

# South County Business News

A publication of South County Chambers of Commerce—your regional Chamber that is a catalyst for business growth, a convener of leaders and influencers, and a champion for a stronger South San Luis Obispo County community.



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## Women's Business Center Launches Online Spanish Entrepreneurship Course starting July 11th

The Women's Business Center of San Luis Obispo County is proud to announce it will bring back its entrepreneurial training course, "Sonando y Empezando," this month. In this eight-part program followed by four mentoring sessions, students learn how to turn a business idea into a simple business plan while taking action to define their business earning potential.

The first step in the entrepreneurial journey is to discover who you are and how to leverage your unique mix of talents to build a viable business. The program aims to explore "why" becoming an entrepreneur might be the right next step for you and how that can help you discover and define your business vision, mission, and values. And learning to create a simple income and expense budget while managing money with the resources available adds to the vital skillset of any entrepreneur.

Students also gain knowledge on how to align

their product or service, pricing, and offer to their perfect paying customer's needs, wants, and desires. They learn how to build their brand story and spread the word to build momentum to help gain awareness, shift their mindset, and work through the challenges and obstacles getting in the way. One of the most valuable aspects of this program is the opportunity to connect with a community of aspiring entrepreneurs and small-business owners. In the end, students graduate with a completed simple business plan.

This course is valued at \$1,895 and is being offered for a \$100 deposit—refundable upon graduation—or you may donate it to support future aspiring entrepreneurs.

Classes will be led by Gabe Quiroz online on Tuesdays over 12 weeks. Classes begin on July 11th at 9 AM. Class runs from 9 AM to 11:30 AM each week; registration is open at the Women's Business Center's website, [mcscorp.org](http://mcscorp.org).

### UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS:

There is no "Rise & Shine, South County" in July due to the holiday. The next meeting is August 2nd.

**July 3 and July 4:**  
Chamber fireworks booth fundraiser at Grover Beach Vons parking lot

**Wednesday, July 26:**  
Membership Mixer  
5 pm to 7 pm  
Clark Center for the Performing Arts

**Friday, July 28**  
Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting  
via Zoom  
8 am to 9:15 am

## Chamber Business of the Month for July 2023: Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)

Congrats to Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) as the Chamber's Business of the Month for July 2023!

3CE is a public agency that procures electricity from clean and renewable energy resources. Thirty-five communities joined Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) with the shared goal of gaining more control over their electricity needs: to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support the growth of clean and renewable energy, and access additional economic and environmental benefits. 3CE follows the Community Choice Aggregator or "CCA" model, a community-focused, not-for-profit model that allows for greater commitment to clean and renewable energy while supporting community reinvestment for affordable and fair rates and equitable access to clean-energy resources.

3CE serves 95% of the population



## Central Coast Community Energy

throughout Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara counties. Many community members are 3CE customers without realizing it. South San Luis Obispo County communities that are currently enrolled include Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, and Pismo Beach. San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay are also enrolled.

As a 3CE customer, your utility (PG&E) continues delivering power as well as maintaining electric infrastructure and billing, but 3CE and the communities they serve now manage

where (local vs. California vs. out-of-state) and how (solar, wind, geothermal, etc.) electricity is generated. With no investors or shareholders to pass profits on to, together with our customers, 3CE chooses how best to reinvest in the Central Coast community. PG&E continues charging for Transmission and Distribution, while 3CE now charges for Electric Generation (formerly part of PG&E or SCE Bundled Service costs).

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For more information, please visit their website at [3cenergy.org](http://3cenergy.org).

## Update from Supervisor Jimmy Paulding, District 4: Nipomo, Arroyo Grande, Oceano, Huasna, Edna Valley, California Valley, and unincorporated portions of SLO

Happy summer South County! Last month I had the pleasure of speaking at the Chambers' State of South County event at Vespera Resort in Pismo Beach. Now that I am six months into my term, I would like to give you an update on what my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors and I have accomplished so far this year, what work is still in progress, and share a little bit about some of our Board's upcoming goals and priorities.

### What we've accomplished so far:

- **Approved a balanced budget for fiscal year 2023/24.** You can read more about the budget at [slocounty.ca.gov/budget](https://slocounty.ca.gov/budget).
- **Fully funded public safety services** and adopted a strategic plan for our fire department.
- **Lowered the campaign contribution limit for local elections from \$25,000 per donor to \$5,500**, reducing the influence of big money in our local elections.
- **Restored fair district maps for future SLO County elections.** Our Board also formalized representation of the communities that were left without a supervisor during the 2021 redistricting process.



**Supervisor Paulding speaks at the State of South County event on June 21st.**

Until 2026, Supervisor Gibson will represent Los Osos and Morro Bay, while I will represent Oceano.

- **Joined Central Coast Community Energy**, saving the County over \$1.1 million per year on its own electricity bill and \$26 million annually for residents and businesses in the unincorporated areas starting in 2025.
- **Advanced diversity, equity and inclusion at the County.** For the first time in

SLO County's history, the Board passed a resolution recognizing June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. We also adopted a [resolution condemning racism, bigotry, and hate speech in our community](#).

- **Approved the final phase of the Trilogy at Monarch Dunes development in Nipomo with a fully funded paved perimeter trail.** The developer initially offered to construct portions of the perimeter trail in lieu of paying the required \$1.2 million in Quimby fees but the Board was able to get the developer to construct the whole trail (estimated at a cost of \$3 million) in lieu of the fees. This was a good deal for the community, which will soon have a fully paved, publicly accessible perimeter trail at Trilogy in Nipomo.
- **Moved forward with starting the process of rejoining the Integrated Waste Management Authority**, which will strengthen regional collaboration and reduce costs in garbage rates.
- **Advocated for the needs of our growing population of older adults.** Our Public Health staff secured a grant for a de-

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## Update from Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg, District 3: Avila Beach, Grover Beach, Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo, and Edna Valley

Dear South County Chamber members: It's mid year, and if you haven't heard yet, the County passed a balanced budget for 23-24; we are working closely with our regional partners on everything from housing to water to economic development with a large emphasis on homelessness.

It's been a busy year so far; therefore, as our nation's birthday comes, it's time for family, fun, and rest before we head into the second half of 2023.

In this edition, I would like to focus on Parks – particularly our county parks and state parks as both play a vital role in our economy and well-being. The SLO County park system offers golfing, swimming, camping, cycling, hiking...and more! Parks staff continues to seek ways to expand offerings and utilize the beautiful areas we have for your use. Many locals enjoyed the Live Oak music festival at El Rancho Chorro Park this past weekend. It allowed me to revel in the beautiful campground and the SLO

Botanical Gardens. Have you checked out the Top Golf at Dairy Creek yet? This park is a fantastic spot to picnic, plan a date night at the golf course, or stroll through the gardens.

Those seeking part-time work, please check out the jobs at <https://slocountyparks.com/employment/> or search this site for many other county park offerings.

In 2021, I was selected to be on the state-wide board of Parks California. Parks California is a non-profit organization and California State Parks' official statutory partner dedicated to expanding programs, amenities, and resources so that all people can build lifelong, meaningful connections with nature. It is important



**Front of boat: Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg**

to remember that the California State Parks System includes 279 extraordinary places spanning 1.6 million acres. San Luis Obispo County has four state parks, bringing many visitors to our region.

The work of Parks CA was born out of the time when our state park system was struggling and needed a "refresh" of sorts. Since the inception of Parks CA, successful efforts to expand reservation systems, services, and connections to people who have never visited state parks have been

made.

I recently visited Sue-meg State Park and Stone Lagoon Visitors Center in

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## Arroyo Grande News

Hello Chamber friends: It was so nice to see so many of you at Vespera Resort in Pismo Beach for the State of South County event. The overall message from all the speakers was "there are great things happening in the South County!"

In Arroyo Grande, it is an excellent time. After four years of uncertainty, the 5 Cities Fire authority has finally been reformed, budgeted, and much needed, overdue decisions have been finalized by the new Board to invest in the organization. It was a long time coming and as one of the Board members I am grateful to have been there for that first very positive meeting. I look forward to further discussions about how to provide excellent and cost-effective service to our residents.

As you may have heard, our City Manager Whitney McDonald has taken a position in San Luis Obispo as the Assistant City Manager. It is an opportune time, if there is such a thing, when massive multi-year projects are complete and a new vision can be contemplated. We wish her the very best and thank her for how far she has taken the organization during her tenure.

This information is still very new, and decisions are being made about how best to lead the organization through the next transitional phases. We are working on that as we speak, and my next update will have more information.

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**Mayor Caren Ray Russom**  
City of Arroyo Grande

## A warm, South County welcome to our newest Chamber members:

- Occams Advisory
- REMAX Success
- BHGRE Haven Properties
- SLO Ranch & Sea Realty, Inc.
- Mountain Mike's Pizza

in Pismo Beach

- CEA Strategies
- Crackerjack Strategies

## Grover Beach News

Happy summer from lovely Grover Beach! Some of the happenings here:  
~ The developer of the property at 950 El Camino Real has finalized preparations to begin hotel construction. We expect about 18 months for construction with completion around the end of 2024 to early 2025. We look forward to the additional rooms, visitors, and additional TOT this project will bring.

~ The Five Cities Fire Authority Board held its first meeting. Grover Beach Council Member Daniel Rushing was selected as Chair with Arroyo Grande Council Member Lan George as Vice Chair and Grover Beach City Manager Matt Bronson as "CEO" or Lead CM for

the first one-year term of this Board. They also adopted a budget, approved the services and liabilities agreements with OCSD, and issued PO's for much-needed equipment.

~ On June 26 the Council gave input on the West Grand Avenue Streetscape 4th-8th streets design elements such as: bulb outs, U turns, crosswalks locations, and paving treatments. This project is intended to create a sense of place for residents and an enticement to live and shop within their community while welcoming visitors to our City.

~ We are proud to note that The Spoon Trade (our very own local eatery and gathering place) was named by Eater

Los Angeles as one of 21 destination-worthy restaurants along the Central Coast from Paso Robles to Ventura!  
~ I'll close with an excerpt from our Grover Beach Police Department social media posts: "The celebration of Independence Day...a time to reflect on our nation's history and respect how loud noise can affect our veterans and pets...We encourage everyone to be safe and discharge only "safe and sane" fireworks..."

Here's wishing all a happy and safe Fourth of July!

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**Mayor Karen Bright**  
City of Grover Beach

## Pismo Beach News

Once again, we will be having fireworks on the pier for the 4th of July. We also have food and music this year again on the pier to watch up close for those who bought tickets (which sold out quickly). We expect thousands to view from the beach and other vantage points throughout the City. Note, that the City has an ordinance forbidding fireworks, and we will have extra fire marshals enforcing the ban.

Sunday, July 9, is the next Pacific

Breeze concert in Dinosaur Caves Park starting at 1 pm. This time the music is provided by Dante Marsh and the Vibe Setters. Kid's activities and food are available.

We are making progress on our General Plan/Local Coastal Plan update. We have been having joint meetings between our Council and Planning Commission to iron out details. Staff is working and pulling together the various planning elements and other documents

for presentation to the Planning Commission and then the Council later this year.

At our last Council meeting, we chose the final exterior design for our new police and fire stations. We will consider the final go ahead at our July 18 meeting. We are also planning temporary quarters for police and fire during the transition.

**Mayor Ed Waage**  
City of Pismo Beach



## RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS



### Congrats Pismo Detailing!

Congrats to Julie and Kevin at Pismo Detailing on their ribbon cutting last month at their new location in Grover Beach! Pismo Detailing was established in 1996. Through meticulous work and expertise in their craft, they've become a premier automotive paint protection specialist. Their friendly staff are professionally certified and highly skilled with years of experience. They love cars, and they care about yours. Bring your vehicle in for a free quote. Pismo Detailing is located at 1030 Huston St. Suite A in Grover Beach. Learn more at [pismodetailing.com](http://pismodetailing.com).

### Congrats Bubbles & Tea Coffeehouse!

Congrats to new Chamber member Bubbles & Tea Coffeehouse in Nipomo on their ribbon cutting and grand opening on June 8th! Their goal is to provide the community with a relaxing, comfortable space to focus, create, toast, and celebrate life. "I want to thank my community for all of your love and support you've shown us," said owner Maricruz Sanchez. "Nipomo deserves a locally owned coffeehouse/wine bar we can call our own.

Everything in this space was created with all of you in mind." Bubbles & Tea Coffeehouse is located at 338 W. Tefft St. Suite B. Visit their website at [bubblesandtea.co](http://bubblesandtea.co).



### Congrats Discover Oceano!

We celebrated a ribbon cutting recently with Discover Oceano Beach Boutique—your go-to spot for all things Oceano. Their beach boutique is part visitor center and part community hub—offering an eclectic mix of beach-inspired and locally sourced products from their exclusive line of "Oceano" apparel, gifts, art, and books to handcrafted and locally made goods, along with their curated vintage collection of beach-themed treasures, one-of-a-kind items—and coming soon—their line of "beachy" goodies. Sign up for their e-newsletter and stay up-to-date on monthly happenings in Oceano. Follow Discover Oceano on Facebook and Instagram @DiscoverOceano to learn more. The Discover Oceano Beach Boutique is located at 324 Pier Ave. in Oceano—just steps away from the Oceano Dunes entrance to the beach.





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## RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS



### Congrats Nan's Books and Crystals!

Congrats to Nan's Books and Crystals in Grover Beach on their ribbon cutting and grand reopening on June 10th—a rebrand from their previous business name, Nan's Pre-Owned Books. Owner Kassi Dee expanded the bookstore and turned it into a bookstore/crystal shop with inventory from The Halcyon Store, which closed in early June so that owners Sandy and Louise can travel and spend more time with friends and family. Both ladies attended the ribbon cutting to show their support. Nan's Books and Crystals is located at 1328 W. Grand Ave. in Grover Beach. Visit their new website at [nansbooksandcrystals.com](https://nansbooksandcrystals.com).



### Congrats Greenhouse Coffee Co.!

Congrats to Chamber member Greenhouse Coffee Co. on their one-year anniversary and ribbon cutting on July 1st! Their event included door prizes, pop-up retail booths, live music, food, and beverages. Pop-ups on site included @shoprestoreboutique, @themayancollective, and @kaceemoses.

Started by the father-daughter team of Mark and Emily Perry, Greenhouse opened its doors on July 1st, 2022. Since then, Greenhouse has been growing monthly and attracting a family of loyal customers. Customers experience world-class food and beverages, kind and attentive customer service, and a culture of welcome and refreshment.

Greenhouse Coffee Company partners with a larger social justice initiative called Hope United. Hope United is a collective of people with a regional and global mission to bring good to humanity. At Greenhouse, they give back by sourcing products from Third World microentrepreneurs and by donating part of their profit to help those in need. Items are available for purchase in the coffee shop to support those microentrepreneurs.

Greenhouse Coffee Co. is located at 1064 E. Grand Ave. in Arroyo Grande. For more information, visit their website at [greenhousecoffeecompany.com](https://greenhousecoffeecompany.com) or follow their [Instagram page](#).



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## NEW CHAMBER MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



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### Welcome Mountain Mike's Pizza!

Mountain Mike's Pizza will be opening soon at 441 Five Cities Dr. in Pismo Beach in the former location of Coco's Bakery Restaurant. Their family-friendly restaurant will feature an arcade full of games of every era. Mountain Mike's Pizza, home of the legendary crispy, curly pepperoni, has been making pizza since 1978, with dough made fresh daily, 100% whole milk mozzarella cheese, and toppings to the edge. Click [here](#) to learn more.



**Ted Gillan, Broker**  
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## NEW CHAMBER MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



### Welcome BHGRE Haven Properties!

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### Welcome Occams Advisory!

Occams Advisory was founded in 2012 as a reliable, one-stop shop for business, financial, and professional services serving small and medium businesses (SMBs) worldwide. They provide expert services across three well-defined verticals: Business Services & Growth Incubation (BSGI), Capital Markets & Investment Banking (CMIB), and Financial Technology & Payment Solutions (FTPS). Learn more at [occamsadvisory.com](http://occamsadvisory.com).



### Welcome to the Chamber, RE/MAX Success!

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# Council on Adolescent Mental Health

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SLO County Integrated Waste Mgmt.  
Cal Poly CIE SBDC (Small Business Development Center)

#### District 4 news, continued from page 2

mentia and "healthy brains" initiative countywide, while our Department of Social Services staff secured a grant to develop a county master plan on aging with an ad hoc committee of the Adult Services Policy Council as the steering committee—led by members of the group I helped convene over a year ago who published the report titled "[High Value Opportunities for Improving the Lives of Older Adults in SLO County.](#)"

**Some key objectives still in progress:**

- **Improving public safety in South County by building the long-promised Sheriff substation in Nipomo.** Thanks to the support of my colleagues and Sheriff Parkinson, \$1.2 million was allocated in next year's budget to begin the design process of this facility in Nipomo.
- **Implementing the Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness.** After the Board identified housing and homelessness as one of our tier one priorities for the year, the County increased funding for homelessness services by \$1.8 million for fiscal year 2023/24. Plus, our \$13.4 million grant application to build an 80-bed shelter adjacent to the County's Department of Social Services building in San Luis Obispo was approved by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness on [June 14](#). This is great news!
- **Advancing a Central Coast desalination project** through our SLO County-led effort to study and develop a [regional desalination plant](#) in collaboration with 16 other agencies.
- **Expanding the County's grant capacity.** The Board allocated \$250,000 in next year's budget to fund the resources necessary to pursue key federal and state grant opportunities. By using innovative funding strategies and leveraging grants, we can advance our strategic priorities without impacting baseline service delivery.

- **Improving the Nipomo Community Park by adding a multi-use perimeter trail and a disc golf course.** I continue to work with staff and community partners to advance these projects. The grand opening of the Nipomo Skate Park earlier this year was a success—the park is heavily used by kiddos and adults alike!
- **Improving our Community Advisory Councils.** Supervisor Ortiz-Legg and I formed an ad-hoc committee to study and develop recommendations for how to improve the effectiveness of our community advisory councils. Our efforts will be completed over the next two months.
- **Advancing infrastructure improvements in Oceano.** Priorities include AG Creek Levee improvements, "safe routes for all"/sidewalk improvement projects, a Pier Avenue multi-modal study, adding a crosswalk on Highway 1, and addressing traffic congestion at Halcyon and Highway 1 by advancing the design of a new traffic signal or roundabout project.
- **Addressing gaps and deficiencies in mental and behavioral health services.** The Board recently approved the Behavioral Health Department's development of a strategic plan to identify gaps in the behavioral health services continuum of care and identify new goals and strategies to improve County services.
- **Reforming cannabis regulations.** At our June 20th meeting, the Board directed staff to report back to the Board with regulatory, tax, and fee policy recommendations to improve the viability of our legal cannabis industry, which has been a financially losing proposition for the County, and ensure the County remains in a strong fiscal position.
- **Improving Planning and Building Department services.** Utilizing Lean Six Sigma, which is intended to improve processes and create efficiencies within an organization, Supervisor Ortiz-Legg and I, along with our CAO and the Planning and Building Director, will champi-

on process improvements intended to reduce permit processing times and increase customer service delivery.

- **Advancing housing policy** by supporting the completion and implementation of Regional Housing Compact, [Housing and Infrastructure Plan](#), and [Regional Transportation Plan](#) with our partners at the [San Luis Obispo Council of Governments](#), [Regional Transportation Authority](#), [REACH](#), and the seven cities.
- **Working to study and invest in infrastructure to support offshore wind development, broadband, and childcare** as core County economic development initiatives as well as continue to study future opportunities related to Diablo Canyon, the Phillips 66 Santa Maria oil refinery, and the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area. Read more about REACH's 2030 vision for SLO County at [reachcentralcoast.org/our-work](#).
- **Initiating the process to repair roads and infrastructure damaged by the January, February, and March storms.** We were hit with a dozen atmospheric rivers resulting in record-breaking rainfall and an unprecedented amount of damage in our county. Our Public Works team has identified 595 cleanup and repair locations including 287 roads requiring debris cleaning, 109 locations requiring emergency repairs, and 199 locations requiring permanent repairs. The total estimated cost of repair to all facilities and infrastructure is **\$36 million**. FEMA is expected to reimburse at least 75% of our repair costs but we are assuming only 66% reimbursement to budget for costs conservatively. Funding for our share will come from a combination of loans and general fund reserves.

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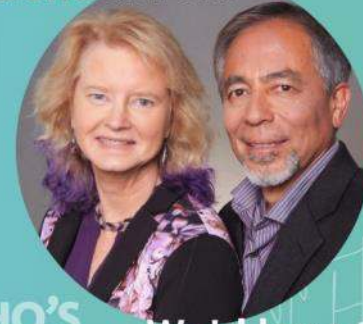
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## Leadership South County Class IV Update

GROVER BEACH — Leadership South County Class IV's day session last month focused on cannabis. Leadership students experienced a tour of the local cannabis industry. Guest speaker Grover Beach City Manager Matt Bronson spoke on the city's ordinances, processes, and monitoring. Representatives from Confidence Analytics explained how products are tested for safe con-

sumption. Leadership students also learned about selling and distributing from Urbn Leaf, one of our South County dispensaries in Grover Beach. The future of cannabis was discussed by local cannabis tourism company Higher Way Travel. Thanks to Confidence Analytics for hosting Class IV students during their day session and thanks to CultureStoke for leadership development training.



### District 3 news, continued from page 2

Trinidad/Klamath Redwoods on the north coast. On September 30, 2021, the California State Park and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to change the name of Patrick's Point State Park to Sue-meg State Park, named by the Yurok tribe, who are the original descendants and owners of this stunning region. Sue-meg is the first CA State Park that is also now co-managed by the tribe, the Yurok. This relationship has

resulted in the adoption of exhibits, tribe park rangers, and sharing of their practices of policies that respect their heritage. It also provides rights to access the park for ceremonies, gatherings, and other tribal activities. That wasn't the case in the past, and it is an exciting success so far!

This matters to us because the Oceano Stewardship Study highlights the need for tribal consultation as one of the many perspectives for the future.

On page 2 is a photo highlighting my

visit, which makes me very excited to work on all our park resources for you, your family, and our valuable visitors to our beautiful County. Here are the links for the Parks California Annual Report to learn more: <https://annualreport-parkscalifornia.org/>

Now is a great time to visit our parks, and I wish everyone a safe and fabulous 4th of July!

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