



Building Industry Association  
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# *BIA Fresno/Madera Counties*

## *UPDATE BULLETIN*

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### **LOCAL**

#### **Clovis Committee Meeting in March**

**Review of Development Impact Fees** – Sean Smith stated the internal review of the impact fees is continuing and that a stakeholder meeting would be in a couple of weeks. Sean said that it was the goal to present the fees to the City Council on May 15.

**VMT mitigation measures** – Dave Merchen informed the Committee that they had intended to release the draft report last week but due to differences in the COG report decided to withhold release and reconcile the differences. Dave stated that revisions had been completed and the internal review should be completed by next week.

**Permit Trends** – Jesse Newton reported that there were 190 single family permits issued since July 1 and there were about 450 permits in the que.

**Timely submittal of RTMF payments and WELO plans prior to request for final inspection** – Sean Smith indicated that there was a trend developing that could cause a delay in the issuance of the certificates of occupancy. Sean stated that the city was receiving notification of the payment of the RTMF and the WELO plans on the day of final inspection. Sean encouraged submittals of these items at least a day ahead of the final inspection to avoid delays.

**Quarterly update on plan review timelines** – Sean Smith indicated that there had been improvements in the processing times since last year and they were continuing to work on the process improvements with the goal of not impeding development.

**Housing Element** – Dave Merchen reported that the draft Housing Element had been uploaded to the City's website, that a workshop will be held tonight at Tarpey Elementary school, and it would be considered at a joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission on March 20. Dave stated that the draft shows sufficient land to meet its RHNA obligation. Dave indicated that there may be changes due to public comments that are due by April 14. Dave cautioned that although the draft did not include inclusionary zoning the draft had to be approved by the State Department of Housing and Community Development. Dave stated that the draft recommended a modification to the High-Density Multi-family General Plan designation to as high as 30 units per acre and the Very High designation to as high as 40 units per acre.

**Sewer and Water updates** – Renee Mathis reported that it was planned to present an update on the Sewer and Water systems to the City Council this month, but it is now scheduled for April 10.



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**Departmental Fee adjustments** – Renee Mathis announced that in addition to the impact fee adjustments they would be considering increases to the hourly rate for the Engineering charge for Capital Projects to \$145 per hour, an increase to the Planning fees by 3.5%, and the building fees are being reviewed.

**Retirement of Mike Harrison** – Renee Mathis indicated that Mike Harrison had previously announced that he would be retiring and that he had decided to retire in June. Renee announced that the city had conducted a wide search and that Thad Avery, who is the Supervising Civil Engineer with 20 years of experience with the city, had been selected to replace Mike.

**Alternative side yard drainage** – Eric Gibbons stated that he had been contacted about the side yard drainage and asked if the standard had changed. Mike Harrison responded that the contact was about his project and that the standard was under review to provide a solution that would avoid standing water in the drains to eliminate a habitat for mosquitos.

**Fresno Committee Meeting in March - None**

**Madera County Committee Meeting in March - None**

**Fresno County Committee Meeting in March - None**

**Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District in March - None**

# AROUND THE STATE

## California sues Huntington Beach over ban on housing projects Los Angeles Times

The lawsuit marks the second time the state has taken its housing battle with the city to court. Just weeks after Newsom took office in 2019, the state filed a lawsuit against Huntington Beach and alleged the city violated a state law that requires cities and counties to set aside sufficient land for new residential development.

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## \$250 Local Campaign Donation Cap Challenged in Court GVWire

“It is also unworkable from a practical standpoint, and unfairly applies to California businesses while specially exempting other interest groups. Making and receiving campaign contributions is an exercise of a constitutional right to free speech. Our coalition of businesses and elected officials looks forward to presenting its case in court to protect and restore this constitutional right,” coalition spokesperson Hilary McLean said via email.

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## Major flaws discovered in studies used to bolster efforts to ban gas stoves The Washington Times

The data in the studies showed that, in addition to what is cooked, many other factors contribute to emissions from both gas and electric stoves. Those include the use of cooking oils, cooking temperature and time, as well as proper ventilation.

Some studies did not account for other pollutants or allergens in the home, including pets and smoking, and the analysis linking gas stoves to 13% of asthma cases relied heavily on data from Russia, where, the researchers acknowledged, “ventilation and air conditioning is a rarity.”

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## Should Californians have a right to housing? New constitutional amendment could guarantee it The Sacramento Bee

Haney’s Assembly Constitutional Amendment 10 is not the first attempt to enshrine a right to housing in California’s constitution. As an assemblyman representing Oakland, Attorney General Rob Bonta authored a similar bill in 2020 that died during a chaotic legislative session stymied by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## California’s population is on the decline, and high-income earners have joined the exodus Los Angeles Times

We all know one reason for high housing costs: Demand exceeds supply. We’re building only one-third of the houses that we did 60 years ago, when the population was less than half of what it is today, **said Dan Dunmoyer, president of the California Building Industry Assn.**

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### What's the total cost to swap out gas heat for electric? One Bay Area homeowner says almost \$20,000

San Francisco Chronicle

The new regulations prohibit the sale or installation of water heaters and furnaces that emit nitrogen oxides after 2027 and 2029, respectively. In practice, this means that existing homes must transition to electric water heaters and heat pumps — the only appliances that comply with the zero nitrogen oxides standard — after their gas appliances reach the end of their life. The regulations also apply to new construction.

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### Housing costs are a main reason inflation is still high

Marketplace

Shelter costs are driving more than 70% of inflation right now, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

But there are lots of other data showing that rising interest rates are having an impact on the housing market, including rents. So what gives?

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### Three Million U.S. Households Making Over \$150,000 Are Still Renters

The Wall Street Journal

The number of Americans earning more than \$150,000 has been rising in recent years. But higher mortgage rates and steeper home prices have put home purchases beyond the reach of many of these relatively high-earners.

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### America Is Trying to Electrify. There Aren't Enough Electricians.

Wall Street Journal

Electricians, the essential workers in the transition to renewable energy, are in increasingly short supply. They are needed to install the electric-car chargers, heat pumps and other gear deemed essential to address climate change.

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### The US housing market is short 6.5 million homes

CNN

If building and household formation were to continue at their current pace — growing household formation combined with slowing housing starts — the gap would never close.

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## **Dying Malls Becoming Housing**

As more shoppers skip the mall each year, a new kind of tenant may be moving in. Gov. Newsom signed two pieces of legislation into effect last year that will spur housing development in spaces zoned for large retail spaces.

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## **The debate over California's landmark environmental law hits new venue**

Orange County Register

When it comes to reforms, **San Francisco attorney Jennifer Hernandez and Dan Dunmoyer, president of the California Building Industry Association**, spoke about four key proposals. These include a ban on anonymous lawsuits related to CEQA, ending duplicative lawsuits, and disallowing CEQA challenges from halting an entire project unless there are significant health or safety effects being considered. Their fourth proposal calls for judges to stop interpreting the law as broadly as they have for the past half century.

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## **SVB Collapse Rocks California Housing Market as House Prices to Bottom Out**

Newsweek

Oscar Wei, deputy chief economist at the California Association of Realtors, told *Newsweek* that the same bank failures that have spread fears of contagion to the wider banking sector last week "could actually help the housing market slightly because of interest rates being a little lower" in the upcoming months.

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## **Housing Costs Have Californians Considering an Interstate Move**

Public Policy Institute of California

Housing affordability remains a knotty topic of debate in Sacramento, and for good reason. The cost of housing has been a drag on the state's economy for years, and most Californians have a grim view of housing affordability.

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## **Letters to the Editor: Flawed Bill**

Sacramento Bee

Under Senate Bill 1439, a \$251 campaign contribution from all employees and contractors of one business — even new hires who did not work for, or have any affiliation with, the company at the time of their individual contribution — now disqualifies an official from voting on any issue relating to that business.

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## **What Happens To Cities That Defy California's Housing Mandates?**

Voice of OC

After failing to approve a new housing plan for the second time last week, Huntington Beach leaders are looking at consequences that could end up costing the city millions and take away their power to control local zoning.

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