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# City back to square one

**Mayor Gilbert Alvarado discusses the changing of the meeting times to 6 p.m.**

## Pleas for library at council

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

City of Shafter buildings will be closed to the public again beginning Friday, July 24. City offices will still be open and customers will be served using the alleyway behind the building, much like a drive thru service. The Shafter Building Commission will still be serving the public with building inspections and other essential services.

City Manager Gabriel Gonzales said at the recent City Council meeting that with Kern County being put back on the watch list, there will also be closures of most houses of worship as well as non-essential businesses such as salons, movie theaters and gyms. Gonzales said that the council is preparing an informational piece to go on social media.

During public comment at the meeting, the City Council listened to impassioned pleas from Shafter residents concerning the closure of the Shafter Branch of the Kern County Library System. Residents Bill Wolf and Stan Wilson wrote letters to the council asking it and the city's administration to work with 4th District Supervisor David Couch to find a way to open the Shafter Library.

Wilson said the Shafter branch is one of the least expensive branches to operate in

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Kern County and that it has a unique partnership with the Shafter Learning Center, which helps the library be one of the busiest libraries in the system.

David Frantz, director of the Shafter Learning Center and the Education Partner-

*Resident Stan Wilson said the Shafter branch is one of the least expensive branches to operate in Kern County and that it has a unique partnership with the Shafter Learning Center, which helps the library be one of the busiest libraries in the system.*

ship program for Shafter, said he is working with Shafter Library Director Ethan Picman to let the county know how vital the library is to the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cesar Lopez said he would be willing to contact and work with staff on contacting Couch's office, as well as the Kern County Libraries administration in hopes of reopening the branch.

All of the City Council members said they would do whatever they could to help make a case for the library reopening.

Council member Cathy Prout asked if they would like the council to

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## 2 families still at farm labor camp

**TONI DEROSA**  
Wasco Tribune

Just when the city thought it was able to begin opening up and repair the declining economy, covid-19 placed Kern County back on the state's restricted list.

"The city offices are still closed to the public," City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez said at the recent meeting of the

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City Council. "If anyone wants to make an appointment with staff, they need to call the city's number (758-5411)." He added that the animal shelter is still closed.

Much of the council's action centered around the effects of the pandemic. The City

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# Most stores begin mandating masks

## Kern on Watch List as virus spikes

**TONI DEROSA AND JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press & Wasco Tribune

Shafter and Wasco residents are suffering from whiplash after learning July

Shafter are requiring all customers to wear a face covering and practice social distancing. The action makes sense to many community residents, while others think it is bothersome.

"I have only gone to stores that don't require wearing a mask, which is about down to nothing now," said Juan Medano. "I hate it that they can tell private citizens what they can and can't do."

Shafter City Manager Gabriel Gonzales announced that Shafter would be closing its city buildings to the public again beginning Friday, July 24. They will still be helping people through a window in the alleyway in the back of the city hall building.

Due to the change in Kern County's status, local

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*Education-based athletics and the start of the fall high school sports season will be on hold until December or January.*

17 they had been removed from the governor's Watch List and July 18 they were back on it again. The number of coronavirus cases are spiking in Kern County. As of July 20, 332 Wasco residents had tested positive for covid-19 with 137 recovered; Shafter had listed 328 positive cases with 207 recovered, according to the Kern County Health Department.

Local businesses in



Shoppers at an almost empty Walmart Wednesday morning, at 9 a.m.

## Distance learning only for now

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

In an about-face, the Richland School District will begin their school year with students learning from home.

Last week, the district put out a reopening plan that would see two

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groups of students attend school in person for two days, while distance learning the rest of the week. But with Governor Newsom's announcement of stricter guidelines for reopening, the Richland district had to rethink their

plan.

"Unfortunately, with the new statement by the governor, we don't qualify to reopen for in-person sessions, leaving us no choice but to start the year with distance learning," said Rosa Romero, interim superintendent

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# Community Calendar

As activities restart and businesses reopen, we will try to update readers on the status of events and activities throughout the area. Please contact Erica Soriano with additions and changes at [esoriano@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com) or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

## ONGOING

**Cooling off** -- Shafter's cooling center will be open at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave., from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents using the center are encouraged to bring their favorite nonalcoholic beverages, snacks, reading materials, games, etc. Face masks are required.

**Emergency food pantry** -- The food pantry is a one-time food service that is provided to families in need on an emergency basis. A food basket can be provided when the church is notified of the need, and if any further assistance is needed. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco. Contact the church, 661-758-2516.

**Shower and laundry services** -- We have a shower and washer & dryer available for the homeless to use by appointment. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco. Call 661-758-2516 for appointment.

## TUESDAY

**Gleaners (Senior Sack)** -- The Senior Sack program is for senior citizens 60 years and older. Food is distributed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at GABC starting at 12 p.m. There is a one-time \$2 administration fee. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

**Food giveaway** -- The Impact Program is a biweekly food giveaway provided to anyone who is in need, Tuesday or Friday, 8 to 10 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis for those 18 years and older. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

**Narcotics Anonymous** -- Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

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## HEADLINES IN HISTORY



The front page, Aug. 8, 1990

From The Shafter Press archives

**20 years ago:** Aug. 8, 2000  
Sonic Drive-In was in the planning stage of being built at 777 Central Valley Hwy., in Shafter.

**30 years ago:** Aug. 8, 1990  
Shafter had a ribbon cutting at Five Points, for new stoplight signals. Five Points is where West Lerdo Highway, Shafter Avenue and Central Avenue meet.

**40 years ago:** Aug. 8, 1980  
John Johnston became a Shafter police officer. He was a member of the Air Force Reserves.

—Compiled by Erica Soriano

## OBITUARY



### Ignacio Heriberto Mendez Dominguez

Ignacio lived a full life both in El Salvador, as well as here in California. He was born in Olocuita, El Salvador on April 1, 1939 to parents Miguel Mendez and Antonia Mendez and

passed away on July 16, 2020 at the age of 81 from COVID 19. He was deeply loved and leaves behind his spouse Dora Emilia Gonzalez De Mendez as well as 5 of their children, 15 grandkids, and 5 great grandkids. Rest In Peace Papá Beto.

## ARREST REPORT

### SHAFTER

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### JULY 13

**Victor Manuel Ordaz**, age 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of Redwood Avenue for disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JULY 14

**Deandre Wayne Mack**, age 44, of Marysville, Ca-

lif., was arrested in the 1300 block of Highway 46 for conspiracy to commit a crime, attempted theft, dissuading a witness and receiving stolen property. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**Adriana Rodriguez**, age 40, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Highway 46 for attempted theft and conspiracy to commit a crime. She was booked

into the Kern County Jail.

#### JULY 18

**Jorge Alberto Flores**, age 28, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Sequoia Avenue for disobeying a court order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JULY 19

**Ray Anthony Gracia**, age 26, of McFarland, Calif. was arrested in the 1100 block of Highway 46 for

vehicle theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, conspiracy to commit a crime, receiving stolen property, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**Alexandria Lewis**, age 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of 16th Street on an active misdemeanor warrant. She was booked

into the Kern County Jail.

**Andy Aguilar Mata**, age 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of 16th Street for, speeding, driving without a license, driving a vehicle without insurance, and on an active misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

**Yessica Gomez Penaloza**, age 21, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100

block of Highway 46 for vehicle theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, conspiracy to commit a crime and receiving stolen property. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**Jordan Nathan Ritualo**, age 28, of Earlimart, Calif., was arrested in the 900 block of 16th Street on an active felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

## Mystery history

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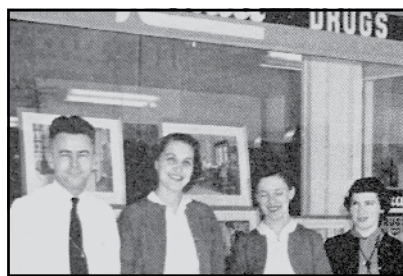
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### WASCO



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# PrimeX: Worker had underlying illness

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

Located in Lost Hills, PrimeX has been at the forefront of the news regarding the covid-19 pandemic. A July 17 story in Kern Sol News stated that one employee had died and another was taken off life support. Jesse Rojas of the Redd Group, a Bakersfield business consulting firm hired by PrimeX to relay information to the media and work with their human resources department, said the company is working

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closely with the affected family of the deceased worker in order to maintain privacy. Rojas confirmed there has been one death at PrimeX; however, he said that until the autopsy is concluded, the direct correlation to the virus is unknown. “The person had underlying medical conditions prior to testing positive for the virus,” Rojas said. “PrimeX is helping the affected family in any way it can. This is a

tragic time for this family, and we want to do everything we can to help them.” The July 17 story stated that according to the United Farm Workers, 40 employee family members had tested positive and that 23 of those were children. “We have no idea how many family members or individuals outside of PrimeX employees have tested positive, Rojas said. “As of Wednesday, July 22, the total number of positive cases is 150, and 70 employees have returned to work with written

permission from a medical professional or the County Health Department, Rojas said in an email. “Twenty to 25 more employees are expected to return to work in the next three to five days, and another 20 to 25 in the next 10 to 14 days. We are staying in contact and checking up on the remaining employees.” PrimeX continues to test its employees. Several calls to the United Farm Workers, who reported the story to Kern Sol News, were not returned.



A group of veterans give a salute in honor of Escalante.

## WWII veteran honored

### Honor Flight plans Carrington event

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

A local World War II veteran was honored last week at Carrington House, where he resides. Danny Escalante was presented with a number of mementos for him and his family.

Escalante, who served in the Army, and his family are part of Shafter’s rich history, with Danny being known throughout town for his kindness, generosity and character.

Escalante’s daughter said her father was chosen to be a part of the Honor Flight of Kern County, which helps veterans visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. However, because of the pandemic and Escalante’s declining health, he was unable to make the flight.

In its place, Honor Flight of Kern County led a parade to Carrington in Shafter. Escalante was unable to go outside for the ceremony but was well represented by numerous family members and friends including his sons Richard and Tim, daughter Dolores, granddaughters Julie Ann and Shannon and many others.

Escalante was presented with an American flag that was flown in Washington in his honor by Minority Whip Kevin McCarthy, as well as medals including a Fallen Hero Medal. On July 16, a number of veterans, as well as friends and family, gathered to honor Escalante.

Julie Ann said she is so grateful for Kern County Honor Flight. “It means the world to us,” she said. I wish my grandpa could have seen it, but I am so grate-



Escalante served in the U.S.Army during World War II.

ful.” Escalante worked for Nikkel Ironworks for 55 years, the only break being the three years he spent in the service. His job was waiting for him when he came back thanks to his boss and good friend Jack Nikkel, and he worked there until he retired. Escalante was able to make almost anything out of metal. It was said that if you could show him a picture or a drawing of something, he could build it. Escalante was honored for his service to not only his country but to his community as well. His son Richard said that he believed his dad held on just for this day. “I really wish that he could see this. I am just amazed at what happened here today.”



Granddaughters Julie Ann and Shannon with daughter Dolores, holding a tribute to Escalante.

## Mosquitoes pose threat

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Shafter and Wasco have more than the threat of the coronavirus to worry about this summer as two disease-carrying species of mosquito have been found in Kern County.

The Aedes aegypti mosquito, which can infect people with yellow fever, Zika, and dengue fever, was first noticed in northern Kern County last year. The culex mosquito, which can carry the West Nile virus, has also been found in the county.

Entomologist La Khang, who is with Kern Vector and Mosquito Control, said the Aedes aegypti has seen its numbers increase drastically this year, resulting in a tenfold increase in requests for service. “There have been 600 calls for service,” Khang said, “compared to 60 requests last year.”

The Aedes aegypti is considered more of a nuisance than a problem because the diseases it can carry are not prevalent in Kern County, Khang said.

“But they can be a big problem,” he added, “because they are very aggressive, will bite you over and over again, and target humans.” The Aedes aegypti is small, black, and has black and white stripes on its legs. “Unlike the species of mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus, this species uses humans as its main food source,” Khang said. “With the West Nile virus mosquitoes, humans and horses are considered accidental hosts, because they don’t seek out humans for their food source. They feed primarily on birds.”

Khang said it is important that residents police their own properties to fight against the mosquitoes. “They are very sneaky and can lay thousands of eggs in a single bottle cap of water,” he said. “They love small containers and also yard drainage pipes and sources”.

Khang advises those who have bird baths, flower pots, especially those with

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## Garcia named to KFHC board

**TONI DEROSA**  
Wasco Tribune

Council member Alex Garcia has been appointed to the Kern Family Health Care board of directors, in which role he hopes to work on health care for rural communities and be a voice for the smaller cities in the county.

Garcia says he felt he had the perfect experience to be a part of the board because he previously has been insured by Medi-Cal and has worked in the medical billing industry for the past three years.

“50 percent of Wasco residents receive Medi-Cal,” he said. “I want to make sure members receive good preventive medical care.”

Garcia will serve a three-year term on the board. He

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New Kern Family Health Care board member and current City Council member Alex Garcia.

said he is also passionate about working with the schools in rural areas, and that he is supportive of immunizations.

Kern Family Health Care is a Medi-Cal-managed care health plan

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## OBITUARY

**June E. (Dooley) Rodriguez**  
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June E. Rodriguez, great-granddaughter of Christian Bohna (early settler of Bakersfield), passed away peacefully on July 20, 2020.

Born June Elaine Dooley on June 2, 1926, she lived in Delano where she graduated from Delano High School in 1944. June worked as a girls counselor at Camp Chabot



in Oakland, the Fresno YWCA and Camp Lake Sequoia YWCA.

From 1944-1947, she attended College of the Sequoias in Visalia, receiving her associate of arts degree. She attended Fresno State College as an education major from 1947-1949 until she married Steve A. Rodriguez in November 1949. Together they raised six children.

In 1967, June returned to school to complete her liberal studies bachelor of arts and teaching credential. Her

life-long dream and passion to teach became a reality in 1969. She taught at Wasco Union Elementary for 30 years until her retirement in 1999.

We have great gratitude to our mother for the sacrifices made and life lessons that instilled work ethic, perseverance, and dedication to her family. She will be greatly missed, and we will cherish the wonderful family memories.

June was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother survived by her children, Raymond (Marilyn, Dorothy Schreker), Terry Dornhoefer (Ken), Steve (Kandis), Barbara Houser (Mike), Betty Armijo (Rick) and Mike (Deanna); 12 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and a brother, John Dooley.

She was preceded in death by her loving hus-

band of 69 years, Steve A. Rodriguez, brother, Walter L. Dooley & sister, Gloria A. Holder. We greatly appreciate the compassionate staff of Magnolia Place for their care, love, and support. Viewing: Friday, July 24, 4-7 p.m., Rosary, 4:30 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home, 844 E. Lerdo Hwy, Shafter; graveside: Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m. at Shafter Memorial Park, 18662 Santa Fe Way.

## FOCUS ON LOCAL BUSINESS

# A store that's in the customer zone

## AutoZone tries to get it right

**TONI DEROSA**  
Wasco Tribune

Getting it right means a lot to AutoZone store manager Leo Joaquin.

"I am most proud of being able to help people and ease their concerns when it comes to selling the correct parts for their vehicles," Joaquin said in an interview last week. "I am also proud of being able to train my employees with the right knowledge so that they can run the business.

The store on Highway 46 in Wasco has been in its present location for over 20 years.

"I've been the store manager close to 4 years," Joaquin said.

"Before working at AutoZone, I was in the Navy, traveled and worked in various jobs for a while. A friend suggested I try AutoZone. It was meant to be temporary, but a few years later, I am now a store manager running one of the thousands nationwide."

AutoZone is not part of a franchise, and each location is privately owned.

"Currently, I have three managers and nine part-time employees,"



Leo Joaquin, manager of Auto Zone.

Joaquin said.

Each store sells a variety of car parts and accessories, but he said

the biggest sellers are oil changes and batteries.

Before the pandemic, he would head straight to the gym and work out. "Now, I try to work out at home and catch up on a lot of reading," Joaquin said.

His greatest satisfaction is having customers leave AutoZone with a smile, knowing that they were given trustworthy advice and the correct part for their cars. He said that it makes him proud that customers

have one less thing to worry about.

AutoZone's main mission, according to Joaquin, is one he tries to live up to in the local store: "We must work together with a common goal, not just to make sales, but make customers for life."

AutoZone is located at 2301 Highway 46 (Tropicana Shopping Center) and can be reached at 758-4322. The store is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Some of the merchandise sold at Auto Zone.

*"We must work together with a common goal, not just to make sales, but make customers for life."*

*—AutoZone store manager  
Leo Joaquin*

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# Nominations open for three council seats

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The nomination period for candidates running for the Shafter City Council began on July 13 and will run until Monday August 7, 2020. Residents interested in running for a seat on the City Council must be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. You must be registered to vote in Shafter, be 18 years of age or older, and live within the boundaries of the city of Shafter.

In an effort to protect constituents, City officials, and City staff from COVID-19, the City is requesting that all members of the public interested in running for City Council be seen by appointment only.

There will be three seats available for the November 2020 election, with three current Councilmembers having their terms

## SHAFTER

expiring in December 2020. Mayor Gilbert Alvarado, Manuel Garcia and Chad Givens have terms that are expiring.

The City Council serves as the legislative and policy making body of the city of Shafter, formulating city policy, approving new programs and services, appropriates funds, and generally supervises the operations of the city government. As elected representatives of the citizens, the City Council is responsible to all the people, and as such, devotes its energies to making decisions which are in the best interest of the public welfare.

Council members also are closely involved in a number of local and regional intergovernmental organizations, including the Kern Council of Governments (Kern-COG), Kern Association of Cit-

ies, Kern Economic Development Corporation, and local service clubs and community groups.

The Council also leads a unique strategic planning effort each year to determine important issues and set overall goals for the city that year. The city's annual budget then becomes the guide and means for implementing the strategies of the Vision Project, which was last updated in 2011, prioritizing the city's goals and vision for the future.

Beginning this year, the position of City Council member is paid a monthly stipend of \$200 for council members and \$300 for Mayor.

A general election will take place in November of 2020 to fill the upcoming vacancies. Those interested can call contact City Clerk Yazmina Pallares at 661-746-5012 or email at ypallares@shafter.com.

**ABOVE: Mayor Gilbert Alvarado's term is expiring in December 2020. TOP RIGHT: Manuel Garcia will need to run for reelection to retain his seat on the council. RIGHT: Chad Givens's term expires in December 2020.**



## Mosquitoes pose threat

From Page 3

saucers, and other small containers on their properties to clean and scrub them at least every three days. "They like to lay their eggs on the bottoms of the saucers on flower pots and other small spaces. Make sure to take away their habitat to keep this pest under control," He said.

Khang said it is not enough to just wash the containers out as the mosquitoes can attach their eggs to the water source, resulting in a large group of pests that will continue their invasion of the county. Khang also advises residents to protect themselves with repellents that contain DEET.

Kern Vector and Mosquito Control has 120 trapping stations in Kern County, including several in the Shafter and Wasco areas, where they capture and identify the different species of mosquitoes. If you suspect that you have these mosquitoes on your property you can contact Kern Vector and Mosquito Control at 661-589-2744.



Khang said that this aggressive species has spread throughout Kern County



This mosquito uses humans as its main food source.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Serving during the uncertainty of a deadly pandemic

**PASTOR RAUL SANCHEZ**

This last Sunday we heard the parable of the mustard seed; "the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants... and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches" (New American Bible Matt 13:31-32). Perhaps this parable

into our lives.

Every day seems harder to fulfill our sacramental life like going to church on Sundays to hear the word that will give peace to our souls in this time of crisis. You may know already that most churches from our Diocese of Fresno had to close due to the pandemic. However, all houses of prayer

shelter to the birds of the sky, Matt 13:31-32. Jesus, as the light of the World, reminds us that the darker a room may be the brighter a light may shine. Perhaps this image may help us to understand that darkness is overcome by light, our Lord Jesus Christ. Like a tiny mustard seed, let us also grow in our faith by showing signs of devotion and by observing the sacraments of our church. The whole idea is to bear fruit like a grown mustard bush that gives shelter to the birds of the sky.

In this time of crisis, it is especially important to bear the truth. If we give voice to what really matters in life, we will be able to silence what it does not. The process of growing is more than being alive. This process means getting to a point in our life that we can decide to do what will benefit our body and soul. This process of growing is also to have the strength and the wisdom to avoid what may harm us.

May the Word of God grow in our hearts and minds so we can bear and be fruit for others. The church founded by Jesus himself offers to us the faithful the sacraments as channels of

salvation. Jesus wants to feed our soul; let us allow him to plant good seed in our hearts.

*Fr. Raul Sanchez is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish*

*Hope is like the mustard seed that grows and becomes the largest of plants and gives shelter to the birds of the sky.*

may help us understand how the Word of God may grow in a world thirsty of hope.

These are difficult times for everybody; lots of people losing their jobs, we are afraid of visiting family and friends due to COVID19, and above all and sadly, so many others losing their lives. This quarantine seems eternal; the light at the end of the tunnel is not visible yet. We need something to believe in, we need hope, and we need to bring God

in the county of Kern are welcome to continue open and provide services. Nevertheless, this may change. Therefore, let us be very vigilant by observing all guidelines that will help us to protect ourselves and to protect others. Let us spread the Word of God, not the virus.

I began this article by bringing the image of how small hope seems to be. But it is like the mustard seed that grows and becomes the largest of plants and gives

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## OBITUARY

### Daniel Ynostroza Escalante April 22, 1927 – July 19, 2020

Daniel Ynostroza Escalante, known to friends as "Danny," passed away peacefully on July 19, 2020, in Shafter, at the age of 93 years.

Daniel was born April 22, 1927 in Los Angeles to Juan Escalante and Nestora (Ynostroza) Escalante. He moved to Shafter with his parents and siblings at a very young age, where they settled in the Mexican Colony, just south of town. He spent his childhood helping his family pick cotton, grapes, potatoes and more. He also spent countless hours playing with his brothers, sisters and cousins in the Colony, and in country fields, where they were known to hunt jack rabbits and get into typical country mischief.

During his teen years, Daniel played for the Eagles baseball team, alongside his closest cousins and friends. It was a time of his life he remembered fondly. During World War II, Daniel



proudly served his country from 1944-1946, in the U.S. Army. He loved his country and was recently honored by the kind and devoted people from Honor Flight Kern County. While Daniel was away serving, his cousin and right-hand man, Steve Rodriguez, wrote him a letter and told him there was a new girl in town; she moved in with her family while Danny was away. When he returned from the service, he met the new girl in town, Julia, while he was sweeping the sidewalk in front of the downtown store where he worked. It was love at first sight, and the two were inseparable.

Danny and Julia married in 1948, and welcomed

their first son, Richard, in June 1949. Together, they raised seven children, who they loved and adored. Danny instilled honest, hardworking ethics and values in his children, that had been bestowed upon him. Daniel knew how to work hard and passed that trait down to his own children and grandchildren. He was a true provider to his family, and always put Julia first, giving her true companionship and friendship for over 70 years.

Julia called Danny her "Superman," and it was true, he was. Even in his last days, he wore a blue Superman t-shirt, bought for him by his loving daughter, Dolores.

Daniel worked for Albert and Jack Nikkel at Nikkel Iron Works for 55 years, until his retirement in 1998. He was the shop foreman for 50 of those years. Many of the men he worked with remained close to Danny and valued his mentorship. He was deeply loved and appreciated by the Nikkel family, even after his retirement.

A true testament to the

person he was. Danny and Julia attended St. Theresa's Church in Shafter, where they were very active and involved. You were sure to see Danny and his sons at the chicken barbecues, always at the grill, and Julia helping in the church kitchen.

Danny was devoted to his entire family. You were sure to see him at the barbecues at Safeway, where three of his kids worked. He took the family and grandkids on countless camping trips -- memories that the family will cherish forever. He rarely missed anything the kids were involved in.

Danny loved Shafter and was proud to raise his family there. He was committed to the community and contributed to its growth and development. He was involved with the Shafter Historical Society and was also a part of Shafter 3 B's.

After Danny retired, and even before, you could always find him alongside his sons and grandsons at Randy's and Tim's shops, welding, engineering, building

and designing. His inventions were limitless.

Daniel will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 70 years, Julia, and his children, Richard and his wife Becky, Danny and his wife Elaine, Dolores Rangel and her husband Ed, Tim Escalante, Greg and his wife Julie, and daughters in law Paula Escalante and Patsy Moreau. He was preceded in death by his parents and seven siblings; son Randy Escalante; daughter Linda Escalante; and beloved daughter in law Sherry Escalante.

Danny also leaves behind to cherish memory his grandchildren, Rich Escalante, Julie Anne Escalante, Maria Utt, Michelle Waters, Anthony Escalante, David Escalante, Christine

Williamson, Cynthia Fostick, Matthew Escalante, Amie Escalante, Tim Escalante, Trevor Escalante, Amanda Donaldson, Ryan Escalante, Shannon Escalante, Alicia Danielle Rangel, Nicole Escalante, Marina Rayl, Kyle Buckley (deceased), Jamie Buckley, and Aaron Buckley; and 21 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way. Danny also will be forever remembered by his numerous nieces and nephews and extended family and dear friends.

Visitation will be held at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter, on Thursday, July 23, from 4 to 8 p.m. A graveside committal service will take place at Shafter Memorial Park on Friday, July 24, beginning at 9 a.m.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Sebastian Liam Ramirez**, infant, of Shafter, passed away July 13, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Kenneth Lee German**, 90, of Lancaster/Shafter, passed away July 12.

**June Elaine Rodriguez**, 94, passed away July 20. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement

#### R & J Farm and Dairy Mobile Services

2020-B2722

3333 Meadow Street  
Buttonwillow, CA 93206  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
3333 Meadow Street  
Buttonwillow, CA 93206  
Rafael Martinez Perez  
3333 Meadow Street  
Buttonwillow, CA 93206  
Juan Sinicio Garcia Merino  
255 1st Street  
Buttonwillow, CA 93206  
The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: 06-08-2020

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Rafael Martinez Perez  
Date Statement Filed: 06/23/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 06/23/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez  
Publish *Shafter* Press July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

### PUBLIC NOTICE SECTION A SHAFTER-WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT Kern County, California NOTICE INVITING BIDS (PUBLISHED VERSION) SHAFTER-WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT Leonard Avenue Pipeline

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the SHAFTER-WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (hereinafter "District") until 2:00 p.m. on August 6, 2020, for the construction of Specifications No. SWID 20-01 Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Leonard Avenue Pipeline ("Project") including, but not limited to, the furnishing of all labor, services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, and facilities necessary therefore, and transportation, utilities, and all other items as provided in the Contract Documents associated herewith, of which each and every document comprising the entirety of the Contract Documents are incorporated at length as if fully set forth herein. The Project is located within Kern County and in the vicinity of Wasco, California. Bids will be received at the offices of the District, 16294 Central Valley Highway, Wasco, CA 93280, until the stated time and date, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

If a contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsive Bid Proposal on the basis of prices in the Base Bid and/or the Alternative Bid Items which are selected by the District in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 20103.8(a). The bidding requirements and the Work are fully described in the Contract Documents. Electronic Adobe Acrobat® Portable Document Format (PDF) of Contract Documents are being made available to Bidders either by email or a download link. No paper (hard) copies of Contract Documents will be provided to Bidders. Requests for electronic Contract Documents may be requested from Sarah Atmadja, GEI Consultants, Inc. at satmadja@geiconsultants.com. Request must include company name, requesting person's name, requesting person's physical address, requesting person's email address, and requesting person's phone number. Addenda will only be distributed to requesting person.

In light of the California Governor's March 19, 2020 executive order, and other emergency executive orders regarding COVID-19, and consistent

with applicable laws, regulations and orders, the District will conduct the bid opening and mandatory pre-bid conference via teleconference. The District is requiring all bidders to perform a mandatory self-guided tour of the project site. Bidder shall contact Sarah Atmadja, GEI Consultants, Inc. at satmadja@geiconsultants.com or (626) 497-6030 to schedule appointment for self-guided tour. Self-guided tours will be limited to a duration of two (2) hours. Self-guided tours will be limited between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm and start July 20, 2020 and end July 23, 2020. A sign-in form will be provided at time appointment is made for Contractor to sign and return after completion of self-guided tour. The mandatory pre-bid teleconference will be conducted by the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District on July 24, 2020. The pre-bid teleconference will start promptly at 9:00 a.m.

While the Work to be performed with respect to the Project is more fully described and detailed in the Plans and Specifications, the principal components of Work to be performed includes the following:

Construction of approximately 7,800 LF of new pipeline using 27-inch, CL 125 SDR 32.5 PIP, pipeline. This includes the installation of the pipeline, including all crossings, straight piping, valves, fittings, specials, appurtenances, and air valves. Construction of four (4) 27-inch and one (1) 12-inch road crossings via open cut trench. Connection to four (4) existing district owned farm turnouts, one (1) connection of new 27-inch CL 125 SDR 32.5 PIP to existing 27-inch RCP pipe, and one (1) connection of new 18-inch CL 125 SDR 32.5 PIP to existing 18-inch RCP. Removal and abandonment of existing irrigation pipe, including but not limited to reinforced concrete pipe, steel, and asbestos cement pipe.

Work must be completed during the period identified in the Specifications. Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 6100(b), any contractor, subcontractor, and/or specialty contractor, as defined under Business and Professions Code Section 7026, submitting a proposal shall possess, at the time the contract is awarded, that classification of contractor's license required by law to enable the contractor to perform the Work contemplated under the Contract Documents, as more specifically set forth in the specifications. Specifically, a Class A – General Engineering contractor's license is required for the project. Contractors shall provide the District with their Contractor's license number and expiration date as provided in the proposal. It is the District's intent that "plans," as used in Public Contract Code Section 3300, is defined as the construction contract documents, which include both the drawings and the specifications.

Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5 et seq., in order to be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of the work set forth herein, a contractor and/or subcontractor shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations in the manner prescribed and set forth under Labor Code Section 1725.5. The District reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive or to make award to the lowest responsible bidder and reject all other bids. This published notice does NOT reproduce all the bidding requirements; accordingly, the above-referenced Plans and Specifications are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Notice Inviting Bids. An acceptable bid can only be prepared by reading and following all of the instructions that are found in the Specifications, which includes Sections A and B thereof. Each Bidder is required to sign a Noncollusion Affidavit and submit it with his bid.

The successful Bidder is required to furnish a Payment Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract and a Faithful Performance Bond in an amount

of 100% of the contract; the bonds to be secured by a surety company or surety companies satisfactory to the District.

Bids shall be based on the payment of not less than the prevailing rate of wages for this locality and project as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. and the Davis-Bacon Act, whichever is greater. Prevailing wage schedules for Kern County are available from the Department of Industrial Relations-Division of Labor Statistics & Research via the internet at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov). Copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages are on file at the office of the District and will be made available to any interested party on request. Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage schedules can be found at [www.wdol.gov](http://www.wdol.gov).

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(1)). Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish the records specified in Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissions, in the manner set forth in Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(3)(A)-(B). Contractors shall be required to post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(2).) Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, equivalent securities may be substituted for monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract.

Questions regarding the type of work required, or requests for plans and specifications may be addressed to the following: Sarah Atmadja - satmadja@geiconsultants.com

This project is funded in part by a Federal grant from the Bay-Restoration Program: CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants, which is being administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), as well as a State grant from the IRWM Grant Program: Prop 1 – Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, which is being administered by Department of Water Resources (DWR). Since both a Federal and State grant is providing funding for the project, the Contractor, its Subcontractors and Suppliers will be required to comply with all applicable Federal and State requirements.

Date: July 9, 2020  
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District  
By: /s/ Dana Munn  
General Manager  
Publish *Shafter* Press July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

### PUBLIC NOTICE KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECLARING ITS INTENT TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR 2021, TO FIX AND COLLECT 2021 STANDBY CHARGES AND WATER TOLLS, DECLARING NECESSITY FOR LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESS- MENTS, AND CALLING AND NOTICING PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Board has heretofore directed the General Manager to recommend to the Board (1) a District budget for the year commencing January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, (2) the tolls for 2021 standby charges and Water Tolls to be fixed and collected by the Board, and (3) the tolls for 2021 special assessments to be levied by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager has submitted his recommended budget, a copy of which is available at the District office for inspection, and has made the following recommendations:

1. The amount required to discharge all District obligations for the year 2021 is estimated to be \$18,698,997; and

2. The amount which should be obtained from standby charges is \$2,425,375 and standby charges should be levied on about 19,403

acres of land being offered water service by the District resulting in a toll of \$125 per acre; and

3. The amount which should be obtained from Water Tolls is \$15,726,262 based on the sale of 35,000 acre feet within the District's Service Area at an average toll of \$449 per acre foot; and

4. The amount which should be obtained by special assessments on undeveloped land within the District is \$528,660 and such special assessments should be levied on about 19,580 acres of land resulting in a toll of \$27 per acre; and

5. The amount which should be obtained by special assessments on undeveloped land within the District is \$3,700 and such special assessments should be levied on about 185 acres of land resulting in a toll of \$20 per acre; and

6. The amount of funds available on the first day of the fiscal year and the amount of miscellaneous revenue estimated to be collected during the fiscal year is \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 218 requires the District to hold a majority protest proceeding to adopt an increase in the District's Water Tolls; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2015 the Board held a Proposition 218 Majority Protest proceeding and set the District's water tolls at up to \$640 per acre foot. As there will be no increase in the water tolls, Proposition 218 procedures for the 2020 Water Tolls are unnecessary, and in future years the District reserves the option to increase the rate up to \$640 per acre foot without future Proposition 218 proceedings; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2017 the Board held a Proposition 218 proceeding and set the District's Standby Charge of up to \$125 per acre. As there will be no increase in the standby charges Proposition 218 procedures for the standby charges are unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, as there will be no increase in the special assessments, Proposition 218 procedures for those assessments are unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the District for the Board to declare its intention to adopt the budget, implement the recommendations of the General Manager, and call and notice a public hearing thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT as follows:

Board Declarations Regarding District Water Tolls, Standby Charge and Special Assessment; Setting of Hearing Date

1. Each of the matters set forth above is true and correct and the Board so finds and determines.

2. The Board hereby declares its intention to (a) adopt the recommended budget for 2021 (b) fix and charge water tolls of up to \$449 per acre foot for water delivered by the District (c) levy and collect 2021 standby charges of \$125 per acre upon land being offered water service by the District, (d) levy a special assessment of \$27 per acre on developed land within the District, and (e) levy a special assessment of \$20 per acre on undeveloped land within the District.

3. The Board hereby declares its intention to continue its existing policy of refusing to deliver water for use upon lands as to which any levy of a standby charge, Water Toll or special assessment is delinquent.

4. The Board hereby calls a public hearing with respect to its declared intention to adopt the budget and to fix, levy and collect standby charges, special assessments for August 13, 2020 at 2:30 P.M.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders (N-29-20 and N-35-20) and the declared State of Emergency, including social distancing directives as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 virus, Board members and Kern-Tulare Water District staff will be participating in this hearing remotely. There will not be a physical location for this hearing. Members of the public may par-

ticipate in the hearing in the following ways Via WEBEX:

1. Join by phone +1-415-655-0001 US Toll.

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5. The Secretary shall publish this resolution in the manner required by Government Code section 6066 and Water Code section 36601 in The Shafter Press and The Visalia Times-Delta, and mail a copy thereof postage prepaid, to each holder of title to land within the District as shown by the District's assessment roll.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT this 9th day of July, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Kent H. Stephens

Andrew Pandol

Curt Holmes

Joshua Nugent

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bruce Kelsey

ABSTAIN: None

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement

June Studio

2020-B2755

5549 Calloway Drive St #1 Bakersfield, CA 93312

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

5549 Calloway Drive

Bakersfield, CA 93312

Darcy June Hardenbrook

9400 Cripple Creek Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93312

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 06-22-2020

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Darcy Hardenbrook

Date Statement Filed: 06/23/2020

Date Statement Expires: 06/23/2025

Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/M Hernandez

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2020-B2958

LAP Insurance Agency Services

2020-B2959

LAP Insurance Agency Services, Inc.

2020-B2960

550 Central Avenue

Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

550 Central Avenue

Shafter, CA 93263

LAP Insurance Agency Services, Inc.

550 Central Avenue

Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Corporation

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

Date the business commenced: 04/01/2020

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Jocelyne Perez

Date Statement Filed: 07/14/2020

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By: /s/M Hernandez

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/s/Luis A. Pulido, President

Date Statement Filed: 07/07/2020

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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/R Roberts-Martin

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2020-B3097

270 W Los Angeles Ave Apt F

Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

270 W Los Angeles Ave Apt F

Shafter, CA 93263

Jocelyne Perez

270 W Los Angeles Ave Apt F

Shafter, CA 93263

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 04/30/2020

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County: Kern

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Jocelyne Perez



## PUBLIC NOTICES

## PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF WASCO  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposals for the work entitled: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONTROL ROOM HVAC UNIT REPLACEMENT

Will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the CITY OF WASCO, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, until 2:00 PM on AUGUST 19, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

General work description: The contractor shall furnish all material, labor, equipment, and supervision to remove and dispose of an existing HVAC unit and replace this unit with a new Electric (NO GAS) 8.5 TON York side-draft unit or approved equal. The contractor shall be licensed (C-20) Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating, and Air-Conditioning Contractor in the State of California. All work and general conditions shall be performed in accordance with the current California Standard Building Code.

Work for this project must be completed within 10 Working Days.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2020, at 9:00 AM. Meet outside the gate at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 5410 7th St, Wasco, CA 93280

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# Kern County back on state Watch List

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businesses are now requiring everyone who enters do so wearing a mask.

As of last week, no one can enter the Wasco Walmart without a mask. Fiesta Supermarket re-

quires everyone entering to come in with a mask and has hand sanitizer outside for customers to use before entering the store.

In addition, True Value's two locations in town now require customers to wear masks when entering.

The health department's message to the public for several months has been that beside staying at home and not venturing out in public, the wearing of a mask is one of the most effective ways to help control the virus.

As a continued result of covid-19, on Monday the California Interscholastic Federation announced that education-based athletics and the start of the fall high school sports season will be on hold until December or January.

"We are glad there is a plan to play," varsity football coach Chad Martinez wrote in a text message. "As of now, we have been meeting on Zoom and guys are working out on their own. We have not had any official practices on the field. We are excited to get the chance to return."

Local restaurants are also following the strict guidelines from the governor and health department by discontinuing the short-

lived freedom of dining inside restaurants and providing take-out service or outdoor dining only.

Teresa's (758-2027) on F and 5th Street is now serving pick-up as well as dining on their outdoor patio. Customers are asked to approach the patio window, place their order and either take it home or enjoy their meal outside.

Also, Hoyetts Sandwich Shop (758-2065) on 6th and F Street asks that customers call in their order and drive up to the curb as they will bring your order out to your car or just let them know you want to eat it outdoors on the patio.

There have been some additional changes as well with respect to the beginning of school. The Wasco Union Elementary School District might have to put off in-class learning for the time being.

"Since we are on the restricted list, we are almost certainly going to have to start the year with distance learning as of August 10," Superintendent Kelly Richers said in an email Monday. "The state rule is no opening physically until off the restricted list for 14 days. Since we go on the list July 21, that means we cannot possibly be off the list until at least the 22nd. Fourteen days from then would be August 5."

Richers feels that the county will be on the restricted list longer than a week. It looks like we will almost certainly have to start the year distance learning only," he said. "It's out of our control."



**More and more people are wearing masks not just when entering a store but also when they are downtown or walking in neighborhoods in Shafter.**

Local Librarian Tina Garcia asked that Wasco residents write to the Board of Supervisors and let the district supervisor, David Couch, know how important the library is to the residents of Wasco. He can be reached at district4@kerncounty.com. Assistant Superintendent Rob Cobb said there are no specifics at the moment, but the school year will definitely begin with distance learning for the first quarter.

Schools in Shafter will begin the year with distance learning, which has the Richland School District having to put together a different plan than the one they originally planned.

The district put out a plan last week that would have a group of students attending school in person on Mondays and Tuesdays and another group going Thursday and Friday. The rest of their week would be distance learning. "With the governor's announcement, we have no choice but to go to distance learning for the beginning of the school year," said Rosa Romero, interim superintendent of the Richland School District.

While many things have slowed down or completely stopped, there is an election happening in November and three of the City Council members are up for election. Mayor Pro Tem Danny

Espitia (District 2), Mayor Tilo Cortez (District 4) and Alex Garcia (District 5) are looking forward to continuing their service to the city.

The Wasco High School board is meeting Tuesday, July 21, to discuss the opening of school on Aug. 12 and whether there will be any in-class lessons or another semester of distance learning.

In Shafter, there are also three vacant seats for the November election, with Mayor Gilbert Alvarado, Manuel Garcia and Chad Givens having terms that expire December 2020. The nomination period has begun and will continue until August 7, 2020.

## In-person schooling is out

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of the district. "I really wish that he would have come out with this sooner, saving us a lot of trouble and preventing a lot of heartache."

Romero said that with Kern County appearing to being placed back on the watch list, no school in the county will be able to start with in-person learning.

In the original plan, students would be separated into two groups, and one group would attend school on Monday and Tuesday and the other would go on Thursday and Friday. The district had several precautions put in place including temperature checks, numerous hand-washing stations, social distancing, and wearing face coverings. That plan will be put on hold until it is deemed safe for children to return to school in person.

In the original plan, parents had the option to continue with distance learn-

ing full time.

"We are preparing a letter going out to the parents that will outline the new procedures," Romero said. "We are encouraging those parents who were registering for distance learning to continue the registration process, giving us a head start on the process. The letter will let everyone know how to register and what the process will entail."

Richland joins the Kern High School District, which had already decided to begin the school year with distance learning. In a 3-2 vote, the Kern High School Board approved a plan that would have the students learn from home for at least the first quarter, which ends in October. The decision was not met with a unanimous support, with a number of parents and administrators feeling that distance learning is not an acceptable alternative to in-person schooling.

Board member Cynthia Brake-man, who recently spoke at Shafter High's graduation ceremony, said, "I think that we work best with face to face instruction. I know plenty of teachers who are ready to go back to school."

The Kern High School Teachers Association, headed by Shafter High teacher Vickie Shoenair, supports a 100 percent distance learning model. With some teachers voicing their concern over the protocol that would allow them to return to in person schooling, the majority of teachers said they love teaching in person with their kids, but they want to do it only when it is safe. The situation will be revisited after the first quarter ends on October 9. If it is deemed safe, they will be adopting a hybrid schedule that would start with 25 percent of students returning to school, with that percentage increase if it is safe.

## Covid-19 occupies council

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Council agreed to extend the security contract for the former farm labor camp on H Street, where two families have not yet relocated, through the end of August. "The original agreement was to be canceled at the end of this month," Mayor Tilo Cortez said. "Extending it an extra month gives the current residents more time to look for different housing."

"Both families should be gone no later than the middle of August," Cortez added. "We've been working hard on finding them a place; however, it's difficult due to the economy and lack

of availability."

Ortiz-Hernandez said the city has been limited in what it could do regarding renters not paying rent or not leaving the camp. "Our hands have been tied because of the governor's 'no-eviction' rule since the pandemic began in March," he said.

Since the local library has become a testing site for the virus, the librarian told the council members that several people have called in to make a testing appointment only to not show up. She said this disrupts the testing schedule, but that the library works around it.

"Where Wasco didn't have any test-

ing sites for covid-19 in the beginning, there are now more sites where people can get tested," Ortiz-Hernandez said. "Residents can get tested at Rite Aid, Vanguard and the library."

In other business, the council unanimously approved that the city manager write a letter to the House and Senate in support of Congressman TJ Cox's proposal to increase covid-19 relief funds.

Local resident Orqueia Ocampo called in to the meeting to congratulate Council Member Alex Garcia on his recent appointment by Supervisor Leticia Perez to the board of Kern Family Healthcare.

## Shafter returned to state Watch List

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write individual letters or one letter with their signatures. "We can also invite Supervisor Couch to our meeting on Thursday to be included in the discussion about our library," said City Manager Gabriel Gonzales.

The meeting Gonzales mentioned will take place between city officials and representatives from several agencies including Richland School District, Shafter High School, Grimmway Academy, and the Shafter Recreation and Parks District.

The participants will discuss ideas for various activities that will keep the community and its children engaged during the pandemic.

In other action, the council approved \$50,000 to be used to complete the Public Works Department's relocation to the new Corporation Yard off of Commerce Way. The move is almost complete, with the exception of the fleet maintenance shop, which is still at the old yard. As constructing a new building would not be cost effective, a short term solution was approved. The Public Works Department will move their shop into an existing structure on the new property. This would necessitate the purchase of one new vehicle lift system to go with the one they have currently that will be moved to the new site.

"This solution makes a lot more sense and will work well for us in the

short term," said Public Works Director Michael James.

Gonzales also brought before the council a proposal to change the meeting times of City Council meetings to 6 p.m. from 7 p.m. Gonzales said Shafter is one of only two agencies in Kern County that have a 7 p.m. starting time, the other being the Kern County Planning Commission. Gonzales said that the 6 p.m. starting time would still allow residents who want to attend meetings to get off work, grab a bite to eat, and still make it to the meeting. The idea was approved and an ordinance will be prepared that will be presented to the council at its next meeting.

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