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MADDY EVENTS

Maddy Forum – Rollie Smith, director of the Fresno field office for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will discuss sustainable communities in a sustainable San Joaquin Valley on the next edition of The Maddy Forum, a weekly half-hour public affairs program featuring issues of interest to the San Joaquin Valley. The show airs on 90.7 KFSR radio Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and also is available on the [KFSR Web site](#) and iTunes.

Maddy Political Insider – Sal Russo, a member of The Maddy Institute's board of directors, will discuss state and national political issues on the next edition of The Maddy Political Insider. The Maddy Political Insider can be heard on the Alan Autry Show on KYNO Radio 1300 Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

POLITICAL BRIEFS

Dan Walters: California water deal very close? Perhaps not – Seemingly everything could be done quickly if only Schwarzenegger would call a special legislative session, as the White House is urging. But appearances may be deceiving. Negotiations on the intertwined issues of improving the [Delta's](#) environment and improving reliability of [water supply](#) have also revealed political micro-fissures. [Walters column in Sacramento Bee](#)

Willie Brown: Water issue could sink Dems in 2010 – A political earthquake is rumbling in the Central Valley over water, and it could cause a real tsunami for the Democrats in the 2010 elections if they don't handle it well. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

Court orders government to pay for water losses – The federal government must compensate two regional water authorities for water diverted to preserve the environment, a federal appeals court ruled this week in a landmark decision that could open the floodgates for agencies who contend the government is taking water from them for fish. [Contra Costa Times article](#)

Activist/comedian Rodriguez feeling better – Comedian Paul Rodriguez is recovering after he was hospitalized in Washington, D.C. on Thursday for crippling stomach pains. The funnyman/actor was in the U.S. capital to chair a meeting of the California Latino Water Coalition when he started to feel unwell, and was later found in his hotel room unable to move due to severe stomach cramps. [WENN.com](#)

Jim Boren: Will our state ever rise above mediocre? – It would be terrible to think that this state won't rebound anytime soon, but you're not going to get better by not trying. It seems we're not trying very hard to be anything more than an average state. [Boren column in Fresno Bee](#)

AD 31: Delta smelt BBQ – A Republican State Assembly Candidate is fishing for donations by feeding smelt to potential donors. Supporters of Brandon Shoemaker hosted a delta smelt barbecue in Visalia. [ABC 30 article](#)

Bill McEwen: Authorities still in a haze over medical marijuana -- Thirteen years after California voters approved medical marijuana, we seem to be increasingly confused over how it should be sold -- or if it is even legal. [McEwen column in Fresno Bee](#)

Is Columbus Day a holiday? State workers get conflicting advice – Their boss says one thing. Their union says another. Now tens of thousands of California state employees have to decide: Will they show up for work on [Columbus Day?](#) [Sacramento Bee article](#)

Stockton Record: Are we recycling or taxing? – Put a deposit on something you think should be recycled and chances are people will recycle it. Put the money in a fund - the difference between the deposit collected at purchase and what's given back when it's recycled - and you've got instant cash for other well-intended programs. [Stockton Record editorial](#)

Mayor's approach makes Stockton government anything but predictable – In the past decade, during the administrations of Gary Podesto and Ed Chavez, City Hall became accustomed to mayors who lobbied council members and knew the likely outcomes of matters before putting them on agendas. Anne Johnston has not done that, and in some skirmishes, it has cost her. [Stockton Record article](#)

Modesto's biggest growth issues quietly head toward ballot – The largest growth questions ever to confront Modesto voters are quietly heading toward the November ballot. [Modesto Bee article](#); [A closer](#)

BLOGS/SITES

Adam Ashton's After Deadline (ModBee)
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[look at the measures in Modesto Bee](#)

Two vie to bring voice to Modesto's District 2 – If district elections are meant to give a voice to the voiceless, it's District 2 that some say most needs that voice. Residents from the area led the fight for district elections, arguing that Latinos are underrepresented on the City Council. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Kern's longest-service DA to step down, comments on controversial career – District Attorney Ed Jagels, who is a household name in Kern County where he's been the chief law enforcement officer for 27 years, has confirmed he will not run for re-election in 2010. [Bakersfield Californian article](#)

Can Meg Whitman's eBay success translate in Sacramento? – While her corporate track record suggests that Whitman would bring a new brand of leadership to state government, it also makes clear she has never faced anything quite like the political dysfunction that grips the Golden State. [San Jose Mercury News article](#)

Can lean times also be green times? – As the giant cargo cranes at the Port of Long Beach loomed behind him, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last week cut quickly to a debate gaining intensity in his Republican Party: Should the state's passion for environmental protection survive a foundering economy? [LA Times article](#)

Jon Coupal: Prop 13 wasn't the start of our troubles – The president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association writes that the dysfunction in [California's](#) governance had begun long before Proposition 13's passage in 1978 and, indeed, the [tax revolt](#) was merely a response to the disease that had already overtaken the state. [Coupal op-ed in Sacramento Bee](#)

Immigration plan should draw crowd in San Francisco – The never-ending immigration debate will rear its head again in San Francisco Monday when a Board of Supervisors committee takes up a controversial proposal that would make it tougher for local police to hand over undocumented juveniles accused of crimes to federal authorities. [San Francisco Chronicle article](#)

Activists seek ballot measure to cut LA elected officials' pay in half -- A group of Los Angeles neighborhood activists is organizing a campaign to put a measure on the November 2010 ballot that would slice the salaries of Los Angeles elected officials in half. [LA Times article](#)

NEWS BRIEFS

25 percent in Valley lack health insurance – Covering the uninsured is a key part of the national health-care debate, and few places have more at stake than the central San Joaquin Valley. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Modesto Bee: Williamson Act vital to Stanislaus – Without the state reimbursement, Stanislaus County will have to absorb the cost out of its general fund, to the tune of about \$1.4 million a year. That would mean having to reduce spending in other important areas, including the sheriff's department and parks. As hard as those other cuts would be, the county needs to continue to support — and fund — the Williamson Act contracts. [Modesto Bee editorial](#)

Daniel Weintraub: UC fee hike stings, but it's the best solution now – State policymakers also should listen to the nonpartisan legislative analyst and peg [UC](#) tuition at a consistent share of the cost of the education. That way, tuition might climb gradually over time but it would not go up, or down, in wide swings that depend on the vagaries of the economy. Cutting tuition in good times and then raising it when times are tough is exactly the opposite of what the state should be doing. [Weintraub column in Sacramento Bee](#)

Sacramento Bee: School districts must forge new partnerships – In this climate, public education, which at 40 percent is the largest part of the [state budget](#), should lead the way in fundamental rethinking and restructuring. The task for local districts is: How to achieve efficiencies to assure that increasingly scarce funds go to [classroom instruction?](#) [Sacramento Bee editorial](#)

Valley leaders strive to up AP test scores -- An increasing number of Valley high schools students are taking rigorous Advanced Placement classes. But many lag far behind the state average on a critical measure: success at passing the tests to earn college credit. [Fresno Bee article](#)

An education problem looms – As thousands of laid off California teachers sit out the school year, educators are worried about the long-term effect of losing so many teachers. [LA Times article](#)

Michael Fitzgerald: Delta College's shift in focus, while necessary, still stings -- Delta may be on the cusp of a necessary institutional shift. Still, the loss of a wide-open community college is a sad change in the Stockton experience. [Fitzgerald column in Stockton Record](#)

Stockton Record: Stockton Unified trustees show they can work together – Trustees simply must break old habits, accept that each board member actually wants SUSD to function properly, and learn to disagree without being disagreeable. [Stockton Record editorial](#)

Sacramento Bee: Klamath pact could be a start toward peace – Just a few years ago, farmers, [Indian tribes](#), environmentalists and power users were at one another's throats. It was hard to imagine they would ever sit down and negotiate a pact that would simultaneously help fish and farmers while also protecting ratepayers who depend on Klamath River hydropower. [Sacramento Bee editorial](#)

Lois Henry: Stop building homes based on dream water – This is not the time to be approving unnecessary housing developments dependent upon shaky water supplies. Henry is talking about the Tejon Mountain Village, which goes before the Kern County Board of Supervisors tomorrow for approval. [Henry column in Bakersfield Californian](#)

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Daniel Borenstein: Taxpayers are stuck with public pension increases – Public employers in California are finding that the pension benefits they promised workers a decade ago are helping drive up retirement costs more than originally anticipated. But they're also learning that in the public sector what they gave, they cannot take away. [Borenstein column in Contra Costa Times](#)

Valley builders retool for recession -- Home builders, slogging through the worst housing recession in decades, are retooling designs to find and target new and under-served customers. [Fresno Bee article](#)

Meters or rate hikes: PG&E explains soaring energy bills in Bakersfield -- The company's explanation actually makes a lot of sense: Many local customers' reported power usage hasn't increased by much; it's their bills that have soared over the last three months. That would suggest an increase in price, not necessarily faulty meters. [Bakersfield Californian article](#); [Bakersfield Californian editorial](#)

Turlock has help for fledgling businesses -- Modeled after similar programs in Fresno and San Francisco, the incubator rents space to entrepreneurs who can set up business in an office or retail space within the complex. Other services available include a shared receptionist, accounting and business consulting. [Modesto Bee article](#)

San Joaquin County housing rental voucher wait list opens – The waiting list to receive rental assistance vouchers in San Joaquin County opened for the first time in three years Saturday. [Stockton Record article](#)

Carbon storage new factor for timber -- About 20,000 acres of Tuolumne County timber are part of an effort to capture some of the carbon dioxide believed to be changing the climate. [Modesto Bee article](#)

Lodi's General Plan gets minimal reaction -- Lodi residents are known to be fiercely protective of their small-town charm. Growth battles can become intense skirmishes. So it was a bit odd for some to see empty council chambers last month when the city's draft General Plan got its first shot before the public. [Stockton Record article](#)

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Bakersfield Californian – It's not too late for PG&E to make a good case for SmartMeters and some of the other changes in store for California ratepayers, but company officials have to do a better job than what we've seen. [Bakersfield Californian editorial](#)

Fresno Bee –Yosemite National Park is a national treasure and it's essential that there be agreement on how it should be maintained and used. A [fresh start](#) on the process could be a good way to achieve that necessary comprehensive plan.

Modesto Bee – Stanislaus County needs to [continue to support](#) — and fund — the Williamson Act contracts.

Sacramento Bee – School districts must [forge new partnerships](#); Klamath River pact could be a [start toward peace](#).

Stockton Record – Stockton Unified trustees show they can [work together](#); Are we [recycling or taxing?](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The California High-Speed Rail Authority will hold a public meeting in Merced to discuss the next steps in the environmental review of the San Jose to Merced section of the California high-speed train project. The meeting will be held at the Merced Community Senior Center, 755 West 15th St., on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. More information: 1-800-881-5799 or www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board of Directors will hold its quarterly meeting at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center I Fresno on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. Information: www.sjvpartnership.org.

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley will hold its annual summit at the Fresno Convention & Entertainment Center on Friday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: www.sjvpartnership.org.

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