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UPDATE BULLETIN

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LOCAL

Clovis Committee Meeting in December

Status of review of the Development Impact fee increases – Sean Smith reported that he was still working with Provost and Pritchard and Blair Church and Flynn on collection of cost data and capacity. Sean stated that the next meeting of the subcommittee was scheduled for January 10. Sean noted that the process would be beginning in January for the 2023 fee update and requested participation for the review.

Update of VMT mitigation measures – Dave Merchen indicated that the consultant was working on a white paper that would provide the options available, including fees, banked credits, and credit exchanges. Dave stated that it was anticipated that the work would be completed in January.

Review of Development Review Unit timelines and staffing – Sean Smith stated that the processing times had improved and were at 95% and the goal was to reach 100% for meeting the turnaround time. Sean indicated that the improvement was due in part to the pre-screening of applications and returning those that were incomplete. Sean stated that as a result more submittals were coming in complete. Sean informed the group that training was continuing.

Permit trends – Jesse Newton reported that 107 single family permits were issued since July 1 as compared to 120 for the same period in 2021. Jesse stated that they had received 350 permit applications, which they were processing and expected more as the builders submit applications to beat the new codes that will be in effect on January 1. Jesse stated that it was likely that they would meet the target of 850 units.

Building inspection requests – Jesse Newton reminded that group that the building inspection request by phone would be eliminated on January 1 after which inspection requests had to be submitted online. Jesse noted that requests for fire inspections and infrastructure inspections would still be by phone.

RTMF processing - Sean Smith informed that group that RTMF reporting would be done through a group email that is monitored by multiple individuals. Problems occurred in the past as only one person was monitoring the email, which caused delays when that person was out.

Public Notices – Renee Mathis stated that at the last Council meeting the Council adopted new guidelines for notices that will require notices be sent 17 days in advance to allow residents sufficient time to comment and notices will not be mailed on Friday.

Council summer recess – Renee Mathis stated that the Council was changing its summer recess from August to July.

Infrastructure committee – Mike Harrison requested participation on an infrastructure planning committee and stated that he would send out an invitation to participate.

Retirement – Sean Smith stated that Joe Alexander would be retiring after 37 years of service on January 3, 2023.



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- Fresno Committee Meeting in December - None
- Madera County Committee Meeting in December - None
- Fresno County Committee Meeting in December - None
- Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District in December - None

AROUND THE STATE

A costly project showed California politicians think they own the Capitol. A court reminded them they don't

Los Angeles Times

Last week, a state appellate court in Sacramento ruled that the Newsom administration and the Legislature had violated the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA.

CEQA is often pesky and blatantly abused. But in this case, it's a godsend.

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California's deficit of affordable housing units highest in the nation

The Center Square

Additionally, California's new housing production "fails to make up for decades of undersupply," and there are roughly 2.93 Californians for every occupied housing unit, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.

When running for governor in 2017, Newsom, who was the lieutenant governor at the time, promised to lead an effort to develop 3.5 million new housing units by 2025. But as of this year, only 13% of those homes have been permitted, and he's settled on a new goal: 2.5 million homes by 2030, as reported by CalMatters.

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'Soft landing' is a terrible name for what's coming

The Washington Post

The reality is that a substantial number of Americans will experience pain even if the country doesn't technically fall into a recession. A more appropriate term is probably a "forced landing" or an "emergency landing." Or, we should ditch the landing gear entirely and call this best-case scenario something more like a "stall session."

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California Ban on Gas Appliances Starts With Jan. 1 'All Electric' Rule

GVWire

Home builders will likely pull as many construction permits as they can by Dec. 30 to build under the old code, **said Mike Prandini, president of the Fresno Madera Building Industry Association.**

As California moves to all-electric for homes and businesses, many are questioning whether enough power can be generated and stored to serve the state's 39 million residents. During heat waves last summer, residents were asked to refrain from using appliances such as washers and dryers and from charging electrical vehicles in the late afternoon and early evening, when demand for air conditioning peaked and power supplies were stretched thin.

"It makes no sense," Prandini said.

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AROUND THE STATE

New California laws for 2023: Abortion, minimum wage and more laws that go into effect in January KCRA3

The new year will usher in hundreds of new California laws. From protecting abortion and gender-affirming health care to legalizing jaywalking, state lawmakers and the governor approved a swath of new rules in the state that take effect in January.

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Western water woes

Politico

Federal and state officials have been scrambling this year to work out ways to conserve water across the West and keep the river flowing out of Hoover and Glen Canyon Dams. While some progress has been made, the threat of dropping to "dead pool" levels — where no water flows from the dam at all — is still very real.

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Power connection work delays local development projects

Bakersfield.com

Frustration is mounting in Kern County lately over a growing backlog of real estate development projects waiting to be hooked up to the power grid.

"This is getting a lot of political attention," said **Dave Dmowski, executive officer of the Homebuilders Association of Kern County**. "It's a real serious issue."

But after a meeting between PG&E executives and representatives of the **California Building Industry Association**, an agreement was reached in which the utility pledged to reallocate \$86 million to bring back furloughed contractors. Power was to be hooked up, before the end of this year, to any home for which a buyer has locked in a mortgage rate at risk of expiration.

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Nearly 20% of California water agencies could see shortages if drought persists, state report shows

Los Angeles Times

Of 414 reporting agencies, 82% said they do not anticipate any shortages so long as current conservation efforts continue, including voluntary reductions in water use and local Level 2 water shortage measures. Notably, the majority of the agencies that reported potential shortages are in two of the state's most populous hydrologic regions, the San Francisco Bay Area and the South Coast region, which includes Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego, the report shows.

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LA Council Bans Gas in New Buildings in 'First Step' Toward Electrification

KFI AM 640

New buildings in Los Angeles will be required to be all-electric under a policy approved by the City Council Wednesday as part of a movement to reduce carbon emissions in the city.

The requirement applies to buildings approved after April 1, and affordable housing projects approved after June 1 of next year. Accessory dwelling units and cooking equipment for restaurants are exempt.

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AROUND THE STATE

Duplex housing law hasn't had big impact on Oakland, so far The Oaklandside

According to city building records, SB9 hasn't yet proven itself to be the game-changer its supporters promised and its opponents feared. Only two people had filed for SB9 project permits by mid-October, nearly a year after the law was implemented.

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To cut fossil fuels, California needs power lines, fast. Building them takes a decade

The Sacramento Bee

More wind and solar power is coming online all the time. But years-long permitting processes across multiple agencies, community opposition, and high costs mean it can take a decade to build the infrastructure needed to move it. Without enough power lines, California will fall short of its goal to supply 100% clean energy by 2045.

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What Do the Midterm Results Mean for Housing?

National Association of Home Builders

Midterm elections are always a referendum on the occupant of the White House, and the 2022 midterms were no exception. With both parties well-funded by record-breaking campaign spending and both chambers of Congress closely divided, it did not take a "wave" election for either party to claim the majority; it was merely a question "by how many seats."

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U.S. home-builder sentiment extends record decline to 12 months

The Spokesman-Review

U.S. homebuilder sentiment fell every month in 2022, sinking in December to a level not seen in over a decade outside the pandemic amid elevated mortgage rates and high construction costs.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo gauge dropped two points this month to 31, the lowest level since June 2012 excluding the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, figures showed Monday.

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For more information, contact Chris Vlautin, cvlautin@amesgrenz.com or (916) 486-2900, Ext. 122

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