

Programs & Issues for the third quarter of 2015 Jul-Aug-Sept

It has been determined that the following subjects are of concern to the community and have been considered and addressed substantially by elected officials, community leaders, expert witnesses and the general public.

1. Environment
2. Police and public safety
3. Health and healthcare
4. Festivals and cultural activities
5. Housing and homelessness
6. Historic preservation
7. Parks and recreation
8. Fire safety and fire services
9. Traffic and transportation
10. Energy and solar power

Additionally, the following programs were produced and broadcast in the public interest:

KCRI PROGRAMS/ISSUES LIST – 3rd QUARTER 2015 JUL – AUG – SEPT

Which Way LA? KCRW's ongoing series on the issues that Southern Californians care about, hosted by Warren Olney, airs Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
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JUDICIAL SYSTEM

California's death row is packed with 750 inmates, and a ruling this week by the US Supreme Court may pave the way to restoring the practice. Will California voters get another chance to decide if some convicts should live or die?

Aired Wednesday, July 1, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

WATER

Water rights granted more than 100 years ago are part of today's water wars, created by a drought that's getting worse than ever. State officials want to re-allocate dwindling resources according to need and the drought is turning forests into kindling for wildfires.

Aired Thursday, July 2, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION, TRAFFIC, AND IMMIGRATION

A popular program in Chinese language immersion has outgrown a campus in Venice on LA's Westside. Plans to enlarge it and move it to Mar Vista outraged Venice residents. A few miles away in Mar Vista, residents like the program but not the traffic and other consequences.

Aired Monday, July 6, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENERGY

State regulators have changed the game for electricity users in California. Households that use the most electricity from Southern California Edison are about to get lower rates, while those who use less will see their bills going up. That seems like a contradiction.

Aired Tuesday, July 7, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The killing of a woman by an undocumented Mexican immigrant has injected San Francisco into the presidential campaign. Details of the incident are undetermined and the legal circumstances are controversial—creating a perfect political storm. Wouldn't other cities have some the same?

Aired Wednesday, July 8, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PRISON SYSTEM, MENTAL HEALTH

There's a construction boom in California. News stories show local officials posing with shovels as counties break ground for new jails but new money was supposed to be split between jails and cheaper alternatives, like mental-health treatment and other forms of rehabilitation.

Aired Thursday, July 9, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

On skid row early this year, an unarmed black man was shot to death by the LAPD. Chief Charlie Beck defended the killing because officers claimed the man had grabbed one of their pistols. But an investigative reporter says police body cams and interviews tell a different story.

Aired Monday, July 13, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LABOR AND IMMIGRATION

Drought isn't the only crisis for California farmers: there's a shortage of legal labor for the summer harvest that's already under way. Farmers want undocumented workers to be safe in the fields but, with immigration reform is stalled in Washington.

Aired Tuesday, July 14, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING

The listing for a cottage in Venice tells the story: 280-square feet, just half a bathroom and no kitchen at all. Asking price: \$1.2 million. Housing in the LA metropolitan region is so expensive that median price for a home in LA County is \$500,000, and realtors say that's out of reach.

Aired Wednesday, July 15, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Twenty-two people have been shot by the LAPD in the first half of this year. Eleven of them have died, most recently a homeless man shot in Venice on Monday. Police say there's no "epidemic," but re-training in the use of force has begun this week for all 10,000 officers.

Aired Thursday, July 16, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTH, BUSINESS, AND POLITICS

A package of anti-smoking bills passed the State Senate this year, but it looked as if they'd been killed by Assembly members who've taken large amounts of tobacco money. Now the measures are alive again in a special, legislative session to address healthcare financing.

Aired Monday, July 20, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

BUSINESS AND LABOR

LA Supervisors were inundated with public for and against a measure that would increase the minimum wage. Over the next five years, it would go from \$9 an hour to

\$15 in unincorporated areas. The City of LA took similar action last month, but other municipalities are undecided.

Aired Tuesday, July 21, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

MILITARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The FBI is conducting a massive investigation into last week's killing of four Marines and a sailor in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We hear what's known about the young, Muslim shooter and the potential impact of the incident in southern states that are rapidly changing.

Aired Wednesday, July 22, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING AND HISTORY

The gentrification debate has taken a new turn in one historic Los Angeles neighborhood. View Park is nearly 84 percent African American now, but an effort to place View Park on the National Register of Historic Places could erode its cultural integrity as a haven for affluent black families.

Aired Thursday, July 23, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

When it comes to the worst roads in the country, the LA Metropolitan area is second only to San Francisco, with San Diego not far behind, as the state needs \$59 billion for freeway maintenance and repair. Gas tax might be going up, and there could be a vehicle tax.

Aired Monday, July 27, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY

Threats that used to be spray-painted on the sides of buildings are now turning up on line. An uptick of shootings late last week in South Los Angeles killed one person and injured 12 others. Nobody knows if they were related to social-media messages before or afterwards.

Aired Tuesday, July 28, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

BUSINESS, SPORTS AND POLITICS

Boston was the US Olympic Committee's first choice to host the summer games in 2024. Los Angeles was number two. Now that Boston's dropped out, is LA ready to bid again with venues left over from '84 and warm memories of the only city ever to profit from hosting the games.

Aired Wednesday, July 29, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Mass shooters often use guns equipped with high-capacity magazines so they don't have to stop and re-load. This week, the LA City Council voted unanimously to ban magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. It's not really gun control, but advocates see momentum in that direction.

Aired Thursday, July 30, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

WATER

San Diego, Santa Barbara and Huntington Beach aren't waiting for El Niño, they're opting to take the salt out of ocean water, despite increased cost to ratepayers and the environment. Will the trade-offs be worth it, or should California focus on conservation and toilet-to-tap recycling?

Aired Monday, Aug. 3, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

The move to restore the Los Angeles River is living up to the best of expectations with camp-outs, pop-up picnics and performances of live music. When that kind of cultural energy appears, developers are never far behind and, sure enough, there are now fears of gentrification.

Aired Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PRISON SYSTEM, POLICE, PUBLIC SAFETY

After decades of excessive force by jailers, abuse of mentally ill inmates and prisoner suicides, LA County has agreed to institute sweeping changes. A federal court will monitor progress to make sure that promised reforms happen. Does Sheriff Jim McDonnell plan to clean house?

Aired Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LABOR

Local politicians are being congratulated for raising the minimum wage. Some 700,000 workers will be entitled to \$10.50 an hour next year and \$15 by the year 2020. But that doesn't mean they'll get it in what's called the national capital of wage theft, notorious for lax enforcement.

Aired Thursday, Aug. 4, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Architect Frank Gehry's buildings are stand-alone landmarks all over the world. Mayor Garcetti says he's the right man to make 51 miles of the Los Angeles River "something special." Long-time Friends of the River are skeptical, but they concede that, "stranger things have happened."

Aired Monday, Aug. 10, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

There's going to be more congestion during the evening rush hour in Los Angeles especially on the Westside but that didn't stop the LA City Council from endorsing what's called "Mobility Plan 2035," when hundreds of miles of new bike and bus lanes are scheduled to be built.

Aired Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE, PUBLIC SAFETY, TECHNOLOGY, CIVIL RIGHTS

LA County Sheriff's deputies have smartphones to take photographs that can be checked against mug shot databases using facial recognition technology, but there's no state law protecting civil rights or privacy. Will pictures be limited only to people arrested?

Aired Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRAFFIC, TRANSPORTATION, COMMERCE, ENVIRONMENT

Forty miles from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, the Inland Empire is the gateway to the rest of America, but that's a mixed blessing. It means investment, thousands of jobs, along with warehouses, freeways clogged with polluting trucks and reduction in property values.

Aired Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRAFFIC, TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY

All you need to call Uber, Lyft or other ride-sharing companies is an app on a smartphone but that doesn't mean they can pick you up at LA's International Airport. It's been the exclusive preserve of traditional taxi-cabs, and they're not going to give up without political warfare.

Aired Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC HEALTH, CIVIL RIGHTS

Parents who don't want to vaccinate their children admit that can end relationships but many still want California voters to overturn a new law requiring childhood vaccinations in the interests of public health. We hear from them and update their adventure in politics.

Aired Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

WATER

Farmers in the Central Valley are pumping so much underground water that roads and canals are cracking and bridges may be in danger. Beneath the surface, natural reservoirs are collapsing, and there'll be no way to restore them, even if the drought should suddenly end.

Aired Monday, Aug. 24, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

At California's colleges and universities, incoming freshmen go to orientation sessions that deal with potential hazards, including earthquakes, fires and gunmen on the loose. This year, a new state law requires instruction about another peril of modern campus life: sexual assault.

Aired Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY

When police departments around the country have mandated body cameras, both uses of force by officers and public complaints have often dropped dramatically. Starting Monday, the LAPD will issue 860 body cams—the first of a planned 7000.

Aired Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PRISON SYSTEM

Ending years of litigation, today the California prison system is significantly changing the way it handles solitary confinement, and will likely move thousands of inmates into the general population. The lawsuit was brought by prisoners who claimed cruel and unusual punishment.

Aired Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Roughly 1100 miles of levees surround the San Joaquin Delta, holding back water in part of the Central Valley. Some were built one hundred years ago; many aren't up to code. Engineers are worried an earthquake or strong El Niño storm could damage the levees and cause flooding.

Aired Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING AND LABOR

Twenty percent of LA families spend more than half their income on rent. The scarcity of affordable housing makes it hard to live near your work. Now, some big employers are playing with solutions, and Mayor Eric Garcetti wants to see more of that.

Aired Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Can California cut gasoline usage in half in just 15 years? That's the goal of SB 350, a greenhouse gas reduction measure that easily passed the State Senate early this year. Then the oil companies came after it with a vengeance, including a massive TV campaign.

Aired Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

The first results from Common Core testing are out and they're disappointing. A majority of the kids in California's public schools are not performing up to grade level. Poor, minority children do worse than whites and Asians, and the gap has widened.

Aired Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLITICS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

Governor Brown took it on the chin last night when some fellow Democrats failed to support his initiative to cut gasoline consumption by 50%. It's still not clear if he'll get the money to fix the state's dilapidated roads and freeways.

Aired Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Violent crime is on the increase in South Los Angeles after almost a decade of steady decline. Yesterday, an "emergency meeting" was packed with elected officials, cops, activists and residents, including survivors and victims' relatives.

Aired Monday, Sept. 14, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

The Presidents of the US and China have agreed to fight against climate change. Now, Los Angeles is one of 10 American cities signing up with 10 cities in China, all promising the "intent" to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. We ask if "intent" is enough to make a difference.

Aired Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS

The "Free Speech" movement of the 1960's started at the University of California. Tomorrow, UC's Board of Regents will hear arguments about how much free speech should be limited to protect students from what's labeled "intolerance."

Aired Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Two men who refused to evacuate are among the casualties in several counties...so far. Escorts are being provided for others who want to return home, some hoping that animals, including pets, will still be alive. Negotiations with insurance companies are already under way.

Aired Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Volkswagen admits that it cheated on smog tests for almost a half-million diesel engines, with 50,000 to 60,000 in California alone. Company stock is already falling, fines could amount to \$18 billion and all those vehicles will have to be retrofitted. That's if customers bring them in.

Aired Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

Governor Brown isn't the only one dreaming about high-speed rail in California. China has come up with \$100 million in seed money for a bullet train from LA to Palmdale to

Victorville — and, finally, to Las Vegas. The technology is already there and there's plenty of traffic.

Aired Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

"The opportunity is ripe" for doubling the number of charter schools in LA Unified -- according to a strategy plan that's leaked out of a powerful private foundation. It's all about raising big money and influencing politics without revealing much detail about the expansion plan.

Aired Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

CULTURAL HISTORY

Glendale is one of seven suburban communities with a statue memorializing the so-called "comfort women" abducted for use by Japanese soldiers during World War II. Now San Francisco may become the first major American city with a similar monument.

Aired Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

BUSINESS

If you've never heard of Haggen Grocery stores, it could be the lack of advertising, which combined with increased prices to force Haggen into bankruptcy right after it bought up 83 supermarkets in California early this year.

Aired Monday, Sept. 28, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENERGY

Utility companies used to support solar-energy panels on the roofs of private homes, but so many roofs in California now generate so much power that the utilities are losing big money. We consider whether solar-energy users are paying their fair share.

Aired Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.

REDEVELOPMENT

Community Redevelopment Agencies used tax money to bring new life to downtown LA, Hollywood and other so-called "blighted areas." They built schools and courthouses. But their sweeping power to seize private property led to charges of corruption and profiteering.

Aired Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015 7 p.m. 1 hr.