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Pauma Valley Community Newsletter

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8th Early Special Edition

Rancho Pauma Mutual Water Company

There has been no comment received from the Rancho Pauma Mutual Water Company this quarter.

Chuck Bandy, Board President



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Celebrating 250 Years, One Quilt at a Time: Pauma Studio Prepares for Flag Day Sale

By Shari Crall

Walking into the Pauma studio, decorated with red, white, and blue quilts, pillows, table runners, and other handmade projects, I was struck by the countless hours of work behind it all. Then I paused and realized it wasn't merely hundreds of hours — it was thousands.

Jo Casper, whose quilt was hanging on the wall, explained, "I can tell you that cutting the pieces alone took 36 hours, because I timed it. Cutting usually takes the most time." After that comes sewing the pieces together into precise patterns — i.e. Lynda McKinnon's perfectly matched star points on the quilt top on the table, then all the tiny seams need to be pressed open with care. Once the quilting is finished, the final step is adding the binding.

This year, with the nation's 250th birthday approaching, the Studio has transformed into a patriotic showcase. Jo said the historic milestone inspired her to buy a "jelly roll" — not a pastry, but a bundle of pre-cut coordinating fabrics used in quilting. Quilting, she explained, comes with its own colorful vocabulary: wonky cabin, Ohio star, flying geese, church steps, and churn dash are all quilt patterns, while charm packs and layer cakes refer to fabric collections. "It awakened my patriotism," Jo said, adding that the theme

became "just kind of addictive."

The enthusiasm quickly spread to Paula, Lynda, and others, and before long the room was overflowing with patriotic creations. Some of the quilts on display have already sold, though quilts are often major investments of time and money. To offer more affordable pieces, the group also created pillows, coasters, and table runners using the striking fabrics they discovered. The projects feature stars and stripes in many variations, along with fabrics printed with historical quotes, sketches of Philadelphia, and lyrics from patriotic hymns.

Their work incorporated techniques such as appliqué and embroidery, in addition to long-arm quilting, which uses computer-guided stitching to create intricate designs. One quilt features a large "250," while another is quilted in star motifs. Although some straight-line quilting is done on their own sewing machines, Lynda clarified, "We usually don't quilt our quilts but have somebody quilt them for us. Technically, we are piecers." In other words, they design and assemble the quilt tops before sending them out for long-arm quilting. Still, the artistry lies in the precision, color choices, and design of the quilt top itself — where most of the creativity and labor happen.

Pauma Valley Roadway Association

“Celebrating 250 Years, One Quilt at a Time: Pauma Studio Prepares for Flag Day Sale” Continued...

Upcoming Road Construction and Closure Reminders

June will be an exciting month for all those who use the roads within our Pauma Valley community. Pauma Valley Drive will be repaved from the rear gate to just short of Cahuka Court. This project will take place between **June 15th and June 19th**. Some road closures on Pauma Valley Drive will be required during this project, and the specific dates and locations will be communicated as we get closer to the project dates.

Pauma Valley Roadway Board Requests

We would ask all residents to comply with the designated closure dates. Last year, we had to pay to redo some work because the road was driven on prematurely. The roadway board appreciates your cooperation. As always, we remind those who use the roads within Pauma Valley to comply with the **25 MPH speed limit**. Many in our community walk on the roads, and we desire that it is as safe as possible. The Pauma Valley Roadway Board is exploring ways to enhance traffic compliance within our community and hopes to have some additional information in the near future.

Roadway Dues

For those few who have not yet paid their 2026 roadway assessment, please do so **ASAP** as the next steps in the collection policy will be triggered shortly for those accounts that are past due.

Roadway Enhancements

You may have noticed that part of the hillside was cut back from the roadway approaching the rear gate. This was done to allow the creation of a walking path in this area. The previous roadway in that area was very narrow, making it difficult to walk along the road.

Finally, the Pauma Valley Roadway Board hopes all will have a great summer and a smooth ride on the Pauma Valley roads.

Allen Koo, Board President



While I met with Jo, Paula, and Lynda, they emphasized that many others participate and all members and their guests are always welcome. “We love the camaraderie — the group, the sharing,” Lynda said. Jo added that one of the joys is “seeing different interpretations of a pattern.” Pointing to several versions of the same quilt design, she explained, “My flag — ‘My American Dream,’ that’s the name of the pattern — Paula’s uses all the same fabrics, while mine is scrappy, with all different fabrics. It’s great to see the same pattern done in different ways.” Paula said her favorite part is “thinking about the fabrics and the colors.” The group also enjoys the hunt for new materials and ideas. “Different things give us different ideas,” Jo said, describing the constant inspiration that fills the room.

“We like to be in here

together, so we can share what we’re working on,” Paula said. The Studio is equipped with a donated sewing machine — though most members bring their own — along with large tables and a cutting table that Paula noted is “just the right height,” saving quilters from bending over and straining their backs. Visitors often stop by to admire the projects and offer opinions. Paula laughed that she frequently asks fellow quilters, or even passersby, “What do you think?”

“It awakened my patriotism”

Jo Casper

One wall is dominated by a large design board, which Paula said they created “so people can put up stuff and look at it.” During my visit, quilt blocks covered the wall, allowing the creator to step back, rearrange pieces, and evaluate how the colors and patterns worked together.

The Pauma Studio will hold a

sale of the patriotic collection on Friday, June 12, from 12-3pm, just before Flag Day so you can deck out your own home.

For more information, contact Paula Day @ 541-419-3645, Jo Casper @ 310-995-7985, or Lynda McKinnon @ 760-580-5094

Fiber Arts group Tuesdays 3-5pm, Wanda Bye @ 603-953-5154 — learn to knit or crochet, or bring in something you are working on or want help with.

Artists can reserve the room to come and paint.

Open Studio hours are on Friday afternoon or schedule through the Pauma Valley Country Club office.



A very Special thanks to our Guest Writer, Mrs. Shari Crall!

SOLAR PROJECT COMPLETE

A major milestone for the community



From the General Manager's Desk

Welcome to a Special Early 8th Edition of your District newsletter. This quarter brings a milestone the entire community can take pride in: **the completion of the Pauma Valley Community Services District's solar project.**

First initiated in 2021, the solar array faced years of complex challenges before reaching the finish line. Through persistent effort by District staff, every obstacle was worked through, and the system is now fully operational. All 200 panels have been cleaned, inspected, and are generating power, and San Diego Gas & Electric has issued formal Permission to Operate. Remote monitoring has also been put in place to track performance and ensure the system continues operating at its full potential. With final acceptance now before the Board, the resolution of a long-standing capital project that had been underway for years is officially at hand.

Just as important as the completion is how it was achieved. Early estimates to finish the remaining work climbed well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Through careful management, negotiation, and sound stewardship of public funds, the District brought the project across the finish line for a fraction of those projections — protecting ratepayer dollars while delivering a lasting community asset.

The benefit to the community is significant. With a completed system, the District now brings in real, recurring savings that help support long-term financial stability, ease pressure on service costs, and reduce our reliance on purchased power. Savings of this kind allow the District to direct more resources toward maintaining the infrastructure that keeps wastewater service safe and reliable — all while generating clean, renewable energy for the community we serve.

To celebrate this achievement, the District will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the solar site, with details to follow. We warmly invite residents to join us in marking this milestone — a project that represents years of work and a meaningful step forward for the future of Pauma Valley.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board:
**Monday, June 22nd, 2026,
at 10:00 AM**

Best Regards,
Eric Steinlicht
Eric Steinlicht, General Manager



Upcoming Board Meetings

- **Rancho Pauma Mutual Water Company**
WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 15th, 2026, AT 2:00 PM
WHERE: 33129 Cole Grade Road, Pauma Valley CA 92061
WEBSITE: <https://www.ranchopaumamwc.com/>
- **Pauma Valley Roadway Association**
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JULY 8th, 2026, AT 6:00 PM
WHERE: RTJ Room, Pauma Valley Country Club
WEBSITE: <https://www.roadwayassn.org/>
- **Pauma Valley Community Services District**
WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 22nd, 2026, AT 10:00 AM
WHERE: 33129 Cole Grade Road, Pauma Valley CA 92061
WEBSITE: <https://www.paumavalleycsd.ca.gov/>


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