

Wednesday, December 25, 2024



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# Wallace Elementary School holds winter program

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Wallace Elementary held one of its Christmas programs called, "A Winter Showcase," Wednesday night, December 18, which grades four and five students presented for their families and the entire community.

The event included a Music Showcase, with students revealing how the students do warm up vocals using a sequence. Students performed several songs including Silly Winter Song, which featured grade-4 students and Hot Chocolate, which featured grade-5 students. Everyone got to enjoy the song Jingle Bells, with a lyrics sheet the school provided to the audience in the program, that evening. The hallway of the school, leading out to the Quad Area,

was filled with the displayed holiday artwork of students. The Holiday Artwork Display featured the works of grades 4 and 5 students revealing the techniques students learned during the school year for shading, shadows, perspective, and composition. After the performance parents and students enjoyed cookies and hot cocoa and were able to utilize some holiday photo booths at the Quad for photo opportunities.

## KRVAA holds Gingerbread house workshop

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Alita Elfstrom held a Make a Gingerbread House workshop, on Monday, December 16 at the Kern River Valley Art Association's (KRVAA's) Art & Community Center.

The event was open to everyone, though it was especially for children to enjoy and appreciate, getting into the holiday spirit.

The workshop included each participant receiving his or her own gingerbread and decorations to use to create their own gingerbread creation.

The event was free to the public.

Please keep an eye out for any upcoming classes and workshops at the KRVAA.

<https://www.krvaa.org/events-and-classes>



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# Local Holiday Happenings



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# OBITUARY

## Angela Marie Covert 1981-2024

Angela Marie Covert, 43, of Bakersfield, CA, peacefully passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, December 11th, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on January 21st, 1981, in Bakersfield, CA, Angela was the beloved daughter of Chuck Nelson and Cathy Perkins. She grew up in Lake Isabella and graduated from high school before pursuing further education at Bakersfield College.

On January 18th, 2001, Angela married the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Dustin Covert, while he served in the Army in Barstow. They remained devoted residents of Bakersfield throughout their marriage.

Angela was a driven and determined individual with a

tireless work ethic. She began her career at Young's Market as a bagger while attending college and dedicated many years to the grocery industry, progressing through various roles and store transitions. She eventually excelled as a valuable member of the office staff and bookkeeper.

Following her time in the grocery industry, Angela found employment with the County of Kern, initially in the Probation Department and later in General Services, where she continued to thrive in office-related roles. Sadly, her cancer diagnosis forced her to resign from her position.

Throughout her life, Angela remained a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker to her husband, Dustin, and their two children, Lillian and Hunter. Despite her profes-

sional and personal responsibilities, Angela always found time for her passions, which included exercise, running, hiking, gardening, home improvement, interior design, planning family events, and cherished time spent with friends.

Even during her illness, Angela maintained a vibrant spirit and a positive outlook. She continued to pursue her love of antiques, operating a booth at a local shop and sharing her passion for treasure hunting with her daughter at estate sales.

Angela is survived by her husband, Dustin Covert; her children, Lillian and Hunter Covert; three sisters;



two brothers; three nieces; two nephews; an uncle; and numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother, Cathy Perkins; stepfather, John Perkins; and grandparents, Ben and Carol Burns.

## VALLEY Worship Directory

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For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. *Matthew 18:20*  
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## KERN VALLEY WEATHER

EIGHT-DAY VALLEY FORECAST



| TODAY        |             | THURSDAY     |             | FRIDAY       |             | SATURDAY     |             |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| HIGH         | LOW         | HIGH         | LOW         | HIGH         | LOW         | HIGH         | LOW         |
| 53°          | 36°         | 52°          | 34°         | 53°          | 37°         | 58°          | 40°         |
| SUNRISE 7:02 | SUNSET 4:46 | SUNRISE 7:02 | SUNSET 4:47 | SUNRISE 7:02 | SUNSET 4:47 | SUNRISE 7:03 | SUNSET 4:48 |



| SUNDAY       |             | MONDAY       |             | TUESDAY      |             | WEDNESDAY    |             |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| HIGH         | LOW         | HIGH         | LOW         | HIGH         | LOW         | HIGH         | LOW         |
| 56°          | 37°         | 55°          | 36°         | 55°          | 34°         | 53°          | 34°         |
| SUNRISE 7:03 | SUNSET 4:49 | SUNRISE 7:03 | SUNSET 4:50 | SUNRISE 7:03 | SUNSET 4:50 | SUNRISE 7:03 | SUNSET 4:51 |

## KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Thursday, December 19, 2024

| Lake & River Information | This Week | Last Week | Last Year |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Lake Elevation           | 2,557.78  | 2,557.77  | 2,570.71  |
| Lake Storage             | 154,673   | 154,617   | 238,610   |
| Inflow Into Lake         | 400       | 320       | 1,379     |
| Outflow From Lake        | 338       | 386       | 2,263     |

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.  
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# Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
My name is Max. I am 8 years old. I was good this year. What I want for Christmas is a PS5 and Nerf darts and the mhp lmg.  
Signed by Max

2. Size 7-8 Ronaldo Jersey for a boy  
3. Long soccer socks for a 6 yr old boy  
4. Soccer knee pads  
Thank you,  
Sincerely, AJ  
Merry Xmas

I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like fudy and goat plushie.  
Signed Sophia

How tall are you? I want a PS5 Pro remote. Patrick Muttons jersey. Can I have PS5? Good job, St. Nick  
Bye santa  
Happy Holidays  
Thank you for star cinimon  
From Greyson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Maya. I am 8 years old. I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like to have a iPad and a iPhone 15 and a watch, Apple Pen and some robucks and a pair of roller skates, and also some pairs of shoes, and I want two plushie of Santa, and of Rudolph, and can you give me a plushie of a reindeer? And last thing I want some new colors.  
Signed Maya

Dear Santa,  
My name is Adelina. I am 7 years old. I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas, I would like cates and robux and dog toys and candy  
-From Adelina

Dear Santrick,  
Can I have a new electric crasycort or a new electric scooter can you make it snow this crismis. I am 10 years old my name is Justus S.

Dear Santa,  
I am 9 years old and I don't wanna ask for a lot of things this year, but the main thing I want this year I an I-Phone 15. I have wanted a phone for 2 years and that is mostly all I want and if not, can I get a Bubble Skincare 3 makup. And if I get more things just surprise me because, like I told you I don't to much things and my elf, Joey is the best and she's relly funny and she is a kids every wish. I love my little brother  
Sincerely Mak

Dear Santa,  
I have a few things that I would appreciate. Thank you  
1. Size 1 soccer shoes

Dear Santa,  
My name Josie. I am 8 years old. I have been really good. I want all paw patrol stuff. Like toys shoes clothes headbands and playlets.  
Love, Josie

Dear St. Nick,  
I am 10 years old. Are your reindeers good or bad? How are your elves? I want a new pair of shoes. I would like some hello kitty stuff  
Merry Christmas Santa!!!  
From Rachael to Santa

Dear St. Nick,  
I'm 9 1/2 and I like would like to know how old you are? And have I been good?

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sophia. I am eight years old

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My name is Sebastian I am in the fourth grade. What I want for Christmas... I want a dirt bike with all the gear. I hope that your reindeer are doing good.  
I love you, Santa  
Sincerely, Sebastian G.

Dear Santa,  
I really want a Meta Quest 35 for Christmas and I also want a kids dirt bike for a ten year old. I also want an electric bike with a helmet. I also really want an iPhone. I have been wanting a iPhone for three year. If not maybe some bubble skincare and some makeup. Have a great Christmas.  
Sincerely, Bella V.

Dear St. Nick  
I am 10 years old. How is it going in the North Pole? How are the elves? Are they being good? Hopefully the grinch doesn't ruin Christmas. I was wondering if you can get me the new Playstation? And the biggest tech deck set ever.  
Sincerely DJ Guzman

Dear Santa,  
I am 9 years old and I'm sorry for being naughty I hope you forgive me and I have a few questions what cookies do you like? How are you and mrs clause I want a squishmallows and axtol toy merry xmas  
Sincerely Checotain

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm 10 years old how all the riandeer are training how mrs Claus? Is the grinch like the North Pole? Here are some thing I wold like  
Cow PJ  
Cow print back pack  
Tooth bush tooth past  
Hair bush cow print  
My life as Kitchen set  
Jewelry cow flowre  
Cow print rug  
Cow print picshers  
Cow scronchies  
Cow print fanny pack  
Pufurms  
10 Squish Mallows  
From Emma H.

Dear St. Nick  
I am 9 years old. How are the elves? How is comet? What I want for Christmas is a tablet and a baby sitter's book. I hope I am good.  
From Sadie S.

Dear Saint Nick,  
I am nine years old. I have done many bad things but I am trying to be very good. I want many things for Christmas you can do as many as you want.  
Let's start off with some questions that I have been meaning to ask. First off, how many elves are there in the North Pole and what is your second favorite holiday? Here are the things I would like.... More makeup, more skin care, a cute frog sweater, frog shoes, new frog backpack, pink checkered backpack, shoes and clothes, more frog shirts pink and black frog tank tops, pink Stanley, an I phone and VIP. Custom make up, double money, all the codes and speed walk in dress to impress.  
Marry Christmas sincerely. Charlotte

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 10 years old. Am I on the naughty list? Can I have a frog? I want a dog for my brother. I want a frog toy.  
Happy Christmas  
From: Juanita

Dear Santa Nick. I would like a computer and more chapter books. And inJoy your cookies please and thank you.  
froum: Misty Jones

To Santa o and tell Rudoff I have carrots for him!  
Merry Christmas!

Dear St. Nick  
I am 10 years old. How old are you? Am I on the naughty list? How are the elves? Did I earn an electric scooter? Have a great day!  
Sincerely, Chad E.

Dear Santa  
How old are the elves? Did I earn an electric dirt bike?  
Sincerely,  
Foremianahdehgon

Dear St. Nick,  
My name is Adann. I am 9 years old and I'm in the 4th grade. How are the reindeer hungry do they want candy canes. Save Christmas from the Grinch! Please Santa am pleading you. Can you have a cool merry Christmas ok Santa and how are you are you okay?  
From Adan

Dear, Santa  
My name is Sophie and I am 9 years old and I'm in the 4th grade. The first thing id like to ask you for this Christmas for a hoverbored. The second reason is a bike so I can ride it with my friend. I wish you

a merry Christmas thanks for always making Christmas special.

To Santa from Sophie  
My name is Vincent. I am in 4th grade, and I'm 9 years old. So, how is comet? How is Mrs. Claus? So Santa what I want for Christmas is a Jurassic Park Lego set. I don't care which set it is. I hope it will snow on Christmas because my family enjoys playing in the show. That's it. Have a happy holiday, Santa.  
Sincerely, Vincent

Dear St. Nick,  
My name is Alexis I am 9 years old and I'm in the 4th grade. So has the Grinch stolen Christmas yet. I ask that because I want sum Grinch pjs and Grinck sock's. So ya that's what I want for Christmas. Thanks Alexis H.

Dear St. Nick,  
My name is Emmet I am 9 years old and I'm in the 4th grade. What I want for Christmas is a pack of 151 pokeemon cards and more craft supplies. Merry Christmas  
From,  
Emmet J.

Dear St. Nick,  
My name is Aubree. I am 10 years old and I'm in the 4th grade. How are the reindeer? I was wondering if I could get some squishmellows please? How old are you? Can you please pie Mrs. Allen in the face?  
Thank you Santa  
Have a merry Christmas  
From Aubree T.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Elisah Wild and my age is 9 and I'm in the 4th grade and my question is the grinch real and can I have a \$150 gift card or a basket ball or a 4 savage ball please have a merry xmas  
Sincerely,  
Elisah Wild

Dear St. Nick,  
My name is Jackson. I am 10 years old and I am in the 4th grade. How are you and Mrs. Claus? Rose is my elf on the shelf. Rose has been the best please reward her. This year I have enjoyed the joy of giving. I have been good this year. This year I don't want much I want to reward my family more than me. Oh yeah presents. This year I want meta quest 3s controller grips and a steet bike and a meta quest LED charger. This year can I not get chocolate coal this year. Can I also have a phone Santa.  
Sincerily,  
Jackson C.

Dear St. Nick,  
My name is Kensie I'm 9 years old and I'm in the 4th grade. Hi how are you? HO HO HO I'm going to make you cookies and milk, carrots for the reindeer. I would like a nail kit. And yes thank so much. HO HO HO.  
From Kensington

Dear St. Nick,  
My name is Joshua. I am 10 years old and I'm in the 4th grade. How are the reindeer hungry do they what candy canes. Can you save Christmas from the Grinh! Please Santa am pleading you

Hi Santa I gotten along beter with my mom red has been a little bit naught he pooped on my moms tost but I've been good I'm giving my family a Christmas gift I can not give my baby brothers a gift one you go to my dads house can you give him a gift to even my mom and just my hole family please so how is all the deer? Are they good how is mrs. Claus? wich elf do you work with the elf on the shelf or the humen zize elf or both? And I will write you what I want for Christmas and you are so holy how much cookies can you eat? Alright  
Merry Christmas

Dear st. Nick,  
My name is Mia. I am 10 years old and I'm in the 4th grade. How is Snow flake doing? Because I miss her and we have new tile so be careful and also I would like some schieich toys of any one is fine. Also a cople of Swoshmollow's and a art set and also some of thos moreadle Dragon's and also make shir that Dixe get's extra because we miss her brith day and also and one more Qeshton how old are you cuase my grama siad has bin a round sint's win she was a kid so that is Qiston I have and  
Meery Chismase

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jace. I am 10 years old and I am I'n 4th graed and I whant V but and I want a new scooter and a indestructble monkey a bascketball frum Jace to Santa have a good Christmas.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Finn. I'm 10 years old and I am in 4th grade. And yes I have been naughty at school 8 home but I have learned to be kind along the way. What I want for

Christmas is a Nerf rival charger for fun ;) have a merry Holiday  
From & Sincerely Finn.  
(ps how is rudolph? and how are you and ms. claus?)

My name: Abigail M. I am 10 years old. Is Rudolph ok? How have you been? Can you tell Rudolph he can be my friend please and thank you. Also can I please have heeleps and can my brother have an indesthactable monkey. hava merry Christmas and I hope you like the cookies that me, my mom, my brother, and 2 sisters are going to bake you. And merry Christmas  
Sensereley, Abby M

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl I have been really nice to my friends im sorry that I have been a little mean to my brother I apologize please axsept my sorry. I would really like a phone, barbies, Makeup, 101 dolls, 1000, 000\$, Happy life, be skinny, watermelongum.  
Thank you Santa  
Your the best  
Sincerley,  
Quinn N.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. I do my choors. and I help my baby sistir. I help my mom with the disehs. And I do my work at school. And I got 8 As and 2 Bs on my raport cord.  
I would really like a new candy and a silcon baby with a bodel and dipers and a squishmelo jumbo Stitch one and a big wickid one.  
Santa I've been a nice girl I've warekt very hard on being good.  
Sincerely,  
Brynleish R.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. I've I do my home work. And I help my friends.  
I would really like a ball. And a doll. And a good friend. And a water boter.  
Santa I been a nice girl I worked hard. I did good  
Sincerely, Kira H.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. I've been a good friend beecuz that I've helpet them.  
I would really lik a get Axulotll  
Aurora L.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy I've come to work on test help finsf at school  
I would really like rc cor yeeps plush  
Santa I've been a nice be I've worke very nices  
Justice A.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. for My Vabre. well They wrer owt of tan by taking Kare of thir dog.  
May I have a Barbee Drem house and a Brbqq Toy]  
Santa I have been a good gril.  
Alahna H.

Dear Santa Claus  
I have Bin  
I have been a good girl  
I help my sistr allot  
And I whld love an I Poneld.  
I've been very good  
Sincerely Lyla L.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy. I hop you are good you are The best my faverit, port IV Christmas are the present.  
I wont a phon. and a drone. can I Please. have a ex box one. and a hauw. Tablet.  
Santa I've been a nice boy  
Sincerely Teagan S.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. I've been hoolding the door open for people and I've been being kind alot. and I've been helping the Libraireyen with books.  
I would really like a new naeldencycle no gears please, a bike, makeup, a little live pet puppy and a Barbie dream house.  
Sincerley  
Rylee R.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy I've becues I helped my mom weth vakum and gave my frend sume orbes to my frend.  
I would reall like a vr a ntodo please  
Santa I've been a A nice boy I've worked very hard  
Sincerely,  
Mason M.

Dear Santa Claus  
I been a good boy for beeing good at school for ever.  
I would really like a new NtinO d tadtliit, a sour gl Please  
Santa I trie my best on ine theg its all I trie my best.  
Noah C.

Dear Santa  
This year I would A new computer for Chistmas and I want a table for my

computer I was good and kind and respectful and what I want for Chistmas teddy bear and I want a new phone case and I want a new nail polish and I want a new Slime and I want a new Blanket Pink and I want a new tv and I want a Huskies Stuff animals and I want a heart neckless gold and I want a Starbuck's coffee cup and I want a new Books  
Sincerely  
Brooklyn W.

Dear Santa This year I would like a new warm sipprs.  
Javier V.

Dear Santa, This year I would like New travl camer and some Plain clothes or a new because my old camer broke and I like to take pictures with my family and friends and I want clothes because its nice to have clothes for summer and winter and sometimes I don't behavae but in school I try my best it can be hard but still try and at home my mom needs hlep with the house I hlep her clean the house.  
Sincerely,  
Mia. T.

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a Skate Borad for Christmas I would like it Because I am Kinda good at it and I really like Skate Boards And Because It is good to try things Out of your comfort zone even If you fall!  
Another thing I want is slime like the good slime not the BadSlime Cather to Sticky or too RiPy or too chatty  
The good Slime!  
The Last thing I would want for Christmas is makeup not the kid make up the good make up like eye shadow, lipstick, Blush, Conseler, Make up Remover That is what I want for Christmas Thank you Santa  
Sincerely  
Quim S.

Dear Santa,  
I would this year is a new car for my mom and to see my dad. and to gat a lot of mony to stay a my houm and not moutple I be good Ple gat my mom a cat  
Sincerely Navaett D.

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a few things for Christmas. The first thing I would like is a computer maybe Appel or not it's ur choise. Next I would really like a bike to ride to school. Then, I would love a teddy bear. Also I can't belive I'm asking for this but can you please get me some clothes. Last thing I would liike for X-mas is my own Credit Card so I don't have to use my mom's money  
Sincerely,  
Mckenzie M.

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a new bike. This year I've been good but I am slacking on my chores and that is why I have my phone taken away until Monday. I've been really nice to my dad, my mom, and my sister, and my stepmom, not my brother's make me mad so I yell at them because I need to let out some steam.  
Sincerely,  
Cooper L.

Dear Santa  
i realey want to make my mom happye giting hre a car.  
Sincerely  
Logan M.

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a gell gun, with sum clous and a lagoe Set. The reasin is because I think I have bene good this year that is why I whoht this stufe.  
Sincerely,  
Bodhi J.

Dear Santa  
I wish for Lego set's  
Sincerely  
Jackson J.

Dear Santa,  
This year I would likz yarn.  
I think I deserve This because I got all A's on my report card and I help do the dishes and feed my dog. I'm a really big fan of crocheting. I only have 4 color of yarn and it doesn't let me make to much stuff. I like making stuffed animals for my family and friend. I really want to make a big crochet blanket for myself, but I don't have all the yarn to make. I really want yarn.  
Sincerely  
Isabella H.

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like apple air pods I think I deserve it because I was good this year also some Nike's and some clothes and sol den jenario.  
from: Annabelle H.

Dear Santa,  
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pursuant to Government Code section 8625, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the State of California and in the County of Kern.

D. On July 30, 2024, the Kern County Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution declaring a local emergency because of the Borel Fire.

E. On August 2, 2024, the Health Officer of the County of Kern declared a local health emergency pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 101080.

F. On August 5, 2024, the Kern County Board of Supervisors ratified the Health Officer's declaration of a local health emergency.

G. In destroying private structures, the Borel Fire has created an accumulation of fire debris, much of which has been determined to be contaminated with heavy metals and asbestos.

H. The potential for widespread toxic exposures and threats to public health and the environment exists in the aftermath of a major fire disaster. Debris and ash from residential structure fires contain hazardous substances that may lead to acute and chronic health problems and may have serious environmental impacts.

I. The combustion of building materials such as siding, roofing tiles, and insulation re-

sults in dangerous ash that may contain asbestos, heavy metals, and other hazardous materials, and household hazardous waste such as paint, gasoline, cleaning products, pesticides, and other chemicals that may have burned in the fire also produces hazardous materials.

J. Exposure to hazardous substances may lead to acute and chronic health effects and may cause long-term public health and environmental impacts.

K. Uncontrolled hazardous materials and debris pose significant threats to public health through inhalation of dust particles and contamination of drinking water supplies, and improper handling of hazardous materials can expose workers to toxic materials and improper transport and disposal of fire debris can spread hazardous substances throughout the community.

L. Dead and dying trees damaged by the Borel Fire and at risk of falling may threaten the health, safety and welfare of workers conducting debris removal and residents of the affected properties, as well as the general public if the trees are at risk of falling onto a public right of way or public infrastructure.

M. The anticipated start of the rainy season offers little time to mitigate further environmental contamination resulting

from the Fire, including contamination of the watershed, and, therefore, time is of the essence in removing hazardous waste, fire debris and hazard trees from affected properties.

N. There is an urgent need to mitigate the harm to public health and the environment from the improper disturbance, removal, transport and/or disposal of hazardous waste, fire debris and hazard trees resulting from the Borel Fire, to create and implement clear standards and procedures for removal of fire debris and hazard trees, and to facilitate coordinated, timely, and effective mitigation of the risks to public health and the environment from the health hazards generated by the Borel Fire.

Section 3. Definitions

A. "Alternative Program." For purposes of this Article, the term "Alternative Program" shall mean the requirements for inspections, clean up and disposal established by the County for property owners that opt out of or are ineligible for a State Program.

B. "Board." The term "Board" means the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

C. "County." The term "County" shall be defined as the County of Kern.

D. "County Building Official." The term "County Building Official" means the Director of the Public Works Department of the

County of Kern or his authorized designee.

E. "County Health Officer." The term "County Health Officer" means the Kern County Public Health Officer.

F. "Director." The term "Director" shall be defined as the Director of Public Health or their designee, or any person as designated by the Chief Administrative Officer of the County.

G. "Fire debris." The term "fire debris" means ash or other debris, resulting from the Borel Fire that is intended to be discarded but does not include structures or portions thereof.

H. "Hazard trees." The term "hazard trees" means wildfire-damaged trees that have been so damaged by the fires that their structural integrity is compromised, and they pose an immediate threat of falling onto work crews or obstructing their access to the debris clearance site, or of falling onto a public right of way or a public improved property.

I. "Removal of fire debris and hazard trees." The term "removal of fire debris and hazard trees" as used in this article includes all cleanup of debris from structures and hazard trees resulting from the Borel Fire, including removal, transport and disposal of fire debris and hazard trees, but it does not include the removal of personal property

from residential sites unless such removal of personal property involves cleanup and the removal of ash from the property.

J. "Right of entry permit." The term "right of entry permit" means the fire debris and hazard tree removal right of entry permit (For providing fire debris and hazard tree removal program) approved by the California Office of Emergency Services for use in the cleanup after the Borel Fire.

K. "State debris and hazard tree removal program" or "State program" means the fire debris and hazard trees removal program operated by the California Office of Emergency Services ("Cal OES") for the Borel Fire area in conjunction with other State and Federal agencies and involving the removal and disposal of fire debris and hazard trees on eligible private property at no cost to the property owner.

Section 4. Declaration of Urgency

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an urgency measure necessary for the immediate preservation and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, and shall take effect immediately pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 25123 based on the following facts: On July 30, 2024, This Board

approved a resolution declaring a local emergency due to the effects of the Borel Fire. On August 2, 2024, the Kern County Health Officer of the County of Kern declared a local health emergency pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 101080. On August 5, 2024, this Board ratified the Health Officer's declaration of a local health emergency. Many residences have been damaged by these fires and it is in the public interest to provide for the immediate safe disposal of residential structure debris resulting from the fire. Therefore, for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, the creation and implementation of clear standards and procedures for removal of fire debris and hazard trees is established to mitigate the risks to public health and the environment from the health hazards generated by the Borel Fire.

Section 5. Prohibition on Removal of Fire Debris from Private Property

No removal of fire debris and hazard trees shall occur unless and until a hazardous materials inspection meeting applicable Department of Toxic Substances Control guidelines has been conducted. Notwithstanding the foregoing, hazard trees may be

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removed from vacant properties or properties on which no structures were damaged without a hazardous materials inspection, subject to the other requirements of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Removal of Fire Debris and Hazard Trees

A. State Program. Property owners that, pursuant to the rules established by the State program that will be set forth in guidelines provided by the Director, are eligible for the removal of some or all of the fire debris and hazard trees on their properties through the State program, may elect to use the State program by submitting a Right of Entry Permit to the Director, which includes an assignment of any insurance proceeds covering the costs of the fire debris and hazard trees removal. Such Right of Entry Permit must be submitted to the Director by the deadline as provided by the Director. The Director may extend this deadline as necessary and appropriate to facilitate the cleanup, avoid undue hardship, and to protect public health and safety, and to the extent any such extensions are approved by the State program.

B. Alternative Program. i. Administration. The Director shall administer the Alternative Program. The Director shall utilize applicable state and/or federal standards for the safe removal and disposal of fire debris and hazard trees, consistent with the cleanup goals of the State program, and incorporate additional requirements as necessary to address changes in conditions, needs, or technologies in order to effectively remove fire debris and hazard trees from the community. The Director shall prepare procedures and requirements for the removal of fire debris and hazard trees and make such procedures and requirements available to the public. The Director shall also

adopt an application that discloses the appropriate licensed contractors and appropriate plans to meet such procedures and requirements.

ii. Participation. Property owners that are not eligible for the State program or who elect not to participate in the State program for the removal of some or all of the fire debris and hazard trees on their properties must comply with the requirements of the Alternative Program. Under the Alternative Program, before any fire debris and hazard trees are removed from a property, the owner shall submit the application adopted by the Director to the Director. Work shall not begin until the Director approves the application and the property owner obtains all applicable permits from the County Building Official.

iii. Completion. The Director shall establish an end date or deadline by which properties in the Alternative Program must be cleaned up. Upon the completion of the removal of fire debris and hazard trees under the Alternative Program, the property owner shall submit to the Director documentation that demonstrates the removal of fire debris and hazard trees was completed in compliance with applicable standards and requirements as established by the Director.

iv. Deadline. The Director shall establish an end date or deadline by which property owners who are not participating in the State Program must submit an Alternative Program application to the Director in accordance with Section 6.B.ii of this Ordinance. Such properties that have fire debris from structures damaged or destroyed in the Borel Fire or hazard trees damaged or destroyed in the Borel Fire that have not submitted an application for the Alternative Program by that date are hereby declared a public nuisance

and health hazard and shall be subject to nuisance abatement pursuant to Section E of this Ordinance.

v. Extensions. The Director may extend deadlines under the Alternative Program as necessary and appropriate to facilitate the cleanup, avoid undue hardship, and to protect public health and safety.

C. Restrictions on Building Permits. No building permit from the County to demolish, repair, or reconstruct a structure that has been damaged or destroyed by the Borel Fire shall be issued until fire debris and hazard trees cleanup is completed on the affected property in accordance with the Alternative Program or the State program. Any permit for the demolition, repair, or reconstruction of a structure that has been damaged or destroyed by the Borel Fire shall be held in abeyance and not acted upon until fire debris and hazard trees cleanup is completed on the affected property and completion is confirmed to the County Building Official, either through the Alternative Program or the State program. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a demolition or miscellaneous permit issued by the County Building Official may be required for removal of fire debris and hazard trees for work involving the removal of buildings, structures, or portions thereof, as determined by the Director.

D. Exigent Circumstances. The Board's intent is to facilitate an orderly remediation of large-scale disasters. Nothing in the deadlines as set forth by this Ordinance shall limit the authority of the County or any County official to abate hazards more quickly where required by exigent circumstances. Nothing in this Ordinance shall limit the authority of the County or any County official to take any enforcement action or pursue any available remedies,

including, without limitation, requiring preventive measures as defined in Health and Safety Code section 101040.

E. Nuisance Abatement

i. Civil Abatement. Any property deemed a public nuisance in accordance with this ordinance shall be subject to nuisance abatement, pursuant to Kern County Ordinance Code Chapter 8.44 and other applicable laws.

ii. Summary Abatement. In addition to any other nuisance abatement procedures provided by law, the Director and Health Officer and their designee are authorized to enter onto any property deemed a public nuisance under this ordinance. If the Health Officer finds that the property constitutes an immediate threat to public health or safety, the Director may summarily abate the nuisance upon satisfaction of the summary abatement procedures set forth below, as applicable.

a. Pre-Abatement Notice. Unless emergency conditions preclude doing so, the Director shall issue a summary Abatement Notice and Order with property owner(s) as listed on the last equalized tax roll. A summary of the Notice and Order shall be posted in a conspicuous location on the property to be abated at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the summary abatement action.

b. Appeal and Waiver. The property owner(s) or any person or entity having a legal interest in the property may submit a written appeal of the Director's Order to the Director or the Director's designee, by United States mail, overnight mail, or personal delivery, no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the Director mailed or delivered the Notice and Order. The written appeal shall state the basis for the appeal. The Director or the Director's designee shall review

the appeal, if the appeal is timely, and shall issue a written decision no later than ten (10) calendar days after receipt. The Director's or the designee's decision on the appeal shall uphold, rescind or modify the determination of the Notice and Order. The Director's or the designee's decision on the appeal shall be final. A copy of the Director's or the designee's determination shall be delivered, promptly upon its issuance, to the appellant by United States mail or personal delivery at the address listed on the last equalized tax roll or such other address provided by the appellant. Failure to appeal within the time prescribed shall constitute a waiver of the right to contest the summary abatement.

c. Post-Abatement Notice. After the summary abatement is completed, the Director shall promptly deliver to the property owner(s) a post-abatement notice indicating: (a) the action taken by the County; (b) the reasons for the actions; (c) the costs of the abatement and a request that the costs be paid by the property owner(s) to the County within sixty (60) calendar days; and (d) that a lien will be recorded against the property if the property owner(s) fail(s) to pay the requested abatement costs within sixty (60) calendar days. The post-abatement notice shall be delivered by United States mail or personal delivery.

F. Judicial Enforcement Action. County Counsel is authorized to initiate judicial enforcement as to a violation of any provision of this Ordinance without further Board approval.

G. Remedies Not Exclusive. The remedies identified in this ordinance are in addition to and do not supersede or limit any and all other remedies, civil or criminal, available at law or in equity.

Section 7. Environmental

Determination Adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(3), which applies to projects undertaken, carried out by, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, Government Code sections 8550 et seq., and Government Code section 21080(b)(4) regarding specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. These exemptions are also reflected in State CEQA Guidelines section 15269(a) and (c). The Borel Fire and their aftermath constitute a sudden unexpected occurrence, involving clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services under California Public Resources Code section 21060.3 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15359.

Section 8. Severability If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person, property, or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application thereof, and to this end, the provisions of this interim Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

(PUB SUN 12/25/2024)

LETTER TO EDITOR

Kernville Chamber of Commerce, Christmas in Kernville, has completed the annual toy drive for the children of the Kern River Valley. I would like to thank all of you who generously donated toys. The toy Drive started with the Parade of Giving on November 30th and continued through December 16th. I would like to thank the drivers from the Parade who collected toys as they passed the homes along the parade route. Also, I would

like to thank the businesses in Kernville and Wofford Heights who hosted a Red-Barrel for toy collection. These businesses are: Dollar General {Wofford Heights}, On Point Gym, Elevate, Dress Your Soul, Big Blue Bear, Shell Station of Kernville, Archie's Hardware, Cheryl's Diner, Sierra Gateway James Store, Pizza Barn, Something Sweeter, and the Kern River Brewery. Please, take a moment to visit these businesses and give them thanks for their

community support. An additional thank you is in order to the Methodist Church of Kernville "Tea Time Ladies". These ladies held a glove and mitten collection. Their efforts allowed us to add several pairs of mittens to each child's gift.

With the help of Santa's helpers, the toys and mittens are ready to share and greet so many smiling faces on Christmas morning. All toys collected are shared here in the valley.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Jenny Hanley Kernville Chamber of Commerce Toy Drive

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From all of us at Kern Valley Healthcare District

We truly want to thank you, our community, for your tremendous support this year. It has been a very busy year for us as we continue to strive to provide you with new services that will help you stay healthy. We received another grant from Kern Health Systems that has allowed us to expand our patient transportation service. We have three vehicles that are available to transport you to the hospital, to your doctors' office, the pharmacy, etc. We are even providing service to Bakerfield and Ridgecrest. We will be adding Women's health services in our Mountain View Health Center beginning later this month. This year we added new patient monitors to our Emergency Department and telemetry in our Acute Care unit. Thanks to our amazing Auxiliary, we will be upgrading all our intravenous pumps used to provide needed medications for our patients. We are also working on ways to provide Rehab services via telehealth to reduce your commuting concerns. We have just completed the installation of our new Retail Pharmacy Information System that will provide better access to your medications and improve your on-line refill capabilities. Our pharmacy will be developing a drug delivery system early next year for those who can't get to the pharmacy to get their prescriptions. A new hospital-wide emergency power system is currently being installed that will provide electricity to every part of the hospital when the community's power grid is impacted. This will substantially improve our ability to care for our patients and residents. Our staff continually work to provide high quality, safe patient care. This year, Cal Hospital Compare, awarded our hospital with its 2023 Patient Safety Award, one of only 84 hospitals in the state to be so recognized, and one of only two hospitals in Kern County to be designated. We are truly pleased with our progress, but we don't want to stop here. We will continue to strive to improve our caring for you. Serving you is what we are all about!

All of us at Kern Valley Healthcare District wish you the very best for the holidays, and for a happy, and healthy new year. We appreciate being able to care for you and your family. Thank you for your support.

**Best wishes to all!  
Tim McGlew, CEO**



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the reason for the season!*

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