

KCRU-FM Oxnard

Programs & Issues for the fourth quarter of 2013 Oct. Nov. Dec.

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. Parks and Recreation
2. Cultural and Performing Arts and Festivals
3. Waste Disposal and Transportation
4. Water and Energy
5. Environment
6. Labor, Employment and Workforce
7. Police and Public Safety
8. Traffic and Transportation
9. Water Quality
10. Housing, Homelessness and Affordable Housing

The following programs were produced and broadcast in the public interest:

KCRU PROGRAMS/ISSUES LIST – 4th Quarter 2013 OCT. NOV. DEC.

Which Way LA?, KCRW’s ongoing series on the issues that Californians care about, hosted by Warren Olney, airs Monday through Thursday, from 7:00pm to 7:30pm.

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
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HEALTHCARE

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Aired Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

IMMIGRATION

California Governor Brown has signed nine new bills to make life easier for the undocumented. One new perk: driver’s licenses. What about fraud? How will they identify themselves and prove residency? Will their licenses comply with federal law?

Aired Monday, Oct. 7, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

CITY POLITICS

New Mayor Eric Garcetti has been interviewing department heads and getting to know the nuts and bolts of city government, even though he served 12 years in the City Council. We ask him when we’ll see evidence that he’s making a difference.

Aired Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

POLICE/ PUBLIC SAFETY/PUBLIC HEALTH

An independent report says the California Department of Toxic Substances Control lacks even a system for denying or revoking the permits of companies found to be threatening human health.

Aired Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

DEVELOPMENT/ECONOMY

Architect Frank Gehry's Walt Disney Concert Hall finally provided a keystone, but his grand design for a cultural center in the Bunker Hill neighborhood of Los Angeles was downsized and stalled by the recession. Now Gehry wants back in the action.

Aired Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

IMMIGRATION/NATIONAL POLITICS

The Republican National Party is spending \$10 million to reach out to Latinos, and the blue state of California presents an especially tough challenge. We hear opinions about the GOP's chance for success with the state's fastest growing voting bloc.

Aired Monday, Oct. 14, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT

With just 300 hydrogen-powered cars on California highways, Governor Brown wants to create a market for more. But why should the owners of existing automobiles be taxed for alternative cars of the future?

Aired Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT

The forests of derricks are gone and production is on the decline, but new extraction techniques may open the massive Monterey Shale Formation, creating another oil boom. Will the jobs and the money be worth the consequences?

Aired Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY/CIVIL RIGHTS

Some 200,000 Californians are on a database that tracks suspected gang members. Police don't tell them, but prospective officials often find out. A new law says parents or guardians of children have to be notified so they can intervene if warranted.

Aired Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

EDUCATION/HEALTH

PBS program *League of Denial* revealed the NFL covered up debilitating brain damage players suffered as a result of multiple concussions. High school football players are even more vulnerable. Do modern helmets provide the protection they need?

Aired Monday, Oct. 21, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The LA Times reports the potential collapse of more than 1000 old concrete buildings in a Los Angeles earthquake endangers a cross-section of workers and residents. Mayor Garcetti wants to hire an Earthquake Czar. We hear what the challenges will be.
Aired Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

DISCRIMINATION/EDUCATION

After publicly denying an African-American doctor's charges of racial discrimination, UCLA settled for \$4.5 million. Last week, a special panel reported "a campus racial climate in near crisis." We hear what it's like at the Medical Center and on campus.
Aired Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

TECHNOLOGY/MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL

How many City workers were paid more last year than the Mayor? What was the revenue from parking fines or the Zoo? How much was spent on LAPD? You can find the answers at Control Panel LA, a website that opens city finances to public scrutiny.
Aired Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

TECHNOLOGY/ENVIRONMENT

More data through the air without any wires. Sounds great until a company wants to put a transmission tower in your yard. Southern Californians have been appealing to cities and counties, but now the Federal Communications Commission may be "the decider."
Aired Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

EDUCATION

Superintendent John Deasy got a "satisfactory" rating yesterday from LA's elected School Board and he'll stay on until 2016. Can they really work together on budget issues, the "common core" curriculum, and disputes over teacher evaluations and Deasy's troubled effort to give every student an iPad?
Aired Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT

The City of Whittier wants oil drilling on land Los Angeles County bought to preserve as open space. County officials claim the deal could open the door to oil drilling on parkland all over the state. Supervisor Gloria Molina calls it a "dangerous precedent."
Aired Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

HEALTHCARE

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Aired Friday, Nov. 1, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

POLITICAL SCANDAL

An FBI affidavit reveals a sting operation involving \$60,000 in alleged bribes to State Senator Ron Calderon, third generation politician. Transcripts of taped conversations have led officials to distance themselves from Calderon and call for his resignation.
Aired Friday, Nov. 1, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

WATER/ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT

"There it is -- Take it," said William Mulholland as water began to flow into the Los Angeles Aqueduct, helping to turn LA in one of the world's largest and most important cities. On the 100th anniversary we look at the on-going quest to quench LA's thirst.
Aired Monday, Nov. 4, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

WATER/ENVIRONMENT

In Los Angeles, drinking fountains are almost things of the past, either removed or hardly maintained and replaced by sodas in vending machines. LA residents buy drinking water in plastic bottles. But why, when the DWP provides it for free?
Aired Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

CHILD SAFETY SERVICES

After years of finger-pointing over the abuse of children in public care, social workers have sued LA County over staffing ratios, claiming they're often responsible for twice as many endangered children as their contract calls for.
Aired Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

ENVIRONMENT/NUCLEAR ARSENAL

America's nuclear arsenal has been subject to a terrifying number of accidents, miscalculations and inexplicable blunders, without a devastating catastrophe so far. We talk with investigative reporter Eric Schlosser about how close we've come.
Aired Monday, Nov.11, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

HEALTHCARE

Initial enrollment numbers for the Affordable Care Act were made public today, and California leads the nation with 35,000. In all 36 states where the federal government is in charge, the total was 27,000, and the nationwide number is 10% of hoped for.
Aired Wednesday, Nov.13, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

POLITICAL SCANDAL/ELECTIONS

For 80 years, no LA Sheriff has been replaced by an election, though current Sheriff Lee Baca is now tarnished by scandal, and so is his best-known opponent. We hear about the dark horse who blew the whistle, Bob Olmsted.
Aired Wednesday, Nov.13, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

HEALTHCARE

California's version of the Affordable Care Act is going better than many others, but that doesn't mean there aren't problems. We hear about website delays in providing guides for insurance exchanges plus success in expanding coverage for the poor.

Aired Monday, Nov.18, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

EDUCATION/CULTURAL DIVERSITY

A spoken-word student-video with more than a million views on YouTube dramatizes how few African-Americans are admitted to UCLA. We hear what it's like to be one of the only black students on campus. Are there strategies to help increase diversity?

Aired Tuesday, Nov.19, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

TRANSPORTATION/TECHNOLOGY

This year's Los Angeles Auto Show is all about communications technology, and the bottom line is that the car becomes a sort of mobile device, a smart phone. Will a new generation fall in love with cars if they're connected? What about driving distractions?

Aired Wednesday, Nov.20, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/SCANDAL

The Citizens Commission on violence in LA County said Sheriff Lee Baca and Undersheriff Paul Tanaka were responsible for abuses including violence by deputies in county jail. Now Baca is running for re-election and Tanaka is running against him.

Aired Monday, Nov.25, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

HOMELESSNESS

LA's growing homeless population makes feeding people who live on the streets more urgent than ever, leading to a backlash in some neighborhoods that lack supportive services. Now there's a move to restrict feeding in public places. Is that humane?

Aired Tuesday, Nov.26, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

HOUSING

In Los Angeles, more people rent their homes than own them, and rents are 6% higher than before the Great Recession. How high can they go? Who's being priced out? What's driving the increase?

Aired Wednesday, Nov.27, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

FREE SPEECH/TECHNOLOGY

Internet websites are grappling with an issue as old as the freedom of speech. It's all about online comments: when they're offensive, off the point or so ignorant it distorts the value of carefully researched science. Should they be allowed anyway, or censored?

Aired Thursday, Nov.28, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

TRANSPORTATION/TECHNOLOGY

The cars of today are almost fully automated, and the smart technology for driverless cars has now been developed. Why don't we have them? We hear about possible benefits and the potential problems.

Aired Friday, Nov.29, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

EDUCATION/PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Last year Almost 5,000 school kids got tickets from campus police, meaning time in court and lost class time. Poor and minority children most likely to be cited by campus police. Now, there's a kinder, gentler policy, at least for kids 12 and under.

Aired Monday, Dec. 2, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

CITY POLITICS

LA County's five Supervisors are America's most powerful local elected officials, spending \$25 billion a year for a population that's bigger than most American states. Term limits are forcing Zev Yaroslavsky and Gloria Molina out of office next year.

Aired Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

STATE BUDGET SURPLUS/SERVICES

After years of crippling deficits, state government is not just out of the red, it'll have a surplus. So how should the money be spent? Can we finally restore draconian cuts in services for the aged, poor and disabled? Is it time to cut taxes?

Aired Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

HEALTH

An LA City Councilman calls inhaling the vapor from e-cigarettes a "deadly habit," and all 14 colleagues agree. We hear about yesterday's unanimous decision to regulate sales and get reaction from a pioneer in the business of marketing e-cigarettes.

Aired Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY

Federal authorities have indicted 18 deputies and arrested 17. They're accused of corruption and civil rights abuses at downtown jails. One training officer is accused of overseeing beatings and showing trainees how to write false reports.

Aired Monday, Dec. 9, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY

Five federal indictments against 18 officers add up to only the latest blow against LA Sheriff Lee Baca. A blue ribbon panel has already blamed him for brutality in the jails and a County Supervisor has told him it's time to retire, but he's running for re-election.

Aired Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

EDUCATION

Some teachers are required to show up on time, clock in -- and spend the day doing nothing — sometimes for 6 months or more than a year. We talk to an inmate of what's called "teacher jail," the subject of organized protests against LA Unified.

Aired Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Los Angeles Fire Department's new chief will have to deal with the fallout from costly discrimination lawsuits over the past decade, and federal and city oversight. We look at what new leadership can do to change the predominantly white male culture.

Aired Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

HEALTH/PUBLIC SAFETY

At UC Santa Barbara, a freshman's feet had to be amputated after a campus outbreak of bacterial meningitis. 5000 students were inoculated for that at Princeton with a vaccine not yet approved in the US. Should that happen at UCSB?

Aired Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH/TRANSPORTATION

Exide, in Vernon, has people from Boyle Heights to Hancock Park in fear of cancer and other diseases after years of lead and arsenic emissions. Exide says it's cleaned up its act. If it shut down, where would 25,000 batteries go every day to die?

Aired Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

WATER/ENVIRONMENT

State and federal officials are under pressure to declare a drought in this third dry year in a row. Governor Brown has produced a \$25 billion plan to keep water flowing from Northern California. Meantime, a court case could lead to increased water rates in LA.

Aired Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Utah could become the 18th state to permit same sex marriage, and lawsuits over gay marriage are working their way through the courts in 17 other states. Will 2013 have been the tipping point for same-sex marriage in America?

Aired Monday, Dec. 30, 2013 7:00pm ½ hr.