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MCUSD: Looks at Cuts

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a classroom.

Last year at this very same time, the board was considering laying off 20 teachers and closing Mariposa Middle School. Most of the layoffs were avoided, and the school remains open. The process was highly controversial, with hundreds of people packing a series of meetings on the subject.

The resolution is the first step in moving toward layoffs. The district has until May 15 to formally layoff its teachers. In the meantime, district staff will be working on a complicated "bump list" that determines a teacher's seniority and, therefore, the possibility that he or she may still have a job.

One teacher called the re-

duction of so many elementary positions, "The end of class size reduction as we know it." No further details about the layoffs were available.

Also on the board's agenda under closed session are items closely related to the first. One resolution releases probationary certificated employees. Another group appears to deal with six temporary certificated teaching positions.

Finally, the board has a closed session item that releases an administrator. The name and/or position of that administrator is not part of the agenda, as it is set for closed session.

The board of trustees meets at 5:30 p.m. in the district office board room.

KINSLOW: Begins March 15

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tion builder who is a California native. He has worn two hats during his career: one as a building inspector and the other, which he is currently wearing, as a contractor. It is the two experiences he hopes will be symbiotically effective as building director.

"The whole process is a teamwork effort," Kinslow said. He plans to use local builders as resources, and hopes they will do the same.

"The ultimate goal is code compliance," Kinslow said. "But I can get a lot farther with a smile and a handshake than a red tag."

He has quite a job ahead of him, as California will be adopting international building codes in the near future. He also wants to help builders get their jobs done. "The jurisdiction should reach out to them," he said of constituents. "It's the way I like to do business in a friendly, productive give and take relationship."

Kinslow and his wife, Laurie, are in the process of relocating to Mariposa from Washington state. He is excited about the prospects that await him. "I'm the right guy in the right place at the right time," Kinslow concluded.

AccuWeather 6-day Forecast for Mariposa

THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy and chilly	Some sun, then clouds	Cloudy with rain possible	Cool with clouds and sun	Partial sunshine	Times of sun and clouds
36°	54° 38°	53° 36°	56° 38°	58° 37°	57° 37°

California Cities AccuWeather.com

City	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Alturas	42/23/sh	48/22/c	48/25/pc	Paso Robles	57/39/c	57/36/r	60/39/pc
Bakersfield	63/44/pc	63/44/r	61/45/pc	Porterville	60/43/pc	60/41/r	60/41/pc
Barstow	63/41/pc	59/41/c	60/40/pc	Redding	52/39/r	58/39/r	59/41/pc
Big Bear	45/24/pc	36/21/c	36/21/pc	Ridgecrest	61/36/pc	54/33/r	57/35/pc
Chico	55/40/r	62/41/r	62/42/pc	Riverside	60/44/pc	60/43/c	56/43/pc
Crescent City	54/42/r	54/43/c	51/41/pc	Sacramento	55/39/r	57/40/r	59/44/pc
El Centro	72/46/pc	71/49/c	67/44/sh	San Bernardino	63/45/pc	60/43/c	60/43/pc
Eureka	52/37/r	53/41/r	52/39/pc	San Diego	63/53/pc	61/53/c	59/52/pc
Fresno	60/46/pc	58/44/r	60/42/pc	San Francisco	56/45/r	57/45/r	58/48/pc
Lemoore	62/44/pc	61/41/r	64/43/pc	San Jose	57/43/r	59/41/r	61/46/pc
Livermore	55/39/r	56/36/r	58/42/pc	San Luis Obispo	57/41/c	58/39/r	59/42/pc
Los Angeles	62/50/pc	60/50/r	62/48/pc	Santa Barbara	59/44/c	58/42/r	60/45/pc
Madera	58/40/pc	59/39/r	60/43/pc	Santa Maria	60/42/c	57/39/r	59/42/pc
Merced	57/41/c	60/39/r	60/43/pc	Santa Rosa	54/38/r	57/37/r	62/42/pc
Modesto	57/42/r	60/39/r	62/44/pc	Stockton	57/39/r	60/39/r	61/44/pc
Napa	56/42/r	60/42/r	61/44/pc	Susanville	44/25/sn	48/26/sn	48/29/pc
Needles	72/49/pc	69/48/c	67/46/sh	Tahoe Valley	37/20/sn	34/19/sn	38/19/sf
Oxnard	62/46/pc	60/46/r	60/46/pc	Ukiah	49/34/r	54/37/r	59/40/pc
Palm Springs	71/50/pc	66/49/c	65/46/pc	Visalia	61/43/pc	62/41/r	62/44/pc
Palo Alto	56/44/r	57/45/r	60/46/pc	Watsonville	56/41/r	56/39/r	58/45/pc
Pasadena	62/46/pc	59/43/r	60/45/pc	Yuba City	56/39/r	60/39/r	61/43/pc

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Moon Phases Yosemite National Park

Last	New	First	Full
Mar 7	Mar 15	Mar 23	Mar 29

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FRIDAY: Some sun, then clouds. High: 54°
SATURDAY: Snow possible in the morning. High: 51°
SUNDAY: Morning snow showers possible. High: 53°

Pioneer Market donates



JASON DUBBERKE (RIGHT) AND AARON MATHESON (LEFT) OF PIONEER MARKET PRESENTED A \$1,159.84 CHECK TO ANGELA MARTINEZ AND MIKE BROCCINI LAST WEEK FOR GRIZZLY GIRLS' SOFTBALL WHICH WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH PIONEER MARKET'S SPORTS CHALLENGE PROGRAM. OVER THE YEARS, PIONEER MARKET HAS DONATED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT MARIPOSA COUNTY.

COUNTY: Adopts Mid-Year Plan

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lengthy discussion about the items that contributed to the adjustments, including unanticipated spending to fix heavy equipment in the public works department and the decline in sales tax revenue. The state is also deferring payment for the May, 2009, special election that cost the County nearly \$70,000.

District 3 Supervisor Janet Bibby thanked department heads. "You've been holding the line," she said. "It's been a county-wide effort." Bibby said difficult times are not over. "It's going to be even more important that we keep everything very tight," she said.

Supervisor Jim Allen asked about TOT numbers and suggested the projections be increased to help return the \$100,000 that was cut from the tourism bureau at budget adoption.

Benson said he realized his projections were conservative, but stood by them. "It's better to be pleasantly surprised than to ratchet down later," he said.

Board Chairman Kevin Cann said the mid-year budget process isn't just about tweaking the current figures. "It's a time we have to look to the future," he said. "The national economy remains in a tizzy. We cut tourism when our TOT was holding strong. We need to review these cuts."

Cann said hotel bookings are up by 20 to 40 percent from last April. "I don't want this board to hold our breath and think things will magically get better," Cann said. "We don't have the luxury of a wait and see attitude in tourism. Tourism pays the bills."

Tourism Bureau Executive Director Jeff Hentz asked the board to restore the funds that were cut. "We do need these funds. We need to market aggressively, and these funds would allow us to do that."

Hentz said that as the travel market gets more competitive, his office must work harder to

reach potential visitors. "TOT is trending ahead very nicely, but there are still a lot of wild cards. We still haven't identified as an industry what the new normal is."

Vice President of Yosemite Motels Kevin Shelton said the bureau's efforts are paying off big. "Our numbers are higher than last year," he told the board, noting that advanced bookings are up 39 percent at Cedar Lodge. "A lot of it is our partnership with the tourism bureau."

Shelton urged the board to restore full funding to the agency. "Our success is your success," he said of the hospitality industry.

Allen agreed. "We can invest in different things and never see this kind of return," he said of the bureau's efforts to date. "I've never seen such a thing in my life. I'm sold."

It was Allen who made the motion to approve Benson's proposal and added the increase to TOT projections to fund half of what was cut from the bureau. The motion passed 4-1. Bibby cast the lone dissent, saying she "reluctantly" opposed.

"This is not an easy decision," Bibby said. "It would be easy for me to throw caution to the wind, but I can't do that."

GOSTING: Suicide Suspected

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Due to the circumstances Brouillette felt it was necessary to make a missing person's report. Based upon a note found at the residence, deputies began searching the area around the residence for Gosting.

At 1 p.m. the Gosting's body was found in Mariposa Creek near his residence. The creek had been running very high after Friday night and Saturday morning's heavy rain.

Members of the Mariposa County Search and Rescue team assisted in the recovery of Gosting's body.

A former associate of Gosting said that he had been despondent over the past several months, hinting that suicide was a possibility. Gosting's physical appearance had also changed drastically in the past several months.

Gosting reportedly worked for the Los Angeles Times as a reporter in the past. While in Mariposa County, Gosting was the director of the group Transportation Involves Everyone (TIE) and worked on a number of environmental issues.

History comes alive

Residents can interact with 15 of Mariposa's most noted historical characters at the Mariposa Museum and History Center's, History Alive!, presentation on Thursday, March 11. Jessie B. Fremont will tell about her latest interests and maybe spin a tale or two about John C. Fremont, then see if the audience can pass a schoolmarm's class test or avoid the steely eyes of Mariposa's historical sheriff.

deputy, Punch Choisser, "the outlaw gunman" and a crusty old miner, and visitors will be charmed by Mrs. Counts as she invites them into her home. The tales of Lucy Hite, James Lawrence, editor of the Mariposa Free Press; and Jenny Gagliardo will also be told.

To purchase tickets contact the Mariposa Museum and History Center at 966-2924, or the Mariposa County Arts Council at 966-3155 or (800) 903-9936.

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