Conservancy.

In an email exchange, Cady explained the RCDSD's role in the project, and answered a few questions. Her response follows.

"The Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County is the lead grantee for the Southern California Wildfire Resilience Partnership Regional Pilot Block Grant. The pilot brings together six regional partners across Southern California to identify and advance locally prioritized wildfire resilience projects, these entities were already identified through the RFFC (Regional Forest and Fire Capacity) Program. Our role is largely to provide the grant administration, coordination, environmental compliance, technical assistance, and implementation support needed to help those projects move forward."

What made Point of Rocks stand out?

Point of Rocks wasn't a project that we identified from San Diego. It came forward through the Inland Empire Community Foundation's regional planning and prioritization work. It was elevated as a long-standing local priority protecting the Pine Cove area and connects with a larger network of fuels treatments on the mountain, and met the requirements of the available funding.

What do you mean by "frontloading" projects?

One of the lessons from this pilot is that getting money awarded is only part of getting fuels work on the ground. By "frontloading," I mean doing as much of the project development work as possible before implementation funding is ready, developing scopes and treatment prescriptions, mapping boundaries, confirming landownership/access, completing environmental review, identifying implementers, estimating costs, and resolving permitting or contracting issues. The goal is to create a pipeline of genuinely implementation-ready projects rather than receiving funding and then spending the first year or two figuring out whether a project can actually be delivered.

Did IECF identify Point of Rocks, and are the block grant recipients working together?

Yes. IECF identified and helped advance Point of Rocks through its Regional Forest and Fire Capacity/Regional Priority Plan work. The Southern California Wildfire Resilience Partnership was intentionally structured as a regional partnership rather than six completely independent programs. Each regional partner brings forward priorities from its geography, while we share lessons, technical resources, capacity, and funding strategies across Southern California. RCDGSDC serves as the lead grantee and administrator of this block grant; that doesn't mean we replace the local organizations that know these landscapes best.

Have you undertaken projects outside San Diego County?

Through this grant, yes. Our normal RCD programs are centered in San Diego County, but our role under this block grant is regional. We administer and support projects across the Southern California grant area through the six regional partners. Point of Rocks is a good example of that—we're helping solve an implementation challenge for a project that originated with the Inland Empire partners rather than bringing a San Diego project into Riverside County.

Was Point of Rocks treated previously?

Yes. Point of Rocks has a long history as a fuels-management priority. The current effort is best understood as retreatment and expansion/continuation of an existing strategic fuel break rather than creating an entirely new treatment footprint. Maintaining these investments over time is just as important as establishing them in the first place.

Could Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council do the work?

Potentially, and we're very interested in keeping implementation local wherever the appropriate capacity exists. We're currently working on contracts, so I don't want to get ahead of that process by naming a final implementer yet. Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council is certainly an important local partner with extensive experience on the mountain.

Editor's note: The board packet for Idyllwild Fire Protection District's Sept. 22 meeting includes a note from Chief Mark LaMont, as follows. "Point of Rocks: The IFPD has determined that the funding for this project is not sufficient for the recommended/desired work. IFPD has withdrawn from this project."