



Around Tulare County

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Supervisor Message: Wow, What a Whirlwind the First Two Months Have Been!



I want to thank those of you who have taken time out of your busy schedules to help educate me by expanding my knowledge of the everyday functions and major projects that take place in this county.

I am looking forward to speaking with many others, as I continue to meet with various County Departments throughout this year.

As the newly elected Supervisor for District One, I have already been appointed to more than 20 Boards, Commissions, Authorities, Associations and Committees since my induction to the Board of Supervisors on January 10, 2017.

These assignments along with the time dedicated to a number of constituent concerns has kept me reasonably busy. I'm finding in my new role as a Supervisor, some the most fun and rewarding experiences so far have been meeting with our great staff members.

I have asked each County Department Head for the opportunity to meet with them and other employees to learn about their functions within Tulare County. Quite frankly, this has been a bit overwhelming, but very helpful, as I make decisions that impact our departments, employees, and the County as a whole.

Now, what's going on in District One?

One of the first items I worked on was with our Ag Commissioner. The California Department of Pesticide Regulation recently installed a new monitoring station in Lindsay.

As a farmer myself, I took initiative to work with our County Ag Commissioner in sending a letter to inform growers in the area to be on high alert and ensure they utilize the best practices in the industry when applying treatments to their trees and crops.

Groundwater has been a topic of much discussion. My focus has been on the Kaweah Subbasin which encompasses much of the central portion of Tulare County including: Exeter, Lindsay, Strathmore,

Farmersville, Visalia and Tulare.

Staff and I have been working diligently to resolve an administration issue with respect to an overlap amongst regional groups in the area.

The last issue I'll share is the community outreach our Health & Human Services Agency staff and I have done on the new Visalia Wellness & Recovery Center on Lovers Lane. We completed two listening sessions this month in addition to multiple meetings with stakeholders and individuals.

It is my intent to continue being accessible and listen to the people I serve as the District One Supervisor on this Board.

I am committed to having more transparency in conducting the County's business, but in doing so, also supporting our staff in achieving the critical work that is necessary for moving Tulare County forward.

Kuyler Crocker,
District One
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

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CVTEC 2017 set for March 8th



Tulare County Information & Communications Technology (TCiCT) is excited to host the sixth annual Central Valley Technology Expo & Conference (CVTEC) on Wednesday, March 8 at the Visalia Convention Center.

CVTEC is the County's largest technology expo and conference that brings together technology vendors, Central Valley governments, organizations, and businesses for the purposes of increasing

technology usage, efficiency, knowledge, and collaboration.

This event is open to all County of Tulare employees, other government employees, local businesses, and the public. There is no charge for attendees to view the exhibits and participate in the many activities and sessions at the event.

CVTEC offers companies an efficient and uniquely

interactive method for presenting their information to decision makers, as well as general attendees. Together with TCiCT's technical knowledge and the collaboration with vendors and other governments, CVTEC holds sessions encompassing trainings, presentations, and panel discussions.

For more information about the annual technology event, please visit CVTEC's website at <http://thecvtec.com>.

County Clerk-Recorder Issues Warning



Tulare County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder's Office has received reports of residents getting notices in the mail from various companies offering to obtain copies of County public records including Property Deeds or other Records of Title. County officials warn, these services are not endorsed by the Tulare County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder's Office.

You can obtain copies of your Property Deed or other Record of Title directly from the Tulare

County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder for a small fee, most often less than solicitations by for profit companies.

The Assessor/Clerk-Recorder's Office charges only \$3.00 for the first page of document and \$1.00 for each additional page of same document. Certification fee is an additional \$2.00 for each document. Please see fee schedule on Tulare County website:

<http://tularecounty.ca.gov/clerkrecorder/>.

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For more information on how you can obtain your public records, please contact the Tulare County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder's Office – Recorder Division (559) 636-5050.

Supervisors to Host Night Meetings in 2017

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors will host their regularly scheduled meetings during the evening five times this year, one evening meeting per supervisorial district in the County. Board of Supervisors meetings are usually held at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Pete Vander Poel said during his State of the County Address on January 24th the goal of hosting the night

meetings is to improve the public's access to the Board.

"I hope residents respond well and attend these meetings to express their concerns or learn more about Tulare County government," Chairman Vander Poel said.

The first of five night meetings will be held at 7:00 pm on March 7, 2017 at City of Lindsay Council Chambers located at 215 E. Honolulu

Street in Lindsay. Listed are the calendared dates of the remaining Board of Supervisors night meetings and their locations:

May 9, 2017 – City of Tulare Public Library and Council Chambers

June 6, 2017 – County of Tulare Board Chambers

September 12, 2017 – City of Woodlake Council Chambers

November 14, 2017 – City of Porterville Council Chambers

Employee Spotlight: Becky McArthur



Name: Rebecca "Becky" McArthur

Title: Title and Administration Technician II

Years of Service: 13

Duties: I work in the business division of the Assessor's Office. We process business statements, conduct audits

and set up businesses in Tulare County for tax assessments. I perform a variety of tasks, including scanning, data entry, research, and customer service.

Family? I have one daughter who is 29 and lives in San Diego. I also have two brothers and two sisters.

Hobbies Clubs/Organizations?

I enjoy being outdoors. I love hiking with my dog in the country, practicing yoga, and going to San Diego every chance I get. I love spending time with my daughter. My mom also lives in San Diego so I get to spend time with her also.

What is your most rewarding experience as a County employee?

I really like my co-workers. I am blessed to work with great people. We work very well as a team. I also enjoy helping people, including the general public as well as my fellow employees.

Please tell us something other employees might not know about you?

I wanted to be an archaeologist. I studied Anthropology at San Diego State University and participated in some archaeological excavations in New Mexico while attending college.

Where is your favorite place to visit in Tulare County?

I love Three Rivers and Sequoia National Park!



Program Highlight: Tulare County 2-1-1

When times get tough, finding help should be simple. For the people of Tulare County, it's very easy – Dial 2-1-1.

Life is unpredictable. A job loss, dried up well, mental health problems, natural disasters, and many other forces can impact your life. Finding the help should be easy because the sooner you can find help, the sooner you get back on your feet. Tulare County's 2-1-1 program provides that simplicity.

The 2-1-1 program connects you with a variety of resources and services including: housing support, financial assistance, prepared meals, family planning, health care services,



mental health counseling, family aid, job assistance, and so much more.

The program administered by United Way of Tulare County, provides local information and resources to all Tulare County residents, and is funded in part by Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency Mental Health and TulareWORKS.

Tulare County 2-1-1 provides 24/7 support and calls are confidential. For more information visit www.211tularecounty.org.

Or call by phone dialing 2-1-1 or 1-800-283-9323 to speak with a live person.

Don't forget, 2-1-1 is your one-stop shop for resource information and assistance.



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^ Above - Grand Jury Awareness Month

February was Grand Jury Awareness Month and Supervisor Worthley presented the official proclamation to the current members of the Tulare County Grand Jury. Thank you all for your service!

^ Top Left - 5th Annual Step Up Porterville Banner Contest

Supervisor Mike Ennis poses next to the winning artwork from the Step Up Porterville Banner Contest. This contest promotes positive activities for youth and families to decrease gang activity in Tulare County. This year's winner is Erika Bocanegra from Granite Hills High School. Erika's design will be featured on a Porterville Transit Bus.

< Left - World Ag Expo in Tulare

Tulare County Board of Supervisors were on the scene at the 50th Annual World Ag Expo held in Tulare on February 14-16, 2017.

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UPCOMING COUNTY ACTIVITIES, DEADLINES, EVENTS, AND MEETINGS

Event/Meeting: (Date/Time)	More Information:
Board of Supervisors Meeting: March 7 (7:00 p.m.), 9:00 a.m. March 14, March 21, March 28	(559) 636-5000
Tulare County Planning Commission: 9:00 a.m. March 8, March 22	(559) 624-7000
Tulare County Water Commission: 3:00 p.m. March 13	(559) 636-5000
Tulare County Youth Commission: 3:00 p.m. March 27	(559) 636-5000

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Places to Go Play: Bartlett Park is located 8 miles east of Porterville, off Highway 190 on Worth Drive. The 130-acre Tulare County park was established in 1972 to replace a former park which was inundated when the nearby dam was built and Lake Success was created. The park is home to a large pond that affords fishing and attracts much wildlife activity. Learn more about Bartlett Park and other places to "Go Play" at www.tularecountymap.com.