

## Welcome to the El Dorado County SOJ Newsletter



### **Hi Jeffersonians:**

Too few are aware that there is an impending Bill in the State Legislature to tax your tap water, or that in 2022, your water will be rationed, allowing only 55 gallons per person, per day. All of this and much more are the topics of discussion, by John Kingsbury, Director of Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA), at the State of Jefferson (SOJ) meeting, on Tuesday, February 12, at the American Legion Hall, 4561 Greenstone Road, in Placerville.

The meeting is open to the public and doors open at 5:30 PM, for social hour and to grab a Jefferson Dog, along with desserts and beverages. It is also during this time, when you can visit with one of the SOJ committee members, should you wish to know more about Jefferson, as well as the effort for equal/fair representation in the California State Legislature. Jefferson merchandise, to include winter gear is also available. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

MCWRA has 65 members, representing Counties water and power agencies. Since the formation of the Association, the State water and policies have changed tremendously. The Area of Origin statutes as well as Pre-2014 water rights are being consistently called into question as they relate to efficient water use, allocation and beneficial uses. In 1979, the Association was reorganized to represent the Counties of Origin in gaining water rights protection and development. Their office is located in Placerville.

### ***Next Month's meeting will be the Candidates for District 1 State Senate***

The El Dorado County State of Jefferson meets the second Tuesday of each month, same time and location. In March, SOJ will host a candidate's forum for the District 1 State Senate candidates, seeking the seat recently vacated by Ted Gaines. The date of the special election is March 26.

### ***You can find it all at the SOJ 51.org Website***

With spring approaching, events and other activities are lining up throughout the 23 Counties of Jefferson, to include 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rallies, with keynote speaker, Mark Baird. The next Rally is scheduled in Sonora on Saturday, February 16, at the Elks Lodge, 100 Elk Drive. Check out [tokeepandbear.com](http://tokeepandbear.com) for all the details and information about Mark's legal action.

On Saturday, March 9, Tehama County is having their first Business Expo, with booth space available for all businesses within the 23 counties, who would like to showcase their products and services.

All events, town halls, and meetings can be found on the SOJ51.org website, where you can also subscribe to the Jefferson Messenger. The Messenger also has a list of monthly County meetings, both in California and Oregon. All this can be found by clicking on [Resources](#), where you will also find past issues of the Messenger. Click on Committees and you will find the contact information for all County Committees.

For announcements and the latest news about the court cases, tune in to KCNR 1460 Radio, every Sunday, from 9 to 10 AM. This is a live talk show that is archived, allowing you to listen in at a time more convenient for your schedule. Also, be sure to visit Jefferson Liberty Radio Podcast that is broadcast from Stanislaus County.

### ***Announcing the New Jefferson Chamber of Commerce***

In our effort to promote and support the business community, we are pleased to announce the creation of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, offering a Face Book page, where businesses can post their business card. At this time, this is offered at no cost to the business owner. Be sure to tell your friends who own businesses or those businesses you frequent. Do not forget to support the local businesses whose cards are displayed at the bottom of this newsletter.

### ***Our EDC State of Jefferson Newsletters are on our website***

You can now go to our website and find our newsletters from previous months. When you are on our website, select committees, select El Dorado County, and click on the newsletter you want to view. Our website is: <http://soj51.org/>

***Please forward this email to all your contacts and Social Media Friends***

**Thank you, from the El Dorado County State of Jefferson Committee**

Disclosure:

The State of Jefferson Formation is a grassroots effort to restore representation to the rural counties of Northern California. This movement is NOT affiliated with any political party. Over the last four years, presentations explaining the reasons for Jefferson have been given to all political parties, as well as men and women's service organization, chambers of commerce, county taxpayers associations, county and city government meetings, high school government classes, and town hall meetings for the general public, throughout Northern California. The State of Jefferson welcomes everyone.

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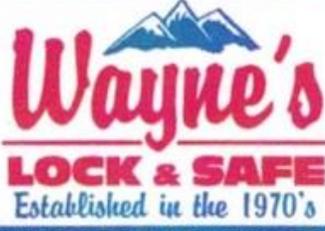
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