

BIA Fresno/Madera Counties UPDATE BULLETIN

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LOCAL

Clovis Committee Meeting in January

- **Impact fee review** John Holt reviewed the process that the City Council directed when they delayed the 60% increase to the Water Impact fee. John indicated that the city hired Kosmont to prepare an analysis of the city's methodology for calculating the impact fees and to provide alternatives for financing the fees. John stated that Kosmont found that the methodology was reasonable, and that the city should look at using the CFD process for developers to pay the fees. John informed the committee that they would be reviewing their debt policy to determine if the CFD could be used to pay fees.
- **VMT mitigation measures in a fee program** Dave Merchen stated that they had received the technical memo from Kittleson and after an internal review they would be releasing it in a few weeks. Dave indicated that the memo did not change the position of the staff on recommending that a fee program not be used.
- **Permit trends** Jesse Newton presented the permit numbers for December. The city issued 62 single family permits and zero multi-family permits. For the fiscal year there were 195 single family permits issued and zero multi-family permits issued. For the calendar year the city issued 691 single family permits and zero multifamily permits.
- **Discussion of available tentative maps** Mike Prandini reported that the information he was able to collect there were 1,298 lots in process with almost 1,200 in one project. Renee Mathis stated that there were 1,000 recorded single-family lots yet to be issued permits and 600 multi-family units still in process. Renee estimated that the city would issue about 550 single family permits by fiscal year end.
- **Discussion of validation of Water Master Plan cost estimates** Paul Armendariz reported that they had engaged Provost & Pritchard to review the information in the Plan. In addition, they had contracted with Kell Engineering to revisit the cost estimates in the Plan and with StanTech for review of the cost estimates for the treatment plant and other high-cost infrastructure. Paul indicated that the results of the reports will be presented to the BIA in February and likely presented to the City Council in March.
- **Discussion of small lot standards** Renee Mathis recalled that the City Council had rejected the BIA proposal and wanted additional information on amenities from the BIA and the staff was waiting for that information. Darius Assemi inquired if private streets allowed for more flexibility in the development standards and requested assistance from staff. Renee stated that staff would be willing to work with the BIA on considering establishing development standards but needed additional information from the BIA on the proposed standards.

Fresno Committee Meeting in January - None

Madera County Committee Meeting in January - None

Fresno County Committee Meeting in January - None

Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District in January - None

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How will California respond to the home insurance market meltdown? Zillow

California politicians face two pressing crises this year: a massive state budget deficit and the decline of the homeowner insurance market.

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NEM 3.0 and broader economic headwinds pose challenges to the industry. But looking ahead, high retail electricity rates could still push customers to install rooftop solar.

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California launches website to track thousands of projects being built in the state Fox Sacramento

Across the state, there are thousands of public infrastructure projects either in the works or planned for construction and funded with Californians' tax dollars.

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In Beverly Hills, no kitchen remodels or pool grottoes as judge orders building moratorium over lack of affordable housing

Los Angeles Times

Few if any places are more famous for their luxury than Beverly Hills, where entrepreneurs and entertainers — such as Jeff Bezos, Leonardo DiCaprio and Taylor Swift — own mansions, opulent hotels attract well-heeled visitors, and glamorous boutiques make Rodeo Drive one of the most expensive shopping strips in the world. Yet growth has been nonexistent.

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California foreclosure filings climb 41% off pandemic era lows Los Angeles Daily News

California's 32,905 foreclosure filings in 2023 were No. 2 among the states. Economic rivals Florida was No. 1 at 35,813 and Texas was No. 3 at 30,467.

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California's 7-year housing push has yet to boost building East Bay Times

"It boils down to the cities that have to approve new housing. And many policies have been passed at the state level to try to get the cities off the mark," said Kleinhenz, a former CAR economist.

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Billionaire backers of new California city seek voter approval after stealthily snapping up farmland

ABC News

After years of secretly snapping up farmland for a new city northeast of San Francisco, the CEO of a company backed by Silicon Valley billionaires pitched voters Wednesday on his vision for a walkable, affordable community that would appeal to their California pride.

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California's proposed water conservation rules too stringent and costly, analysts say CalMatters

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Even though California faces serious water shortages, the Legislature's analysts recommend weaker outdoor conservation requirements and longer deadlines for urban water agencies.

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Opinion: This Supreme Court case from California could ease housing shortages everywhere Los Angeles Times

On Jan. 9, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the case of Californian George Sheetz, who applied for a permit to put a manufactured house on his land in El Dorado County and got hit with a \$23,420 traffic mitigation fee.

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Can San Diego governments reverse population trends?

The San Diego Union-Tribune

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The era of saying 'no' to housing is coming to an end': New California building laws for 2024 The Orange County Register via MSN

If California wants to build its way out of its long term housing shortage, plenty of things stand in its way in 2024: high interest rates, sluggish local approval processes and a persistent shortage of skilled construction workers, among others.

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State wins a round in fight with Huntington Beach to build more housing

Los Angeles Times

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California should require insurers to cover homeowners who protect property, advocate says The Sacramento Bee

Carmen Balber, the executive director of the advocacy organization Consumer Watchdog, said she came to Sacramento recently to pitch legislators and their staff on a plan she hopes will help some Californians keep their property insurance.

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Report: Typical California home requires triple the median household income to afford The Black Chronicle

Mid-tier home payments rose to \$5,500 per month in December, an increase of 80% since January 2020 while those for a bottom-tier home increased to \$3,400, or an 85% increase since January 2020, suggesting demand is higher at the bottom-end of the market where residents are competing for a smaller quantity of housing that is affordable to them. "If the supply were more in line with demand, we would see a leveling of prices. We haven't."

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What's happened since California cut home solar payments? Demand has plunged 80% CalMatters

The state's decision has caused consumer demand for residential solar to plummet since the new rate took effect. Solar companies say they've been shoved to the edge of a cliff, forcing them to lay off workers or even shut down.

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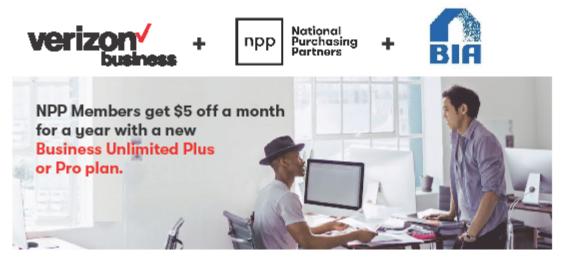
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