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Kings County farmers fight high-speed rail at public hearing

By Amy D. Fielen

Alisa Gomez, the ag teacher at Corcoran High, bought a home on a rare one-acre parcel in Corcoran two years ago. There, she and her husband are raising four children. In the past year, they have invested \$46,000 in making improvements to the property. In August, she learned that the high-speed rail is slated to cut through the middle of her home.

Gomez's story was one of many like it that were presented to the California High-Speed Rail Authority panel during an emotional and often tense five hour public hearing held in the Hanford Civic Auditorium on Sept. 21.

Speakers were given three minutes to make their comments, which were recorded by a court reporter for inclusion in the final draft of the Rail Authority's environmental impact report (EIR). The Authority did not respond to any of the comments, saying that specific questions will be addressed in the EIR.

As in other hearings on high-speed rail held across the Valley last month, there were the usual concerns about how a state in the throes of an economic crisis will fund the multi-billion dollar project. Members of the Central Valley Tea Party



Photo by Amy D. Fielen

Kings County Tea Party arrived with large signage, all stating a lack of funding for the mega project.

protested with a giant banner that read, "There's no money for high speed rail. Big fat boondoggle."

But the theme that has become unique to Kings County in the high-speed rail debate is the farmers and dairymen who may be forced to sacrifice their land and homes for what rail supporters are referring to as the greater good.

Rather than following existing transportation corridors as originally planned, high-speed rail plans to lay a 114-mile section of track through 28

miles of rural Kings County, taking out dairies and thousands of acres of farmland that lie in its path.

Barbara Stuber is one of those farmers. Her family has been farming the same land for 62 years, and, as it currently stands, the rail route will cut her property in two.

Many individuals asked the panel for more than the allotted 60 days to read the 30,000 page EIR. The consensus was that the Oct. 13 deadline is unreasonable, and that a six-month review period

should be allowed.

Pamela Leal said that she has been up late every night trying to make sense of the EIR, but is overwhelmed by the idea of reading 5,000 pages a day in order to get through it all within the allotted timeframe.

Helen Sullivan accused the Authority of being "downright dishonest" at times, saying that extending the comment period to six months is the least they can do.

"This is not the way to treat the people who will be most damaged by the train," she said.

Kings County Supervisor Doug Verboon told the Authority that the county has made every effort to work with them, but their requests have fallen on deaf ears.

"We're the link to the government, and you refuse to talk to us. How dare you?" he said. "We've had farmers offer to work with you, and you refuse to listen to us."

Verboon went on to say that, due to the Rail Authority's refusal to work with the county, there is a petition circulating in favor of opposing high-speed rail in its entirety, as opposed to the current stance many are taking in opposing only the

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Kings County Office of Education wins award for Farm Bureau-sponsored IVC program

By Amy D. Fielen

The program that the Kings County Office of Education is using to teach children about Central Valley agriculture has been recognized with a prestigious Pinnacle Award.

Through a partnership with the Kings County Farm Bureau's IVC (Internet Video Conferencing) program, students in kindergarten through fifth grade are able to get involved in the remote teaching process that uses a live interactive feed. The IVC classes are taught to students in Kings County and across the country, and teach children that food is not grown in the grocery store.

The Kings County Office of

Education is amongst 33 providers across the country to earn a Pinnacle Award for the 2010-2011 school year from the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC), which helps schools by advancing learning through videoconferencing and other collaborative technologies.

This annual award is based exclusively on feedback from teachers who have used the content in their classrooms.

"Because the Pinnacle is based on direct input from teachers who have experienced the program first hand, it is highly credible," said John Ittelson, a CILC board member. "When teachers are choosing content to use in their own classrooms, the Pinnacle designation is a helpful tool to aid in the selection process."

The Kings County Farm Bureau sponsors the IVC program with support from the Kings County Office of Education, which provides the studio and support staff. The IVC program has already won two prestigious awards: one from the California Farm Bureau Federation and one from the national American Farm Bureau Federation.

The two Farm Bureau-sponsored classes that are taught are "The Wonder of Cotton: From Farm to Fabric," and "The Journey of Milk: From Cow to Carton."

On a recent Thursday morning, KCFB's IVC teacher, Michelle Mello, sets up in the studio located in the Kings County Office of Education's Hanford offices. With a green screen behind her and a



Photo by Amy D. Fielen

Trista Waymire, KCOE, produces and directs the Interactive Video Conferencing lessons.

monitor in front of her that allows her to see the students, she welcomes Mrs. Morse's second graders from Fremont Elementary in Corcoran.

Mello is teaching the dairy class, and begins by asking the children if they ever go to the grocery store with their parents.

"I don't want you to think that milk comes from the store," she says. "Next time you're there, I want you to remember where it comes from."

Trista Waymire, teacher of curriculum and instructional technology for IVC, sits just outside the studio, acting as the producer/director of the presentation. She explained that with school budgets being so limited, video conferencing gives students the opportunity to take a virtual field trip.

"Kids from some parts of the country have never seen a cow before," Waymire said. "Video conferencing provides a different experience than if they were to read about it in a book."

IVC classes are offered free of charge to Kings County schools, and cost \$75 per class for all other schools. Through video conferencing technology, which Waymire says is "the next step in education," children from as far away as New York, Tennessee and West Virginia are able to learn where their milk and clothing come from.

Michele Costa, executive director for the Kings County Farm Bureau, said that Farm Bureau has been honored to partner with local schools to help students gain an appreciation for the job of sustaining our nation's food supply.

"The IVC program teaches children both in Kings County and across the United States about the products produced here in the Valley that are feeding the world," she said. "It is our hope that this training will help students to become informed citizens who will one day participate in establishing the policies that will support our ag industry."

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BUSINESS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Sanchez Feed & Seed: A Family Tradition

By Amy D. Fielen

Sanchez Feed & Seed has been feeding local animals for 37 years. The family-owned and operated business has been in the same Houston Avenue location on the south side of Hanford since it opened in 1974.

Fifteen years ago, Greg Sanchez, who comes from a family of farmers, took over the store that was started by his dad and uncle. Considering he'd worked there as long as he could remember, buying the store was a natural progression.

"I worked all through high school and college in the store," Sanchez said. "Between that and the farming, it's all I've ever done."

Except during the time he attended Fresno State, Sanchez has never lived more than a mile from the store. And the family tradition is one that he is passing on to his children, 25-year-old Meghan and 22-year old Derek.

"They've been working here since

grammar school – since they were big enough to look over the counter," Sanchez said.

Meghen helps out part-time, and Derek will be there full-time until he begins attending classes at CSU Fresno next year. Neither of the Sanchez kids have aspirations to one day take over the store from their dad, but he's fine with that, saying he wants them to do what makes them happy.

"You've got to do what you love to do," Sanchez said. "I always felt like I wanted to do this and carry on the family tradition."

Patrons to Sanchez Feed & Seed are greeted at the entrance by a sign reading, "Cowboys! Scrape shit from boots before entering." And once those boots are clean, let the shopping commence. Along with feed for all kinds of animals, from dogs, cats and chickens to cattle, emus and turtles, they sell livestock supplies, vaccines for dogs, cats and horses, and wormers which Sanchez said are better quality



Photo by Amy D. Fielen

Opened since 1974, Greg Sanchez (left) took over the business from his father fifteen years ago. Now his son Derek (right) shares in the family business.

than those sold at big box stores.

When asked why someone should choose to purchase their pet and livestock supplies at Sanchez Feed & Seed over a competitor, Derek Sanchez said that the reasons are obvious.

"We can sell you a better product with better nutrition, cater to all your needs, and give you good service," he said.

And they deliver, which is always a perk when gas prices are this high.

Also for sale are boots, cowboy hats and saddles, which are typically sold on consignment.

What's immediately clear upon entering the store is that cowboys aren't the only customers who will find something to spend money on. The unique home décor items, jewelry, wallets, and blinged out flip-flops and

baseball caps would be difficult for any cowgirl to resist.

And if you don't want to go home with a new pet, don't bring the kids. The back warehouse is home to an abundance of furry, feathered friends just waiting for a new home. They have a colorful assortment of rabbits, parakeets, finches, doves, quail, and chicks, as well as condos for them to live in that would look fabulous in your backyard.

If you find yourself with purchases that exceed the amount of space available in the back of the truck, Sanchez Feed & Seed also rents U-Hauls – the perfect solution to help you get it all home.

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Assemblyman David Valadao speaks with concerned citizens during the hearing.

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proposed route.

Farm Bureau's Diana Peck's sentiments echoed Verboon's.

"You ignored our comments," she said. "We have to quit digressing from the facts, and the fact is that you ignored us."

Hours into the meeting, emotions continued to run high, and the Authority faced blatant hostility from some.

"Can't you see Kings County doesn't want you?" asked Donna Marshall. "We don't like you."

This didn't seem to faze the Rail Authority's Lance Simmens, who was caught nodding off during the proceedings, prompting comments about his nap and fueling the anger of those who felt their voices haven't been heard.

Assemblyman David Valadao, R-Hanford, said when he first heard about high-speed rail several years ago, he never thought the state would be dumb enough to move forward with it.

"I want to support all my constituents that are coming here to complain about this," he said.

Rep. Jim Costa, D-Fresno, sent a representative from his staff to read a statement in favor of the project, stating that "we need high-speed rail now more than ever." He also requested that the public comment period be extended to 90 days.

Others expressing their support of high-speed rail included contractors who are anxious to get to work on the project and alleviate the Valley's record high unemployment rates.

"Farming alone is not going to provide jobs," said John Hudson, speaking on behalf of Valley building and construction trades.

Richard Williams was one of several speakers who said that farming is essential to sustaining the local economy, and the concerns of those who feed the world should not be dismissed.

"The farmers are the backbone of Kings County," he said. "The Kings County farmers have a valid point, and it needs to be heard."

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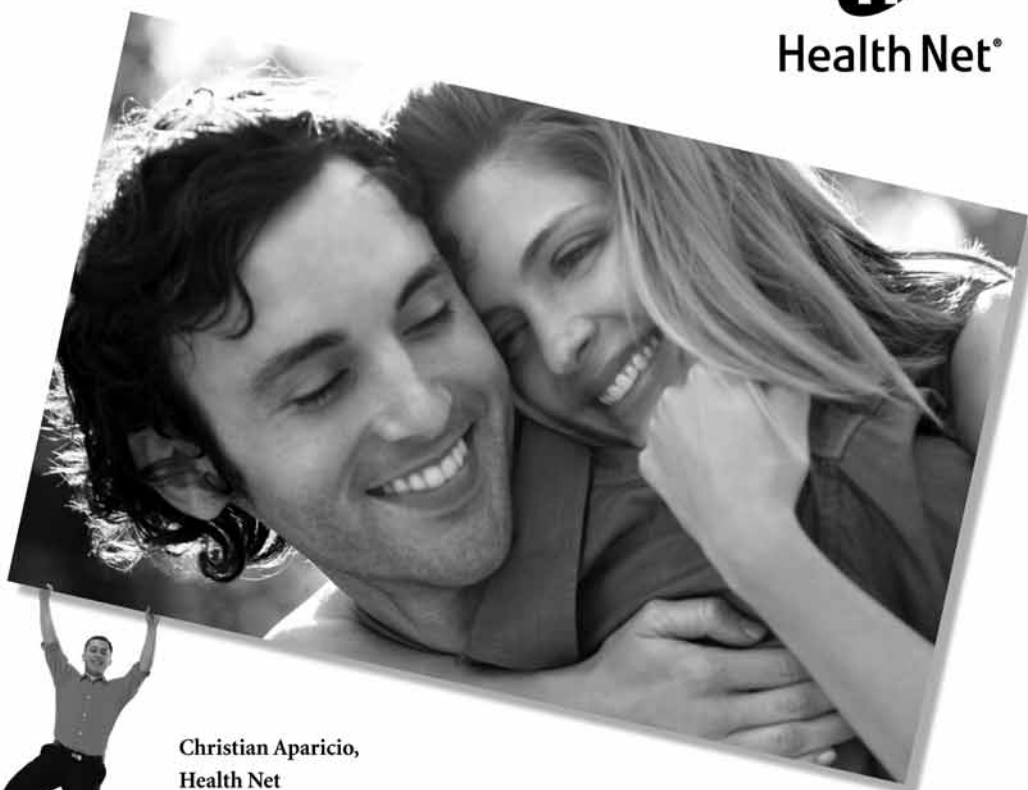
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Protect your eyes when working

By Mike Klimenko
Farm Bureau Group Manager

Eye injuries happen much too frequently in the United States. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the rate is something like 2,000 per day, and in three out of



Mike Klimenko

five cases the injured person wore no eye protection at the time of the mishap.

An injury to the eye is among the most devastating and irreversible injuries that can occur. Experts believe that proper eye protection could have prevented or reduced the severity of injury in at least 90 percent of these accidents.

There are several common causes for eye injury. Foreign particles such as dust, dirt, wood chips, or even an eyelash, can get into your eye and cause damage or painful eye irritation. Bumps and blows to the eyes can cause minor to severe eye injury. Cuts in or around the eyes (especially while pruning) can be serious and jeopardize vision. Chemicals, fumes or steam can cause severe damage to the eye.

Here are some steps to follow to help prevent eye injuries either to you or other workers:

- Conduct a thorough analysis of the work to be done and the equipment that will be used. Inspect work areas and equipment and identify operations and areas that present eye hazards.
- Select protective eyewear designed for a specific operation or hazard. Protective eyewear must meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards.
- For best protection against eye injury, wear eye protection whenever it is warranted and require workers to do the same. Allow no exceptions.
- Protective eyewear that doesn't fit properly and comfortably is not likely to be used. To ensure the eyewear is satisfactory, have it fitted by an eye care professional.
- Plan for an emergency. Establish first-aid procedures for eye injuries. Make eyewash stations accessible, particularly where chemicals are used. Train employees in basic first aid and identify those with more advanced first-aid training.
- Educate and review. Conduct ongoing educational programs to establish, maintain and reinforce the need for protective eyewear. Continuously review and when necessary revise your accident prevention strategies.

Another thing to keep in mind is that uncorrected vision problems can contribute to accidents. Be sure to have your eyes examined periodically and encourage workers to do the same. As we grow older, most of us will experience a slow loss of the ability to see close objects or small print. This is a normal process that happens over a lifetime. Many people do not notice a change until after the age of 40. This situation can usually be corrected with reading glasses.

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Kings County YF&R membership is difficult to estimate, as they do not have a dues system in place. Currently, 15-20 people are active participants in events and monthly meetings.

Upon purchasing a hog at the Kings



Photo by Michele Costa

Members of Kings and Fresno County YF&R participate in the 3rd annual Trap Shoot.

Fair, Westside Locker donated their services to YF&R. The meat will be used for group events throughout the year.

If you or someone you know is

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Farm Bureau offers new collegiate membership

Inviting a new generation of members, the California Farm Bureau Federation has announced a new membership category for students between the ages of 16 and 25. The "collegiate" membership category is now available for students enrolled in a post-high school education program such as a community college, four-year university or trade school.

"The new Farm Bureau collegiate membership provides an easy, inexpensive way for young people interested in careers in agriculture to connect with their peers, network with other Farm Bureau members and find their place within the farming and ranching community," said CFBF President Paul Wenger.

Collegiate Farm Bureau members receive access to an online version of Ag Alert, the award-winning weekly newspaper covering California agriculture. Additionally, collegiate members will have access to scholarship information, internship opportunities and agricultural career information. Membership also includes a discount to

register and attend the CFBF Annual Meeting and the annual Young Farmers and Ranchers Leadership Conference, and collegiate members may compete in the statewide Collegiate Discussion Meet sponsored by the Farm Bureau YF&R program.

"In order to continue to produce safe, nutritious food in the future, we need to encourage young people to pursue the full variety of agricultural careers, from actual farm and ranch production to lending to processing to communications and all other related fields," Wenger said. "The Farm Bureau collegiate membership will help young people stay connected and informed about issues and opportunities in California agriculture."

The collegiate membership classification is effective immediately, with an online application available at cfbf.com/joinfb. Or, call the Kings County Farm Bureau office at 584-3557. Annual dues are \$25, and gift memberships may be purchased. California residency is not required for membership.

KCFB IN ACTION

September Activities

- Conducted the following meetings/events:
 - o Executive Committee Meeting
 - o Board of Directors Meeting
- President Jim Crisp, Vice President Michael Miya, Board Member Mary Cameron and Executive Director Michele Costa attended the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce's "Salute to Ag" Banquet at Jack Stone's Barn.
- IVC Coordinator Michelle Mello conducted interactive video conferences with Armona Elementary, Frontier Elementary in Corcoran, Shelly Baird and in Omaha, Nebraska.
- Kings County Young Farmers and Ranchers staffed a KCFB information booth at the Thursday Night Market Place.
- Kings County Young Farmers and Ranchers held the 3rd Annual Trap Shoot at the Kingsburg Gun Club.
- Executive Director Costa attended the Hanford Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting and luncheon.
- Executive Director Costa attended the Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the Hanford Chamber of Commerce at the Civic Auditorium.
- Executive Director Costa attended the Public Scoping meeting at the Lemoore City Hall.
- Executive Director Costa, Communications Coordinator Amy Fienen, Office Administrator Kelley Hildebrand, Board Members Josh Bettencourt and Theo de Haan and Diana Peck attended the High Speed Rail Public Hearing.

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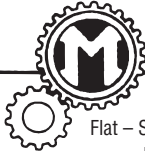


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