



Swearing-In Ceremony

Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure to announce that on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, I was officially sworn in as Supervisor for Sacramento County's Fifth District.

My swearing in marks the first time in 28 years that Sacramento County's Fifth District will have a new supervisor.

I am incredibly humbled and honored to represent you on the Board of Supervisors, and I look forward to meeting and working with more of the great residents of this District.

I begin my term as District 5 Supervisor under critical circumstances and have hit the ground running.



Storm Update

As you are well aware, the historic winter storm that has swept across the Sacramento region in recent weeks has seen thunder and lightning, gusty winds, and torrential rain produce severe flooding and other catastrophic events. Home to the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta, the Sacramento River, Cosumnes River, and the American River, our County is especially susceptible to flooding.

The Fifth District in particular has endured immense flooding and widespread power outages.

There are three more storms expected in the coming days. Saturday will experience the strongest rain in the early morning hours of Saturday, with thunderstorms also likely; one to two inches of rain are expected with southerly winds reaching 30-45 mph. Sunday and Monday are expected to

see half an inch of rain with southerly wind gusts of 25-30 mph. Tuesday and Wednesday are anticipated to produce the lightest of the storms, with .25-.5 inches of rain.

There are several local, state, and federal agencies responsible for and involved in protecting area residents from the threat of flood waters – one of which is the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

In its January 13 update, EOC announced that there are currently no evacuation warnings or orders in place, but that additional storms are on the horizon.



EOC Update on Reclamation Districts:

- Delta – holding steady, monitoring, levee patrols
 - RD 800/Wilton – Conducting aerial inspections this week, will report back to County. Will recheck on Sunday morning.

River Levels

- Cosumnes/Mokulume River
 - Michigan Bar – currently it is 11.5 feet – exceeding flood stage is likely and is being closely monitored by staff.
 - McConnell – expecting 43 feet, above monitor stage.
 - Benson Ferry – will stay above monitor stage and expected to rise to 16-17 feet.
- Folsom Dam
 - Currently at 13k CFS, later today reducing flow to 11k CFS, and tomorrow 10k CFS.

Power Outages

- SMUD was down to 1,000 outages from over 345,000 outages at the height on January 8, though infrastructure damage has prolonged the duration of repairs. The EOC is still activated at a lower level and have mutual aid and contractors out repairing infrastructures.
- PG&E existing outages are due to infrastructure repairs.

Transportation

There is a focus on potholes and fixing roads after the storm. Crews are actively working on repairing roads for re-opening. Dillard Road is re-opened, and Twin Cities Road is anticipated to reopen Friday evening.

Mass Care and Shelter

The [Cal Expo](#) Building 8 will stay open as a shelter until January 18, and will accommodate up to 100 people. Cal Expo is both an evacuation center for all residents and a weather respite center for unhoused guests.

The motel voucher program is currently sheltering more than 350 people, while the North A Shelter is open and will accommodate pets.

The Outreach and Engagement Center is open as a 24-hour weather respite center. Walk-ups are accepted, and families and pets are welcome.

The North Fifth shelter lobby is operating from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. It also will accept walk-ups. It is for adults only and is unable to accommodate pets.

People can use SacRT light rail and buses for free to go to and from any weather-respite location.

Park Facilities

Due to the upcoming series of storms, projected to include 50+ mile per hour wind gusts, the Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks is closing all parks within its jurisdiction, effective Saturday, January 14. This closure is expected to last through Monday, January 16, with the potential to extend depending on weather and park conditions.



Weather Advisory

With more heavy wind and rain expected, please stay safe and be prepared:

General Information
Call 2-1-1

Report an Incident
Call 3-1-1

Emergencies
Call 9-1-1

SMUD (Power Outage)
Call 1-888-456-7683

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Newsletter

My staff and I are dedicated to providing you the assistance and information you need in an efficient and prompt manner. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions, concerns, or recommendations: (916) 874-5465 or pathume@saccounty.gov. To stay up-to-date on District 5 news and updates, [subscribe to my newsletter](#).

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