Democrats win the US House and Senate as voters deliver a strong rebuke to Trump and Republicans

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats won control of both chambers of Congress, delivering a decisive rebuke of Republican governance in Washington and ushering in a new era of congressional resistance to President Donald Trump.

Tuesday's midterm elections laid bare voters' deep frustrations over high prices, the Iran war and concerns over government corruption. Democrats routed their rivals across the map, flipping states that have voted Republican for decades and that Trump won by double digits just two years ago.

That includes James Talarico's stunning Senate victory in Texas, where no Democrat had won statewide office in more than 30 years, and Annie Andrews' upset victory over Sen. Darline Graham in South Carolina. Trump had thrown his full weight behind both losing candidates.

In Michigan, progressive Abdul El-Sayed — one of a crop of left-wing candidates who prevailed in Democratic primaries — topped Republican Mike Rogers. Even Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, a battle-tested survivor of difficult elections, lost to Democrat Troy Jackson.

The results marked a fundamental unraveling of the coalition that returned Trump to the White House two years ago, with young people and Latinos moving away from Republicans, according to The AP Voter Poll. Only about one-third of Hispanic voters said they backed the Republican in their local U.S. House races.

It was all a major blow to Trump, who spent nearly every day of the last month holding rallies to energize his supporters but was unable to stop a wipeout.

The results will reshape the rest of Trump's term

While Trump has proven adept at steamrolling efforts to rein him in, Democratic control will profoundly reshape Trump's final two years in office and hamstring his legislative agenda.

Party leaders have signaled they'll use their new power to ensure Trump's final two years in office are dominated by a series of investigations of top members of his administration and deeper scrutiny of how he's enriched his family. Impeachment of Trump and his Cabinet officials is not off the table. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and tech titan Elon Musk, a former top Trump adviser, are among possible targets for investigations.

In celebratory events Tuesday night, Democratic Senate Leader Chuck Schumer called the results a “generational remake of the Senate map.” Democratic House Leader Hakeem Jeffries said “the American people are crying out for transformational change.”

Trump immediately sought to shift blame for his party’s losses, posting on his social media site before polls even closed on the West Coast that he wasn’t on the ballot — even though he spent weeks asking voters to act like he was. He vowed to veto Democrat-controlled legislation, sharing a picture of a red baseball cap with “VETO” stenciled in the style of his trademark “Make America Great Again” campaign swag.

In a late-night phone interview with Fox News, Trump said he didn’t consider the elections to be a personal defeat. Voters, he said, “didn’t like the candidates.”

Democrats had braced for Trump to again try to undermine the results if they won after he warned that noncitizens would cast ballots en masse and filed lawsuits in Alaska and California. Instead, he said on Fox that he would accept them.

Despite the results, Senate Majority Leader John Thune wrote on X that “Senate Republicans will not stand idly by as the far-left, socialist wing of the Democrat Party attempts to unwind everything we’ve done.” He said they will work with Trump “to stop the worst impulses of Democrat extremism.”

Democrats charted an extraordinary path to Senate victory

Midterm elections are typically difficult for the president’s party, but Republicans had originally expected that their Senate majority was safe. Instead, Democrats marched through some of the most conservative states in the nation.

Josh Turek defeated Rep. Ashley Hinson in Iowa, while Adam Hamilton ousted Sen. Roger Marshall in Kansas to become the state’s first Democratic senator since 1932. A cascade of surprising Democratic victories included Talarico defeating Ken Paxton in Texas, Andrews upsetting Graham in South Carolina, Sherrod Brown topping Sen. Jon Husted in Ohio and Roy Cooper taking an open North Carolina seat.

Trump played an outsized role in many of the races. He endorsed the scandal-plagued Paxton and helped him defeat incumbent Sen. John Cornyn in the Texas primary, even as Republican officials warned his efforts could be costly. He sharply criticized North Carolina Republican Sen. Thom Tillis, who opted not to seek reelection. He also supported Graham, despite doubts within the party that she was the right candidate to replace her brother, who died unexpectedly earlier this year.

Less of a surprise was Democratic Sen. Jon Ossoff winning reelection in Georgia, defeating Rep. Mike Collins. Rep. Chris Pappas also won a Senate race in New Hampshire, defeating former Sen. John Sununu to replace retiring Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen.

One outstanding Senate battleground was Alaska, where the Trump administration filed a lawsuit to block certification of Senate results if Republican incumbent Dan Sullivan loses the race, citing the presence of a second candidate named Dan Sullivan on the ballot. Mississippi's Senate race remained too early to call.

In the House, Democrats reached deeply into Trump-won territory to defeat his preferred candidates and win in even some of the most Republican states. There were multiple Democratic pickups in Iowa, Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania and new Democratic seats in Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Utah. In Iowa, there was an all-Republican congressional delegation going into the election. Democrats will now represent three of them.

Bracing for a tough night, Republicans had spent the campaign's final stretch pumping tens of millions of dollars into states and districts that Trump won handily two years ago, as Trump campaigned in heavily red areas. But even Republicans' money advantage didn't stem the Democratic tide.

"I wasn't on the Ballot and if I was, we would have won IN A LANDSLIDE!" Trump wrote on his social media site.

The electorate is frustrated and unhappy

Voters were sour heading into Tuesday, deeply unhappy with the country's direction and pessimistic about the future, according to The AP Voter Poll.

Most said they felt frustrated, with about three-quarters saying they felt "angry" or "dissatisfied" with the country's current trajectory. Dissatisfaction was particularly high in blue states, but even in red states, a majority of voters were at least "dissatisfied."

The economy was key to Trump's White House comeback two years ago. But the poll found that three-quarters of voters said the economy is "not so good" or "poor." About 8 in 10 said inflation has caused a "severe" or "moderate" financial hardship for their households.

Government corruption was also a big issue with voters. Roughly half cited it and the cost of living as "crucial" to their vote for Congress — higher than immigration enforcement policies, the war in Iran and artificial intelligence data centers. About 6 in 10 voters said Trump prioritizes his own personal interests more than the country's interests.

Despite their relative advantage on issues, the Democratic Party was not much more popular with voters than the Republicans. Just under half of voters said they have a "somewhat" or "strongly" favorable view of the Democratic Party, while about 4 in 10 viewed Republicans positively.

Republicans tried to buck historical midterm precedent with an aggressive redistricting effort aimed at creating a more favorable congressional map. But in Florida and Texas, where Republicans hoped to pick up as many as nine seats, the plan fell short, with Democrats picking up targeted districts.

Democrats dominate governor's races

Beyond Washington, 36 states elected governors. Democrats Josh Shapiro in Pennsylvania, JB Pritzker in Illinois, Wes Moore in Maryland, Maura Healey in Massachusetts and Kathy Hochul in New York all won reelection. In a stunning upset in Texas, Gina Hinojosa defeated Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who was seeking a fourth term.

In Ohio, Republican Vivek Ramaswamy lost to Democrat Amy Acton after his campaign faced backlash for an ad featuring Acton's estranged mother, who lost custody of Acton decades ago after her husband, Acton's stepfather, was indicted for raping Acton as a child.

Democrat Keisha Lance Bottoms of Georgia will be the first Black female governor of any state. In neighboring Florida, Byron Donalds became the nation's first Black Republican to be elected governor.

Jeffries, in line to make history as the nation's first Black speaker of the House, has outlined a 100-day agenda focused on lowering the cost of living and aggressively overseeing the Trump administration.

The especially strong showing for Democrats could boost the party's large crop of potential presidential candidates. It may also complicate the paths of Vice President JD Vance and other Republicans who may have been looking to turn their loyalty to Trump into momentum.

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Xavier Becerra is California's next governor: Five things to know

by Jeanne Kuang November 4, 2026



Gov.-elect Xavier Becerra speaks to supporters during an election night watch party at Drake's: The Barn in West Sacramento on Nov. 3, 2026.

Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

California Gov.-elect Xavier Becerra will take the reins during a delicate time for California.

He faces the prospect of deeper federal healthcare cuts, skyrocketing wildfire costs and a persistent cost-of-living crisis. But many of the specifics of his policies are still unknown after he ran a quiet race as a Democrat in a safe blue state, promoting few programs and avoiding making commitments.

Here's what to know about what Becerra will tackle and how he'll govern.

He's open to new taxes

Becerra opposed the billionaire tax ballot proposition, saying he does not think taxing assets is a stable way to provide state revenues. And while he's said he believes the wealthy should pay their "fair share" in taxes, he hasn't explicitly endorsed any new income taxes.

But he has signaled that he supports the idea of taxing corporations whose workers are paid so little they qualify for public benefits, or potentially ending tax credits to those companies. The state Department of Finance is studying what that kind of tax would look like and is expected to deliver recommendations to lawmakers next year.

He has also said he's considering a controversial proposal for the state to tax drivers based on their miles driven as a way to pay for road and highway repairs. The state collects that funding through gas taxes, but that source is expected to decline by $31 billion over the next decade as more drivers adopt electric vehicles.

"I take no pleasure in telling people taxes are for a purpose," he told reporters last week. "I believe that users should pay for (roads)."

Big decisions on climate and energy

Becerra has emphasized the need to keep energy affordable while California continues its clean energy transition.

One program he's pushing would give low-income households two hours of free electricity each day during daytime hours when solar energy is abundant and usage is low. The program, which he's calling "power hour," would be limited to utility customers who already qualify for assistance programs.

He's said he wants to "continue the path toward clean energy, but while we're on that path we have to make sure we stabilize the prices," including by drilling more oil in-state and will decide whether to keep California's 2030 deadline to ban the sale of new gas cars on the state of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

He'll also face pressure from investor-owned utilities that have been pushing lawmakers and outgoing Gov. Gavin Newsom to reduce how much they must pay to insurance companies and fire victims when their equipment sparks destructive wildfires.

If Newsom doesn't resolve the issue in the next two months, Becerra will have to deal with it when he takes office; so far he's declined to take a position, calling the debate a "food fight" between insurers and utilities.

Healthcare for undocumented immigrants

As a first-term congressmember from Los Angeles in 1993, Becerra caused a splash on Capitol Hill by arguing with an elder Democratic statesman over a plan to single out legal immigrants for social safety net cuts — he opposed it. He's said he will seek to reverse restrictions to Medi-Cal that forced tens of thousands of immigrants who are in California illegally off the program.

Immigration has remained a key issue throughout his career. As governor, he's promised to enforce new state laws that aim to curb immigration agents' use of force and activities on state property.

Newsom had expanded immigrant health coverage gradually to all income-qualifying adults but he began rolling back some coverage last year amid a budget deficit and unexpectedly high healthcare costs.

"My values and my fiscal beliefs tell me that anyone who works hard in California should have access to the healthcare they need for themselves and for their family and they should be able to afford it, and that includes undocumented," Becerra told KQED.

Continuing Newsom's death penalty moratorium

Newsom placed a moratorium on the death penalty in 2019 when he took office, citing his moral opposition to executions, and during his terms he began to dismantle the state's death row at San Quentin. Prisoners sentenced to death have since been moved to other prisons.

California has not executed any inmate since 2006. Newsom is considering whether to commute the death sentences of more than 560 prisoners to life sentences without parole but even if he doesn't, don't expect Becerra to resume executions.

As attorney general, Becerra defended death sentences and said he supported them in principle, but said during the campaign that he would continue California's moratorium over concerns about racial bias and wrongful convictions.

He calls himself a 'pragmatic progressive'

In a party undergoing a yearslong identity crisis over how far left to push its policies, Becerra chooses incremental change over progressive moonshots.

In his more than two decades in Congress, he had the ear of both progressive advocates and established Democratic leadership and was a close ally of former Speaker Nancy Pelosi, though the pair had a testy moment in 2009 when Becerra wanted her to push harder for a public option in the Affordable Care Act.

This year, he backed away from his longtime support for single-payer healthcare, saying it's a longshot for California with the Trump administration unlikely to give the state permission to launch.

Even before that, he said he valued experience over grand promises like Medicare for All. As President Joe Biden's health secretary, for example, he said he focused on expanding coverage.

“When I was helping Hillary Clinton in 2016, my daughters wanted to vote for Bernie Sanders,” he said in an interview. “And I kept saying to them, I get it, I understand. I want Medicare for All … But we got to get (things) done, and I want someone who’s actually been in the thick of things.”

Catch up on what Southern California decided on election night

If you went to bed early, don't worry, we've got you covered. Here's a quick rundown of what you may have missed



Voters register on Monday, Nov. 2, 2026, at a voting center at the Lakeland Village Community Center in Lake Elsinore. (Photo by Anjali Sharif-Paul, The Sun/SCNG)

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A lot was decided on Election Day — across the country and right here in Southern California.

If you went to bed early last night, don't worry, we've got you covered. Here's a quick rundown of what you missed from election returns overnight in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

• The race for California governor was over before vote tallies even hit the secretary of state's website. The Associated Press called the race for Democrat Xavier Becerra over Republican Steve Hilton almost immediately as polls closed at 8 p.m. Becerra will be the first Latino to be elected to this position since California became a state.

• Republicans vying for statewide seats, across the board, didn't fare very well. In the attorney general's race, incumbent Rob Bonta shot out to a quick, decisive lead over Michael Gates.

Fiona Ma charged ahead of Gloria Romero in the lieutenant governor race, and incumbent Shirley Weber led Don Wagner in the contest for secretary of state. Malia Cohen led Herb Morgan in the controller race, while Eleni Kounalakis was out ahead of Jennifer Hawks in the race for treasurer.

And in the more closely watched race for superintendent of public instruction, Richard Barrera was well ahead of Sonja Shaw.

• Irvine voters showed early support Tuesday night for changing city elections to a ranked-choice system in the future. A ranked-choice voting system, as its name suggests, asks voters to rank candidates for an office in order of preference, with last-place candidates eliminated until one person receives more than 50% of the votes to win.

• Votes in the L.A. mayoral race will be counted for a while. Councilmember Nithya Raman moved into a slight lead over Mayor Karen Bass early Wednesday morning. The closely watched contest between Bass and Raman became a referendum on the mayor's handling of some of Los Angeles' most pressing challenges, including homelessness, public safety, housing affordability and basic city services. The candidates also clashed over the city's response to the devastating January 2025 Palisades fire, a massive warehouse fire in Boyle Heights over the summer and the Trump administration's enforcement operations in Los Angeles.

• Most of Orange County's eight congressional districts were called in favor of the Democrats before midnight. The county's only outstanding congressional contests still left to be called as of Wednesday morning were the 40th, where the two Republican incumbents were battling it out, and the 47th, where Democratic incumbent Dave Min enjoyed a sizable lead over Republican Jenny Rae Le Roux.

Shortly before midnight, Rep. Ken Calvert maintained a lead over Rep. Young Kim in the bitter race for the district that spans Orange and Riverside counties.

• One election night surprise in the Inland Empire: the race for Ontario mayor. As of midnight, Daisy Macias was leading longtime Mayor Paul Leon, as voters weighed a change in city leadership amid an FBI investigation, questions about public spending and concerns over rapid growth.

• In California's 34th Congressional District race, in just L.A. County, Rep. Jimmy Gomez appeared to be in danger of losing his bid for reelection to challenger Angela Gonzales-Torres. Both are Democrats, but Gonzales-Torres is backed by more progressive groups. Gomez had kept a low profile during the campaign season amid a House Ethics probe over alleged sexual misconduct, a claim which he's denied.

• Proposition 39, which sought to require that IDs be presented when voting, was quickly shot down by California voters Tuesday, the Associated Press called. After Proposition 40, the billionaire tax effort, this measure drew the most attention as a political hot-button issue.

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Californians vote a resounding 'yes' on housing affordability propositions

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Two propositions aimed at easing housing costs for renters and would-be homeowners in California easily passed Tuesday night, making clear that voters across the socioeconomic spectrum support any way to lower sky-high housing prices.

Propositions 1 and 37 each passed with roughly 60% of counted votes, as of Wednesday morning. The results are still preliminary.

In a sea of statewide propositions, and with much of the focus on a proposed billionaire tax, these housing propositions received less attention and little opposition. The propositions unlock billions in bond dollars to build housing and help residents buy homes in a state where the median price is nearly $900,000, according to recent data.

"Californians are saying, at least with these two measures, 'Hey, we realize that there isn't endless money but, in this case, we need to make sure that the government is dedicating resources to making housing more affordable and available,'" said Matthew Lewis, communications director of California YIMBY, an organization that supports making it cheaper to build housing.

With the passage of Proposition 1, the state has the go-ahead to issue $11.25 billion in bonds. Most of that money would be set aside for building and renovating low-income housing — likely doled out to local governments and private developers as low-cost loans.

Another chunk of the money will go toward helping first-time homebuyers and veterans buy homes, housing for farmworkers and infrastructure projects. The University of California and California State University will split $350 million to build student housing.

"As the University of California works with the state to enroll more California students, the demand for affordable student housing has risen," UC President James B. Milliken said in a statement. "This historic investment will enable the construction of necessary and new housing on our campuses."

The proposition comes at a cost to the state. The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that paying back bond investors will cost $500 million to $600 million a year, for an anticipated term of 25 years.

Proposition 37, on the other hand, was pitched as self-funded. The program, slated to be administrated by the California Housing Finance Agency, directs the state to create a down payment assistance fund for middle-income homebuyers, with up to $25 billion in bonds.

"[The passage of Proposition 37] makes a statement that the public understands that we have a middle [class] that can't afford to get a house and that homeownership's important," said former state Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg, the architect of the measure.

The down payment help will be in the form of loans, and coupon payments funded by the loan interest are expected to pay back bond investors.

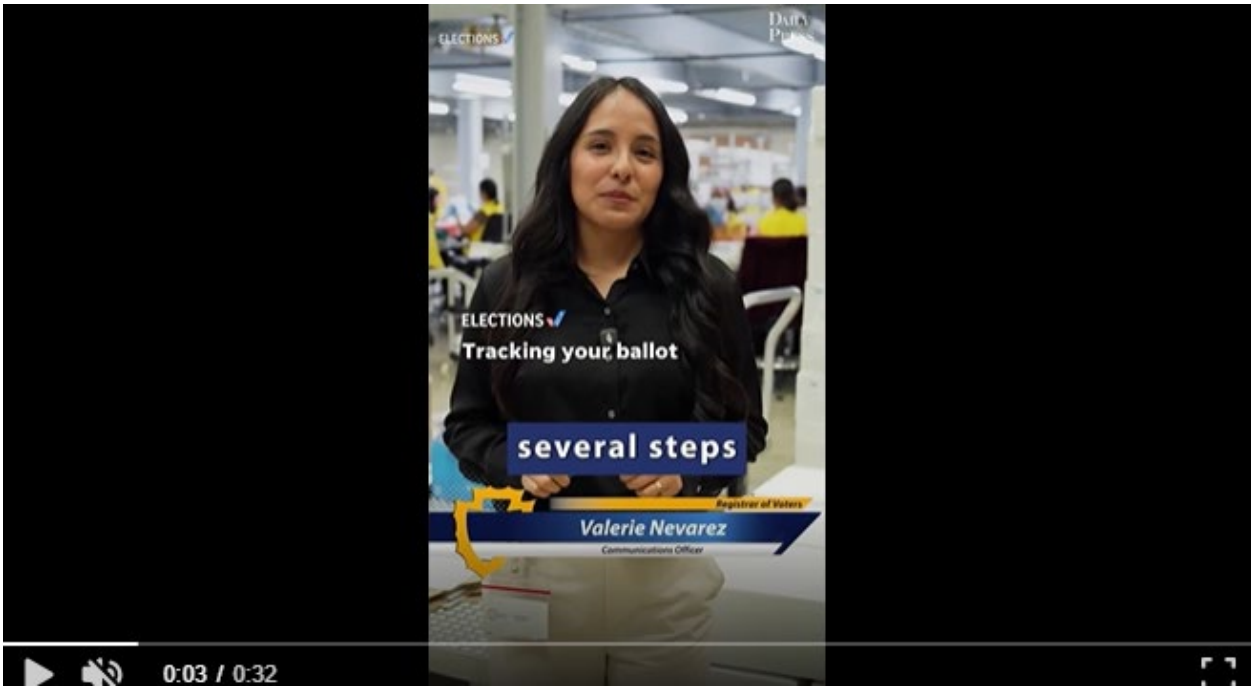
There are several stipulations, including income requirements for buyers and that the money go toward only purchasing new homes, something Hertzberg said he hopes will spur construction.

Skeptics, including Lewis, say there is already enough demand for new housing and that additional changes, such as to building codes or zoning, are needed to make it easier and less expensive to build.

Those changes, if any, likely would be made at the local level. In Los Angeles, the two mayoral candidates differ on what to do to bring down housing costs, with incumbent Karen Bass more skeptical of a push to build denser housing than her opponent, Councilmember Nithya Raman.

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What happens after your ballot arrives at the Registrar of Voters?



Every returned ballot in San Bernardino County goes through a careful process after Election Day. Here's a closer look from the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters.

Provided by the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters

County approves Lovemore Ranch (again)

Robert Haydon Send an email November 4, 2026



The first time most residents heard of Lovemore Ranch was first in August of 2024 when developer Axel Cramer presented the project during a community meeting in Joshua Tree. Since then, the development has faced setbacks in the form of appeals, court cases, and in San Bernardino on Tuesday morning: a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) redux that put the project back in front of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

Lovemore Ranch is a 64-home subdivision planned for an 18.5 acre Single Family Residential zoned lot in Joshua Tree. The lot sits in a low-density residential use category, which allows homes with a minimum lot size of 7,200 square feet. Amongst those 64 lots are two non-resident lots: a recreational space in the middle of the property and an onsite wastewater treatment plant, which would sit alongside a detention basin planned for stormwater runoff on the north side of the property.

The previous MND was set aside by a court ruling in June of this year in a lawsuit brought by the Joshua Tree Village Neighbors. San Bernardino County Planning Manager Paul Toomey gave the board background on what was missing from the previous document: a consultation with the Regional Water Quality Control Board and stormwater detention design options.

“So in summary, the reconsideration of the Lovemore Project requires that the board consider the initial Mitigated Negative Declaration that added additional information and clarification as required by the court order,” he told the board.

That corrected MND was recirculated amongst 132 parties by mail, along with a Public Notice published with local news outlets. Toomey says that the staff suggestion is that the

revised document is adopted to move the proposed development out of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

In public comments on the item, thirteen people spoke up against the project. That included many members of the Morongo Basin Conservation Association (MBCA), which was responsible for the original appeal of the project's approval.

Many of the comments said that the current MND reapproval process was simply a paper shuffle without any real additive environmental analysis of the project. Other public commenters included Baback Naficy, who is the lawyer that represented the Joshua Tree Village Neighbors in their case against Lovemore and the county.

You can read all public comments below.

Other public commenters were more colorful in their description of the concerns they have about the project, such as Joshua tree resident Emily Felt.

"Let me say it one more time. As a resident of Joshua Tree, this will be devastating to our town. People are already making plans to sell their house and move away if this goes through… and I mean, would you want to live in sewage town? Would you want to live next door to a sewage facility? Would you want to visit a place that has sewage smell everywhere?"

Lovemore Investments LLC principal and development frontman Axel Cramer also spoke to the board, saying that the two items that the court challenged the MND on had been fixed.

"The project before you today, including the tentative map, conditions of approval, CEQA mitigation monitoring and reporting program and technical studies as well as the vision is the same project you approved last April with no changes. I'm excited to bring housing to Joshua Tree in a way that is sensitive to both the environment and the spirit of the place and respectfully ask that you reapprove the project. "

After the close of public comment, discussion was concise and swift with the County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Curt Hagman noted that the development as proposed would be less dense than the current zoning allows, with only 64 lots proposed vs. the allowed 92.4.

He also stated that what was in front of the County board on Tuesday morning was more about notification of the public rather than water analysis.

"That's why I make sure just the residents know that what we do today is not the end-all be-all for the septic. It has to be approved by another entity. All those different things will be taken into account at that point," he said during closing comments.

Chairman and Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe said that regardless of any future developments, she would like to see improvements to the area in regards to traffic.

“We have visitors that come into the national park. We have an elementary school at the offset of Sunny Vista. Traffic regardless of any development has been a concern on that east-west and I’d like to look at doing some traffic improvements and I can bring those forward at a later date but I just wanted to let you know that that’s something that I’d like to see improved regardless of any development,” Rowe said.

The public hearing was closed and called to a vote, with four voting yes to the approval and Supervisor Paul Cook voting no.

Public Comments

The public comment period at the meeting was held to 3 minutes for each speaker. Thirteen speakers in total offered their feedback on the proposed approval of Lovemore Ranch. Developer Axel Cramer also gave a public comment at the end of the period.

County says yes, again, to Lovemore; Judge's ruling stopped first permit

By Kurt Schauppner The Desert Trail

JOSHUA TREE — Around five months after its initial approval was set aside by court order, the county's elected supervisors repeated their approval of a proposal to build 64 homes on 18.49 acres.

Paul Cook provided the lone "no" vote when the board of supervisors voted 4-1 Tuesday, Nov. 3, to approve the Lovemore Investments project proposed north of Alta Loma Drive between Hillview Drive and Sunset Road.

County Planning Manager Paul Toomey told supervisors that staff members revised and recirculated a mitigated negative declaration — a document stating the project will have less than significant effects on the environment if certain measures are taken.

The county was ordered to revise that declaration by Judge Jeffrey Erickson, who in June said San Bernardino County violated state law when approving landowner Axel Cramer's gated community.

The judge ruled the county failed to consult with the Regional Water Quality Board about Lovemore's wastewater treatment facility and did not adequately analyze stormwater runoff that could be caused by the development.

David Fick, a member of the Joshua Basin Water District board of directors, said the judge found developers and the county falsely claimed the Regional Water Quality Board had approved Lovemore's wastewater treatment plant.

The project as presented this week includes a wastewater treatment facility and a detention basin for stormwater drainage.

Twelve members of the public spoke against the housing development.

Morongo Basin Conservation Association Vice President Erin Gatlin and board member Pat Flanagan urged supervisors to order an environmental impact report, which they said was required by law.

"It's a bad design, a bad plan and a bad project that does not benefit Joshua Tree," resident Bonny Hawthorne said.

"Is this a test case for high density housing?" she wondered. "Is Lovemore the foot in the door for high-density housing?"

“This project is not community-minded at all,” Ryan Schneider said.

“These houses will not be affordable to Joshua Tree residents,” he said, opining that the project will become a resort, not housing suitable for county residents.

He worried about anyone living next door to a sewage treatment facility and having to deal with the odor.

“None of you would ever approve this in your own community,” he said.

David Dodge said he lives close to the proposed development. He urged supervisors to table the project until it can be studied further.

“Traffic is already a problem. This project will make it a nightmare,” he said.

Supervisors also heard from Lovemore developer Cramer, who said the development will be “a living example of holistic design.”

He said it will be built responsibly.

“I an excited to bring housing to Joshua Tree,” he said.

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Get to the slopes! Ski resorts in and near California will open as early as this week



By Brian E. Clark

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Up and down the Golden State, skiers and snowboarders are dreaming about a whopper of a winter with numerous feet of super El Niño-juiced snow.

John Rice, president of Ski California, which represents nearly three dozen resorts in California and Nevada, is one of them.

“There’s a lot of pent-up energy and demand in the market after last year,” he said, referring to the warm and dry 2025.

But while this winter will be an exciting one to watch, there are no guarantees that epic pow days are on their way. “A huge season is possible, but I’m not letting anyone quote me as saying it’s definitely coming,” says meteorologist Bryan Allegretto, who runs the snow forecasting app OpenSnow, a tool that’s been called “the equivalent of Tahoe’s snow bible.” He notes that only four of the seven strong El Niños on record brought above-average snow to the Sierra and three came in below average.

And while Allegretto says he is “cautiously optimistic” about this season’s forecast, he has a big caveat: “Too much snow means closed roads and closed or delayed opening ski areas, so too much snow is not always a good thing,” he says.

Planning a trip to the snow? Here's what to expect this season at the most popular ski resorts in and near California. One thing to note: These season opening dates are projections. Check the resorts' websites for updates.

Mt. Baldy

Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: Less than an hour drive

Projected season opening date: Nov. 26

What makes it special: Only 45 miles from Los Angeles in the San Gabriel Mountains, Mt. Baldy has 26 runs spread over 800 acres and three mountains. It also has a respectable vertical descent of 2,100 feet with wide-open glades, tree runs, bowls, moguls, groomed runs, cornices and quarter pipes. For those who don't ski or snowboard, Mt. Baldy also offers snow tubing.

What's new this season: To celebrate its diamond anniversary, Mt. Baldy is offering 75th Anniversary passes that allow guests to lock in one to four winters of unlimited skiing and snowboarding at 2026 rates. Prices range from $349 to $2,499. These passes have no blackout dates, no $30 parking fees and include a 75th anniversary Baldy T-shirt.

Lift ticket prices: $59 to $129. Mt. Baldy Winter and Annual Pass, and Ski California Gold Pass honored.

Pro-tip: Mt. Baldy has the most steep runs in Southern California. Advanced and expert skiers and snowboarders might want to head to Chair 1 to try "Nightmare," a 36-degree slope that maintains its drop for 1,000 vertical feet.

Mountain High

Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A 90-minute drive

Projected opening date: Nov. 21, but weather-dependent

What makes it special: Despite its name, Mountain High requires no mountain driving to reach it. It has 290 acres of skiable terrain and nearly all of it is served by snowmaking. Nearly two-thirds of Mountain High runs are for novice and intermediate skiers and snowboarders.

What's new this season: The H2O Winter Classic is coming back for its second year, rebooting a surf/snow event that was hosted at Mountain High in the early 2000s and lasted for more than a decade. Expect bigger prizes, a bigger course and bigger bands.

The 1st Turn Lesson Program returns for a second year with new experience enhancements. Offered for $199, the program includes three days of instruction, rental equipment and beginner lift access.

Lift ticket prices: $130 to $150. Indy, Cali, Ski California Gold and Powder Alliance passes honored.

Pro-tip: Families and novices should head for the North Resort, while experts will find challenges at West.

Snow Valley

Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A 90-minute drive

Projected season opening date: Nov. 21, conditions permitting. Sign up for Snow Valley's newsletter for updates about opening day.

What makes it special: Snow Valley Mountain Resort has a six-person chairlift and lift-served tubing, making the resort a family favorite and one of the reasons Liftopia has ranked it the top beginner-friendly ski and snowboard area in the region. It's also popular because it offers night skiing and riding on most Fridays and Saturdays from December through the end of the season.

What's new this season: BBMR Double Play (Snow Valley is part of Big Bear Mountain Resort) is a new promotion. For $149, you get two days of skiing or snowboarding (up to 50% less than a single-day lift ticket), with no blackout dates. Unlike traditional lift tickets,

these packs of tickets are undated, so you don't have to pick your days when you buy.

Another new package called "Meet the Mountain" includes a lift ticket, rentals and a beginner lesson, all starting at $99.

Lift ticket prices: $89 to $169. BBMR.(Anytime, Midweek, SV Anytime), Ski California Gold and Ikon passes honored. Blackouts apply.

Pro-tip: Its slopes are often uncrowded, making Snow Valley perfect for a quick, low-key getaway.

Big Bear Mountain Resort

Big Bear Lake Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A two-hour drive

Projected season opening date: Thanksgiving, weather permitting

What makes it special: This resort consists of two areas: Bear Mountain and Snow Summit. With more than 200 park features, 12-foot and 18-foot halfpipes, canyon terrain and the largest beginner area in Southern California, Bear Mountain is often filled with both kids and hardcore snowboarders. Snow Summit is more traditional, attracting families, novice and intermediate skiers and riders, but it still has more than 20 runs and its own terrain park, Westridge.

What's new this season: Like at Snow Valley, the resort is offering the BBMR Double Play promotion. And kids ski free the week of March 15-21, 2027.

Lift ticket prices: $89 to $169 for adult full-day and $59 to $109 for night skiing. BBMR (Anytime, Midweek, SV Anytime), Ikon, Ikon Base, Ikon Session and Ski California Gold passes honored. Blackouts apply.

Pro tip: On stormy days, it's difficult to get to the resort. So if you can, leave the night before.

Mammoth Mountain

Mammoth Lakes Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A five-hour drive

Projected season opening date: Nov. 13

What makes it special: Mammoth is California's highest lift-served, four-season resort playground with a lofty summit at 11,053 feet. It offers one of the longest ski seasons in the country, normally running from early November into May and often June and even July.

What's new this season: Mammoth has invested $13.5 million on improvements, with nearly half going into a new Remote Avalanche Control System at Mammoth and June Mountain to give ski patrollers more flexibility to reduce hazards remotely during severe storms.

The remainder is going toward upgrades to its grooming fleet with the addition of five PistenBully snowcats, a new snowmaking system on the Canyon Ski Back Trail at June Mountain, plus new-and-improved dining and lodging options.

Lift ticket prices: $89 to $220. Ikon, Ski California Gold and Mammoth Black passes honored. From Dec. 5 to 11, children 12 and under ski free. (Just reserve a $0 child lift ticket online.)

Pro-tip: Lincoln Mountain Chair 22 has some of the best tree skiing in the country.

June Mountain

Mono County Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A 5 1/2-hour drive

Projected season opening date: Dec. 20

What makes it special: Located less than 30 minutes from the town of Mammoth Lakes, June Mountain has some of the most spectacular views in the Sierra Nevada. The surrounding lakes, wide variety of terrain spread out over 1,500 acres, uncrowded slopes and easygoing atmosphere draw many families to the resort.

Lift ticket prices: $99 to $149. June Mountain, Ikon and Ski California Gold passes honored.

Pro-tip: Lift tickets are free for kids 12 and younger.

Badger Pass Ski Area at Yosemite National Park

Mariposa County Ski Area

Distance from Los Angeles: A 7-hour drive

Projected season opening date: Dec 11, weather permitting

What makes it special: Badger Pass Ski Area, located inside of Yosemite National Park, is one of the oldest ski areas in the state, offering rentals and ski lessons at affordable rates. Or opt for snowboarding, snowshoeing or cross-country and downhill skiing. While this is a magical ski area, due to its location within the national park, it's not able to make snow, which means it depends on a good natural snowfall to operate.

What's new this season: Improved and faster ticketing systems to minimize lines

Lift ticket prices: $82 for adult full day, $61.50 for children full day. Season passes are $541 for adults and $258 for children. Kids 6 and under ski free. Badger Pass honored.

Pro-tip: Badger Pass is an ideal learner's ski area with gentle slopes, fewer crowds and a friendly atmosphere.

Heavenly Lake Tahoe

Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A seven-hour drive

Projected season opening date: Nov. 20

What makes it special: Nestled into the Sierra Nevada, Heavenly spans the California-Nevada border, providing a one-of-a-kind skiing and snowboarding experience with its

breathtaking views of surrounding peaks and deep-blue Lake Tahoe.

What's new this season: Mountain dining upgrades.

Lift ticket prices: Starting at $147. Epic passes honored.

Pro-tip: Heavenly is a huge resort, with nearly 5,000 acres of skiable terrain and 97 trails ranging from groomers for beginners to steep chutes to challenge experts. You'll want to stay multiple days, and maybe even try a full-moon snowshoe tour on one of them.

Northstar California

Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A seven-hour drive

Projected season opening date: Nov. 20

What makes it special: Northstar is a laid-back resort. It's just a long stone's throw to Lake Tahoe and offers glade skiing through huge trees in Martis Valley. Its village has stunning mountain views, to say nothing of tasty fireside s'mores and hot cocoa. Skiers and snowboarders also like that it receives an average of 350 inches of annual snowfall.

What's new this season: Snow Start, a mountain experience for Mandarin-speaking guests. On three Saturdays this winter 2027 — Jan. 23, Feb. 27 and March 20 — Northstar Ski School will host all-day group lessons for guests 15+ to learn from native Mandarin-speaking instructors.

Lift ticket prices: Starting at $131. Epic passes honored.

Pro tip: Northstar's slopes are below the treeline and protected from winds, making its glades an ideal places to ski and ride in storms.

Sugar Bowl

Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A seven-hour drive

Projected season opening date: Nov. 27

What makes it special: Sugar Bowl is an independently-run resort with an old-school, European vibe. Its terrain stretches over four peaks on Donner Summit near Lake Tahoe, varying between steep tree skiing, wide-open groomers, terrain parks and beginner-friendly zones. Season passes and lift tickets are limited here, so the slopes aren't crowded.

What's new this season: Sugar Bowl Resort continues a multi-year, $100-million resort development project with major improvements debuting this winter, including a new Village Gondola, a reimagined main lodge and beginner experience, expanded terrain parks and snowmaking on the mountain and enhanced snowmaking at Sugar Rush Tubing.

Lift ticket prices: Dynamic lift ticket pricing, with midweek tickets starting at $99. Sugar Bowl is also introducing new 2-, 3- and 4-day packs. Mountain Collective and Ski California Gold passes honored.

Pro-tip: Sugar Bowl opened with the backing of Walt Disney in 1939, making it one of the oldest ski areas in North America. At the resort, look out for Mt. Disney, along with the Donald Duck run, off the Disney Express chairlift.

Palisades Tahoe

Placer County Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A seven-hour drive

Projected season opening date: Nov. 26

What makes it special: This huge resort is actually the combination of the old Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley, which hosted the Winter Olympics in 1960. The combined areas, now dubbed Palisades Tahoe and linked by the Base-to-Base Gondola, has 6,000 acres of terrain that offer plenty of runs for everyone from beginners to experts. It is also one of only four U.S. resorts featured on the World Cup racing circuit this season, hosting the men's slalom and giant slalom events in late February.

What's new this season: The resort introduces the $799 Palisades Beginner Progression

Pass, in which beginner skiers and riders receive three group lessons that can be taken at any time during the season, along with lift tickets and rental equipment for the lesson dates and a complimentary pair of goggles. Once guests graduate from the program, they receive a pass to Palisades Tahoe, valid for the remainder of the season.
The resort is also investing $3.2 million in remote avalanche control systems designed to help conduct avalanche mitigation more efficiently.

Lift ticket prices: The maximum 1-day window rate during the peak season is $289. For a mid-week multi-day visit, the resort recommends buying 4-packs starting at $95 per day. Palisades Tahoe will offer $89 Community Day tickets on select Wednesdays during the season, starting in January, with a portion of the proceeds supporting local nonprofits. Ikon, Ski California Gold and Palisades Tahoe passes honored.

Pro-tip: Palisades is an actual rock feature off the Siberia Chair at the old Squaw Valley Resort and is in an arena where many free-ride legends have made their mark.

Kirkwood

Alpine County Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A 7 1/2-hour drive

Projected season opening date: Dec. 4

What makes it special: Kirkwood is a big mountain with more than 2,300 acres of terrain and a vertical drop of 2,000 feet. It's steep and deep, producing exciting cliff drops — to say nothing of moguls and open bowls that will make your legs feel like Jell-O by the time the lifts close. While the rugged terrain and prolific deep snowpack beckons shredders for steep lines, the skiing and snowboarding in the Timber Creek base area offers an ideal place to improve skills and enjoy perfect groomers, moderately pitched tree runs and small gullies.

What's new this season: Kirkwood's Ski & Ride School is introducing Mini Rippers Mondays, a weekly program for kids ages 3-4 to build all-mountain skills. For skiers and riders ages 7 and up, Friday JETS is a new season-long, team-driven program focused on developing all-mountain skills and teaching the fundamentals of freeride. The resort is also refreshing several of its adult instruction offerings, including its popular 2-Day Women's Clinic.

Lift ticket prices: Starting at $113. Epic and Ski California Gold passes honored.

Pro tip: The advanced Thunder Saddle area has a northern orientation that offers fresh tracks for days after a storm has passed.

Lee Canyon in Las Vegas

Ski Resort

By Brian E. Clark

Distance from Los Angeles: An hour flight to the Las Vegas airport.

Projected season opening date: Nov. 20

What makes it special: Lee Canyon, with a lofty base elevation of 8,660 feet in the Spring Mountains, is southern Nevada's only ski resort. It's a dramatic alpine escape situated an hour northwest of the neon of the Las Vegas Strip. It has 195 acres of terrain, 27 trails, a vertical drop of 860 feet and six chairlifts.

What's new this season: A four-person fixed chairlift in the West Bowl, five intermediate trails and a rope tow for the terrain park.

Lift ticket prices: Variable starting at $14. Power and Ski California Gold passes honored.

Pro tip: On a powder day, leave Vegas by 7 a.m. and have either an all-wheel drive car or a set of chains.

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe near Reno, Nevada

Ski Resort

By Brian E. Clark

Distance from Los Angeles: A one-hour and 40-minute plane ride to Reno

Projected opening date: Nov. 6, weather permitting

What makes it special: Locals call Mt. Rose a "hidden gem" with eight lifts, 70 trails, 1,200 acres, fewer crowds than the big Tahoe resorts and a vertical drop of 1,800 feet. It also has the highest base area in the Sierra at 8,260 feet, which often means powder snow and an early season opening. Plus, it's only about 25 minutes from the Reno airport.

What's new this season: The resort invested nearly $2 million in improvements, part of which went into a main line replacement of the resort's extensive snowmaking system.

Lift ticket prices: Weekday adult tickets start at $119, but vary by date. Weekday child tickets (ages 6-15) begin at $59. Specials include $79 tickets on Ladies Day Thursdays. Mt. Rose and Ski California Gold passes honored.

Pro tip: If you like a challenge, try the Chutes, a steep, inbound extreme zone with 40 to 55-degree runs and over 1,000 feet of continuous vertical drop.

Park City Mountain in Park City, Utah

Ski Resort

Distance from Los Angeles: A one-hour-and-45-minute plane ride

Projected season opening date: Nov. 20

What makes it special: While not in California, Angelenos love flocking to Park City Mountain. With more than 7,300 acres of terrain, 330 trails, 42 lifts and six terrain parks, it offers the most lift-accessible ski and snowboard terrain in the United States. Dedicated learning areas such as High Meadow Park are ideal for beginners of all ages, while adventure seekers can challenge themselves on high-alpine terrain such as Jupiter Peak, Ninety-Nine 90 or Pinecone Ridge.

What's new this season: The 10-person Canyons Village Skyway Gondola will transport skiers and snowboarders from the new Canyons Village Parking Structure to the Canyons Village Forum.

Lift ticket prices: Ticket window prices range from $209 to $249 with advance purchase. Epic passes honored.

Pro tip: From he Salt Lake City airport, Park City is a 35-minute shuttle ride.

Deer Valley in Park City, Utah

Ski Resort

By Brian E. Clark

Distance from Los Angeles: A one-hour and 45-minute plane ride

Projected season opening date: Dec. 5

What makes it special: Deer Valley, which abuts Park City Mountain Resort to the south, is one of the few ski areas that does not allow snowboarders on its slopes. It prides itself as an upscale resort that takes extra special care of its skiers, including having valets to help them get on the snow. It grooms its runs meticulously and limits the number of skiers on its slopes. To guarantee access to the mountain, it's best to purchase tickets online in advance, especially during weekends and busy times.

What's new: The resort's newest lift, Hail Peak Express, will add 200 skiable acres and seven new runs, bringing the total acreage to 4,500 on 209 runs. One of the new runs is called Hill Yeah, which pays tribute to Hill Air Force Base in northern Utah.

Lift ticket prices: Starting at $99 online to $329 at the ticket window. Ikon Pass honored.

Pro-tip: Head for the Deer Valley East Village on U.S. 40 (and its 500 new parking spaces) as a faster way to get on the snow.

High Desert organizations to honor and celebrate veterans in November

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Various organizations in the High Desert will take time in November to honor the men and women who served in the U.S. military.

Some of the events are scattered throughout the month or held on Veterans Day, which falls on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Kicking off the veteran-themed events is the 32nd Tri-Community Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 5, at Serrano High School at 9292 Sheep Creek Road in Phelan.

Veterans and one guest are invited to attend the free dinner, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m., and meals served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Heritage Builders Club students will serve meals and visit with the veterans, giving the students an opportunity to chat with the veterans.

Tickets are required and each meal must have a ticket. The number of tickets is limited.

Tickets may be picked up at Phelan Pizza Factory, Flagstar Bank locations in Phelan and Wrightwood, Victorville Motors, Chick-fil-A, and Heritage School in Phelan.

Retired Snowline Unified School District teacher Todd Anton helped organize the event throughout its history with the support of the Tri-Community and the school district.

For more information, visit hdveteransdinner.com.

Veterans Recognition Ceremony

State Sen. Martinez Valladares will host a Veterans Recognition Ceremony from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026, at Leo Collins American Legion Post 229 at 11382 Lawson Avenue in Adelanto. The event will honor veterans, nonprofits and businesses. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 760-246-2911 or email miriam.munoz@sen.ca.gov.

Veterans Appreciation BBQ & Car Show

The Rotary Club of Apple Valley's 3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Car Show & BBQ is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Singh Center for the Arts in Apple Valley.

The family-friendly event is open to the public and will include food vendors, resource tables and a car show hosted by community leader Sylvia Romo and her Rockabilly Mafia Dolls charity organization.

The Singh Center is located at 22311 Bear Valley Road in Apple Valley.

Veterans Appreciation Celebration

Dignity Memorial and the Barstow Senior Center will host a Veterans Appreciation Celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 7, at the senior facility at 555 Melissa Avenue in Barstow. The event is open to the public and will include a barbecue lunch, and ceremony. For more information, call 760-256-5023.

Veterans Concert

The Apple Valley Senior Center will host a post-guitar workshop concert from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 8 at 13188 Central Road in Apple Valley.

The "Time Travelers" band and others will perform during the event, which will include a time when veterans who constructed guitars will be recognized.

The November workshop allowed veterans and first responders to construct their own guitar, learn a new skill, and find a bit of healing, according to an Army veteran and the president of American Patriot Music, Tony "T-Bone" Villegas, Jr.

For more information on the workshop, read the Daily Press article "Nonprofit to host veteran's guitar-building workshop in the High Desert."

Veterans Day Experience

Barstow Community College will host "From Bites to Benefits - A Veterans Day Experience" from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 9, at the college's Performance Arts Center, 2700 Barstow Road.

The interactive event features a guest speaker, veterans recognition and main course. Also, 10 community resource partners that will rotate opportunities to connect with local organizations and resources.

Victorville's Veterans Day Celebration

The city of Victorville will host its 30th Annual Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 11, on 7th Street in Old Town.

The event kicks off at 9 a.m. with a Veterans Day Parade, which will run along 7th Street from Tracy Street to Forrest Avenue.

The Veteran Day ceremony will take place immediately following the conclusion of the parade at the corner of 7th Street and Forrest Avenue.

The city will once again incorporate a “Salute to Victorville Veterans” into the ceremony. Information about their military service will appear in the event program, and their photos will be featured in commemorative videos.

There will also be a video featuring veterans throughout the decades reflecting on what it's like to serve in the United States military.

The celebration is made possible with the help of various sponsors, including SCLA, Air Express Towing, Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group and CEMEX.

Portions of 7th Street from Mojave Drive to B Street will be closed from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. for the celebration. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes.

Those attending this event are encouraged to travel Hesperia Road into Old Town.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 760-245-5551 or 760-955-1681.

Veterans Day Ceremony in Hesperia

The Hesperia Recreation and Park District will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial, located at Hesperia Lake Park, 7500 Arrowhead Lake Road in Hesperia.

The park district invites all active and retired military personnel, their families, and the public to attend the ceremony. For more information, call 760-244-5488.

Veterans Honor Ride & Breakfast

The Barstow Veterans Honor Ride and Community Breakfast is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon on Nov. 11, at the Cora M. Harper Community Center at 841 Barstow Road.

Community members are encouraged to line up along Barstow Road between Rimrock and Armory roads to wave flags in support of local heroes. A complimentary breakfast will be served for veterans and one guest. To register and for more information, visit the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce website.

Death Valley Run

After a Relay For America team carried an American flag 3,016 miles on foot from Nevada to Washington, D.C., it will take on Death Valley on Veterans Day.

On Nov. 11, the team will carry an American flag from Badwater Basin in Death Valley, which is 282 feet below sea level and the lowest point in North America, to the summit of Mount Whitney at 14,505 feet, the highest point in the lower 48 states.

The 145 miles and 20,000-foot climb will happen over 24 hours to honor everyone who has served in the U.S. military.

Runners will start at midnight and cover the Badwater 135 route in relay legs to Whitney Portal, then mountaineers will carry the flag to the summit in winter conditions before midnight.

For more information or to participate in the Veterans Day Challenge, visit relayforamerica.org or instagram.com/relayforamerica.

Veterans Fly Fishing

The Hi-Desert Fly Fishers Club will host its Veterans Appreciation Fly Fishing Event on Friday, Nov. 13, at Jess Ranch Lakes in Apple Valley.

Veterans, volunteers and the public are invited to enjoy fly fishing opportunities, fly tying demonstrations, camaraderie and family-friendly activities. The event will also feature lunch and refreshments, raffles and giveaways.

The nonprofit organization supports veterans, cancer survivors, youth outreach programs, and conservation efforts throughout the community.

For more times, registration and more information, visit Hi Desert Fly Fishers on Facebook, or contact Christine Rettig at hdff4trout@gmail.com or 1crziggy@gmail.com.

This.list.will.be.updated.as.more.information.on.events.becomes.available¡

Woman suspected of intentionally crashing into car, killing 1 and injuring 3 in Rancho Cucamonga

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A 32-year-old Oceanside woman has been accused of murder after allegedly intentionally running into an occupied car on Sunday, Nov. 1 in Rancho Cucamonga.

Julia Kunkel is suspected of causing a three-vehicle collision at the intersection of Day Creek Boulevard and Wilson Avenue on Sunday just before 9 p.m., according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. The crash injured four occupants in one car, including a 40-year-old woman, a 61-year-old woman, a 38-year-old man and a 6-month-old girl.

All four were hospitalized and the 40-year-old woman, Leslie De Belen, later died at the hospital, authorities said.

Kunkel also was hospitalized with injuries from the crash.

The extent of Kunkel's injuries, and those of the surviving victims, were unclear as of Tuesday night.

The driver of the third vehicle involved in the crash was not injured, the sheriff's department said.

Following the crash, investigators determined that Kunkel intentionally crashed into the victims' car, authorities said. It remained unclear as of Tuesday night what circumstances led to the collision, what indicated that the crash was intentional and what Kunkel's alleged motives were.

It was also unclear if Kunkel previously knew the victims.

Kunkel will be arrested and booked on suspicion of murder and attempted murder once she is released from the hospital, according to the sheriff's department.