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It Would Be Nice to Have All That Medicare Fraud Money This Week as Supervisors Discuss Cutting Roads and Permit Budgets to Cover Health Care Costs

David Guhin starts this week as the new Sonoma County Administrator. On his agenda are budget talks to deal with loss of federal revenues that may cost the County a lot of money that Supervisors may need to find in their budget.

The Board of Supervisors and county department heads will dive into the numbers this week. The workshops starting Monday mark the first public step in the county’s budgeting process, where department heads will lay out their needs for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The Board of Supervisors won’t approve the budget until June.

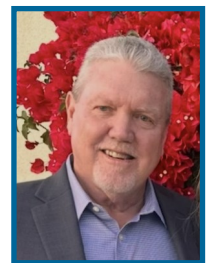
At issue are a lot of unknowns but chief amongst them is significant fiscal fallout from that “One Big Beautiful Bill”, also known as HR1, that is expected to hit Sonoma County in the second half of the new fiscal year, when the most sweeping changes to social programs, including federal health care coverage under Medicaid and food assistance benefits, are set to take effect.

“The law imposes new work requirements and increases reenrollment or renewal to twice a year versus the current annual renewal process. County staff estimate these new requirements could cause as many as 25,364 residents to lose their health coverage through Medi-Cal, the state’s version of the Medicaid program.

The implementation of HR1 and its effect on eligibility requirements is expected to pull the state and its counties back to a health care system in place before the Affordable Care Act. That system, called the County Medical Services Program, made counties responsible for providing medical care to residents without any other care options. The cost of building the system back up is astronomical, officials say.

John’s Soapbox

Remember my disclaimer -this Soapbox is my own opinion and does not necessarily reflect any official ECA position, nor any opinion of any ECA member firm. This is my stuff only and is intended to be thought-provoking as well as educational.



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In Sonoma County, 97 people currently use CMSP but estimates show the county could become responsible for 11,560 people.

"We're talking 10,000 plus. There's no way financially (CMSP) can cover that cost," said Nolan Sullivan, the county's health services director. "The county has to provide those services, so the county is kind of panicking, rightly so, as probably all the 57 other counties are."

County administrators are also contending with delayed reimbursements, totaling \$31 million, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for repairs to local infrastructure damaged by storms, Bruland said.

The expected loss of two FEMA programs — the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program and the Hazard Mitigation Grant program — will also impact Permit Sonoma's funding sources, Bruland said.

Needless to say, uncertainty is no fun to deal with when trying to "wrastle" income vs expenses. Supervisors have some complex discussions ahead of them starting this week.

I bet they wish they had the luxury of having all the medicare fraud money that disappeared? [california medicaid fraud - Search](#)

Right?

Sigh.

Note to Supes: Please do not cut our road funding expenditures!!

That's All Folks
John

ECA COMMITTEE NEWS

1. ECA Executive Committee (Officers) Meetings are recurring every month and are held every Last Tuesday from 11:00am - 12:00pm, in the small NCBE conference room. Next meeting will be April 28, 2026, from 11am to 12pm.
2. ECA Board of Directors meetings are recurring every month and are held every last Tuesday from 12:00 - 1:30pm, in the main conference boardroom at NCBE. Next meeting will be April 28, 2026, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm.
3. ECA Government Affairs Committee (GAC) meetings are recurring every month and are held every last Tuesday from 2:00pm - 3:30pm in the main conference boardroom at NCBE. Next meeting will have Terry Sanders (running for City of Santa Rosa City Council) as our guest. We will discuss tax measures and ballot measures more in the next few meetings as well.
4. ECA Specifications Committee are recurring every month and are held every last Wednesday from 3:00-4:30pm in the main conference board room at NCBE. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 29 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Lori Urbanek will be our guest to present and discuss proposed new Utility standards for the City of Santa Rosa.

Results of ECA / NCBE Construction Survey: [ECA Construction Survey - Responses | SurveyMonkey](#)



ECA EVENTS

1. April 30, 2026- the ECA Public Officials Night (Premiere Sponsor For Many Years In A Row is Team Ghilotti) will be held at The Backdrop, 1455 Corporate Center Parkway in Santa Rosa, CA from 5:30pm – 9:00pm.
2. June 21, 2026-ECA Show and Shine Car Show will be held at Julliard Park at 227 Santa Rosa, Ave. in Santa Rosa from 9:00am-3:30pm
3. July 10, 2026-The ECA Golf Tournament will be held at the Windsor Golf Course at 1340 19th Hole Drive in Windsor, CA from 11:00am-7:00pm

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The back of the t-shirt artwork is pictured below.



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ECA & NCBE SAFETY & EDUCATION TRAINING

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April:

Thursday 4/23: [Confined Space “Competent Person”](#) - English 9 am - 11 am

Tuesday/ Wednesday April 28 & 29: [OSHA 10-Hour for Construction](#)

April 28th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

April 29th 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

(Both days attendance required for certification)

MAY

Thursday 5/7: [Fall Protection “Competent Person” - English](#) 9 am - 11 am

Wednesday 5/13: [Confined Space “Competent Person” - English](#) 1 pm - 3 pm

Thursday 5/14: [Key legal Concepts for Public Works for Subcontractor](#) 9 am - 11 am

Thursday 5/14: [Worker’s Comp Office Hours](#) 1 pm - 4 pm

Thursday 5/21: [Latinos in the Workplace - Leading through Uncertainty](#) 7:30 am - 11:30 am

From the Desk of Jim Persons

Not a Big Deal - Until it is

Most of us have heard of the saying “*it is not a big deal until it is.*” Whether it is related to production or safety, there are always issues that are recognized, but nothing is done to correct them in a timely matter. These issues are left unchanged until something occurs, and then it becomes a huge deal to upper management or someone else.

To read more:

[Click HERE](#)



NEWS YOU CAN USE

1. Newsom tries to rob money for road repairs for “green airplane fuel” - [California wants to fund green jet fuel by raiding road repair budget | AP News](#)
2. KOI Moving Equipment in Windsor- [Tribe's Sonoma County casino plans dealt another blow as feds move to strip land of tribal jurisdiction](#)
3. Congrats Dyanna Stetina!!! [Santa Rosa engineering firm announces promotion](#)
4. FEMA Flood Mapping is causing problems again-ECA has reached out to the City of Santa Rosa to see if they would like us to support appealing their own report to FEMA that apparently supports inaccurate flood plain mapping. I have not heard back from the City as to whether they want our support or not. Thanks to Dan Fowler for bringing this to my attention!

JOB LISTING

Date posted: April 15, 2026

Salary: \$95,000 to \$135,000 depending on experience

Job description: Project Manager



Position Summary

The project manager is responsible for planning, coordinating and executing construction projects from inception through completion. This role ensures that all work meets contractual obligations, schedule requirements, quality standards, budget and safety protocols. Acting as the central liaison between owners, engineers, field teams, subcontractors and stakeholders. The project manager drives the project success through disciplined leadership, strategic planning and clear communication

Application Question(s):

- Do you have a degree in Construction Management?
- Do you have any contracting experience with grading, paving and underground utility construction?

To Reply, Email: jerry@engelkeconstruction.com

USEFUL LINKS TO SUPPORT YOUR BUSINESS

- A. Resilient 37 Policy Committee Meetings (open to the public) --link [State Route 37 Policy Committee - Sonoma County Transportation Authority](#)
- B. Metropolitan Transportation Commission website-link [Meetings & Events | Metropolitan Transportation Commission](#)
- C. Sonoma County Transportation Authority-link [Sonoma County Transportation Authority | SCTA](#)
- D. Transportation Authority of Marin Website-link [Transportation Authority of Marin](#)
- E. Marin Builders Exchange website-link [Home - Marin Builders Association, CA](#)
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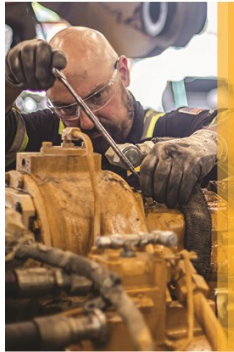
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