



River District

Pipeline Projects Emerging Soon



Alchemist CDC is developing the Alchemist Public Market (APM), a self-sustaining, place-based infill project that brings these three programs together.

The last quarter of 2025 will usher in a new wave of development projects which have been in the pipeline for some time. Most notably, the Alchemist Public Market, shown in a rendering above, is set to break ground this month, and should be open by late 2026. In addition to a cafe, packaged foods shop and several food pods, the project will feature an incubator space for small businesses.

Also expected to break ground in Q4 is the Caption by Hyatt Hotel at Township 9. Located directly next to the Township 9 Light Rail Station, which itself is closed due to construction of the nearby Railyards Light Rail Station, the hotel will include 200 guest rooms and a rooftop bar and restaurant. Construction is also expected to begin soon on the next phase of residential buildings for The Hayley Apartments.

Currently, construction is ongoing at the Dos Rios Light Rail Station, as well as in the neighboring Railyards as Kaiser Permanente and Sacramento Republic FC both move forward on their catalytic projects.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Place Enhancement Working Group

Tuesday, October 14
11:00 a.m.
via Zoom

River District Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 15,
3:30 p.m.

River District Office,
651 Bannon St. Ste. 1200

Clean & Safe Working Group

Thursday, October 16
9:00 a.m.

River District Office,
651 Bannon St. Ste. 1200

RSVP to
info@riverdistrict.net

River District Private
Security Number
(916) 908-7035

Campsite Proposed for River District



The City of Sacramento has announced plans for a new tent campsite for unhoused individuals in the River District, at Sequoia Pacific and Bannon Street (behind the Greyhound Station). This is one component of the city's new strategy to address homelessness, along with several "micro-community" tiny home sites, safe camping, and other initiatives. The River District is opposed to the project, and has submitted letters of opposition from neighboring property and business owners, as well as making public comment at city council. However, the City Manager has sole authority to site locations for these facilities, so the locations were not voted on or approved by city council. If you would like to submit letters to the City Manager's Office, you can submit them to Leyne Milstein, Interim City Manager, at LMilstein@cityofsacramento.org.

Sacramento Names New City Manager



"I accept the role of City Manager for the City of Sacramento with deep gratitude and humility," Maraskeshia Smith said. "Sacramento is a city characterized by its resilience, diversity, and ambition, a true mosaic of cultures, backgrounds, and ideas, all unified by a common goal for progress and prosperity."

The Sacramento City Council has appointed Maraskeshia Smith as City Manager following a nationwide search, making her the first Black woman to hold the position in the City's history. Her appointment becomes effective January 5, 2026. Mayor Kevin McCarty praised Smith as "an accomplished and transformative leader" who is deeply committed to the long-term wellbeing of Sacramento residents.

As City Manager, Smith will oversee nearly 6,000 employees, manage a \$1.6 billion annual operating budget, and carry out policy direction from the Council. With more than two decades of experience in public service—including leadership roles in Cincinnati, Oakland, Stockton, and most recently as City Manager of Santa Rosa—she brings a proven record of operational and cultural transformation. Smith has an MBA from Eastern Kentucky University, a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Kentucky, and is a Credentialed Manager with the International City/County Management Association.

Smith will succeed Interim City Manager Leyne Milstein, who has served since January 2025. Her proposed contract, which includes a \$399,000 annual salary, is scheduled for Council approval on October 14.

Grower's District Featured in Business Journal



By year's end, Turton Commercial Real Estate brokers are on track to have leased nearly 30,000 square feet in an existing building at 200 N. 16th St., said Turton director Matt Axford. The century-old industrial property is part of the ambitious Grower's District project. (Courtesy of Sacramento Business Journal)

The Growers District, a project of Bauen Capital, was approved by City Council in late summer of 2022, and since then there has been much action behind the scenes. In partnership with Turton Commercial Realty, the space has been renovated and nearly 30,000 SF of space has already been leased, according to an article in the Sacramento Business Journal. The article states that tenants of the project include Sacramento City Signs, furniture refurbishment company Better Couch LLC, and custom trading card and sneaker company Kickstradomis. In the works, Turton plans to market the former Rulands Office Furnishings building across the street for a potential sports concept. Construction on the hundreds of apartment units slated for the three sites that comprise the Grower's District is currently on hold due to economic factors. To read the entire article, [click here](#) (subscription required).

River District Halloween Costume Parade

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE

31
October

Volunteers
Needed

LEND A HELPING HAND
Donate unopened, store
bought candy to be
distributed to community
on Halloween



 River District



It's that time of the year! Get ready for a spooktacular Halloween Costume Parade at Mirasol Village Park on October 31 from 4-6pm. All ages are welcome! Help us spread joy by donating unopened, store bought candy. For more information or to make a candy donation, contact Cristina Navarro, River District Program Manager, cristina@riverdistrict.net.

Friends of the River District Block Party + Pop-Up Market



Neighbors and friends attended the Friends of the River District Block Party and Pop-Up Market at Cannery Place Apartments at Township 9 on September 25, 2025.

The Third Friends of the River District Block Party took over Cannery Place Apartments on Thursday, September 25th from 5-7 p.m. Residents enjoyed lively music by DJ Stace Lace, created artwork to add to our public spaces, and got to know their neighbors through a game of People Bingo. Community members purchased goods from local vendors and were connected to resources from the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency and Verizon. There was plenty of fun for all including dancing, free face painting, lawn games, and a thrilling game of giant Jenga. A special thanks to our sponsor, SMUD for making this event possible. We look forward to our [next celebration at Mirasol Village Park](#) on Friday, December 5th!

The River District Public Spaces Team



Kelly Scott, Accurate Cleaning, is the supervisor for the River District's Clean Team. The River District was able to purchase and wrap a new truck, seen above, with support from the City of Sacramento.

The River District's Clean Team, provided through a contract with Accurate Cleaning, works from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to reduce the district's litter, debris and graffiti. They also work with the unhoused population to keep encampments as clean as possible, and to assist and encourage unhoused individuals to accept shelter and services.

2025 Litter Abatement Statistics (June, July, August)

- 3,535 bags of litter collected
- 1,234 Instances of human waste removed
- 292 syringes removed
- 731 interactions with unhoused individuals
- 141,400 lbs. or 70.7 tons - total litter disposed

Capital Protection Group (CPG) provides security services, and can be reached via our Private Security Dispatch at (916)-779-5363.

2025 Security Statistics (June, July, August)

- 268 Dispatch service calls
- 879 Business Checks
- 610 Interactions with Unhoused Individuals

For removal of litter, debris or hazardous waste from public property, contact our team by calling (916) 321-5599 or emailing cleanandsafe@riverdistrict.net.

Statistics for each month are included in our *quarterly market reports*, which are [available here](#).

James Shields Appointed as Acting Executive Director of SHRA The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the Sacramento City Council have appointed James Shields as the Acting Executive Director of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA). Shields will officially assume the role on October 4, 2025, overseeing SHRA's 315 employees and an annual operating budget of more than \$350 million, while carrying out the policy direction of the City Council and Board of Supervisors. Shields has served SHRA with distinction for 23 years, bringing deep industry knowledge, operational expertise, and an unmatched understanding of the Agency's programs, partnerships, and staff. [Click here for more](#) (via Sacramento County)

After closure announcement, Blue Diamond quietly working toward wind-down After Blue Diamond Growers announced in June the cooperative would close its Sacramento plant over the next two years, that plan is quietly unfolding. Though Blue Diamond's media relations team said in an email there was no update, the city councilmember who represents the plant's base in Midtown and the River District said he's heard the company is interviewing two commercial real estate brokerages that could market the 53-acre site for new owners and users. "I don't think they've even announced when they're going to announce who they choose," said Phil Pluckebaum. He added the almond growing cooperative earlier said full shutdown in Sacramento would take up to two years. "They have some time." [Click here for more](#) (via Sacramento Business Journal)

I Street Bridge to close Oct. 6–16 for siding repairs The I Street Bridge between Sacramento and West Sacramento will close for 10 days beginning 6 a.m. Monday, October 6, through 6 a.m. Thursday, October 16. Union Pacific Railroad, which owns and operates the bridge, needs to complete repairs to the exterior siding of a building on the bridge. The closure will affect all travel across the I Street Bridge during the repair period. Drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians will need to use alternate routes. [Click here for more](#) (via Sacramento City Express)

Upcoming Events



SACRAMENTO GATEWAY

FREE PUBLIC EVENT!

TO THE GARDEN VALLEY OF THE WORLD

Sacramento Gateway to the Garden Valley of the World (1914) courtesy of the California State Library's California History Room

SACRAMENTO ARCHIVES CRAWL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 2025 10 AM to 4 PM

Tour among four host archives, gather stamps in your passport, view treasures from dozens of archives & special collections libraries, visit with archivists, win prizes, and go on special behind-the-scenes tours!

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Every October, in celebration of National Archives Month, archives and special collections libraries from throughout the Sacramento region open their doors to the public and showcase their rarely seen holdings during the Sacramento Archives Crawl. The Crawl is held at four host institution sites in downtown Sacramento: the California State Archives, California State Library, Center for Sacramento History, and Sacramento Room at the Sacramento Public Library. Free bus transportation is provided between all four locations. [Click here for more information](#).



Get ready for live roller derby on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at The Bearhouse in Sacramento, 1701 Thornton Ave. The action kicks off at 2 PM with the Sacramento Junior Roller Derby: Beastie Bears vs. Outlaw Bandits. Enjoy food trucks, drinks, VIP seating, and Vendor Alley—[click here for more info!](#)



Touchstone Brewing & Pintworks Brewhpub present A Crafted Collaboration: Summer Edition, an elegant evening of food and beer pairings with Executive Chef Derek Doerner and Brewmaster Ryan Campagna. Guests will enjoy a five-course gourmet prix fixe dinner, each course paired with a handcrafted beer—including an exclusive pour only available at this event. The evening includes a commemorative tasting glass, insights from

the chef and brewer, and an intimate dining experience in the heart of Sacramento. [Click here for tickets.](#)



Come out and celebrate National Coming Out Day with us on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Enjoy live entertainment from talented LGBTQ+ performers, support LGBTQ+ businesses, and connect with local community resources. Mark your calendars and dust off your PRIDE gear for a celebration of love, unity, and fearless existence.

A promotional graphic for 'River District Rendezvous' on the left and a photo of a motorcycle shop on the right. The graphic has a circular logo with two wine glasses and the text 'RIVER DISTRICT Rendezvous'. Below the logo, it says 'WEDNESDAY OCT. 29 5:00 - 7:00 PM SPECIALTY MOTORSPORTS 721 N. B ST.' and 'Sponsored by Steve Ayers riverdistrict.net'. The photo shows a large indoor motorcycle shop with many bikes lined up, an American flag, and various brand banners (Yamaha, BMW, etc.) hanging from the ceiling. There are also small logos in the bottom right of the photo.

This is one Rendezvous you won't want to miss! Motor on over to Specialty Motorsports for a special happy hour networking mixer with friends of the River District on Wednesday, October 29 from 5-7pm. Food and drink sponsored by Steve Ayers. Please [RSVP here](#) or by emailing info@riverdistrict.net.

A poster for a Halloween-themed laser concert. The background is red with a black spiderweb pattern. At the top center is the SMUD logo (SMUD M S C). Below it, the word "HALLOSCREAM" is written in large, white, distressed, block letters. Underneath that, "LASER CONCERT" is written in green, distressed, block letters. In the center is a green, zombie-like hand making the rock-on gesture, with white teeth and red blood splatters. To the left of the hand are two green circular icons: one with "18+" and another with "2 SHOWS 1 NIGHT". To the right of the hand, the text "6 & 7:30 PM" and "24 OCT" is written in white, distressed, block letters. Below the hand, the names of the bands are listed in white, distressed, block letters: "OZZY OSBOURNE", "9 INCH NAILS", "KORN", "ROB ZOMBIE", "BLACK SABBATH", and "METALLICA". At the bottom center, the address "400 JIBBOOM ST, SACRAMENTO 95611" is written in white, distressed, block letters. The bottom of the poster features a silhouette of a graveyard with tombstones and a full moon.

SMUD M S C

HALLOSCREAM

LASER CONCERT

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2 SHOWS
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6 & 7:30 PM
24 OCT

400 JIBBOOM ST, SACRAMENTO 95611

The SMUD Museum of Science & Curiosity presents a scary good laser concert! HALLOSCREAM is a mix of your heavy metal favorites and thrilling laser show! Be ready to rock! [Click here for tickets.](#)



311

CUSTOMER SERVICE

311 is not just for residents . . .

There is an entire portal dedicated to **businesses** at 311.cityofsacramento.org/s/business-home. This portal allows businesses to better interact with City staff. Register to get access to funding, training, procurement opportunities, and more! The goal of this system is to improve our relationships with businesses, provide various ways to engage and get your questions answered.

Here is how to get started:

- 1 Register for an account**
An account will let you track and manage your requests and will ensure we have the right contact information.
- 2 Add your business to your profile**
Adding your business will allow us to find opportunities specific to your business and respond to requests for service.
- 3 Create a request**
Submit requests for funding, training, technical assistance, and more! Our business services are available under the category "Business Resources."



Pro Tip:

Add the keyword "MBARK" when submitting your request for personal follow up!

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SACRAMENTO

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Security Services are provided through a contract with [Capital Protection Group](#). To reach the guard on duty from 7am-7pm call 916-779-5363.

Cleaning and Maintenance Services are provided through a contract with [Accurate Cleaning](#). To request service in the public right of way, please call 916-321-5599.

The River District is committed to building a community that values and promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion. We recognize that we have a responsibility to establish a culture that celebrates and promotes equitable opportunities for everyone. Through collaboration, advocacy, and strategic investments, we strive to foster a welcoming and inclusive neighborhood that supports local commerce, cultural diversity and sustainable growth.

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