



## Updates from Supervisor Mitch Mashburn - March 2023

### Welcome

Dear Neighbor,

Thanks for allowing me into your email inbox to keep you up to date on what's happening here in the Fifth District of Solano County. I want to keep it brief in hopes that this remains a helpful resource for you, and to keep the lines of communication open between us. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, comments or concerns, or to share your neighborhood's good news or problems that need attention.

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## Know Your Zone for Emergency Preparedness

KNOW YOUR **ZONE** **LIVE NOW**  
in Solano County

The banner features logos for seven cities: Suisun City, Benicia, Vacaville, Vallejo, Fairfield, Dixon, and another city. Below the logos is the Zonehaven AWARE logo and the Solano County seal. Text on the banner reads: "For more information visit [solanocounty.com/evacuation](http://solanocounty.com/evacuation)"

Want to really be prepared for emergencies and evacuations when disaster strikes in Solano County? The key is to “Know Your Zone.”

It's as simple as checking the addresses of areas you frequent – home, work, school or homes of loved ones – and recording the names of those zones in several safe places. Visit [Zonehaven AWARE](#) and use the search bar in the top left corner to find your zones. Plus, by signing up for Alert Solano while you're there, you'll get emergency notifications from the County's Office of Emergency Services on your mobile phone when you need it.

Zone names, along with zone boundaries, will be used in emergency notifications, so it's important to Know Your Zone to stay informed. In the event of an emergency, first responders and public safety officials will use this joint program between the Zonehaven and public agencies to help get evacuation notices delivered.

Just a few short minutes to prepare today will pay off when an emergency hits. For FAQ's and links to important resources visit, [SolanoCounty.com/Evacuation](http://SolanoCounty.com/Evacuation). Do you Know Your Zone?

## Save our Water, Save our Future Video Contest for Teens



# SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY'S 13TH ANNUAL WATER CONSERVATION VIDEO CONTEST



**Prizes**  
1st \$1,500  
2nd \$1,000  
3rd \$500

**LIGHTS  
CAMERA  
CASH!**

- Solano County high school students, middle school students, and their teachers can together win up to \$1,500 cash in Solano County Water Agency's 13th annual video contest.
- Your 60-second Public Service Announcement video must focus on the selected 2023 theme:  
*Saving Water is Saving our Future.*
- The deadline to enter is Monday, April 3, 2023.



Get all the rules and entry details at [www.scwa2.com](http://www.scwa2.com) or by emailing [education@solanorcd.org](mailto:education@solanorcd.org)

Have a creative kid in your home who has a knack for storytelling and an eye for creating videos that stand out? This year's 13th annual video contest from the Solano County Water Agency might just be the place for them to make a difference and take home a \$1,500 prize.

In this contest for original videos that explore the theme of Saving our Water is Saving our Future, students are challenged to explore the how and why residents can and should save water to make a

difference for future generations. The Agency is looking for compelling stories along with helpful tips for making an everyday difference by conserving water.

In addition to cash awards for the top-three winners judged by a panel of water experts and community leaders, the winning entry from each school with ten or more submissions will receive a \$100 gift card. There's a bonus for teachers, too – the three teachers who generate the most student submissions will each win a \$200 gift card. Don't wait to get started – all entries must be received by Monday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Complete information about the 2023 video contest, resources for more water conservation information, samples of past winning videos and the 2023 entry packet is available [HERE](#)

## YF&R – Supporting New Generation of Farmers and Ranchers



Farming and ranching have a long history in Solano County with generations of familiar names contributing to its success. Today, new generations are taking over those family farms and ranches, and they're being joined by a new crop of agriculturalists starting their own traditions and beating their own path. And they have one group in common: Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers – or YF&R.

I recently hosted a gathering in the Solano County Government Center with YF&R to talk about best practices, land use, water, and many other issues and regulations facing these fresh faces. As a 'Right to Farm' County, we promote their well-being and their ability to thrive while growing the food we eat. If you are or know a young farmer and rancher who's looking for advice or help in getting started, give us a call and we'll connect them with the right people who can help.

And don't forget to shop for locally-grown fruits, nuts, meats and wines when you're shopping for a healthy meal.

Did you know that Solano County is #2 in growing the most unique crops – second only to Monterey!

## Holding Government Accountable: The Civil Grand Jury



In February, we recognized Grand Jury Awareness Month. If you're a watchdog by nature with the time and willingness to give back to our community, the Civil Grand Jury might just be the place for you, and now's your chance.

The Civil Grand Jury is an investigative body and part of the judicial branch of government – called for by the California Constitution. Unlike a Trial Jury, which exists only to try an individual case, the Solano County Civil Grand Jury is a permanent body with members serving one-year terms. Their charge is a clear one: to serve as a watchdog over local government and to investigate citizen complaints about public agencies and officials.

The women and men who've served as Grand Jurors over the years have uncovered controversy, advised local governments how to function more effectively and efficiently, and have held elected officials' feet to the fire. Think this might be a role for you? Contact the Civil Grand Jury Office at (707) 435-2575 for more information.

## About Me, The 5th District and Contacting My Office

### About Me

I'm honored to serve as your representative on the Solano County Board of Supervisors since taking office in January 2021. As you may know, I spent 10 years on the Vacaville City Council and retired from the Solano County Sheriff's Office in December – I've spent my entire adult life in public service, and I'm pleased to be able to continue in this new role. My wife, Tonya, and I were both raised here, and are raising our girls here. I'm committed not just to strengthening our communities today, but to ensuring the next generation has the opportunity to thrive.

### About the 5<sup>th</sup> District

The 5<sup>th</sup> District is a beautiful little slice of Solano County – including the City of Rio Vista, Elmira, portions of the Cities of Fairfield, Suisun City and Vacaville, as well as the beautiful rolling hills of Eastern Solano County. The 5th District is the proud home of thousands of airmen and civilian

employees at Travis Air Force Base, hundreds of small farms, orchards and ranches, and a portion of the San Francisco Bay Delta – the largest estuary on the west coast of North and South America, and the world’s only inland Delta.

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