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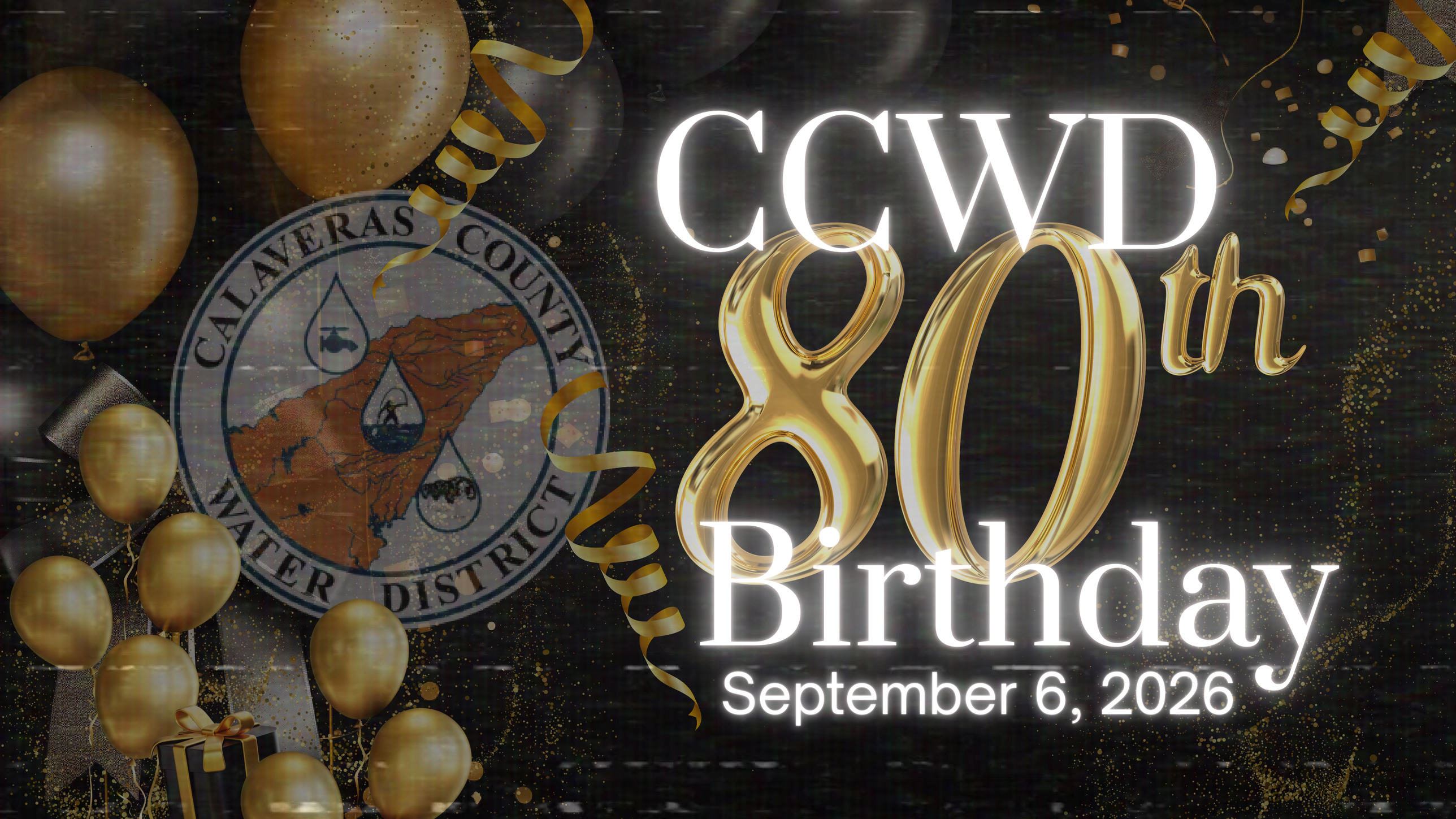
External Affairs Report

April 22, 2026

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MOKELUMNE HILL BUSINESS SECTION IS HIT BY FIRE

Blaze Wipes Out Building Where Blast Explosion Occurred Last Month

Occuring almost a month to the day, fire of undetermined origin but believed to have been caused by faulty wiring, completely destroyed the two-story frame building that was shaken by the explosion of the mysterious suitcase at Mokelumne Hill and gutted the H. M. Sturges two-story brick building, built in 1852. The property was owned by the Peek estate and was partially covered by insurance.

The suitcase blast occurred Thursday, July 18, while the fire took place about 11:45 o'clock Tuesday evening. Doing an estimated $15,00 damage, it was brought under control 3½ hours lated after being fought by the Mokelumne Hill Volunteer Fire Department and State Forest Service crews from Amador and Calaveras Counties.

The Future of Calaveras

NEXT TUESDAY the voters of Calaveras County will have an opportunity of voting upon two propositions which could well determine the future of Calaveras County for generations to come. If Calaveras County is to grow and prosper in the ever expanding State of California, there are some public improvements that must be made.

These two measures which will appear on the ballot are, first, the question of the formation of a county-wide water district, and second, the formation of a county-wide hospital district.

The vote next Tuesday simply determines whether or not the county will have two legal organizations capable of solving the great needs of the county. Neither of the matters to be voted upon call for the expenditure of money at the present time. Both propositions merely set up legal organizations necessary to work out details and later submit them to the voters of the county for their approval or rejection.

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Shortly, the State will present to Calaveras County a master plan of blue prints showing proposed dams, ditches, canals, etc., which if constructed would serve water for domestic, irrigation and industrial uses in practically every portion of the county.

If we have a legal organization voted by the people with a board of directors elected with the responsibility of trying to find ways and means of putting the State's master plan in operation, we have some hope for the future of the county. Without a legal organization, the State will have spent some $25,000 for plans which will probably gather dust in the State files for generations to come. In the meantime, the valleys and the cities of the State will have filed upon and begun to put to beneficial use every bit of water originating in the county. It will then be too late to recapture a heritage that belongs to the people of this county and to those that come after us.

In the preliminary survey of the water resources of the county, engineers have discovered a remarkable system of ditches throughout the entire

SPECIAL ELECTION IN COUNTY SET FOR TUESDAY

Water and Hospital District Propositions Call Only for Forming of Legal Bodies

Calaveras County voters will go to the polls Tuesday when a special election will be held upon two propositions. They are the formation of a county-wide water district and the formation of a county-wide hopsital district.

The election has been called by the Board of Supervisors following the presentation of petitions signed by the required number of voters asking that the election be called.

The Supervisors have consolidated the four precincts in Angels Camp and the two precincts in Mokelumne Hill, San Andreas and Murphys, into single voting precincts for the election. All other precincts remain as usual for county-wide elections.

Both measures need a simple majority of those voting to become legal

"The Days of Old" In Historic CALAVERAS COUNTY

By J. A. SMITH

Indian Chiefs

(San Andreas Independent, January 24, 1857)

(Continued from last week)

ANTONIO—Of the many chiefs that the whites came in contact with in 1848-49, none were so good or so true as this noble old chief. He was an aged man and one who knew no harm nor thought any evil. He was a warm friend of the Americans and early in 1848, under the protection of Antonio, Mike Lodge and Tom Fallon, moved (by invitation to come and dig gold in his country) to the rancheria, which then contained about 150 Indians, old and young Mike Lodge and his family ever enjoyed the confidence of the old chief.

Antonio died, in the month of March or April, 1850, just above McDermott's Bridge. Great mourning took place among his tribe on the occasion of his

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Diary of Jacob H. Bachman

(Continued from last week)

The J. H. Bachman diary has pasted on the inside of the front cover of the first book what is evidently a newspaper clipping published at the time

PG&E TAKES OVER UTICA MONDAY

The Pacific Gas & Electric Company will formally take over the water and power business of the Utica Power Company Monday according to an announcement made this week by the PG&E. The Utica serves electricity to Angels Camp, Altaville, Carson Hill, Vallecito, Murphys and Sheep Ranch and delivers water to members of the Calaveras Water Users Association.

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BRET HARTE STAFF IS NOW COMPLETE FOR FALL TERM

Four New Teachers Are Added To Staff. Will Open Steptember 10

Four new teachers have signed up for instructors at Bret Harte Union High School, which opens on September 10th, according to Principal Art Timothy.

Miss Jayne Campbell of Bakersfield will instruct in home economics. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and has had special training in home economics at Davis and at Oregon State College. Miss Campbell taught science and home economics at McFarland High School.

D. Carl Gelatt of Palo Alto has been

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Following the canvass of the votes by the supervisors, a second election will be held to elect a board of directtors for the water district. There will be five directors who will govern the water district.

The vote Tuesday was only on the question of formation of a district which gives the county a legal organization capable of handling water problems for the people. Following

WAR DEAD TO BE RETURNED HERE

Arrangements -for the removal of war dead of World War II from the battlefields of the world back to their home soil are being made by the United State Government, according to Joseph S. Huberty, county service officer.

No application for the return of the war dead are, as yet available, but the

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In as tense, exciting and hard-fought game as any seen on the softball diamond this year, the two San Andreas teams, Cement plant and Town team battled each other tooth and nail with the Cement Mixers with Evans on the mound, winning out in an extra inning battle 6-5:

With San Andreas leading 5-3 in the fourth, Cement scored twice to knot the count in the first of the fifth. The teams then traded goose eggs until the first of the eighth, when Do Winkler got on through Howke's erro stole second and went to third on

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Calaveritas	25— 0	25— 0
El Dorado	55— 0	52 1
Petersburg	14— 3	14— 3
San Andreas	244— 1	234— 7
Glencoe	20— 0	19— 1
Mok Hill	101— 4	98— 8
Paloma	15— 2	12— 4
Railroad Flat	56— 6	57— 5
West Point	101— 3	95— 9
Avery	35— 1	33— 3
Big Trees	36— 5	40— 2
Douglas Flat	30— 3	24— 8
Murphys	146— 0	129—13
Sheep Ranch	30— 0	34— 0
Vallecito	46— 3	42— 7
Altaville	103— 4	102— 5
Angels	273—12	283— 2
Carson	30— 0	28— 2
Copperopolis	46— 0	44— 2
Melones	14— 0	14— 0
Burson	47— 1	44— 3
Camanche	24— 2	20— 4
Campo Seco	40— 0	40— 0
Jenny Lind	39— 0	34— 4
Milton	32— 1	21— 8
Salt Spring Valley	14— 0	14— 0
Valley Springs	99— 1	94— 4
Wallace	34— 0	29— 5
Totals	1753—52	1675—110

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I, FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That I have compared the annexed transcript with the RECORD on file in my office, of which it purports to be a copy, and that the same is a full, true and correct copy thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of California*

this 6th day of September, 1946

Secretary of State

By

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CLERK OF CALAVERAS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SHOWING THAT PROPOSITION TO ORGANIZE CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT WAS ADOPTED AT AN ELECTION DULY HELD ON SAID PROPOSITION.

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I, BASIL E. ESMOND, county clerk of the County of Calaveras, ate of California, and ex-officio clerk of the Board of Super-sors of said County, hereby certify as follows:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS pursuant to an order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Calaveras, State of California, passed and adopted on the 15th day of July, 1946, the proposition whether the territory hereinafter described should be organized as a county water district under the act of the legislature of the State of California, hereinafter mentioned, was duly submitted to the electors of said territory at an election held in said territory on the 27th day of August, 1946;

AND WHEREAS more than a majority of all of the votes cast at said election within the one and only municipal corporation included in said district was in favor of said proposition and authorized the organization and incorporation of said proposed district and more than a majority of all of the votes cast at said election outside of said municipal corporation and within the unincorporated territory included in said district was in favor of said proposition and authorized the organization and incorporation of said proposed district and said proposition carried and was adopted and the result of said election was thereafter duly declared by said Board of Supervisors by an order passed and adopted on the 30th day of August, 1946;

AND WHEREAS said Board of Supervisors did also on said 30th day of August, 1946, by an order duly entered on its minutes declare the territory inclosed within the proposed boundaries of said district duly organized as a county water district under the

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this 6th day of September, 1946.

Secretary of State

BY Deputy

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FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State
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number of votes cast within the unincorporated
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proposition within said municipal corporation was 273 and the
number of votes cast thereat in favor of said proposition outside
of said municipal corporation and within the unincorporated terri-
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CCWD External Relations Committee



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Wednesday, April 15, 2026 1:30- 3:00 PM.

Location: Calaveras County Water District: 120 Toma Court, San Andreas

Agenda

1. **Welcome** *(Jessica Self, Chapter President, Union PUD)*
2. **Group Introductions**
3. **Approval of minutes from Jan. 21, 2026**
4. **Guest Speaker: Kirk Smith, chairman, Calaveras County Local Agency Formation Commission**
5. **Fire flows – whether to form a committee to advocate/assess ways to address fire flows in water systems.**
6. **CSDA Update** (*Dane Wadle, CSDA)*
7. **Local District Roundtable/Updates**
8. **Wrap – Up/Questions/Next Meeting Place and Time**



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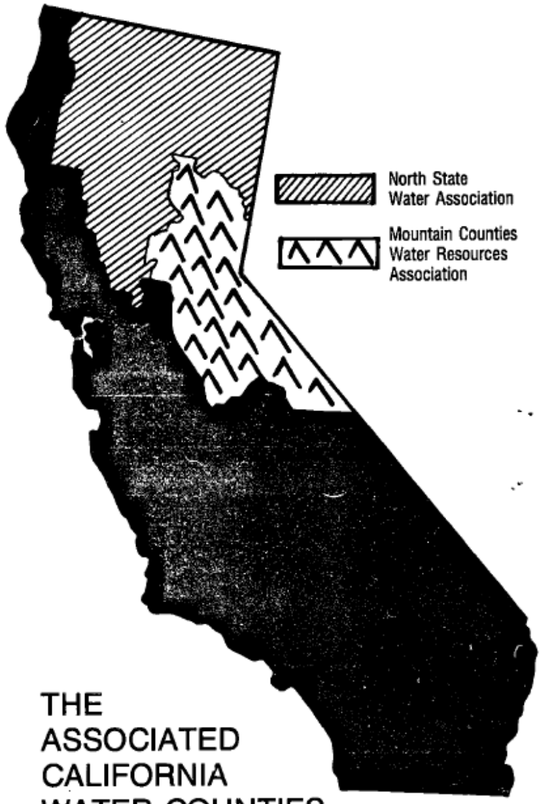

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Now united in a separate organization representing the 21 counties that supply more than half of California's water, MCWRA and North State Water Association form the Cascade-Sierra Water Council.

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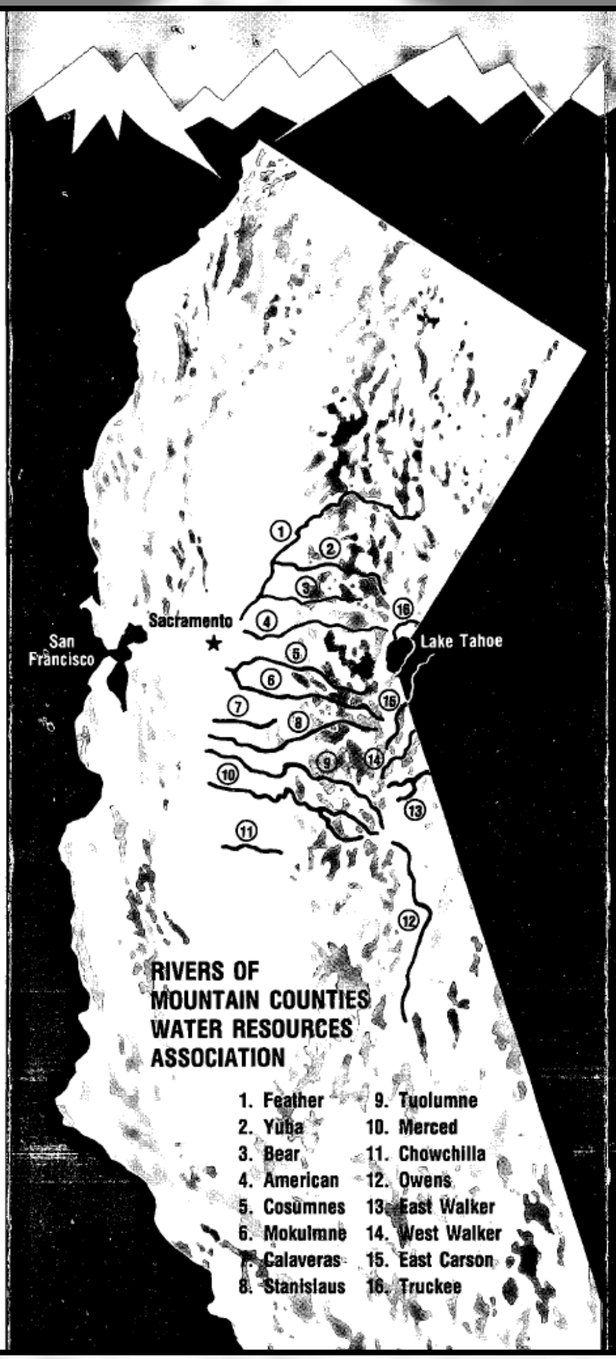

RIVERS OF MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

1. Feather
2. Yuba
3. Bear
4. American
5. Cosumnes
6. Mokulmne
7. Calaveras
8. Stanislaus
9. Tuolumne
10. Merced
11. Chowchilla
12. Owens
13. East Walker
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15. East Carson
16. Truckee

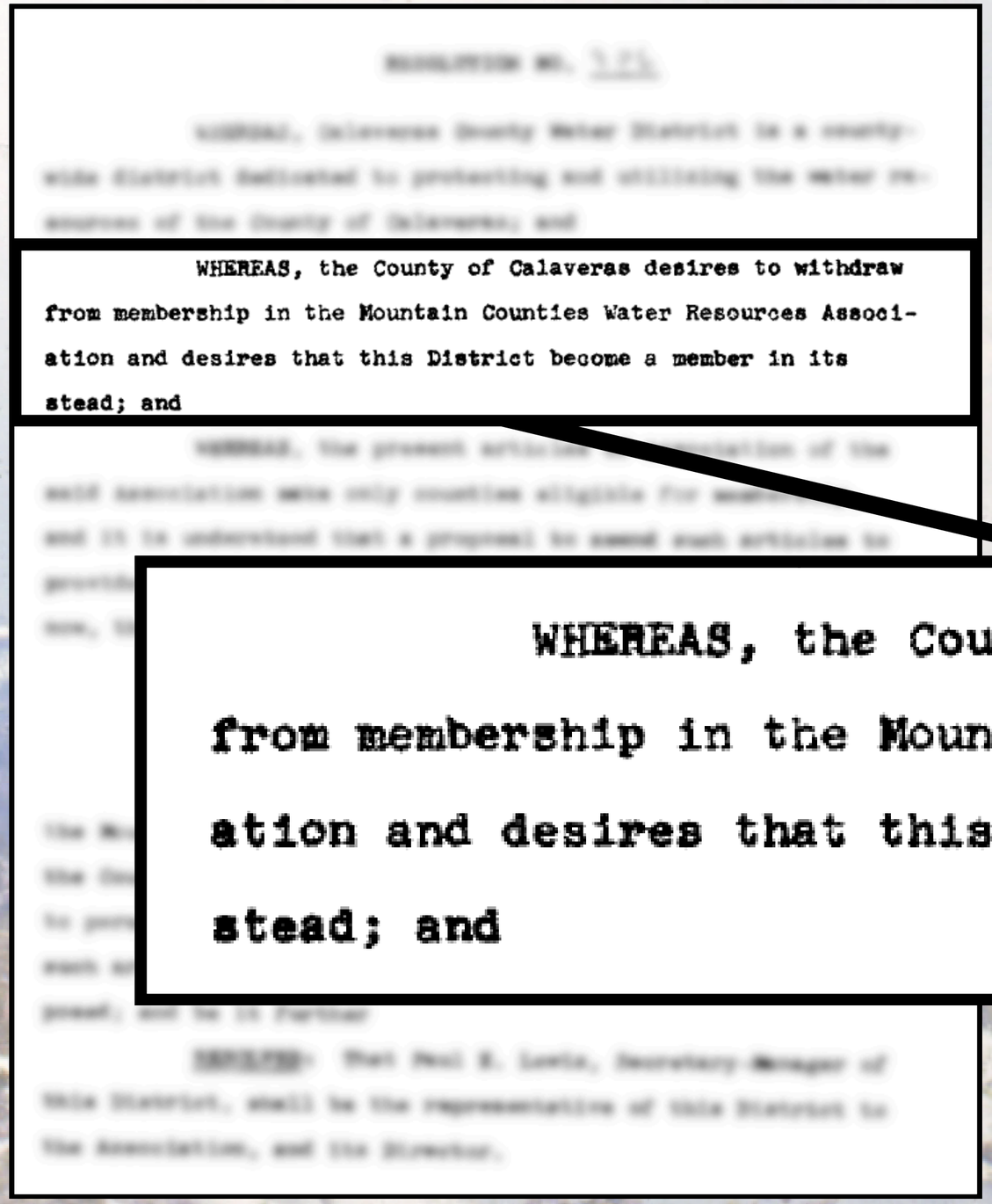
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association



"Protecting Our Resources"

May 8th 1956

The Calaveras County Water District applies for membership in the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association



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Bret Harte High School Class

FNR 1 - Forestry & Natural Resources

March 27, 2026



On The Right Track 2026









2026
High School Scholarships
“Water Roots”

Where does your community’s water come from, and why does it matter?



Four $500 Scholarships

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CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Wheels Of Wonder

Hazel Fischer School
April 14, 2026



ACWA JPIA Summit Welcome & Exclusive Educational Session

Insights on Hazard Mitigation & Federal Funding Pathways



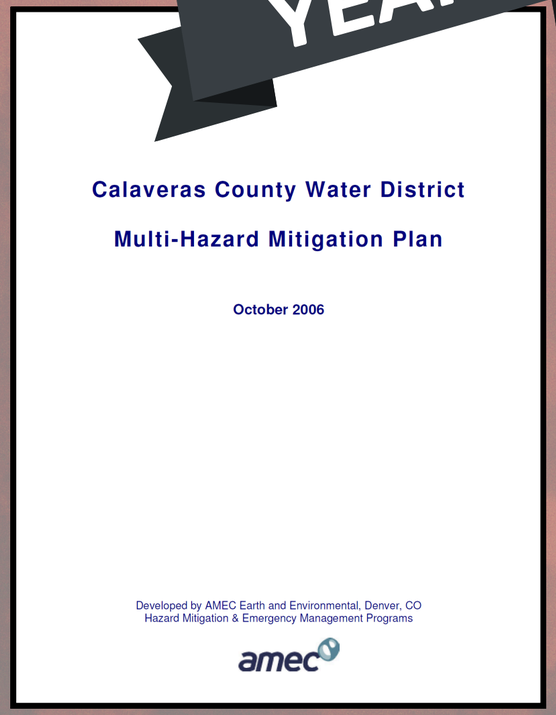
Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at ACWA Conference

Panelist:

- Michael Minkler, Calaveras County Water District
- Caroline Abellar, Alameda County Water District
- Bobby Young, East Orange County Water District

20 YEARS

CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS



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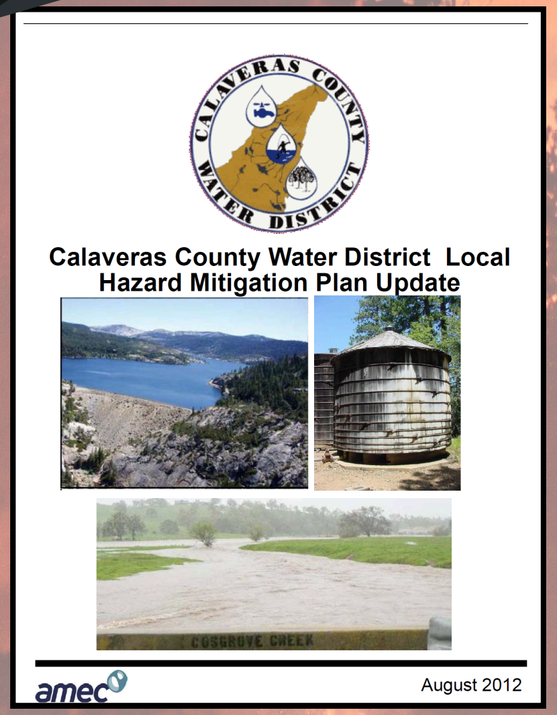

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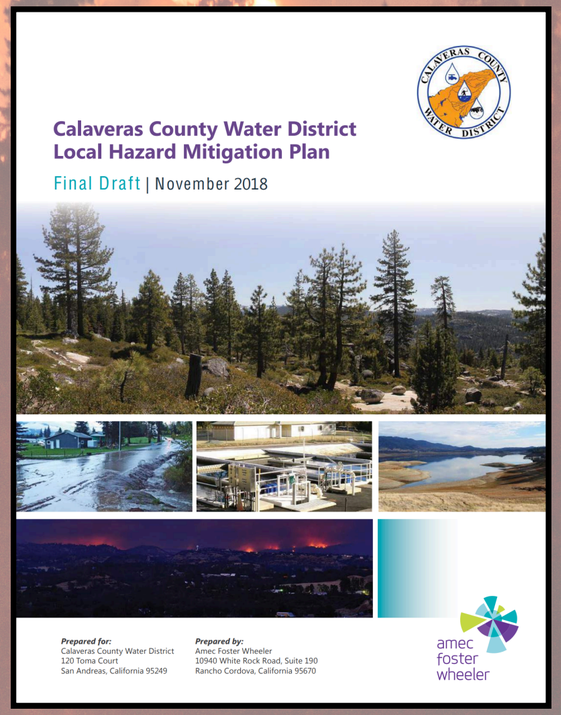

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2019	Crticial Facility Generator Implementation Project	$500K	TO BE COMPLETED OCTOBER 14, 2025
2021	Hunters Raw Water Pump Station Mitigation Phase I	$280,500	COMPLETED
2021	Ebbetts Pass Redwood Tanks Hardening	$2,821,198	COMPLETED
2024	Hunters Raw Water Pump Station Mitigation Phase II	$1,589,500	ACTIVE
2024	West Point Water Supply Drought Phase I	$433,523	ACTIVE
2025	Wildfire Hardening of Critical Pump Station	$3,745,395	APPLICATION SUBMITTED



Heather Tank in Forest Meadows

Completed October 2022

Calaveras Watershed

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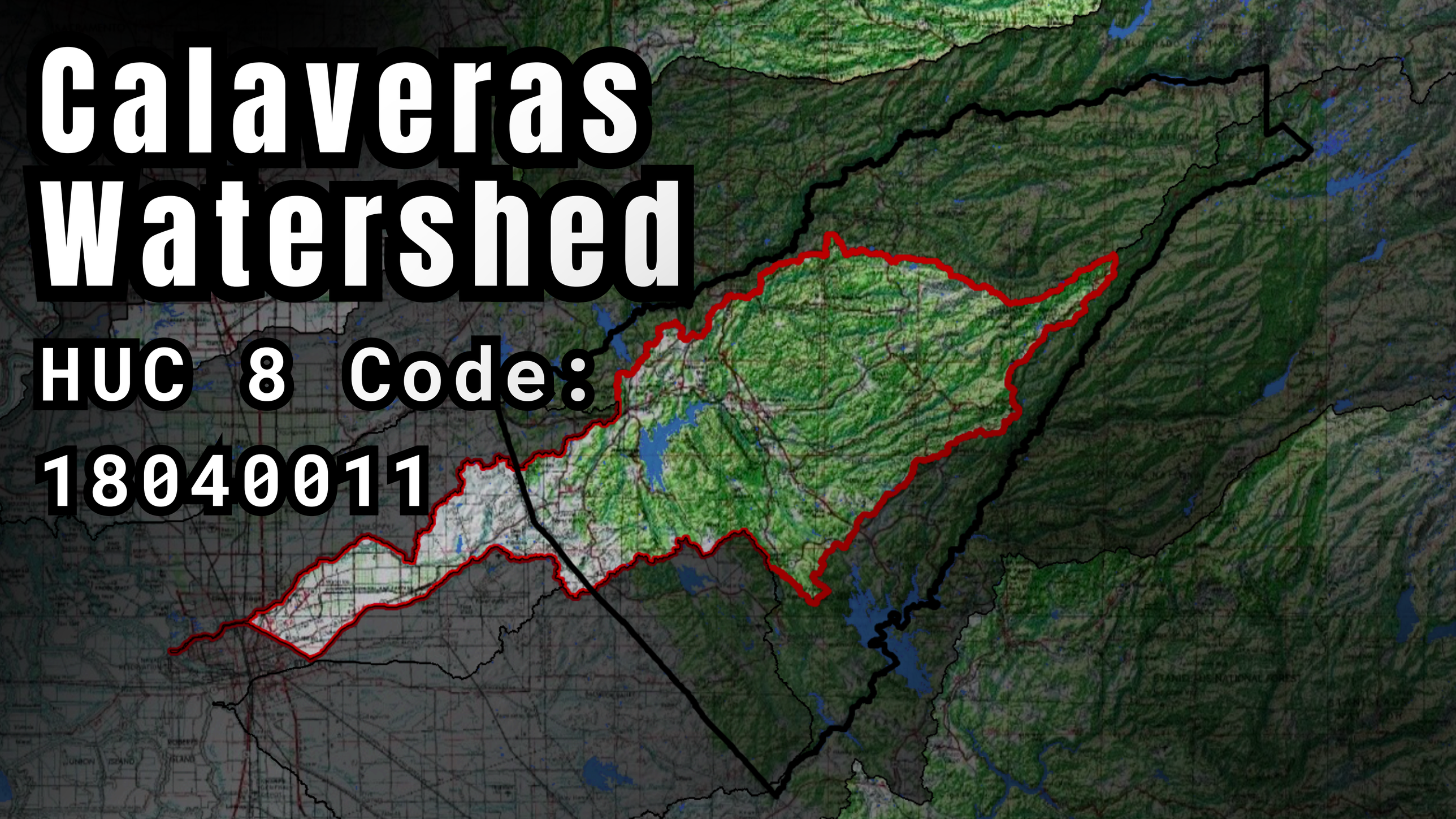

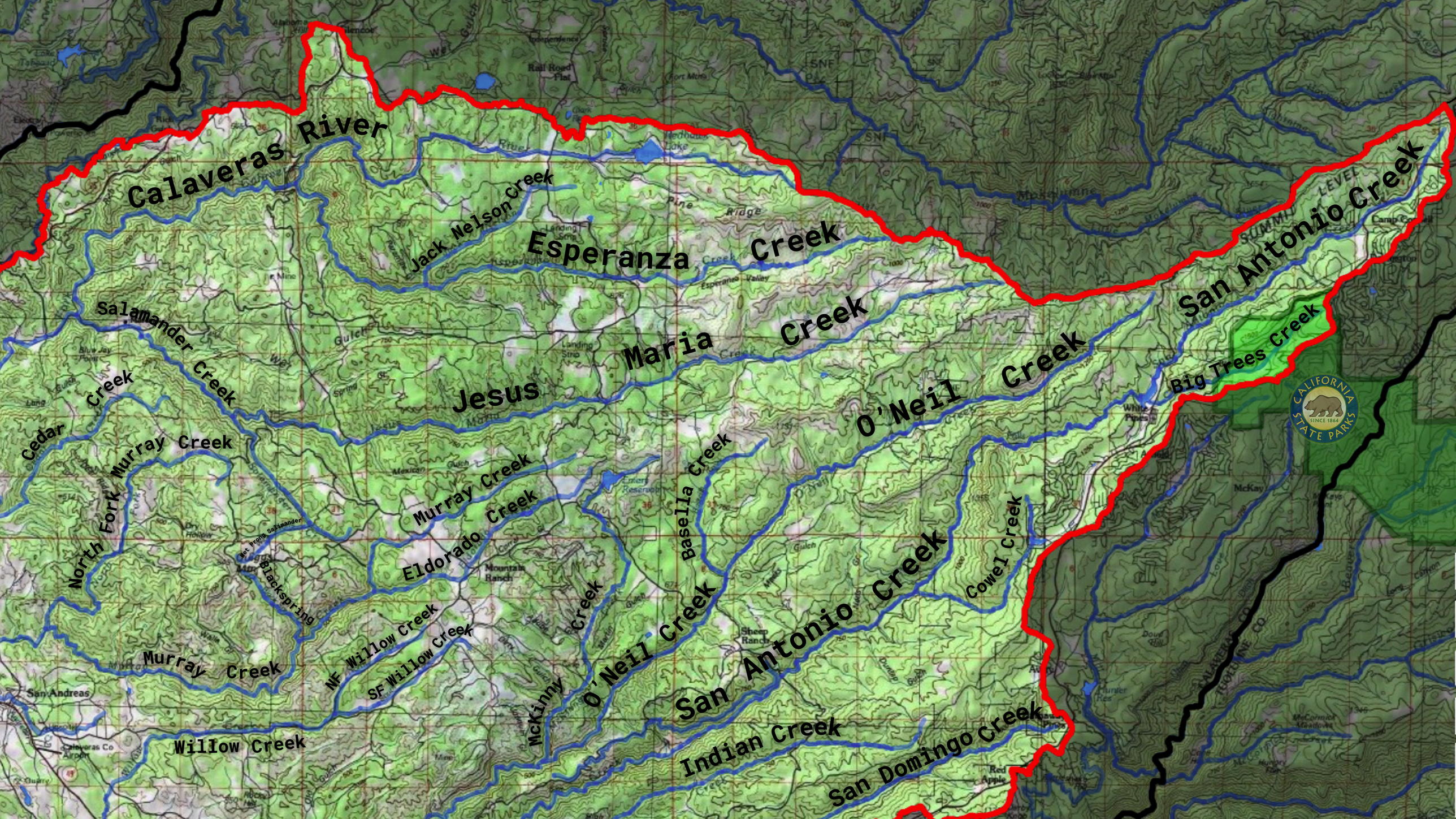
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CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS
SINCE 1864



Historical Society Dinner

April 23, 2026

Jenny Lind Vetrans Hall




CALAVERAS COUNTY
WATER DISTRICT
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