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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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CSLEA President

CSLEA PAC Endorsements

As you are likely aware, CSLEA has an active and engaged Political Action Committee (PAC) made up of CSLEA Directors and active legislative advocates. Your CSLEA PAC works diligently to identify, vet, and support candidates who understand and stand behind the issues that matter to you. Through research, direct engagement, and careful consideration, CSLEA endorses candidates who demonstrate a commitment to public safety and who recognize the important work performed by our law enforcement, public safety, and consumer protection professionals. We also want to support candidates who understand the challenges we face both on and off the job.

Our PAC endorsements include:

Xavier Becerra for Governor of California

Rob Bonta for California Attorney General

Eleni Kounalakis for State Treasurer

Malia Cohen for California State Controller

Ben Allen for California Insurance Commissioner

Richard Barrera for California State Superintendent of Public Instruction

We encourage you to exercise your right to vote as voting gives each of us a voice in shaping our future. We recognize that who you choose to vote for is a personal decision, and we respect everyone's right to make that choice for themselves. We understand that not everyone will agree with our endorsements, and that's okay. We can have different opinions and still respect one another. What matters most is that we stay informed, participate in the process, and make our voices heard.

2026 Legislative Review

Our Legislative Advocate Shane LaVigne has prepared a detailed 2026 legislative review now that this year's legislative session is complete and lawmakers are in recess. Current and newly elected lawmakers will be back in Sacramento in January. You can find Shane's review of our advocacy work below in this newsletter.

In the Spotlight

In our continued efforts to shine a spotlight on the high vacancy rates that are impacting some of our members, I want to thank CSLEA Director and CABCA President Bryant Pender for his Op-Ed in the Santa Cruz Sentinel on September 17th. Should you encounter a paywall, you can also read his Op-Ed here.

Break Room Flyer

CSLEA Membership Coordinator Rainie Brazil has received several requests recently from some of our site representatives for a CSLEA flyer that can be posted in workplace break rooms. Should you be interested, a flyer can be found here.

In Closing

October 28th is National First Responders Day. Thank you to our first responder members for all that you do to protect and serve. We are proud of the work that you do, and we recognize the sacrifices that you often make to keep Californians and visitors to our state, safe.

If you're taking part in Halloween celebrations at the end of the month, be safe and enjoy.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shane LaVigne, LaVigne Strategies

2026 Legislative Review

Protecting our members and the work they do

CSLEA closed the 2026 legislative year with significant victories protecting our members' employment rights, enforcement responsibilities and ability to work with public safety partners. We helped stop harmful proposals in the Legislature, helped secure three important vetoes and substantially narrowed the masking legislation that ultimately became law.

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Governor Vetoes Return to Office and PEPRA Reform Bills

Posted on September 22, 2026

SACRAMENTO – On Friday, September 18, 2026, Governor Gavin Newsom vetoed AB 1729, an act which would have made telework arrangements the default employment arrangement and would have required agencies to provide written support for requiring in person work. It would also have required the administration of a dashboard which kept a running tally on facility savings and environmental benefits. The veto message reemphasized Newsom's opinion that in person work improves mentoring and

collaboration and that existing guidelines provided for exceptions which permit remote work in certain circumstances.

Here is a link to the veto message: https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Veto-Message-AB-1729.pdf

On Sunday, September 20, 2026, Newsom vetoed AB 1383, an act which would have modified the provisions of the Public Employees Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) reducing the normal retirement age for local safety employees and State peace officer/firefighters from 57 to 55, allowed public employers and labor organizations to negotiate a higher pension formula such as 3%@55, and increased the cap on pensionable compensation. The veto message indicated that Newsom wished to avoid disturbing the stability that PEPRA has provided and a potential return to unsustainable pension obligations.

Here is a link to the veto message: https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Veto-msg-AB-1383.pdf

Although both bills had overwhelming support from both houses of the legislature, it is unlikely there will be an effort to override either of the vetoes, which would require a special session prior to November 30th. Absent a special session, the legislature is not scheduled to return until early December, after the election for a new Governor. Given an upcoming gubernatorial election, there might also be a consensus to run the bills again under a new administration that may be more receptive to either or both of the bills.

In short, technically a veto override is possible, but for all practical purposes, it is a highly unlikely outcome. Historically, special sessions have been called to address broader outstanding issues, but that is very different from calling the Legislature back to override the veto of a specific bill. That has not happened in decades, and California has not overridden a gubernatorial veto since 1980.

CSLEA is prepared to move forward by developing a strategy for next year, particularly with respect to AB 1383.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU

CSLEA and CABCA Meet with Agents and Licensing Representatives at ABC Offices in Northern and Southern California

Focus on Open Enrollment, the BU7 Contract, and Membership Benefits

SACRAMENTO – During September 2026, California Alcoholic Beverage Control Agents (CABCA) officers conducted site visits at California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) offices in Northern and Southern California. The visits provided an opportunity to engage directly with members and provide updates on open enrollment,

key legal and legislative issues, the BU 7 contract, and the full range of CABCA and California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) membership benefits.

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CHP-PSDA Visits New Dispatchers at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento

WEST SACRAMENTO – On September 28, 2026, nine dispatchers training at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento received a visit from California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Services Representative and CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) Vice President Victor Tovar. Tovar conducted a new employee orientation to introduce the associations to the dispatchers and to discuss the role the associations have in assisting CHP public safety dispatchers and operators throughout their careers.

The nine dispatchers recognized the import work that the union does to improve and protect their working conditions, salaries and benefits.

The dispatchers have an important role as first responders. CSLEA and CHP-PSDA work to be sure there are protection in place for the dispatchers' safe, healthy and rewarding career.

The dispatchers are from the Golden Gate, Sacramento, Eureka, Inland and Orange County communications centers. CSLEA welcomes its newest members and thanks them for seeing the value in union membership.

CAL OES Law Enforcement Branch Assistant Chiefs: Peace Officers Providing Essential Public Safey Services Throughout California

By BJ Jones
President, Fire Marshal & Emergency Services Association (FMESA)

The September 22, 2026, rescue off the coast of San Luis Obispo County demonstrates the importance of experience, relationships, rapid response, and statewide operational readiness by the Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch.

As President of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Services Association (FMESA), I believe it is important for California's leaders, public safety partners, and the public to understand the essential role performed every day by California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Law Enforcement Branch Assistant Chiefs.

Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch Assistant Chiefs are sworn peace officers strategically field-based throughout California to provide rapid response to emergencies and direct support to local public safety agencies.

Their responsibilities extend far beyond traditional administrative functions. They respond to major emergencies, work directly with local, state, federal, tribal, military, fire, emergency management, and law enforcement partners, coordinate critical public safety resources, and deploy into many of the same dangerous and demanding environments confronting California's local first responders.

A recent rescue off the San Luis Obispo County coast demonstrates why that experience, readiness, and years of relationship building matter.

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The Passing of LPA II Richard Johnson

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

California Statewide Law Enforcement Association - CSL...

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A special shout out to our CSLEA/SPPOAC Members: State Park Peace Officers Trever Meier, Gibson Elkins and Brooke Fellers pictured here at Tahoe Bear Fest 2026. Thank you for your service!
More photos and info in California State Parks: Weekly Digest - Oct. 2, 2026 https://content.govdelivery.com/.../bulletins/42ce153... **See less**

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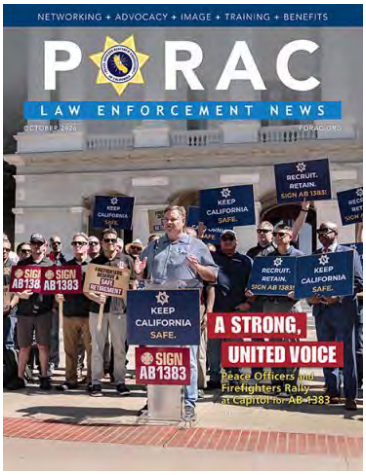

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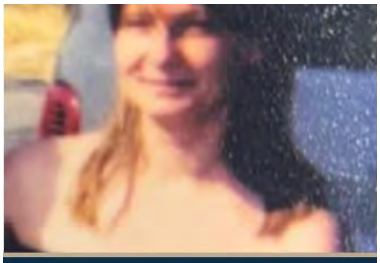

Remains Discovered in Calaveras County in 2015 Identified

"Identifying the remains of individuals believed to be victims of homicide is an important first step in solving a murder...

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DNA Solves Humboldt County Missing Person Case

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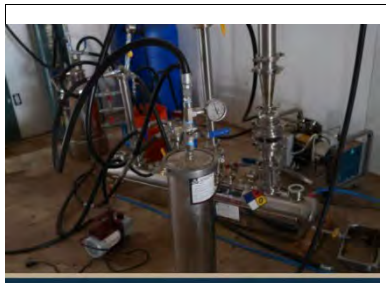

Law Enforcement Officers Target Illicit Cannabis in Humboldt County

"We must take action to stop the destruction of our environment caused by illicit cannabis grows and cultivation...

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Nine Arrested, 16 Search Warrants Executed in Operation Klean Strip

"This was a major undertaking by local, state and federal law enforcement to clean up communities in our state that...

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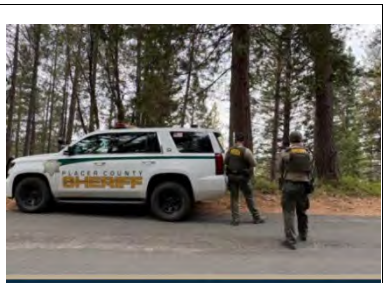

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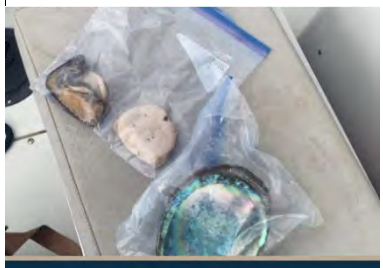

CDFW Investigates the Taking of Abalone at Catalina Island

"CDFW officers play an important role in protecting California's fish and wildlife by enforcing laws that prohibit the illeg...

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"These investigative operations conducted by local, state, and federal law enforcement underscore the urgent nee...

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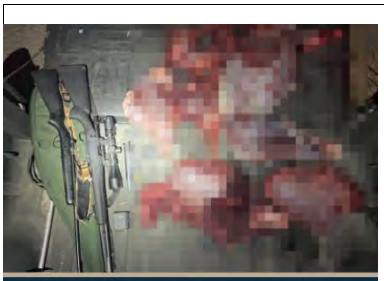

CDFW Officers Arrest Three in Unlawful Hunting Investigation

"Investigating unlawful hunting, especially at night, puts CDFW officers at risk. The officers are often approaching...

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CDFW Assists Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office with Illegal Marijuana...

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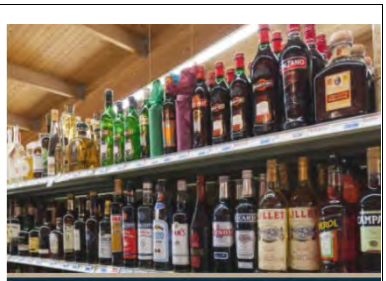

California ABC Agents and Redding Police Officers Bust Two in Shoulder Tap...

"It's an expensive penalty when one is convicted of furnishing alcohol to a minor. That in itself should give people...

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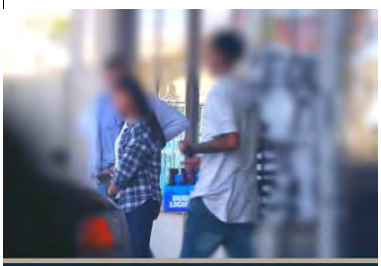

Three Arrested in Shoulder Tap Operation in Rohnert Park

"It is our hope that members of the public would recognize the potentially severe consequences that can follow when...

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California DOJ Criminalists Assist in Investigation and Trial Involving Masked...

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Former Bus Operator Convicted of Workers' Comp Fraud

CDI investigated this case "Collecting Workers' Comp benefits under false pretenses is not a victimless crime. It...

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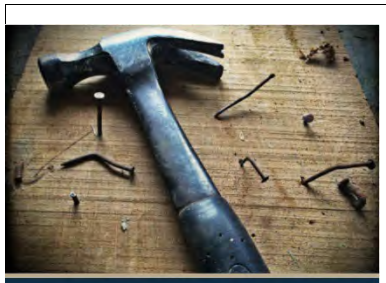

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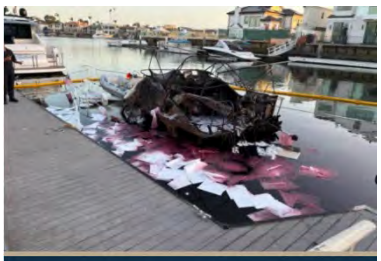

CDFW OSPR Responds to Oil Spill in Huntington Beach Harbor

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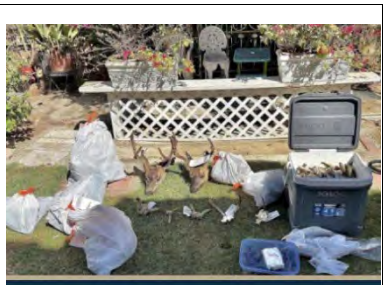

CDFW Officers Arrest Suspect for Wildlife Crimes in Kern County

"California has laws in place to protect the state's wildlife resources and maintain healthy, sustainable fish and...

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State Parks Lifeguards and VCFD Rescue Dog After Vehicle Crashes into Surf...

"This rescue highlights the dedicated response and teamwork of local and state public safety professionals who are calle...

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CDFW Assists Pismo Beach Police with Clamming Investigation

"Kudos to this very observant Pismo Beach Police officer and CDFW for enforcing laws that are in place to prote...

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CDFW Assists NCSO with Search Warrants Targeting Illegal Cannabis...

"It's important for law enforcement to search suspected illegal cannabis operations for numerous reasons,...

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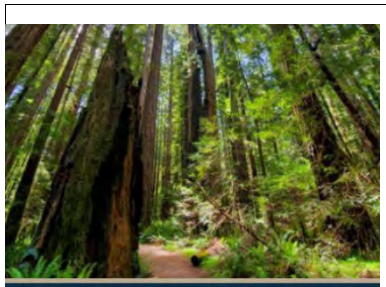

State Parks Rangers and HCSO Search for Missing Hiker in Prairie Creek...

"Searching for a missing hiker in the late evening and early morning hours puts responders at risk. We are grateful for...

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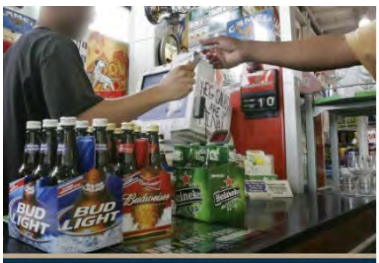

Two Cited in Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap Operation in San Marcos

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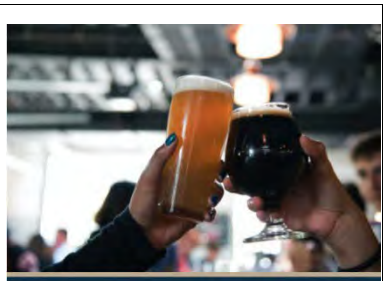

ABC Agents and RCSO Deputies Cite Two in Operation in Hemet

HEMET – On October 5, 2026, California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents and deputies from...

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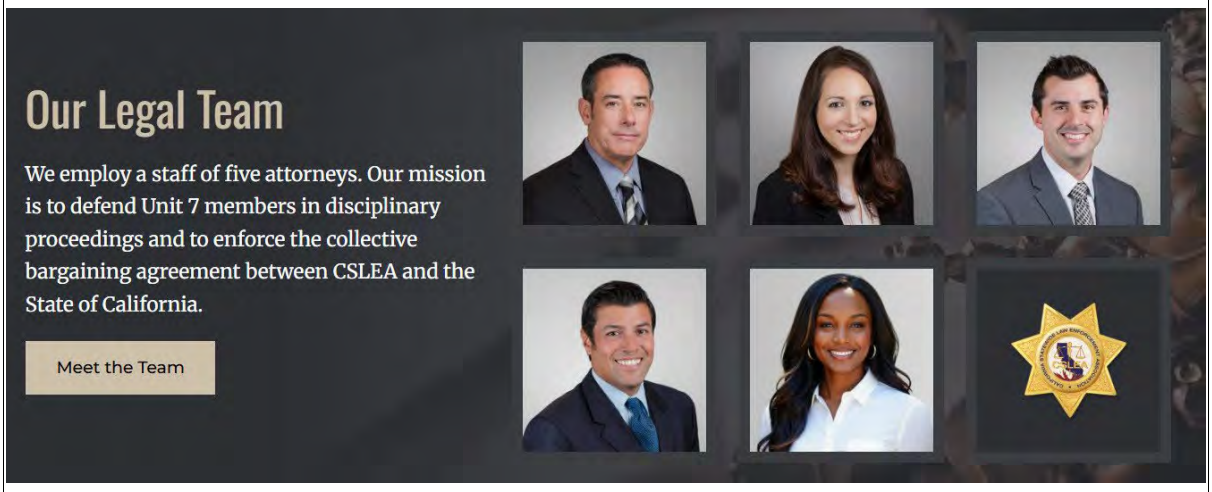

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