



**RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
Chico Chapter 077**

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Mission Statement:

We are active and retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our earned retirement, medical, and other benefits. RPEA represents the rank and file of retired public employees.

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 – 11:15 A.M.
NASH’S RESTAURANT
1717 ESPLANADE, CHICO**

Lunch Cost: \$20 (Plated Lunch)

RSVP: Betsy Kruger (530-345-7563) or
Email her at betsybikes@sbcglobal.net

NOTE: The menu was not confirmed with Nash’s before the newsletter was printed, so it will be the “Chef’s surprise!” Please let Betsy know if you prefer a vegetarian entree when you make your reservation and inform her if you have any dietary restrictions.

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, September 1

TOPIC:

“County Budget and Proposed Tax Measure”

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously in June to place a 1 cent sales tax measure on the November ballot. Butte County’s Chief Administrative Officer, Andy Pickett, and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Meegan Jessee, will present on the County’s budget situation and the Board’s decision to place a measure on the ballot.

This is our first membership meeting since the June picnic luncheon, and we look forward to seeing all of you again after “going dark” in July and August. Plan to attend and bring a prospective member to join you!

PRESENTERS:

**Andy Pickett
Chief Administrative Officer**



**Meegan Jessee
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer**



2024 RPEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2024 General Assembly will be held September 9-12 at the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego. Abe Baily (Area II Director) and Sharon Salcido (Chapter 077 Delegate) will be attending GA. The body of delegates designated by the chapters is the “governing body” of our organization. The delegates vote on new or any changes in our bylaws and discuss or debate any new business. Two resolutions will be reviewed, discussed, and voted upon. One resolution pertains to changing our fiscal year to begin on July 1st and end on June 30th. This resolution will only affect our Chapter's financial reporting deadlines for Headquarters. The second resolution deals with an amendment to the Bylaws to ensure that nominations from the floor qualify for the position for which they are nominated and understand the duties of the office for which they are nominated. GA attendees will have the opportunity to meet other members of RPEA from all parts of California and some of the surrounding states.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – By Mary Kowta

LAWMAKERS' FINAL FRENZY

The month of August marks the end of the legislative road for some 830 bills. The lawmakers eliminate those that are too costly, some that have withering support, and some that are seen as being politically motivated. (What?? Really?? Political??) Each chamber's appropriations committee reviews bills, and then the committees decide on the fate of those passed on by the other chamber. The bills that survive the process will be sent to the Governor. He has until September 30 to make his decisions.

One bill that did not make the cut, SB 610, was favored by Governor Newsom. This bill was to change the State's ranking system for wildfire hazards. Environmentalists and local governments argued that it would actually increase development in hazardous areas. Three bills dealing with the basics for discussion of reparations will reach the Governor; one of these, SB 1403, would establish the California Freedmen Affairs Agency.

RPEA NEWS

READ the NEWSLETTER which you received recently! Peruse the info on the candidates (RPEA). Study the Health Plan Cost Tables. Acquaint yourself with our lobbyists, Aaron Read and Pat Moran. Pat generally attends the meeting hosted by Randall Cheek, Legislative Analyst. In July, I was able to catch part of the meeting via Zoom. One Member reported on the recent meeting of the CalPERS Board and commented that the new C.I.O. seemed a bit overwhelmed.

BALLOT NEWS

As of August 15, our November 5 Statewide ballot will include the following:

Prop. 2 - \$10 billion bond issue, public education facilities

Prop. 3 - Repeal Prop 8 and establish the right to marry

Prop. 4 - Issue \$10 billion in bonds for State and local parks; environmental protection; water energy, and flood project

Prop. 5 - Lower vote threshold to 55% for local bond measures to fund public housing and infrastructure projects

Prop. 6 - Remove involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime from the State constitution

Prop. 32 - Increase minimum wage to \$18 per hour

Prop. 33 - Repeal Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act

Prop. 34 - Requires health care providers to spend 98% of revenue from Federal discount drug program on patient care

Prop. 35 - Permanently authorizes a tax on managed care organizations to fund Medi-Cal programs

Prop. 36 - Increase drug crime and theft penalties; a new class of crime, treatment-mandated felony; option to participate in drug and mental health treatment

PS - News Flash!! Governor Newsom signed a packet of bills dealing with retail theft today, August 16!

Hoping to see many members at our September 5 luncheon!

Mary