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Stephen Kronick

**River Clean Up a Success**

The Sierra River Conservancy, the main coordinating body for the Great Sierra River Cleanup reported 4,600 volunteers collected 86,700 pounds of trash and 24,434 pounds of recyclables during the statewide event Sept. 20. East Bay Municipal Utility District Ranger/Naturalist Lora Sparrowk said local figures are included in that number.

"EBMUD's 245 volunteers, aged 3 to 72, collected 2,340 pounds of trash and 1,410 pounds of recyclables from the Middle Bar down to Stillman Magee Park, she reported. "We skipped Pardee Reservoir this year. Middle Bar was very low — 500 cubic feet per second — and the volunteers walked instead of the usual kayaking in the past. Due to the low reservoir elevation at Camanche, there were many more areas to scour for trash. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of trash that we did not

get to. We found several interesting pieces of trash, like—a phone recorder with the phone still attached, a wallet and credit cards, ice chest full of beer, barbecues, rusty metal — lots! and a counter top. And there were bear tracks at Middle Bar! Sparrowk said the California Coastal Cleanup effort also picked up a lot of trash. "They had 54,124 volunteers who picked up 576,571 pounds of trash and 109,494 pounds of recyclables," she said. "This is a total of 343 tons of trash removed from our California Beaches! Can we say trash floats downhill?" For a link to all of the sites state wide and breakdowns of individual areas cleaned up, visit [sierranevada.ca.gov/our-work/rivercleanup](http://sierranevada.ca.gov/our-work/rivercleanup).

**County to get new Public Health Officer**

Dr. Rita Huspen Kerr has been tapped to take over the reins as the new Amador County Public Health Officer. Supervisors approved the hiring pending a background check during their regular meeting on Tuesday. Kerr, who hails from Sutter Creek, will be paid \$6,600 per month from Oct. 1, 2014 through Oct. 1, 2015. The position is contractual and Kerr is not considered a county employee. Her duties will include providing medical supervision to Public Health staff, coordinating public health services with other agencies and health care providers, providing community education and awareness regarding public health issues and consultation with federal and state officials to coordinate emergency preparedness efforts.

**Retiring Water Agency Counsel Honored**

Stephen Kronick was presented with a resolution of appreciation during an Amador Water Agency meeting Sept. 17. Kronick, who provided 38 years of service to the AWA, is retiring from legal practice after assisting the agency with legal affairs on tens of millions of dollars in projects over the years. Kronick advised several AWA general managers during his tenure, including George Ulstad, Dave Walker, Tom Hoover, Jim Abercrombie, and Gene Mancebo. Kronick was also involved in over 800 projects and studies that shaped the AWA from its infancy as an advisory agency into a county-wide, full-service, utility provider, including the Lone Pipeline — replacing the Lone Cana — the Lone Water Treatment Plant expansion to serve Mule Creek State Prison, the Amador Transmission Pipeline — replacing the Amador Canal — the new Buckhorn Water Treatment Plant, the Wildflower Storage Tank, the Plymouth Pipeline, and the Gravity Supply Line currently under construction. Kronick began his legal career with his uncle's firm, Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard, and in 1989 left to form Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan, specializing in water and environmental law. At one time or another, Kronick represented the County of Amador, most other Amador utility agencies, and many private parties over the past four decades. Current

AWA counsel Joshua Horowitz, partner at Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan, continues the Sacramento law firm's association with the AWA.

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Deer hunting season starts this weekend in Amador and Calaveras Counties, so people enjoying the outdoors should be extra vigilant and take some precautions! Deer hunters are gathering their tags and preparing for the big hunt. If you're a hunter and haven't done so, you can get your tags at an authorized sales location or online at the Department of Fish and Game's website.

**Ione Council Candidate Forum Set For Monday**

Six candidates, including three incumbents, have been invited to participate in a Candidates' Forum on Monday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m., at the Evalynn Bishop Hall in Howard Park in Ione.

Michelle Hansen will moderate the event, which is formatted to allow candidates five to seven minutes to state why they are running and what their key objectives are if they are elected. Audience members will also be able to pose questions.

Candidates Dominic Atlan, Orel Custer and Cindee Stewart are vying for the three seats up for election currently held by Dan Epperson, Lloyd Oneto and Ron Smylie, incumbents who are trying to keep their positions on the council.

**Calaveras Trustees Vote to Begin Building Even as Budget Concerns Loom**

Construction on the long awaited Calaveras High School Performing Arts Center could begin within a few short weeks. Calaveras Unified School District trustees voted 3-2 last week to approve the start of construction on the \$3.8 million, 300 seat theater. Voting against the construction were board president Evan Garamendi and trustee Gregory Gustafson. District superintendent Mark Campbell says CUSD has the money to complete the project promised to voters in 2006, when a \$13.5 million general obligation bond was approved. While the district struggles with looming layoffs and possible school site closures, Campbell says bond funds can only be spent on facilities and cannot be put toward salaries or programs. Brett Hayes, project manager for Carter-Kelly Inc., reported construction should take about a year. With construction slated to begin in October, Hayes says the biggest challenge right now will be the weather. Once completed, the new performing arts center will house a 300-seat theater that is slated to include a backstage storage shop, a green room, changing rooms and restrooms.

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