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KRVR's MISSION: *Facilitating the social, natural & financial health of the Kern River Valley for this & future generations.*

This week's events, meetings, workshops & deadlines:

Saturday, February 4 to Sunday, February 12, 2012

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CERT TRAINING ENDS

KRV Community Emergency Response Team (KRVCERT.org) **Tom Klein & Dean Ott** will be teaching CERT training classes which are **FREE** unless participants wish to purchase the handbook. The CERT training began Saturday the 14th & ends Feb 4. Anyone wanting or needing to re-certify for CERT (once every 3 years) come to the last Saturday in January class for the hands on & test. Lake Isabella First Baptist Church, 3701 Suhre Street (at Kernville Road), **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/shw4e>. **SIGN UP CONTACTS:** **Tom Klein** - CERT Coordinator (760) 379-2797 (661) 333-0265 krvcert@yahoo.com **Dean Ott**, Assistant Coordinator

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Saturday, February 4: 3 & 6pm

A NIGHT FOR KATIE

A fundraiser for the Hester family. A night of dancing, fun & remembrance of one of the nicest people in the valley. Kern Valley Sun: **Valley mourns sudden loss of Katie Hester** <http://goo.gl/UqDjF> & **Kathleen Katie Fanning Hester Dec. 1, 1959 - Dec. 5, 2011** <http://goo.gl/KHo2Y>. There will be a snack bar & live music from the Wallace DJs. So come & have some fun!. Suggested donation: \$10. Kernville Elementary School, 13550 Sierra Way, Kernville **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/c27wd>. INFO Whitman Dance Studio (760) 379-0033. A trust fund for Hester's daughters Emily & Shawna has been set up at AltaOne Federal Credit Union. Any amount is welcome & appreciated & can be dropped off at any Alta One branch with the notation that it is for the Hester Family.

Sunday, February 5:

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KRV VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS BREAKFAST

Kern River Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7665 www.kernrivervalley.org/vfw VFW Hall, 2811 Nugget Ave. (behind McDonald's), Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://goo.gl/VlxAob>. 2nd Sunday of every month features Eggs Benedict; 3rd Sunday of every month features Crepes. INFO: (760) 379-3877 www.kernrivervalley.org/vfw vfw@kernrivervalley.org

Monday, February 6:

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OHV GRANT FUNDING MEETING

Kern County Recreation & Parks Department <http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/> hosts a meeting to solicit public input regarding distribution of Kern County's Off Highway Vehicle Grand Funding. The public is encouraged to attend & provide input. Kern Valley Senior Center, 6405 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/jjmv8>. INFO: (661) 868-7000

Every Monday at 6:30 to 8pm

KRV BOY SCOUT TROOP 690 MEETING

Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council Boy Scout Troop 690 is 1 of 2 Boy Scout Troops in the Valley. They meet every Monday night at the First Baptist Church, 3701 Suhre Street, Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://goo.gl/6F9lou>. Troop 690 has been in the Valley for over 50 years; many of the adult men in the valley made their way through Boys Scout to the Rank of Eagle Scout. Come check us out for free & we will let you know all the particulars. INFO: Scout Master **Ed Pounds** (760) 812-7082 graniteprocessinginc@gmail.com

Tuesday, February 7:

Tuesday, February 7: 6:30 to 8:30pm, Bakersfield

CHILD CARE PROVIDER WORKSHOP

Community Connection for Child Care <http://www.kernchildcare.org/> New & experienced family child care providers can attend a free workshop focusing on "Taking Care of You" on Feb. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Room "A" at **Community Connection for Child Care (CCCC)**, 2000 24th Street in Bakersfield **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/cynac>. Although the workshop is **FREE** to the public, registration, which began on Jan. 18, is required & can be made by calling (661) 861-5330. Workshop presenter will be CCCC Program Facilitator **Rheanna Hilton**. The workshop is designed to give those who provide child care information about ways to be more physically, mentally & emotionally prepared to care for others. The workshop will cover stress relievers, how to make time for yourself, how to separate business from personal life, creative ways to cope & how to live in the moment. For more information, check the CCCC Events & Training Calendar online at <http://www.kernchildcare.org/calendar>.

Wednesday, February 8:

Wednesday, February 8: 10am to 2pm

NUUI CUNNI CRAFT DAY

The Wednesday Craft Class brings together many wishing to learn Native American Crafts & share their talents, time & friendships. **Nuui Cunni Native American Cultural Center** 2600 Highway 155 (in front of the French Gulch Group Campground) between Lake Isabella & Wofford Heights. FEE: \$5 per person. INFO: (760) 549-0800 email nuuicunni@earthlink.net. Sierra Nevada Geotourism MapGuide Page: **Nuui Cunni Native American Cultural Center** <http://goo.gl/7GKaA>

Wednesday, February 8: Noon

SENIORS LUNCH & MEALS ON WHEELS BINGO

Profits from Bingo goes to the **Kern River Valley Senior Citizens Inc (KRVSC Inc.)** to help with the delivery of Meals on Wheels. There are 4 delivery routes that deliver meals 5 times a week to homebound people. There is no charge for the delivery of meals. The (KRVSC Inc) helps out by employing 2 drivers & covers the expenses such as insurance & maintenance for 3 vehicles. The KRVSC Inc,'s delivery funds come from private donations. More information can be obtained from our office. Phone (760) 379-1428 between 9-12am weekdays. INFO **Gregg De Santis** (760) 417-0313 gdesantis@mchsi.com. **Kern County Department of Aging & Adult Services** (Nutrition) provides a nutritious meal 5 days per week. **SENIOR LUNCH MENU** <http://goo.gl/dM5AH>. These meals are served at both the Kern Valley Senior Center, 6405 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/jjmv8> & South Fork School's congregate location & to the homebound clients. A donation of \$2 is requested for those that are age 60 & over. Individuals under 60 may enjoy the same nutritious meal for \$5. Lunch is served at Noon. Advance reservations are required by calling (760) 379-5831. PROGRAM INFO: Donna Iannotti, Program Coordinator, Kern County Aging & Adult Services Dept. (661) 868-1065 iannottid@co.kern.ca.us.

Wednesday, February 8: Noon

KRV CC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce PROGRAM: Update on March Career Day - Career Services Center – **Donna Moreno**; Kern County Board of Trade - Update from **Joanie Haenelt**. Isabella Market will be catering lunch, cost is \$5 per person. (RSVP needed). As always, the meeting is open to all. If you wish to attend, it is very important you RSVP. Please bring any updated brochures on your business for the upcoming Trade shows! Moose Lodge, 6732 Lake Isabella Bl, Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/qmytt>. **RSVP: Chamber Office** (760) 379-5236 office@kernrivervalley.com Website: <http://www.kernrivervalley.com/>

Thursday, February 9:

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OPTIMAL HOSPICE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

2012 Optimal Hospice Volunteer In-service Schedule <http://goo.gl/qAHIC> Make 2012 the year to give back to your community! Optimal Hospice Care is proud to serve the hospice care needs of Kern Valley residents who are affected by terminal illness. Optimal volunteers offer patients & families the gift of time & compassion – which allows the caregivers the opportunity to attend to errands & personal needs. If you have a little time to make a true difference in these lives, please call to reserve your seat at one of the upcoming New Volunteer Orientations being held in the Kern Valley area on **Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 10am**. Optimal Hospice Office, 6504 Lake Isabella Blvd. Ste. E, Lake Isabella Call the volunteer department at (888) 597-6115 or click on <http://www.optimalcares.com> for more information.

Thursday, February 9: Noon

EXCHANGE CLUB MEETING

Exchange Club of Kern Valley every Thursday at noon at the Paradise Cove Restaurant, 10700 Highway 178, Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/7sjza>. INFO: **Faith Morrison** (760) 417-2068 morrisonfaith@gmail.com

Thursday, February 9: 6pm

KRV ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Rotary Club of Kern River Valley meets almost every Thursday for a dinner meeting at **Ewing's on the Kern**, but they've temporarily closed for serious plumbing repairs, so we're meeting at the Kern Valley Golf Course, 9472 Burlando Road (between Kernville & Wofford Heights) **MAP**: <http://g.co/maps/a9tkz>. CONTACT: **Erie Johnson**, president erjohnso@cerrocoso.edu (503) 298-8307

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, February 14: 12:15 to 1:15pm Bakersfield

"How to Probate a Small Estate: The In's & Out's"

kerncountylawlibrary.org with **Dianne Dodds, Esq.**, is an attorney with Jennison & Dodds, LLP. She & her partner, **Pat Jennison**, practice estate planning & advise clients that include family partnerships, LLC's & small businesses. Kern County Law Library, 1415 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield MAP <http://g.co/maps/n9ase>. Cost: **FREE**. INFO: (661) 868-5320

Tuesday, February 14: 10am to 1pm

KRV GARDEN GROUP POTLUCK MEETING

[KRV Garden Group](#) meets this month in the **Kernville Community Room** (next to the Kernville Chamber office), off Sierra Way just W of Kernville Road, Kernville MAP <http://goo.gl/FAeoW>. PROGRAM: Steve Anderson's slide show about "Rare Plants of the KRV" & discuss the Community Garden Project. Steve Anderson's phone (760) 376-3781 x680. Bring a Potluck dish (side, salad or dessert) & items to donate to our raffle plus \$ to buy raffle tickets. There will be the usual raffle (items to raffle welcomed too). As before, 50% of the raffle proceeds go to Emily Diggles' Lake Isabella Blvd. landscape maintenance supplies. The rest goes for club maintenance supplies & special projects. INFO: **Shirley Real** (760) 379-1129

Friday, February 17: 6 to 8pm

WINE TASTING & MUSIC

Big Blue Bear \$10 per person. 4 featured wines, Hors d'œuvres, with live entertainment! This week: "**Acoustic River**" (Valerie Cassity, Scott Costa & Erik Nichols). Do some wine tasting, or just get a coffee or beer. They also have Dryers Ice Cream for the kids (and young at heart). Big Blue Bear, 101 Piute Drive, Kernville MAP <http://goo.gl/r4u9q>. (760) 376-2442.

Friday & Saturday, February 17 & 18: 7pm

WHISKEY FLAT MELODRAMA:

MRS. WIGGS & THE CABBAGE PATCH

Kern River Valley's own Community Theater Group, **Sierra Performing Arts** www.sierraarts.net, presents its annual Whiskey Flat Melodrama in the Kernville Elementary School Auditorium, 13550 Sierra Way, Kernville MAP <http://g.co/maps/q34p2>. ADMISSION: Adults \$7, kids 12 & under \$5. INFO: **Dawn Jordan** (760) 417-2858 jor_mama@hotmail.com

Friday-Monday, February 17 thru 20:

55TH ANNUAL WHISKEY FLAT DAYS

Kernville Chamber of Commerce Whiskey Flat Days website: <http://goo.gl/Cq7xZ> This year's theme is "*Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Outlaws*," submitted by Kellene Kirkpatrick. Take a step back in time & celebrate life in the 1850's. This old-fashioned, western style festival includes a parade (parade application <http://goo.gl/34Zz4>), gunfighters, carnival, music, vendors & a Whiskey Flat Encampment. Enter the Epitaph Contest, Frog Jumpin' Contest, Whiskerino Contest & more! Be here to find out who will be our next Honorary Mayor of Whiskey Flat! Check out the **Whiskey Flat Camp**, <http://whiskeyflatcamp.org/>. Click here for forms for artisan & business vendors for Whiskey Flat Days 2012 <http://goo.gl/DSdyA>. Food vendors & attraction vendors please contact the Kernville Chamber of Commerce Office (760) 376-2629 office@kernvillechamber.org

Saturday, February 18: 6pm

WESTERN CASINO NIGHT

During the Valley's Whiskey Flats Days celebration this year, the **Knights of Columbus Council 7927 - OUR LADY OF THE LAKE of LAKE ISABELLA** are sponsoring a Western Casino Night as a fund raiser to help support numerous Kern River Valley functions for our youth & seniors. **FLYER** <http://goo.gl/4R8eo>. All are welcome to attend. The buy-in cost is \$25 & you may "re-buy-in" for \$25 as many times as you want. There are several very nice prizes for auction at the end of the evening including "Cruise Credits" with All About Travel for any cruise of your choice at a time convenient to your schedule. There will also be drawings for many nice gift baskets & other valuable prizes. Good food will also be available including delicious Indian tacos as well as other sandwiches & snacks. There will be 5 deluxe casino tables for card games like poker, blackjack & other pit games along with a roulette table & an 8 foot craps table for up to 12 players. All of this occurs at **St. Jude's Catholic Church**, 86 Nellie Dent Drive, Wofford Heights **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/muk8b>. Take Highway 155 north from Highway 178 & the Church is at the north end of Wofford Heights on the west side of the road. **INFO: Parish Office** (760) 376-2416.

Friday & Saturday, February 24 & 25; March 2 & 3: 7 to 9:30pm

THE SECRET GARDEN

Kern Valley High School Drama Club is putting on this Broadway Musical at the KVHS Fine Arts Building this spring. Please come out to watch an amazing show & to support our talented young actors & singers. The show is at 7pm & will last until 9:30pm. Tickets are \$10 at the door for general admission & \$7 for Seniors over 55 & children under 7 years of age. Contact **Sandra Hughes** at the Kern Valley High School at (760) 379-2611 Sandra_hughes@kernhigh.org for more information.

Tuesday, February 28: 8pm

WALLACE CAMP KEEP PIZZA BARN NIGHT

Woodrow Wallace Middle School, Kernville Union School District. Bring your hearty appetites!! A portion of proceeds goes specifically to the future Camp Keepers who will be volunteering that night to make the event a success. Each 6th grader must raise \$350 to attend Camp Keep. Come on bring a hundred friends & eat pizza!!! thanks Pizza Barn!! Pizza Barn, 11401 Kernville Rd., Kernville, **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/dcp4j>. **INFO: Heather Berry** (760) 417-2392 hberrylane@yahoo.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FRAUD & SCAM ALERT: Phony Inspectors <http://goo.gl/esmjy>

Kern County Fire Department wishes to advise business owners of a serious issue that is going on throughout the state & including our county. Fraudulent fire extinguisher technicians & inspectors are enticing businesses into signing documents that are used to bill the owners. These companies are claiming that they have serviced portable fire extinguishers, fire alarm systems & automatic fire protection systems correctly when in many cases they have not. They are also posing as fire department inspectors, intimidating businesses & using hostile tactics to have quarterly & annual services rendered. In all actuality, the fire department has no affiliation with these companies. Many companies are swapping fire extinguishers, which is illegal & swapping tags while charging for services not rendered. The fire department has the enforcement authority to regulate Fire Code requirements, which fire protection/detection systems should be in a facility & these service companies have no authority at all. You as a business owner have the right to turn them away & seek other avenues or legitimate service companies. More info: <http://goo.gl/esmjy>

Your local Food Pantry located at 4621 Isabella Blvd. is asking for the communities help to provide food for the less fortunate of our valley.

The less fortunate is not just bums & druggies anymore. In these economic times the less fortunate could be you if your pay check was stopped for some reason. Most of the less fortunate are people just like you & me trying to pay rent & pay your bills & buy groceries. The prices of almost everything are increasing at an alarming rate & the small wages a lot of people make they just can't keep up with their bills & buy groceries at the same time. The number of folks coming in for food have increased dramatically & so we are asking for any help you can give us so we can help others. Thanking you in advance. Any questions please call **Phyllis Brewer** at the food pantry (760) 379-4825 phyllisbrewer@msn.com

Fish & Game Commission Votes Against Pursuing Striped Bass Proposal

The California Fish & Game Commission today took final action to reject proposed changes to striped bass regulations. More info: <http://goo.gl/r5NBJ>

2011 Annual Report for Desert Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Council

<http://goo.gl/AvtCE> Desert Mountain RC & D Council website: <http://www.desertmountainrcandd.org>

Library Activities for February

The KRV Branch will continue Toddler Time every Thursday at 11:15am. This special time of interactive stories is designed with your toddler in mind. Help your child succeed in life by providing them with a love for books at an early age.

The KRV branch will also be holding Storytime for Children up to third grade on Thursday, February 16th at 3:30pm. This month we will be reading stories to answer the question: "*Why I Love My Library?*"

Don't forget the Kernville Branch! For February Saddle Up & Read on Friday, February 24th at 10:30am. This fun Storytime for Children up to 3rd grade with a western twist will be sure to put you in the mood for horses & cowboy boots!

In addition the KRV branch will be continuing Loop Together, a time of crochet & knitting on Tuesday, February 7th & Tuesday, February 21st at 4pm.

HAVE YOU A DESIRE TO LEARN COMPUTERS? Contact the Isabella Branch for information on their basic computer classes offered on Thursdays & Saturdays by appointment. They are also offering by appointment guitar lessons; contact the branch for more information at (760) 549-2083.

Keep up with all the programs, events & news concerning our local libraries by calling KRV Branch at (760) 549-2083 or logging onto the libraries FACEBOOK page www.facebook.com/KRVLibraries or at our website www.kerncountylibrary.org

JOB OFFERED

The job title **Road Maintenance Worker II** on the county web site <http://www.co.kern.ca.us/person/> is accepting applications currently. <http://www.co.kern.ca.us/person/Webjobs/JB5202.pdf> There may be an opening in the local Kern Valley roads division. If you know someone who has class A license, or permit, or able to receive permit or license by time of appointment to job, please refer them to www.co.kern.ca.us/personnel. If need assistance, please refer candidate to The **Lake Isabella Career Services Center**, 6401 Lake Isabella Blvd. Lake Isabella (next to Senior Center). INFO: **Donna Moreno**, Program Support Supervisor, (760) 379-4694

PETS OF THE KERN RIVER VALLEY CALENDAR AVAILABLE

REVA, Inc.-- (Responsible, Ethical, Volunteers for Animals, Inc.) a 501(c)(3) public charity--starting Wednesday, February 1, 2012, REVA's 2012 "**Pets of The Kern River Valley**" 12 month calendar will be available to the public for \$15; however, a bulk business discount is available. Included in this professional photographic work of art are local pets' pictures & their stories, along with 12 unique seasonal scenes of The Kern River Valley. This fund raiser is to raise funds to equip a 32' non-profit, low-cost spay & neuter mobile veterinary clinic for the Valley. Contact: **Frances** @ 760-299-3222 or 760-378-3101. See: revapets.org & facebook.com/revacares.

Foundation Center Webinars

<http://www.grantspace.org/Classroom>

To help you master the world of foundation fundraising, proposal writing & all that goes into getting the grants you need, the Foundation Center offers short web-based training courses (called webinars) that are **free** of charge. All you need to participate is a computer with an Internet connection for the visuals & a phone to call in for the audio portion.

[Before You Seek a Grant: A Checklist for New Nonprofits](#) – February 7

[Grantseeking Basics](#) – February 9

[Introduction to Finding Funders](#) – February 15

[Proposal Writing Basics](#) – February 16

[Proposal Budgeting Basics](#) – February 21

[Nonprofit Sustainability: Building Blocks to Organizational Success](#) – February 22

Authority Approves Bakersfield-Palmdale Supplemental Alternatives Analysis, Putting the Segment on Track for EIR Release in Early 2013

At the 2-2-2012 California High-Speed Rail Authority Board Meeting, the Authority Board approved the Supplemental Alternatives Analysis (SAA) Report for the Bakersfield-to-Palmdale Section of the California High-Speed Train project. The Bakersfield-Palmdale Section is the first segment adjacent to the southern end of the 130 miles in the Central Valley set to begin construction later this year. Today's approval of the SAA positions the alignment to move forward with developing the section Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) by early 2013. *"The Board is interested in ensuring they have many options available to them in determining which alignment is built after the initial segment, which runs roughly from Fresno to Bakersfield,"* said Authority CEO, Roelof van Ark. *"By approving this report, the Board has moved another stepped closer to creating an opportunity for construction into Palmdale to begin immediately following the Central Valley segment."* The SAA Report is a refinement of the preliminary report that was approved by the Authority Board in September of 2010. The report was prepared to document additional evaluation & analysis of the proposed alignment alternatives identified in the preliminary report & to identify the proposed alignment alternatives to be studied further as part of the EIR/EIS preparation process. The report addresses the Authority's priorities to reduce environmental impacts & overall project costs along the roughly 85-mile section between Bakersfield & Palmdale. Potential local land use conflicts, wetland issues & other potential environmental impacts & stakeholder input were considered in modifying the proposed alignment alternatives. With the Authority Board's approval of the Bakersfield-to-Palmdale Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report, the Authority will continue with its preliminary engineering & environmental review of the proposed alignments, culminating in a draft EIR/EIS in 2013. To view a copy of the staff report for the SAA, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/7aeahy> MORE INFO: <http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/>

Whiskey Flat Mayor Campaign

Honorary Whiskey Flat Mayors of the Past <http://goo.gl/8Nw0r>
Whiskey Flat Days website: <http://goo.gl/Cq7xZ>

There are 2 candidates running for Whiskey Flat Days Mayor this year:
“Flower Filly Sue” (Sue Rumsower) & “Calamity’s Jule” (Julie Brueggeman)

http://www.kvsun.com/articles/2012/01/31/kv_life/doc4f286b3541400255910089.txt

Money they raise supports the KRV Sherriff’s Activity League, Every Teen Counts, the Rotary Club of the Kern River Valley as well as the Kernville Chamber of Commerce.

Here we’ll try to post as much as we can find out about the events & shenanigans of the 2 candidates each week. Look to the **Kern Valley Sun & Kern River Courier** for more information.

Kern Valley Sun 1-11-2011: **WFD Kickin’ it up good time** <http://goo.gl/ucus5>

“Flower Filly Sue” (Sue Rumsower) 760 376-2162
Benefitting KRV Sherriff’s Activity League

Sat. Feb. 4 \$6 BBQ & Chicken Poop Bingo- 1pm Sportsman Bar, Kernville at 1pm

Sun. Feb. 5 SUPERBOWL – Flower Filly Sue will be ALL over town!

Wed. Feb. 8th - Hot Wing Contest - How many Hotwings can you eat for \$10 & bribes - At 6pm Chatterbox in Wofford Heights!

“Calamity’s Jule” (Julie Brueggeman) 661 754-2277

Benefitting **Every Teen Counts** & the **Rotary Club of the Kern River Valley** Keep up with Calamity Jule on FACEBOOK : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Calamitys-Jule/353020491391577> .

2-4 ETC Birthday Bash! 10am to 2pm Party Flyer <http://goo.gl/4rsfu>
Come see Bumblebee from the Transformers Movie & the Kern County Fire Department

2-5 Superbowl bar hopping come catch Calamity Jule!

Newly posted to www.KRVR.org:

NOTE: We are in the process of upgrading our website **www.KRVR.org** & moving it to a new server. Please bear with us if you go to the website & it isn’t working or is goofy. Later, it will be much improved.
Posted to our **The Economy** Forum Category

Bakersfield Californian 1-27-2012 <http://goo.gl/uTUuo>

3 Thoughts: What will it take to bring more jobs to Kern?

U.S. News & World Report recently dubbed Bakersfield among the 10 worst cities in the nation for finding a job. Kern County’s unemployment rate was 14.5% in December, making the average for all of last year 15.2%, according to the California Employment Development Department.

Posted to our **Lake Isabella Dam Safety** Forum Category

January 2012 <http://goo.gl/WyoSM>

Isabella Lake Dam Safety Modification Study Situation Report U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District.

Drilling for the borrow investigations was completed on January 23. This data will be used in the dam safety modification (DSM) report to identify quantity & quality of borrow sources for the proposed alternative measures. Rock coring along the proposed Borel tunnel alignments will continue through the February 11th to determine the quality of rock. This data will be used to identify the type of ground supports that will be needed during the tunnel construction. □ On January 30th, the team received the draft EIS for internal review prior to public release. **The Isabella Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be announced for public review in the Federal Register on March 9.**

MILESTONES/GENERAL SCHEDULE:

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to Public Review – March 9, 2012

Draft DSMR to ATR (w/ Risk Management Alternatives Formulation Briefing) – February 14, 2012

Final Approved Dam Safety Modification Report (will include Final EIS) – September 30, 2012

Planning, Engineering & Design – October 2012 - Sept 2015

Begin Project Construction – October 2014

Posted to our **Planning efforts affecting KRV's future** Category

<http://goo.gl/dzWld>

Federal government poised to decide on 'road map' for large-scale solar on public lands as public comment ends

The federal government is wrapping up a process of collecting public views on national guidelines for siting large-scale solar projects on public lands. Friday, the comment period for the solar programmatic environmental impact statement closes. That means federal land managers are poised to decide where to encourage solar energy in desert areas near Riverside & in other western states. Later this year, desert conservationists, scientists & renewable energy companies who monitor public lands policies anticipate the release of the final plan to guide these decisions in the west. The decision will come in the form of a programmatic environmental impact statement — a sort of road map for public lands managers overseeing designated zones in California & other states.

Posted to our **Sequoia National Forest & Monument** Forum Category

SCE PROPOSES IMPROVEMENTS ON KERN RIVER NO. 1, BOREL & KERN RIVER NO. 3, ROADS <http://goo.gl/eB8aT>

The Sequoia National Forest is in the process of reviewing proposals submitted by Southern California Edison to make improvements to several access roads within the Kern River No. 1 (KR1), Borel & Kern River No. 3 (KR3), Hydroelectric Projects located off Highway 178, near Kernville in Kern & Tulare Counties. The Borel & KR1 Roads & Culverts Project will begin as soon as possible, during the dry season. The Forebay Road Geotechnical Investigation will take approximately 2 weeks & will begin as soon as possible. The KR3 Flowline Roads Improvement Project is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2012 & is expected to take approximately 9 months. All projects are contingent upon contractor availability & necessary permits & approvals. Copies of the proposals can be obtained by writing to the Sequoia National Forest Office (1839 South Newcomb Street, Porterville, CA 93257) or by calling **Roger Porter** at (559) 784-1500, extension 1136. rwporter@fs.fed.us

Land Acquisition: Providing Ecosystem Services <http://goo.gl/qPlsF>

Land acquisition on the Sequoia National Forest meets an increasing demand for recreational activities such as hunting, hiking, fishing, camping, biking, horseback riding & viewing wildlife & scenery. The Sequoia is one of the few forests in the country that has legislation to allow the use of forest receipts for land purchase. Consequently, the forest has had an active land acquisition program & over the years have purchased several key parcels including wilderness inholdings & land in giant sequoia groves. We continue to seek partners to join with us in our land acquisition program & help to ensure future generations of Californians continue to benefit from clean water, abundant wildlife habitat & resilient forests able to sustain communities & families.

Bass Tournament Special Use Permits

The Kern River Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest is asking for public comments on the proposal to issue temporary recreation event special use permits to numerous bass clubs to hold bass tournaments on Lake Isabella during 2012. An operating plan describing tournament operations would be included with the permit. Please review <http://goo.gl/AgsY5> for additional information. If you have any information concerning this project or know of any unusual situations or extraordinary circumstances that may lead this proposed action to cause significant environmental effects, please let us know by February 17, 2012. More info: <http://goo.gl/AgsY5>

Things mentioned at the **2-1-2012 KRVR Community Meeting** where Sequoia National Forest/Giant Sequoia National Monument Forest Supervisor **Kevin Elliott** spoke:

New Forest Planning Rule Seeks to Restore the Nation's Forests through Science & Collaboration <http://goo.gl/Pk2Hb>

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, 2012 —Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today signaled the U.S. Department of Agriculture's intent to issue a new planning rule for America's 193-million acre National Forest System that seeks to deliver stronger protections for forests, water & wildlife while supporting the economic vitality of our rural communities, by releasing online a **Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)** <http://goo.gl/4d8WC> for the National Forest System Land Management Planning Rule. Today's action honors the commitment made by Secretary Vilsack in his 2009 speech on forest management & by the President in the America's Great Outdoors Report. USDA & the Forest Service carefully considered nearly 300,000 comments received on the proposed rule & draft environmental impact statement issued last February, to develop the agency's preferred course of action for finalizing the planning rule. This is included in the PEIS released today as USDA's preferred alternative. A notice of availability for the PEIS will be published in the Federal Register on February 3, 2012 & the Secretary will issue a record of decision selecting a final planning rule no less than 30 days afterwards. MORE INFO: <http://www.fs.fed.us/news/2012/releases/01/planning-rule.shtml>

On 2/1/2012 8:42 PM, **Peter Wiechers** peterrpm@yahoo.com wrote:

Attached is the **Region 5 HIRA review letter** <http://goo.gl/Lf5qS>. It's undated but probably went out sometime in November or December. On page 4 it clearly states to dissolve the Lake Isabella HIRA (Standard Amenity Fee or SAF) & "convert to stand alone EAF sites" (3 separate campgrounds). The **second attachment** is what I've taken directly from the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. It states what an EAF is & where fees can & cannot be charged <http://goo.gl/f8PfS>.

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