

Newsom calls for new set of goals for water

Amid good snowpack and reservoir levels, he unveils a plan to address future issues.

By IAN JAMES

With California snowpack and reservoirs at above-average levels after two wet winters, Gov. Gavin Newsom stood on a snowy field near Lake Tahoe on Tuesday and urged the state to do much more to make its water supplies resilient to the extreme droughts and flooding that come with climate change.

“These extremes are becoming the new reality, and that new reality requires a new approach,” Newsom said. “The water system in California was designed for a world that no longer exists.”

The governor presented a new water plan that lays out priorities for changing how the state captures, stores and moves water, including efforts to replenish groundwater, recycle wastewater and restore the natural ecosystems of watersheds.

Newsom said his administration is focusing on infrastructure projects such as building the Sites Reservoir — the first new major reservoir in decades — and he vowed to move ahead with the proposed Delta Conveyance Project, a 45-mile tunnel that would transport water beneath the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

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Video counters original version of shooting

Teen taken by father was following deputy’s orders when killed by law enforcement.

By NATHAN SOLIS

Savannah Graziano, a 15-year-old who was abducted by her father in September 2022, was shot and killed by law enforcement even as she followed a deputy’s instructions to walk toward them on the side of a California highway, according to newly released video and audio.

The video, obtained through a California Public Records Act request by an independent journalist, contradicts statements made by the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department in the aftermath of the shooting that Savannah had fired shots at deputies before her death.

Savannah was fatally shot on Interstate 15 in the San Bernardino County city of Hesperia nearly 24 hours after the California Highway Patrol had issued an Amber Alert about her abduction. Authorities found her

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RELATIVES and friends surround the body of Saif abu Taha during his funeral in Rafah, Gaza Strip. Abu Taha was one of the World Central Kitchen aid workers who were killed in Israeli airstrikes.

Grief, anger after Israeli strikes kill 7 aid workers

World Central Kitchen staffers had just delivered food

By NABIH BULOS AND LAURA KING

AQABA, Jordan — It was the middle of the night at chef José Andrés’ field headquarters on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus when word came in. The early details were frightening enough, but very quickly turned utterly catastrophic.

Seven staff members from World Central Kitchen, the Andrés-founded humanitarian aid group that has been frantically working to get food aid to Palestinians in war-wrecked Gaza, had been killed late Monday in airstrikes on their convoy near the town of Deir al Balah.

On the phone later with a Los Angeles Times reporter who had recently visited the World Central Kitchen operation in Cyprus, a back base for the Gaza relief operation, Andrés’ voice was raw with pain and grief.

“Those we lost today were more than colleagues — they were friends,” said the 54-year-old Spanish-born chef, whose voice still strongly carries the lilt of his homeland.

The group announced hours after the strikes that it was suspending its work in Gaza.

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BLOODSTAINED British, Polish and Australian passports were found in the wreckage near Deir al Balah, Gaza Strip.

BOILING POINT

Building a better Tomorrowland

An electric Autopia is great, but Disney must do more on climate

SAMMY ROTH

The air tastes putrid. The traffic is terrible. The engines are loud, the oil-stained roadways ugly and antiquated.

This is Autopia, part of Walt Disney’s Tomorrowland, where kids from around the world come to dream about the future.

If anyone could get away with defending the toxic odor, it might be Bob Gurr. He designed the original Autopia cars in the mid-1950s, working closely with Disney himself. He’s proud of what they built together.

But today the 92-year-old says the polluting motors need to go.

“Get rid of those god-awful gasoline fumes,”



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DISNEY is “evaluating technology” to electrify its Autopia attraction at the Anaheim theme park.

he said.

Disneyland is finally preparing to do just that.

Disney officials have shared exclusively with The Times that pure gasoline engines are on their way out.

“As the industry moves toward alternative fuel sources, we have developed a roadmap to electrify this attraction and are evaluating technology that will enable us to convert from gas engines in the next few years,” spokesperson Jessica Good said in an email.

Good wouldn’t confirm whether that means electric vehicles or hybrids.

Whatever comes next, it will ideally be just the beginning for clean energy and sustainability at Tomorrowland.

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Olympic planning runs into transit hurdle

L.A. officials are looking for \$1 billion to temporarily double the bus fleet in 2028.

By RACHEL URANGA

The steep financial cost of the 2028 Olympic Games is starting to come into closer focus in the run-up to the Paris Games, as Los Angeles planners are tabulating the billions of dollars that will be needed to prevent traffic jams and long waits for commuters.

Grand plans to build rail lines crisscrossing the region by the time the Games start have been dashed, and officials are trying to figure out how to pay more than \$1 billion to run buses that will probably disappear after the Games.

After visiting Paris last month, Mayor Karen Bass said the magnitude of the task weighs on her as the region readies for the international event.

“It put fire under us to realize that we need to get far more involved in Olympic preparation and all that it might mean,” Bass, who is the chair of the Metro executive board, said during its meeting Thursday.

The 17-day Olympic Games were billed as an event that would generate a billion dollars and produce legacy infrastructure projects such as rail lines, without burdening the region with the cost of new venues.

The price tag for the Paris Games is a reported \$10 billion, which includes renovating venues. The city has leaned on its federal government, a strategy L.A. and local organizers plan to mimic.

But who will pay for visitors’ bus transportation during the so-called car-free Games has not been settled.

The private LA28 organizing committee has a \$6.9-billion budget, which will largely pay for orchestrating the Games.

But it doesn’t include the 2,700 buses — double Metro’s current fleet — that the region is projected to need to move the millions of spectators expected to attend the

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‘Quiet threat’ to abortion access

If reelected, Trump could block such procedures in the Golden State, Anita Chabria writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Using AI to fight deepfakes

Hollywood talent agency WME enlists startup Loti to flag manipulated video and images. **BUSINESS, A6**

A bright future for USC women

Despite Connecticut ending its season, the Trojans basketball program should be formidable. **SPORTS, B10**

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