



**WEEKLY UPDATE  
NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 5, 2020**

**THIS WEEK**

**NO BOS MEETING**

**EARLY WARNING**

**CENTRAL COAST WATER BOARD DEC. 9-11, 2020  
MORE SEVERE AG IRRIGATORS' REGULATIONS**

**RATES FOR PG&E USERS TO DECLINE SLIGHTLY  
CENTRAL COAST COMMUNITY POWER TO RISE**

**LAST WEEK**

**SLO PENSION TRUST MEETING UNEVENTFUL**

**NO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**COLAB IN DEPTH**

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**FIGHTING WORDS**

*IT'S A WAR*

**BY DAVID HOROWITZ**

# CALIFORNIA EDD SENT MILLIONS IN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO INMATES IN JAILS AND PRISONS

*EDD Strike Team made recommendations to reform EDD processes, but nothing to prevent or detect fraud*

**BY KATIE GRIMES**

**MORE DUMB GOVERNMENT SCHNOOKS**

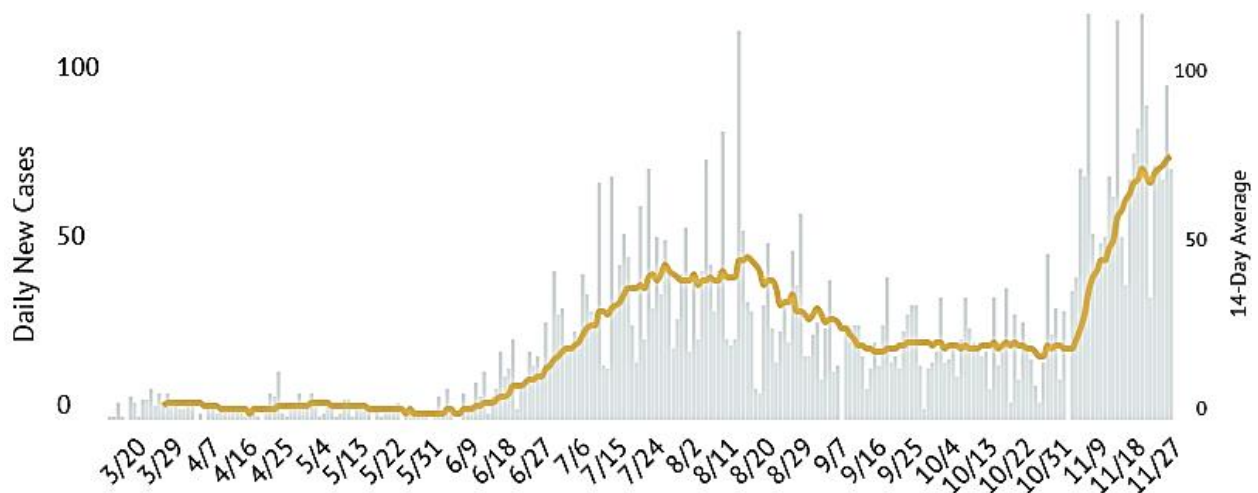
# WHAT GAVIN NEWSOM'S INEVITABLE POLITICAL DOOM MEANS FOR DEMOCRATS

*There is a seismic wave building in the Golden State. It's still far away, but it's coming in with the tide.*

**By Edward Ring**

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

**November 27, 2020 COVID Status.**



**Currently Hospitalized**

**12 (of whom 1 is in ICU)**

**No Scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. There are 2 scheduled meetings remaining 2020.

**Notice of Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s request to change rates for its power charge indifference adjustment trigger application (A.20-09-014) - PG&E CUSTOMER RATES TO GO DOWN - CENTRAL COAST COMMUNITY ENERGY RATES TO GO UP**

Last week’s Update presented information about the Central Coast Community Energy’s (3CE) mailer to most of the PG&E customers and many Southern California Edison customers about how they are “replacing” the 2 investor-owned utilities. (See Addendum I on page20.) PG&E has also sent a required mailer describing a request to lower its rates. 3CE’s rates may have to rise in accordance as a result. Study the PG&E flyer below and then scroll down for the explanation of what’s going on.

**Why am I receiving this notice?**

On September 28, 2020, PG&E filed its Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) Trigger Application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application requests that the Commission authorize a \$253 million refund to bundled service customers who receive their electric generation, transmission and distribution services from PG&E, and a corresponding increase in the PCIA charge for customers that receive electric generation service from a third party and electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E.

If PG&E’s application is approved, PG&E will collect \$253 million in rates from customers who receive electric generation service from a third party beginning in January 2021 and will simultaneously refund \$253 million in rates to bundled customers.

**Why is PG&E requesting this rate increase?**

The PCIA is a charge paid by most customers enrolled in a third-party electric generation service provider, such as a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) or Direct Access (DA) provider. The PCIA is a charge to recover certain costs for energy purchases prior to a customer’s switch to a third-party provider. In 2019, the PCIA undercollection balancing account (PUBA) was established to track the undercollection of the PCIA rate compared to the entire forecasted PCIA revenues. If the undercollection in PUBA exceeds a threshold, then PG&E is required to file an application to recover the undercollection in a timely manner.

PG&E is proposing to spread the increase for third-party customers over a 12-month period beginning in January 2021 to minimize the rate impact on those customers.

**How could this affect my monthly electric rates?**

For customers that receive bundled electric service from PG&E, meaning they receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services, a summary of the proposed rate decrease is provided below.

Customer Class	Current Average (\$/kWh) as of 8/1/2020	Proposed Average (\$/kWh) as of 1/1/2021	Total Change (\$/kWh)	Total Percentage Change
<b>Bundled Service</b>				
Residential	22.91	22.22	-0.69	-3.0%
Small Commercial	26.62	25.76	-0.86	-3.2%
Medium Commercial	23.72	22.97	-0.75	-3.2%
Large Commercial	20.69	19.99	-0.70	-3.4%
Streetlight	30.46	29.82	-0.64	-2.1%
Standby	18.48	18.06	-0.43	-2.3%
Agriculture	25.11	24.55	-0.56	-2.2%
Industrial	16.66	16.05	-0.60	-3.6%
Average System Rate Change	22.17	21.49	-0.68	-3.0%

Based on rates currently in effect, the bill for a typical residential customer receiving bundled electric service and using 500 kWh per month would decrease from \$127.40 to \$123.64 or -3.0%.

Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. On average, these customers would see an increase of 4.0%.

Another category of nonbundled customers is Departing Load. These customers do not receive electric generation, transmission or distribution services from PG&E. However, these customers are required to pay certain charges by law or CPUC decision. On average, these customers would see a decrease of -0.6%.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage and are subject to CPUC regulatory approval.

**How does the rest of this process work?**

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt PG&E’s application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding are currently reviewing PG&E’s application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, please call 1-415-703-1584, email [PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov), or visit [PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov](http://PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov).

Your participation by providing your thoughts on PG&E’s request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

Note that PG&E will be lowering its rates and 3CE will in all likelihood have to raise rates (or burn down more of its reserves) to cover long-term costs which were incurred on behalf of the customers being involuntarily switched from PG&E to 3CE. In simple terms PG&E entered into long term energy contracts from various other suppliers. Now it will need less energy but cannot abrogate those

contracts. Accordingly, the Public Utilities Commission requires that PG&E file for reimbursement from 3CE bundled customers to recover its proportionate costs.

3CE's current average rates are displayed below in comparison with PG&E (Opt Out Column).<sup>1</sup>

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER 3Cchoice®	RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER OPT OUT	RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER 3Cprime®
31% Renewable	29% Renewable	100% Renewable
\$79.10 PG&E Delivery	\$79.10 PG&E Delivery	\$79.10 PG&E Delivery
\$40.84 Electric Generation	\$58.76 Electric Generation	\$44.84 Electric Generation
\$17.09 PG&E Added Fees	\$0.00 PG&E Added Fees	\$17.09 PG&E Added Fees
<b>\$137.03</b> Average Total Monthly Cost	<b>\$137.86</b> Average Total Monthly Cost	<b>\$141.03</b> Average Total Monthly Cost

### Some noteworthy facts:

1. 3CE's self-reported general rate is only 83 cents per month less than what it reports for PG&E's general rate for an average customer. This would be a total "savings" of \$9.96 for year.
2. 3CE's vaunted energy mix is only 3 percent more "green" than PG&E's. Of course if the State law did not irrationally define nuclear as not renewable, PG&E would be 59% renewable so long as the Diablo Power Plant remains open.
3. The Public Utilities Commission is likely to approve PG&E's legally mandated request to recover its long-term costs for power contracts with suppliers, which is a 4% increase over the year 2021. This means that 3CE will probably have to raise its rates to cover the costs, which will wipe out most, if not all, of the deferential reported by 3CE.
4. Simultaneously, PG&E will lower its rate for the average customer from \$127.40 per month to \$123.64 per month. By now you have probably noted a discrepancy. 3CE's table above shows the current PG&E average rate as being \$137.86 per month while PG&E reports it as \$127.40.

<sup>1</sup> Data from 3CE'S WEBSITE

In this regard PG&E shows the per-kilowatt-per-hour charge in the table in the center of its flyer, displayed on page 3. Significantly, 3CE does not. Is it possible that 3CE has been misrepresenting the “savings” all along?

In the big picture, the State policy of socializing electrical energy is leading to the destruction of the investor owned utilities (IOUs). Many private stockholders and millions of non-stockholders own shares in the IOU’s through their 401ks and pension systems. In effect you’re being screwed at least 4 ways.

1. The supposed savings is di-minimus at best, may not exist at all, and will certainly decrease over time.
2. The supposed green energy benefits are a total fake (see last week’s expose in Addendum I on page 20 in the back of this update).
3. The value of the PG&E stock will be under even more negative pressure (not just the fire lawsuits).
4. The State will eventually convert the electric utilities to State owned departments. Think of the DMV and now the State Employment Department (which just sent \$1.5 billion in unemployment checks to incarcerated prisoners).

**Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Meetings of December 9, 10, 12, 2020  
(Scheduled) - EARLY WARNING**

The first two days of this meeting (December 9-10) is a continuation of the September 10-11, 23-24 and October 22-23, 2020 workshop (Item 3) focused on **Draft Agricultural Order 4.0.**

**The comment card and instructions are available at the following site along with additional information about participating via the remote meeting solution or telephonically:**

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board\\_info/remote\\_meeting/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/remote_meeting/)

Check out what our irrigating farmers face. The document below, starting on the next page, is just a high level summary guide to the massive regulations. It illustrates the insanity that the State regulatory system has reached.

TABLE 1 - IRRIGATION AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT FOR GROUNDWATER PROTECTION		
	Option from March/May 2019	Location in Order
Phasing or Prioritization	<u>Phasing</u>	Order Part 1, Section B. <i>Phasing and Prioritization</i>
Quantifiable Milestones* (Numeric Limits)	<u>Discharge Limit</u>	<u>Discharge Targets and Discharge Limits</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Nitrogen Discharge Targets and Limits</i>
	<u>Application Limits</u>	<u>Application Limits</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Fertilizer Application Limits</i>
Time Schedule*	<u>Discharge Target</u> (lbs/ac/ranch/year) $A_{FER} + A_{IRR} - R$ OR $A_{FER} = R$	<u>Discharge Target</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Quantifiable Milestones and Time Schedules</i> Order Table C.1-2 <i>Time Schedule for Nitrogen Discharge Targets and Limits</i>
	<u>Discharge Limit</u> (lbs/ac/ranch/year) $A_{FER} + A_{IRR} - R$ OR $A_{FER} = R$	<u>Discharge Limit</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Quantifiable Milestones and Time Schedules</i> Order Table C.1-2 <i>Time Schedule for Nitrogen Discharge Targets and Limits</i>
	<u>Application Limit</u>	<u>Application Limit</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Quantifiable Milestones and Time Schedules</i> Order Table C.1-1 <i>Time Schedule for Fertilizer Application Limits</i>
Monitoring and Reporting*	<u>Irrigation &amp; Nutrient Management Plan</u> <i>Total Nitrogen Applied (TNA)</i> <i>Removal</i> <i>Irrigation</i> <i>Management Practices</i>	<u>Irrigation &amp; Nutrient Management Plan</u> <i>Total Nitrogen Applied (TNA)</i> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section B. <i>Total Nitrogen Applied (TNA)</i> and Section C. <i>Irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan (INMP)</i>  <i>Removal</i> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section C. <i>Irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan (INMP)</i>  <i>Irrigation</i> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section B. <i>Total Nitrogen Applied (TNA)</i> , MRP Section C. <i>Irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan (INMP)</i> , MRP Section D. <i>Irrigation Wells</i>

TABLE 1 - IRRIGATION AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT FOR GROUNDWATER PROTECTION		
	Option from March/May 2019	Location in Order
	<u>Individual Discharge to Groundwater</u> <i>Discharge volume and concentration</i>	<u>Management Practices</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Irrigation and Nutrient Management for Groundwater Protection</i> MRP Section F. <i>Annual Compliance Form (ACF)</i>
	<u>Drinking Water Supply Well</u>	<u>Individual Discharge to Groundwater</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section D. <i>Ranch-Level Groundwater Discharge</i>
	<u>Groundwater Quality Trends</u>	<u>Drinking Water Supply Well</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP, Section D. <i>Domestic Wells</i> <u>Groundwater Quality Trends</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section D. <i>Groundwater Quality Trends</i>
Incentives	-Pump & fertilize -Compost nitrogen -Increasing nitrogen removal -Third parties	<i>Pump &amp; fertilize, compost, and increasing nitrogen removal</i> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Nitrogen Discharge Targets and Limits</i> MRP Section B. <i>Total Nitrogen Applied (TNA)</i> and Section C. <i>Irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan (INMP)</i>  <i>Third parties</i> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Irrigation and Nutrient Management for Groundwater Protection - Nitrogen Discharge Targets and Limits</i> Order Part 2, Section F. <i>Third Parties</i>
Definitions	- $A_{FER}$ is the amount of nitrogen applied in fertilizers, compost, and other amendments - $A_{IRR}$ is the amount of nitrogen applied through the irrigation water based on the groundwater nitrate concentration - $A_{FER} + A_{IRR}$ = the total amount of nitrogen applied - $R$ is the amount of nitrogen removed through harvest, pruning, or other methods, plus nitrogen sequestered in permanent/semi-permanent crops *Required elements; other elements are included because they can help improve the effectiveness of the Order	

Item 3, Attachment 1:  
Key to Requirements in Draft Ag Order 4.0 Documents

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Table 3 - PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT FOR SURFACE WATER PROTECTION		
	Ag Order 4.0 - Updated Option	Location in Order
Phasing or Prioritization	<u>Prioritization</u>	Order Part 1, Section B. <i>Phasing and Prioritization</i>
Quantifiable Milestones* (Numeric Limits)	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit</u> <i>Pesticide concentrations, toxicity tests, and toxic units</i>	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit</u> Order Part 2, Section C.3. <i>Quantifiable Milestones and Time Schedules</i>
Time Schedule*	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit</u> <u>TMDL Areas</u> <u>Other Areas</u>	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit</u> Order Part 2, Section C.3. <i>Quantifiable Milestones and Time Schedules</i> Order Table C.3-1 <i>Time Schedule for Pesticide and Toxicity Limits (TMDL)</i> Order Table C.3-2 <i>Time Schedule for Pesticide and Toxicity Limits (Non-TMDL)</i>
Monitoring and Reporting*	<u>Pesticide Management Plan &amp; Report</u> <i>Application characteristics, discharge characteristics, management practices</i> <u>Surface Water Quality Trends</u>  <u>Follow-Up Receiving Water Monitoring</u>  <u>Individual Discharge to Surface Water</u> <i>Discharge flow rate and volume, discharge pesticide concentrations, discharge toxicity</i> <u>Drinking Water Supply Well</u>	<u>Pesticide Management Plan &amp; Report</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Pesticide Management for Surface Water Protection</i> MRP Section F. <i>Annual Compliance Form</i> <u>Surface Water Quality Trends</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section E. <i>Surface Water Quality Trends</i> <u>Follow-Up Receiving Water Monitoring</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section E. <i>Follow-Up Surface Receiving Water</i> <u>Individual Discharge to Surface Water</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section E. <i>Ranch-Level Surface Discharge</i> <u>Drinking Water Supply Well</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Groundwater Monitoring</i>
Incentives	Third parties	<i>Third parties</i> Order Part 2, Section C.3. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> Order Part 2, Section F. <i>Third Parties</i> MRP Section E. <i>Follow-up Receiving Water; Ranch-Level Surface Discharge</i>
Definitions	*Required elements; other elements are included because they can help improve the effectiveness of the Order	

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Table 4 - SEDIMENT AND EROSION MANAGEMENT FOR SURFACE WATER PROTECTION		
	Ag Order 4.0 - Updated Option	Location in Order
Phasing or Prioritization	<u>Prioritization</u>	Order Part 1, Section B. <i>Phasing and Prioritization</i>
Quantifiable Milestones* (Numeric Limits)	<u>Receiving Water Limits and Discharge Limits</u> <i>Turbidity</i> <i>Impermeable surfaces</i>	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit</u> Order Part 2, Section C.4. <i>Quantifiable Milestones and Time Schedules</i> Order Part 2, Section C.4 <i>Impermeable Surfaces</i>
Time Schedule*	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit</u> <u>TMDL Areas</u> <u>Other Areas</u>	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit</u> Order Part 2, Section C.4. <i>Quantifiable Milestones and Time Schedules</i> Order Table C.4-1 <i>Time Schedule for Sediment Limits (TMDL)</i> Order Table C.4-2 <i>Time Schedule for Turbidity Limits (Non-TMDL)</i>
Monitoring and Reporting*	<u>Sediment &amp; Erosion Management Plan</u> <i>Discharge characteristics, management practices, stormwater management, sizing and design of control measures</i> <u>Surface Water Quality Trends</u>  <u>Follow-Up Receiving Water Monitoring</u>  <u>Individual Discharge to Surface Water</u> <i>Discharge flow rate and volume, discharge turbidity</i>	<u>Sediment &amp; Erosion Management Plan</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Sediment and Erosion Management for Surface Water Protection</i> MRP Section F. <i>Annual Compliance Form</i> <u>Surface Water Quality Trends</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section E. <i>Surface Water Quality Trends</i> <u>Follow-Up Receiving Water Monitoring</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section E. <i>Follow-Up Surface Receiving Water</i> <u>Individual Discharge to Surface Water</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section E. <i>Ranch-Level Surface Discharge</i>
Incentives	- Third parties	<i>Third parties</i> Order Part 2, Section C.4. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> Order Part 2, Section F. <i>Third Parties</i> MRP Section E. <i>Follow-up Receiving Water; Ranch-Level Surface Discharge</i>
Definitions	-Impermeable surfaces include materials such as plastic mulch and hoop houses; here, impermeable surfaces do not refer to soils *Required elements; other elements are included because they can help improve the effectiveness of the Order	

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Table 5 - RIPARIAN AREA MANAGEMENT FOR WATER QUALITY PROTECTION		
	Ag Order 4.0 – Updated Option	Location in Order
Phasing or Prioritization	<u>Prioritization</u>	Order Part 1, Section B. <i>Phasing and Prioritization</i>
Quantifiable Milestones* (Numeric Limits)	<u>Setback Width and Native Vegetative Cover</u> <i>Priority Areas</i>	<u>Setback Width and Vegetative Cover</u> Order Part 2, Section C.5. <i>Quantifiable Milestones, Time Schedules, and Monitoring and Reporting for Ranches in Riparian Priority Areas</i> (four compliance pathways available) Order Table C.5-1, Table C.5-2
	<i>Non-Priority Areas</i>	Order Part 2, Section C.5. <i>Quantifiable Milestones, Time Schedules, and Monitoring and Reporting for Ranches in All Areas</i>
	<u>Prohibition</u>	<u>Prohibition</u> Order Part 2, Section C.5. <i>Quantifiable Milestones, Time Schedules, and Monitoring and Reporting for Ranches in All Areas</i>
Time Schedule*	<u>Setback Width and Native Vegetative Cover Establishment</u> <i>Priority Areas</i>	<u>Setback Width and Native Vegetative Cover Establishment</u> Order Part 2, Section C.5. <i>Quantifiable Milestones, Time Schedules, and Monitoring and Reporting for Ranches in Riparian Priority Areas</i> (four compliance pathways available) MRP Section F. <i>Annual Compliance Form</i>
	<u>Setback Width Establishment</u> <i>Non-Priority Areas</i>	<u>Setback Width Establishment</u> Order Part 2, Section C.5. <i>Quantifiable Milestones, Time Schedules, and Monitoring and Reporting for Ranches in All Areas</i>
Monitoring and Reporting*	<u>Riparian Management Reporting</u> <i>Individual Approaches</i> <i>Cooperative Approach</i>	<u>Riparian Management Reporting</u> Order Part 2, Section C.5. <i>Quantifiable Milestones, Time Schedules, and Monitoring and Reporting for Ranches in Riparian Priority Areas</i> (four compliance pathways available) MRP success criteria tables
	<u>Surface Water Quality Trends</u> <i>Bioassessment</i>	<u>Surface Water Quality Trends</u> MRP Section E. <i>Surface Water Quality Trends</i>
Incentives	-Cooperative Approach	Order Part 2, Section C.5. - Four compliance pathways available, including Cooperative Approach
Definitions	<i>-Riparian is defined as vegetation, habitat, or ecosystems that are associated with bodies of water (creeks, streams, or lakes) or are dependent on the existence of perennial, intermittent, or ephemeral surface or subsurface water drainage</i> <i>*Required elements; other elements are included because they can help improve the effectiveness of the Order</i>	

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Table 2 - IRRIGATION AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT FOR SURFACE WATER PROTECTION		
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Phasing or Prioritization	<u>Prioritization</u>	Order Part 1, Section B. <i>Phasing and Prioritization</i>
Quantifiable Milestones* (Numeric Limits)	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit</u> <i>Nitrate, as N; Ammonia (un-ionized), Orthophosphate, as P</i> <u>Application Limit</u>	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Quantifiable Milestones and Time Schedules.</i>  <u>Application Limit</u> Order Part 2, Section C.1. <i>Fertilizer Application Limits</i>
	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit</u> <u>TMDL Areas</u> <u>Other Areas</u>	<u>Receiving Water Limit and Discharge Limit (TMDL and Other Areas)</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Quantifiable Milestones and Time Schedules</i> Order Table C.2-1 <i>Time Schedule for Nutrient Limits (TMDL)</i> Order Table C.2-2 <i>Time Schedule for Nutrient Limits (Non-TMDL)</i>
Monitoring and Reporting*	<u>Irrigation Nutrient Management Plan &amp; Report</u> <i>Discharge characteristics, management practices</i>	<u>Irrigation Nutrient Management Plan &amp; Report</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Irrigation and Nutrient Management for Surface Water Protection</i> MRP Section B. <i>Total Nitrogen Applied (TNA)</i> and Section C <i>Irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan (INMP)</i> MRP Section F. <i>Annual Compliance Form</i>
	<u>Surface Water Quality Trends</u>	<u>Surface Water Quality Trends</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section E. <i>Surface Water Quality Trends</i>
	<u>Follow-Up Receiving Water Monitoring</u>	<u>Follow-Up Receiving Water Monitoring</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section E. <i>Follow-Up Surface Receiving Water</i>
	<u>Individual Discharge to Surface Water</u> <i>Discharge flow rate and volume, discharge nutrient concentrations</i>	<u>Individual Discharge to Surface Water</u> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> MRP Section E. <i>Ranch-Level Surface Discharge</i>
Incentives	Third parties	<i>Third parties</i> Order Part 2, Section C.2. <i>Monitoring and Reporting</i> Order Part 2, Section F. <i>Third Parties</i> MRP Section E. <i>Follow-up Receiving Water; Ranch-Level Surface Discharge</i>
Definitions	<i>*Required elements; other elements are included because they can help improve the effectiveness of the Order</i>	



## LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

### San Luis Obispo County Pension Trust Meeting of Monday, November 23, 2020 - 9:30 AM (Completed)

**Item 7 - Monthly and Yearly Rate of Return.** The write-up stated in part:

***SLOCPT Investment Returns:***

*The attached report from Verus covers the preliminary investment returns of the SLOCPT portfolio and general market conditions through the end of September. The attached market commentary from Verus details market conditions in September, but subsequent activity in October is not yet factored into these numbers.*

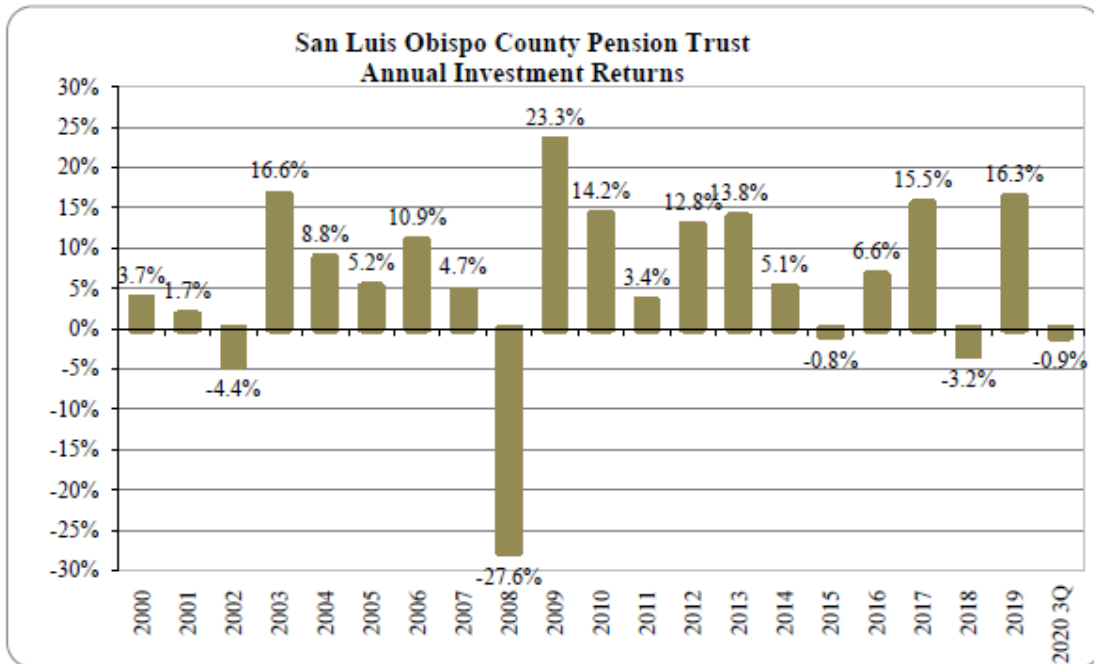
*Note that the chaotic markets of 2020 at one point in March had the SLOCPT total fund return year to date at a -12.4% level. The bounce back from that low point has brought the YTD return up to a -0.6% level. Significant improvement, but still likely to lead to an actuarial loss in investments for the full year.*

The tables below are informative about current and past performance.

**Item 7: Monthly Investment Report for September 2020**

	September	Year to Date 2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Trust Investments (\$ millions)	\$1,443		\$1,446 year end	\$1,285 year end	\$1,351 year end	\$1,196 year end	\$1,148 year end
Total Fund Return	-1.7% Gross	-0.6% Gross	16.3 % Gross	-3.2 % Gross	15.5 % Gross	6.6 % Gross	-0.8% Gross
Policy Index Return (r)	-1.1%	2.4%	16.4 %	-3.2 %	13.4 %	7.7 %	-0.5 %

(r) Policy index as of April 1, 2020 revision to Strategic Asset Allocation Policy: 21% domestic equity, 21% international equity, 15% core bonds, 6% bank loans, 5% global bonds, 5% emerging market debt, 17% real estate, 0% commodities, 5% private equity, 5% private credit. Pending revision to Revised Investment Policy adopted Sept. 2020 to be effective in 2021.



**No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 (Not Scheduled)**

The Board was not scheduled to meet during the Thanksgiving Holiday week.

**COLAB IN DEPTH**  
 IN FIGHTING THE TROUBLESOME, LOCAL DAY-TO-DAY ASSAULTS ON OUR  
 FREEDOM AND PROPERTY, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THE LARGER  
 UNDERLYING IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC CAUSES

**CALIFORNIA EDD SENT MILLIONS IN  
 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO INMATES IN JAILS  
 AND PRISONS**

*EDD Strike Team made recommendations to reform EDD processes, but  
 nothing to prevent or detect fraud*  
 BY KATIE GRIMES

Tuesday District Attorneys from across California joined together for a press briefing hosted by [Sacramento County DA Anne Marie Schubert](#) and [El Dorado County DA Vern Pierson](#), to expose the massive unemployment benefits fraud in jails and prisons in California. “This is perhaps the biggest fraud on taxpayers in California history,” DA Schubert said.

Joining them was [San Mateo District Attorney Stephen Wagstaff](#), [Kern County DA Cynthia Zimmer](#), and [U.S. Attorney McGregor “Greg” Scott](#). DA Vern Pierson is also the Board President of the [California District Attorneys Association](#).

We’ve been hearing about fraudulent unemployment claims since the coronavirus pandemic lockdown was first ordered by Gov. Gavin Newsom in March. However, millions and quite possibly billions of dollars has been sent to inmates in California’s county jails, and state and federal prisons, while legitimate claimants are stiffed for months.

“District Attorneys, and Federal Prosecutors, along with local, state and federal law enforcement have discovered there is rampant and large scale pandemic unemployment assistance fraud occurring in our communities, in the jails, and in state and federal prisons,” the California District Attorney’s Statewide EDD Fraud Task Force said in a letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom Monday evening.

They sent the letter to the Governor asking him assistance to assist or facilitate stopping the flow of money going to inmates because unbelievably, the EDD says it does not have a mechanism to do so.

“The volume of fraud as well as the types of inmates involved is staggering,” the DAs said. Death row inmates, life and life without possibility of parole inmates, rapists, child molesters, human traffickers, and other violent criminals, are receiving unemployment benefits, and the DAs say many of the claim checks are also being sent out of state.

The DAs report California’s EDD agency does not cross reference payments with incarcerated inmates. But 35 other states not only cross-reference with inmate data, many states do it on a weekly basis. Twenty-eight states cross-match between claimants and county jail data. Six states cross match against federal prison data.

This data revealed the following:

**Overall CDCR Data**

Number of Claims Filed	35,003
Number of Claims Already Paid	20,150
Highest Single Claim	\$48,600
Highest Claims for a Single Inmate	16
Total Amount Paid*	<b>\$140,253,207</b>

*\*Only covers March-August claims*

**Death Row Data**

There are currently over 700 inmates on death row. They represent the worst of all murderers. An extensive review of the data of death row inmates revealed the following:

Number of Death Row Inmates Named in Claims	133
Claims Filed Under Those 133 Inmate Names	158
Highest Single Claim Paid	\$19,676
Total Amount Paid through August	<b>\$421,370</b>

In July, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the formation of a “strike team” to solve [numerous issues](#) plaguing the Employment Development Department, the Globe [reported](#). At that time, the strike team was expected to come up with a plan within 45 days to quicken the UI process, improve the EDD, as well as update current procedures.

The DAs noted that in September, the EDD Strike Team made several recommendations to reform EDD processes, but nothing to prevent or detect fraud.

Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones. (Photo: Twitter)

The Globe spoke with [Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones](#) after the press briefing. He said in September they documented 650 inmates in the Sacramento County Jail who were involved in the EDD benefits fraud and receiving checks. The population in the jail was low due to the COVID outbreak Jones said, and the 650 amounted to 25% of the jail population, totaling at the time, more than \$6 million in fraudulent EDD benefits.



Because they monitor phone calls at the county jail, they heard some odd references to EDD benefits by inmates. An investigation found a large number of inmates receiving fraudulent EDD benefits checks. “How it happened and was kept secret... the folly here is the EDD,” Sheriff Jones said.

Jones told about an inmate at Mule Creek State Prison who filed 8-12 claims using the Social Security #123-45-6789, and they were paid. “There is no mechanism to stop it,” Jones said. “It’s \$1 billion that we know of, and nobody is doing anything about it.”

The Globe spoke to several California unemployment claimants Tuesday who reported that for months they haven’t received their benefits, and are continually put off for additional weeks by EDD employees. One said he was told by the EDD he had to provide his 2019 Federal tax return before his claims could be processed.

Just last week, in a formal letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom, President pro Tempore of the Senate Sen. Toni Atkins, and Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon, California State Auditor Elaine Howle sounded the alarm on EDD’s refusal to stop sending out full social security numbers through the mail, the [Globe reported](#). “Although EDD made progress in removing SSNs from some of the forms we reviewed, it has not removed them from the three that it most frequently mails,” Howle said. “In March 2019, we recommended that EDD prioritize amending those three forms, which together accounted for nearly 10 million of the 13 million problematic mailings we identified.”

El Dorado DA Vern Pierson. (Photo: eldoradoda.com)

EDD benefits are still not being paid properly to more than a million Californians who are out of work. While legitimate workers can’t get benefits, officials say the EDD has paid a quarter-million dollars in benefits to inmates running a scam inside a Bay Area jail.

DA Schubert said the Beverly Hills Police Department discovered 129 EDD debit cards totaling \$1.5 million used to rent luxury cars, pay for luxury hotel rooms, guns and cash. In all, 87 people were arrested in Beverly Hills. But this is happening in all 58 counties.

Schubert named more than 7 death row inmates who were receiving fraudulent EDD benefits checks including serial killers Cary Stainer and Wayne Adam Ford, Isauro Aguirre convicted in for the murder of 8-year-old Gabriel Fernandez, “Speed Freak” killer Wesley Shermantine, and even Scott Peterson.



How could this happen?

Schubert said that in the 58 counties, there are 72,000 inmates in local jails. She said they have very organized theft rings network throughout the state operating this fraud, along with those involved on the outside noting, “Inmates are mocking us.”

With California EDD not using the cross matching data comparisons to inmate data, there is nothing to stop this massive fraud.

DA Pierson said about five years ago, District Attorneys met with the head of the EDD to see about cross referencing data- looking at jail and prison data and information, and compare to see if any of them apply for EDD benefits. “The program exists, but is not used in California,” Pierson said. “The dysfunctionality is within the EDD.” Pierson said there are only 17 EDD fraud investigators statewide. He said they are very good, but as the DAs have gone up the chain of command in the EDD, there have been resignations and retirements.

California attorney Harmeet Dhillon [noted](#) that the EDD has fewer investigators “than the alcohol and cosmetics investigators the governor sicced on struggling California businesses.”

California has 17 fraud investigators for EDD — fewer than the alcohol and cosmetics investigators the governor sicced on struggling California businesses...California’s ‘dysfunctional’ EDD was unresponsive amid inmate unemployment fraud, prosecutors say <https://t.co/0euNel3DXG>

— Harmeet K. Dhillon (@pnjaban) [November 24, 2020](#)

The DAs noted that the CDCR has been vastly different, very cooperative and supportive of the DAs in clamping down on this fraud.

US Attorney McGregor Scott said the federal government is involved because of the CARES Act funding going to the state, being used to supplement unemployment payments. His office has received authorization from the U.S. Department of Justice for a U.S. Attorney investigator dedicated to this massive fraud in California, noting that there already are several open investigations on the federal side involving the FBI, DOJ and other agencies.



U.S. Attorney McGregor “Greg” Scott. (Photo: justice.gov)

He also said this involves aggravated identity theft, which is a mandatory minimum two years in the federal penitentiary, along with other likely crimes tacked on.

DA Wagstaff noted that the California Legislature hasn't been receptive to increasing the punishment for this fraud, but perhaps might now.

“As a taxpayer, everyone needs to be really angry about this,” AD Pierson said. “Hundreds of millions in fraud... and the EDD continues to be dysfunctional.”



Katy Grimes

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## **WHAT GAVIN NEWSOM'S INEVITABLE POLITICAL DOOM MEANS FOR DEMOCRATS**

*There is a seismic wave building in the Golden State. It's still far away, but it's coming in with the tide.*

**By Edward Ring**

Just in time for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, California Governor Gavin Newsom has ordered 38 California counties moved to the “purple tier” of coronavirus prevention mandates. This means Californians are now subject to a curfew, wherein “non-essential work, movement, and gatherings must stop between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.”

Including all the major population centers in the state, this curfew comes on top of a reestablishment of a ban on eating indoors in restaurants, as well as a requirement that people wear masks whenever they leave their homes, and “limit mixing, practice physical distancing and wash their hands.” It also comes

on the heels of Newsom's recently updated "Mandatory Requirements for All Gatherings," which specifies in preposterous detail exactly how families and friends may gather during the holidays.

The irony in all of these mandates coming from Newsom is that despite enraging millions of Californians who are not convinced they are at all necessary, the pandemic and Newsom's aggressive response to it are providing political cover for Newsom among those other millions of Californians, more numerous, who believe lockdowns and curfews are necessary. Once this political cover goes away, that equation, favoring Newsom, is going to change. And the speed and ferocity of that change, when it happens, is going to surprise a lot of people.

### **Nowhere to Hide**

When the pandemic is over, Newsom will have nowhere to hide. Newsom, along with the Democratic Party he represents, will preside over an economy battered beyond anything Californians have ever seen. Apart from the tech billionaires who have shamelessly profited as an entire population was driven into the virtual world, California's economy will be a smoking ruin. The COVID-19 shutdown will expose the fragile foundations of California's alleged prosperity, and blast it to smithereens.

Before COVID-19 came along, California had the highest rate of poverty and nearly the highest income inequality in America. It had the highest cost-of-living and some of the highest taxes. It had crumbling infrastructure, failing schools, devastating wildfires caused by negligence, avoidable shortages of water and electricity, a housing industry destroyed by overregulation, and an explosion of the homeless—people who could be helped if it weren't for the toxic progressive combination of misguided compassion and rampant corruption.

All of these problems will be worse when people are allowed back on the streets. The homeless encampments, unregulated and not subject to the pandemic mandates affecting everyone else, will have become permanent. Small business owners everywhere will survey the financial wreckage, and move elsewhere. Tech companies, their bubble valuations topped out, will not be sufficient sources of tax revenue to make up for the imploding tallies from everyone else. The only thing standing between state and local government agencies and financial catastrophe will be a federal bailout.

Newsom is more than just an incompetent, hypocritical, corrupt governor. He exemplifies the entire fraud that constitutes the Democratic Party in California.

California's voters are at a tipping point. Newsom's polling numbers, still high back in September and October, were mostly just a reflection of an anti-Trump electorate being supportive of anything that seemed to defy Trump. When mismanaged and neglected forests burned down half the state, and Trump said Californians needed to revive the timber industry, Newsom instead signed an executive order requiring electric cars, and California's anti-Trump voters cheered. When COVID-19 struck, and Trump said we must be careful not to let the cure become worse than the disease, Newsom instead imposed a statewide lockdown, and California's anti-Trump voters cheered again.

The problem with all this anti-Trump enthusiasm in California is that it only buys time for Newsom. In the recent election, with votes still being counted, Californians edged out Texas to cast the most ballots of any state in America—5.9 million so far—for President Trump. And in this high-turnout election, Trump even improved his percentage performance, rising from 31.6 percent in 2016 to 34.2 percent in 2020.

It's a safe bet that every one of those Californians are ready to throw out Newsom and every other Democratic lawmaker. In fact, the ongoing populist movement to recall Newsom, fresh on the heels of a 120-day extension up to March 17 to gather signatures on a recall petition, has a very good chance of making him fight for his political life in a special recall election in the spring of 2021. And while Trump voters provide ample prospects to sign these recall petitions, the ranks of Californians who've had enough of Newsom are growing.

### **The Hypocrisy of the Party of the Rich**

The apparent perpetual nature and increasing severity of what amounts to martial law are driving voters away from Newsom, a process exacerbated by Newsom himself, when he failed to comply with his own mandates. In a faux pas that will go down in history, on November 10 Newsom and his wife joined at least 10 other people, sans masks, for a dinner paid for by lobbyists at the French Laundry in Napa County, one of the most expensive restaurants in the United States.

Newsom is going to have a hard time talking his way out of this. The hypocrisy of a man who built his image on his aggressive mandates to cope with the pandemic; the brazen display of privilege, lobbyist patronage, and stupefying wealth at this elite restaurant while small business owners, including restaurateurs, have no privilege, have no customer patronage, and must helplessly watch a lifetime of hard-earned wealth slip away rightly enrages many Californians.

Newsom's initial response? "I should have modeled better behavior."

Californians, whether they're Left, Right or centrists, like most people everywhere, dislike hypocrisy. The Democratic litany, which claims Republicans are the party of the wealthy, is about to be broken, and Newsom's hypocrisy is helping that along. While the vast majority of Californian parents are watching their children try to learn while being locked out of their public schools for nearly a year, Newsom's children go to a private school, where attending classes was never seriously disrupted.

This reality, that the wealthy are exempt from the consequences of curfews and lockdowns, and these same wealthy are providing the backing and the agenda for the Democratic Party, is a ticking time bomb. Republicans already understand this. Republicans understand that their party is now the party of the worker. And every time a Democratic politician slips up—like Newsom with his dinner, or Pelosi with her two freezers filled with \$12-a-pint ice cream—more voters realize that identity politics and environmentalist panic is a smoke screen, a con job, a way to get them to keep voting for the party of the rich.

Ultimately, when Californians emerge from their "dark winter" and try to resume their lives, they are going to have less tolerance than ever for the rhetoric of the Left. For example, compassion for the homeless is going to wear thin when your business is ruined and your bank is foreclosing on your mortgage, and meanwhile, thousands of homeless people took over the streets where you live and trashed them. They're stoned out of their minds and sitting on the sidewalks.

And what is the answer? Round them up, put them in tent shelters in inexpensive parts of town? Get them off drugs? Dry them out? Help them? No. Of course not. Democrats will propose to spend additional billions to give them free housing on the beach at a cost of between \$500,000 and \$1 million per unit, and not even require them to stop using methamphetamine.

Of course they're homeless and high all the time. Democrats reward them for it. Similarly, next summer, when another 4 million acres of forest burn in California, and burned out homeowners can't get fire insurance unless they move into a city where, thanks to overregulation, it



costs \$1 million to buy a bungalow with a backyard so small you can't even set up a swing for your kids, Democrats will claim that the timber industry is the problem instead of recognizing it as the solution, and that absurdity will finally be heard for what it is: elitist, quasi-communist, clueless, baseless, misanthropic, opportunistic bullshit.

In every area of public policy, the progressive fraud that constitutes the Democratic Party, led by Gavin Newsom, will be exposed as threadbare posturing, designed to make the rich even richer, while everyone else gets broken financially and herded into subsidized hovels to save the earth and foster "equity."

But perhaps the most egregious crime of the Democrats, inviting the biggest backlash, will be the performance of California's public schools.

Returning to the classroom after being almost completely abandoned by teachers who never missed a month of pay despite not having to do much teaching, parents will demand a return to education fundamentals. They will demand a return to classroom discipline and teacher accountability. Who knows, maybe they will even demand school vouchers, to break the Democratic union monopoly that's turned public education in California into a cruel joke.

One may go on and on. How many of California's Latinos, who voted for Trump in record numbers, are going to stay loyal to Democrats, led by the likes of Newsom—white as snow and filthy rich—who have decided, without asking, that their ethnic group is no longer known as "Latinos," but is now "Latinx," pronounced "Latin-Ex." Exactly who among the Democrats thought this act of cultural imperialism would be welcomed by Latinos? They're in for a rude shock, and it's about time.

There is a seismic wave building in California. It's still far away, but it's coming in with the tide. And when it reaches the shore, it is going to sweep away everything in its path. Most definitely including Gavin Newsom, and his rotten, corrupt, wealthy, dirty, grasping, lying, worthless party.

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## **FIGHTING WORDS**

### ***IT'S A WAR***

**BY DAVID HOROWITZ**



By now it should be obvious - even to conservatives - that we are in a war. It is a conflict that began nearly fifty years ago when the street revolutionaries of the Sixties joined the Democrat Party. Their immediate goal was to help the Communist enemy win the war in Vietnam, but they stayed to expand their influence in the Democrat Party and create the radical force that confronts us today. The war that today's Democrats are engaged in reflects the values and methods of those radicals. It is a war against us - against individual freedom, against America's constitutional order, and against the capitalist engine of our prosperity.

Democrat radicals know what they want and where they are going. As a result, they are tactically and organizationally years ahead of patriotic Americans who are only beginning to realize they are in a war. The Democrats' plan to steal the 2020 election was hatched many years ago when Democrats launched their first attacks on Voter I.D.s, and then every effort to secure the integrity of the electoral system. Those attacks metastasized into an all-out assault on Election Day itself with early- and late-voting grace periods, and a flood of 92 million mail-in ballots, hundreds of thousands of which were delivered in the middle of the night to be counted behind the backs of Republican observers after Election Day had passed.

The result of these efforts is that Election Day no longer really exists as a day when the votes are cast and counted. This is a fact that offers generous opportunities for the election saboteurs to do their work. Those saboteurs' opportunities were greatly enhanced this year with the installation in battle ground states of voting machines specifically designed to calculate how many votes were required to steal an election and then to switch ballots already cast and deliver them to the chosen party. Mail-in ballots were indispensable to the realization of this plan.

I will not dwell at length on the years it took the Republican Party, and American patriots, to recognize what the Democrat Party had become or the threat it posed to our country as an enemy within. Suffice it to say that Republicans can still be heard referring to Democrats as "liberals" when it is obvious even to

them that there is nothing liberal about their principles or methods. They are vindictive bigots who are actively destroying the First Amendment in our universities, on the Internet and in our once but no longer free press. Suffice it to note that while Democrats accuse Republicans including the President of being racists and traitors, the response of Republican leaders is this: “Oh, the Democrats are just playing politics.”

This is not “playing” people. It is war. They are trying to kill us politically, and we need to respond accordingly, to fight fire with fire. Today’s Democrat Party is a party of character assassins and racists. Republicans know this but are reluctant to say it. That is how a pathological liar and corrupt political whore like Joe Biden can accuse the choice of 73 million Americans of being a white supremacist and also murdering 220,000 corona virus patients. That’s why Biden and his gunslingers can do so with no consequences – without so much as a wrist slap – from “moderates” and independents, who know better. The Democrats’ ability to intimidate well-meaning Americans is that great.

Is this too blanket a condemnation? Where, then, is the Democrat who was outraged by the four-year Russia collusion hoax and the failed coup and impeachment attempts – all of which accused the president, without a shred of evidence, of treason? Where was the Democrat who dissented from the public lynching of an exemplary public servant, Justice Brett Kavanaugh, over an incident that never happened 37 years ago at a time when he was a high school kid? Where is the Democrat who has condemned the violent street criminals of Antifa and Black Lives Matter who got away with conducting the most destructive civic insurrection in American history, orchestrating mayhem and disrespect for the law that led to the murders of scores of people who happen to have been mainly black?

What follows is a basic vocabulary for understanding the political war that has engulfed us. When it is used by enough Americans who love their country, it will cancel the surreal universe that Democrats’ lies have imposed on us, and the war will be on its way to being won.

Democrats are not democrats; they are totalitarians. They have declared war on the First Amendment, the Second Amendment, the Electoral College, the Senate, the Supreme Court, the election system, and the idea of civil order. They have called for the Republican President of the United States to be de-platformed and jailed. Their obvious goal is a one-party state that criminalizes dissent. To them, support for such basic necessities as borders and law enforcement are *racist*. If you oppose their efforts to legalize infanticide, they will condemn you as enemies of women, and if you make videos of their confessions to selling body parts of murdered infants, they will - like Kamala Harris - throw you in jail.

Progressives are not progressive; they are reactionaries. They are out to abolish liberal value systems and create a status hierarchy where race, gender, and sexual orientation define and confine you to an unalterable place in their new social order. If you are white or male or heterosexual or religious – Justice Kavanaugh was all four - you are guilty before the fact.

But if you are a member of a designated (but increasingly imaginary) “victim” group you are innocent even when the facts show you are guilty - like the reprehensible female who lied to Congress in a calculated attempt to destroy Kavanaugh’s life and career. If you are a member of a “victim” group you have an unlimited license to persecute others. Thus, the LGBTQ lobby is currently behind a nationwide crusade to strip Christians of their First Amendment rights and criminalize their religion. They use their victim status to leverage their hate of people who don’t embrace their agendas, and deploy it to crush them – and only Republicans seem to care.

Identity politics is a pure form of racism, yet Trump is the only Republican I'm aware of who has had the political spine to call a Democrat a racist. Identity "wokism" is a totalitarian politics because it encompasses every aspect of life, down to the pronouns one is ordered to use. The progressive police state will leave no space free.

Racists and aspiring totalitarians are what Democrats have become. The only moral principle they are guided by is the old Bolshevik saw, "the ends justify the means." They will say anything however false and condone anything, however criminal, which advances their goal of maximum power.

Since race is the principal weapon wielded by Democrats, this is most evident in their claim that there is "systemic racism" in America, which needs to be rooted out even if it means destroying the very foundations of law and order. When two Republican canvassers refused to certify the election result in Detroit – a city once the richest in America but now mainly black and poor thanks to fifty-nine years of misrule by Democrats – they were accused of "systemic racism." This charge and the accompanying threats by the Democrat mob were so intimidating the two withdrew their objections. But if there was in fact election fraud in Detroit, to object to it is not by any stretch of the imagination "systemic racism." To believe otherwise is to believe that black people, due to their skin color, are incapable of committing election fraud. How racist is that?

"Systemic racism" is an assertion made reflexively by Democrats that is never accompanied by evidence. For good reason. Systemic racism has been outlawed in America since the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If there were actual instances of systemic racism in 2020, there would be lawsuits – plenty of them. Even making the racist assumption, which the Identity Politics crowd does make, that all white people are white supremacists by dint of their skin color, there are tens of thousands of black lawyers, prosecutors, district attorneys, attorneys general, and elected officials who would be filing lawsuits over a practice that is illegal. You never hear of massive lawsuits over systemic racism, because "systemic racism" is a myth. The myth lives because it is an indispensable weapon wielded by Democrats to advance their anti-democratic agendas and quests for power.

But the only reason Democrats are able to do this so successfully – even going so far as to justify the arson, looting and general destruction in more than 600 American cities this summer – is because Republicans, and conservatives generally, are too cowardly to confront them. This war will continue until patriotic Americans summon the courage to call Democrats the racists, liars, character assassins and aspiring totalitarians that they actually are. And to do so in so many words. Blowback works.

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## ADDENDUM 1

### COMMUNITY ENERGY SCAM STATUS ADMITTED

Many PG&E customers in SLO County and Santa Barbara County have received a 2 page folded mailer that PG&E will no longer be their electrical energy provider starting on January 1, 2021.

Instead the new government entity, Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) which was previously called Monterey Bay Community Power, will become the primary energy retailer.

Unincorporated SLO County and the City of Atascadero did not join the program. The County conducted a number of studies and determined that, based on the risks and the fact that the actual energy is PG&E energy, it would be premature to join the new government agency. 3CE promises greener energy at a slightly lower cost but is actually wielding paper energy certificates known as renewable energy certificates (RECS) which are simply symbols that 3CE is buying credits from green energy suppliers.

3CE, after conducting a massive PR campaign to lure brainwashed climate crazy city councils and boards of supervisors into the program, has now admitted the truth. A long and complicated report buried deep in its November 4, 2020 Board meeting agenda stated in part:

*Carbon Free Attributes – A Paper Product with No GHG Reduction Benefit*

*MBCP—like all other CCAs—meets its “carbon reduction” commitment in two ways. First, the procurement California based renewable credits from eligible renewable resource generation to meet the current state mandate (33% of energy demand in 2020, increasing to 60% by 2030).<sup>3</sup> Second, and as an accounting exercise with no environmental benefit, MBCP—like all other CCAs—acquires renewable credits from ineligible resources like large hydro in order to offset unspecified power purchases (purchased to balance MBCP’s load on an hourly basis) on its Power Content Label.*

*MBCP’s ability to rely on CFAs to comply with Power Content Label accounting rules to appear “carbon free” is increasingly a non-workable solution for the following reasons: (1) appearing to be carbon free is simply not enough; (2) Northwest large hydro CFAs are increasingly scarce and more expensive; (3) spending money on CFAs is impacting CCA’s ability to be cost competitive with Investor-Owned Utilities (“IOUs”) considering the volatility of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (“PCIA”); and, (4) changes to the Power Content Label under AB 1110 will require MBCP to report some emissions (related to geothermal and biomass) regardless of large hydro CFAs.*

They never made this explicit during their massive marketing campaign and ignored COLAB in both SLO and Santa Barbara Counties every time we brought it up. The dumb left politicians and progressive green advocacy groups had their way.

As can be seen in the 2 paragraphs highlighted above, the whole phony model is at risk of collapsing. The resulting financial maneuvering could mean that 3CE will have to burn down its reserves and hope that they and their sister agencies throughout the State can get the Legislature to bail them out by abolishing the PICA charge (which would have to be replaced by the taxpayers) and admitting legally that large hydro and nuclear are carbon free energy.

Of course the Legislature would never do this for the private investor owned utilities.

What an infuriating scam and racket. You would think in a State with so many universities, the people and their elected politicians would have been smarter. The local graduates who fell for this shakedown should ask for their tuition money back. They apparently didn’t learn how to analyze issues properly or apply the rigor necessary.

The current enrollment data is listed below:

### Enrollment Status in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties

#### 3CE Currently Serves:

Counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz, and the cities of Capitola, Carmel, Gonzales, Greenfield, Hollister, Marina, Monterey, Morro Bay, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Juan Bautista, San Luis Obispo, Sand City, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Seaside, Soledad and Watsonville

#### Service Begins January 2021:

Cities of Arroyo Grande, Del Rey Oaks, Grover Beach, Guadalupe, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, Santa Maria, Solvang, and Unincorporated Santa Barbara County.

(PG&E Service Territory)

#### Service Begins October 2021:

Cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, Grover Beach, and Unincorporated Santa Barbara County

(SCE Service Territory)

#### Service Begins Early 2022:

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Meanwhile a whole new multimillion dollar government agency is on its way to growing to 50 employees and building a corporate headquarters in Monterey. It is a paradise for consulting engineers, rate consultants, energy procurement consultants, legal consultants, lobbyists, and PR consultants. Now the 3CE is hiring a flock of community energy representatives to go out and make sure everyone stays in the fold. They will be hawking grants to the city councils and boards of supervisors for natural gas bans, going all electric, and car charging stations, and all other types of pork so the locals can hire all sorts of consultants and deliver pork too.

The city managers and county CAO's of the member jurisdictions now have to spend significant time studying the massive agendas of the agency in preparing for monthly and quarterly meetings.

#### **Worse Yet:**

3CE peddled its scam on the irrelevant basis that individual customers could opt out. They then extolled the fact that only 1 or 2% opt out. Note how the scam is perpetuated in the flyer which they have sent to all of the new "customers."

**TERMS & CONDITIONS\* ENROLLMENT & SERVICE OFFERINGS** Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) is the current primary electric generation service provider for 18 cities and the 3 unincorporated areas in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties, as well as the cities of Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo and in 2021, service will begin for customers within the cities of Arroyo Grande, Carpinteria, Del Rey Oaks, Goleta, Grover Beach, Guadalupe, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, Santa Maria, Solvang, and the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County. In accordance with California State Law, 3CE is required to mail four enrollment notifications, 60 and 30 days prior to the enrollment month and 30 and 60 days after the enrollment month. 3CE's clean and renewable electricity service, 3Choice, will begin automatically for all electricity customers within 3CE's service area during the designated month based on each customer's meter read date, unless the account holder chooses to opt-out and remain exclusively with PG&E or SCE. 3CE customers may also opt-up to 3Cprime and support 100% Eligible Renewable energy from wind and solar, for an extra .8 cents per kWh.

**RATES & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS** 3CE electric generation rates are designed to provide customers with the opportunity to support clean and renewable electricity at a savings. In 2020, 3CE rates are more competitive for electric generation as compared to PG&E or SCE electric generation rates for comparable customer classification, inclusive of PG&E or SCE fees. 3CE follows the regional investor-owned utility rate schedules as well as Time-Of-Use (TOU) periods for residential, commercial and agricultural customers. Rate assistance programs including California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) and Medical Baseline Allowance remain the same with 3CE. Net-Energy-Metering (NEM) customers maintain their same NEM rate tariff and true-up cycle (annually or monthly) and may benefit from a higher Net Surplus Compensation (NSC) rate, if applicable.

**BILLING** 3CE account holders will continue to receive a single monthly bill from PG&E or SCE that includes all electricity related charges including 3CE's electric generation charge. PG&E or SCE has always billed customers for electric generation, but this cost was part of a bundled service charge. Now that 3CE oversees how and where your electricity is generated, the electric generation charge that used to be less visible inside a bundled service cost has been separated out for more transparency as a 3CE customer. The 3CE electric generation charge is not a new charge but it will appear on a separate page. PG&E or SCE provides a generation credit equal to the amount the customer would have paid PG&E or SCE for electric generation service such that the customer is never paying twice for electric generation service. Customers pay PG&E or SCE for their entire electric service inclusive of 3CE service and PG&E or SCE remits payment to 3CE on a daily basis. PG&E or SCE will continue to charge for transmission, distribution, public goods programs and other non-generation charges at the same rates it charges customers who do not receive 3CE service.

**OPT OUT** Account holders may opt-out of 3CE electric generation service at any time by calling 888.909.6227 or at 3CE.org/opt-out. There is no fee to opt-out before enrollment or within 60 days after 3CE service starts. Modest fees of \$5/residential and \$10/commercial account apply thereafter.

\*Full details can be found at 3Cenergy.org.

**TERMINOS Y CONDICIONES\* INSCRIPCIÓN Y OFERTAS DE SERVICIO** Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) es el proveedor de servicios de generación eléctrica para 18 ciudades y 3 áreas no incorporadas en los condados de San Benito y Santa Cruz, así como las ciudades de Morro Bay y San Luis Obispo. A principios de 2021, el servicio comenzará para los clientes dentro de las ciudades de Arroyo Grande, Carpinteria, Del Rey Oaks, Goleta, Grover Beach, Guadalupe, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, Santa María, Solvang y las áreas no incorporadas del condado de Santa Bárbara. De acuerdo con la Ley estatal, 3CE enviará por correo cuatro notificaciones de inscripción, 60 y 30 días antes y 60 días después del mes de inscripción. El servicio 3Choice de 3CE comenzará automáticamente para todos los clientes dentro del área de servicio de 3CE durante la lectura del medidor de cada cliente, a menos que el cliente elija optar por permanecer exclusivamente con PG&E o SCE. Los clientes de 3CE tienen la opción de optar por 3Cprime y apoyar el 100% de energía renovable y participar en el programa 3Cprime a un costo adicional de 0.8 centavos por kWh.

**TARIFAS Y PROGRAMAS DE ASISTENCIA FINANCIERA** Las tarifas de generación eléctrica de 3CE están diseñadas para brindar a los clientes la oportunidad de respaldar electricidad limpia y renovable. 3CE ofrece tarifas de generación eléctrica más competitivas en comparación con las tarifas de generación eléctrica de PG&E o SCE. 3CE sigue los horarios de tarifas de generación eléctrica de PG&E o SCE para clientes residenciales, comerciales y agrícolas. Los programas CARE, FERA, HEAP y Medical Baseline continuarán con Central Coast Community Energy o su proveedor de servicios públicos. Los clientes inscritos en el programa 3CE continuarán recibiendo su descuento CARE, FERA y Medical Baseline. Los clientes de medidor neto continuarán recibiendo su misma tarifa NEM y ciclo de ajuste (anual o mensual) y podrán beneficiarse de una tarifa de compensación (NSC) más alta.

**FACTURACIÓN** PG&E o SCE continuarán cobrando por la transmisión y entrega de electricidad, junto con otros cargos regulatorios. No hay cargos duplicados para la generación de electricidad. Clientes de 3CE recibirán un cargo mensual de PG&E o SCE que incluye cargos relacionados con la electricidad y la generación de energía. 3CE hace esto con el fin de proporcionar más transparencia y rendición de cuentas. El cargo de 3CE no es un cargo adicional. Este cargo aparecerá en una página separada. PG&E o SCE otorgará un crédito de generación igual al monto que el cliente habría pagado a PG&E o SCE por el servicio de generación eléctrica, de modo que el cliente nunca pague dos veces por el servicio de generación eléctrica.

**CANCELACIÓN DE SERVICIO** Clientes de 3CE pueden optar por cancelar el servicio de generación eléctrica en cualquier momento llamando al 888.909.6227 o ingresando a 3CE.org/opt-out. Durante los primeros 60 días después de la inscripción, no hay costo alguno por cancelar el servicio. Después de ese período, se aplicarán tarifas de cancelación de servicio de \$5 para cuentas de clientes residenciales y \$10 para cuentas de clientes comerciales.

\* Los detalles completos se pueden encontrar en 3Cenergy.org



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**PLEASE OPEN FOR IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR  
NEW ELECTRICITY PROVIDER**

**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE SOBRE  
SU NUEVO PROVEEDOR DE ELECTRICIDAD**

Questions?  
info@3ce.org  
(888) 909-6227

THE OPT OUT CLAUSE IS SO TINY YOU CAN'T READ IT. It says you have to call to get an explanation and you only have 60 days .

We actually had to use computer enhancement tools so you could try and see it here & scanned the document a little larger.

**Your New Local Electricity Provider | Si Nuevo Proveedor de Electricidad Local**  
Service starts in January 2021 for customers in the cities of: Arroyo Grande, Del Rey Oaks, Guadalupe, Grover Beach, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, Santa Maria, Solvang, and communities in Northern San Luis Obispo County.



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**DELIVERY  
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Delivers energy, maintains lines and bills customers

**CUSTOMER  
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Benefit from competitive rates, clean energy programs



**FUENTE  
3CE**  
Procura suministro eléctrico

**DISTRIBUCIÓN  
PG&E**  
Ofrece energía, mantiene líneas eléctricas, y se encarga de facturación

**CLIENTE  
TU**  
Recibe costos competitivos, programas de energía limpia

You should be outraged and recall all the dumb schnooks who voted for this.



"THERE ARE ALWAYS MILLIONS OF DUMB SCHNOOKS"  
"YOU CAN SELL THEM ANYTHING"



## **ALERT**

# **ANDY CALDWELL SHOW NOW LOCAL IN SLO COUNTY**

Now you can listen to THE ANDY CALDWELL SHOW  
in *Santa Barbara, Santa Maria & San Luis Obispo*  
*Counties!*

We are pleased to announce that The Andy Caldwell Show is now broadcasting out of San Luis Obispo County on FM 98.5 in addition to AM 1290 Santa Barbara and AM 1440 Santa Maria





The show now covers the broadcast area from Ventura to Templeton -  
THE only show of its kind on the Central Coast covering local, state, national and  
international issues!

3:00 – 5:00 PM WEEKDAYS

You can also listen to The Andy Caldwell Show LIVE on the [Tune In Radio App](#)  
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**COUNTY UPDATES OCCUR MONDAYS AT 4:30 PM**



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PLEASE COMPLETE THE  
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MIKE BROWN  
ADVOCATES BEFORE THE BOS



VICTOR DAVIS HANSON ADDRESSES A COLAB FORUM



DAN WALTERS EXPLAINS SACTO MACHINATIONS AT A COLAB FORUM

See the presentation at the link: <https://youtu.be/eEdP4cvf-zA>



AUTHOR & NATIONALLY SYNDICATED COMMENTATOR BEN SHAPIRO APPEARED AT A COLAB ANNUAL DINNER



NATIONAL RADIO AND TV COMMENTATOR HIGH HEWITT AT COLAB DINNER



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

General Member: \$100 - \$249  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Member: \$250 - \$5,000  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sustaining Member: \$5,000 +  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sustaining Membership includes a table of 10 at the Annual Fundraiser Dinner)*

General members will receive all COLAB updates and newsletters. Voting privileges are limited to Voting Members and Sustainable Members with one vote per membership.

### MEMBER INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### How Did You Hear About COLAB?

Radio  Internet  Public Hearing  Friend

COLAB Member(s) / Sponsor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### NON MEMBER DONATION/CONTRIBUTION OPTION:

For those who choose not to join as a member but would like to support COLAB via a contribution/donation. I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to COLAB and my check or credit card information is enclosed/provided.

Donations/Contributions do not require membership though it is encouraged in order to provide updates and information.

Memberships and donation will be kept confidential if that is your preference.

Confidential Donation/Contribution/Membership

### PAYMENT METHOD:

Check  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  Amex NOT accepted.

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Revised 2/2017)