

Programs & Issues for the first quarter of 2014 Jan-Feb-Mar

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, during the regular Santa Monica City Council meetings, which are broadcast live on Tuesdays, beginning at 8:00pm. Broadcasts last until 12:00am unless council adjourns before that time.

1. Police, crime and public safety
2. Urban agriculture
3. Water, wells and conservation
4. Housing and homelessness
5. Energy resources
6. Education and youth services
7. Sustainability
8. Public and social services
9. Labor and labor relations
10. Fairs, festivals and cultural celebrations

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

KCRI PROGRAMS/ISSUES LIST – 1st QUARTER 2014 JAN – FEB - MAR

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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HEALTHCARE

Millions of Americans are starting to use their new health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. We find out how it's going, where is the policy headed, and how well doctors and hospitals are coping.

Aired Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE

Lost applications, wasted hours on the phone and frustrated consumers are trying to access their new health insurance. Even people not using the Affordable Care Act are feeling the ripple effects.

Aired Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Lee Baca was sheriff of Los Angeles County for 15 years. Today, he said he'll step down at the end of the month. Baca told reporters, "I don't see myself as the future. I see myself as part of the past." It's a past plagued by. How much is he to blame?

Aired Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION

A scathing blue ribbon report out today say sthe city is failing to provide basic public services in education, transportation and wages. It says LA has been living in the past and, yet, it has all the makings of a bright future.

Aired Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRANSPORTATION

Amid Governor Jerry Brown's cross-California budget tour today, there are questions about his proposal to help fund high-speed rail between LA and San Francisco. We hear from both sides of the debate on whether to fast track the high-speed rail.

Aired Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

WATER AND ENERGY

America's biggest municipal utility is in trouble. The fifth general manager in seven years at the Los Angeles DWP has resigned, and the boss of its biggest union has been subpoenaed to testify on the \$40 million in public money being spent.

Aired Monday, Jan. 13, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENERGY

Five years after the President's initiative for large-scale solar plants, just three are in operation. The big money is now behind installations on individual buildings, including private homes. We hear about the changing dynamics of renewable energy.

Aired Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

REDEVELOPMENT

When the Lakers and Kings moved, the music died at the Forum in Inglewood, according to Mayor Butts. Professional sports are gone, but the music is coming back after \$100 million in renovations, including world-class acoustics and theater seating.

Aired Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

NATURAL DISASTER

It's been 20 years since LA was shaken awake by a 6.7 magnitude tremor, leaving unforgettable memories. Scientists are certain there will be more shaking.

Aired Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

DRAUGHT, FIRE AND AGRICULTURE

The story of California is the story of water, and this is the driest winter in the state's recorded history. The Sierra snowpack is at 15% of its annual average, big trouble for the Central Valley's \$45 billion agriculture industry. What does drought mean for you?

Aired Monday, Jan. 20, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LOCAL ELECTIONS AND TERM LIMITS

For decades, LA County's Board of Supervisors has been almost immune to change. The five current incumbents have served for a total of almost 100 years. Now, term limits passed by the voters are changing all that.

Aired Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

STATE OF THE STATE

Jerry Brown delivered his annual State of the State speech as required by the Constitution. We hear what he said about various issues and talk with a speechwriter about Brown's chances of serving a record fourth term if he runs again this year.

Aired Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

NOISE POLLUTION

The skies of Los Angeles are filled with helicopters producing a lot of noise for folks on the ground and a lot of complaints from people who don't want to grin and bear it. We hear why many are still unhappy despite a new law signed by President Obama.

Aired Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

School reformers complain it's too easy to hire teachers and too hard to fire those who aren't up to the job. Teachers say tenure is a needed protection. Reformers charged in court that state laws deprive poor and minority kids of their right to an education.

Aired Monday, Jan. 27, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Lee Baca retires as Los Angeles County Sheriff while Orange County Undersheriff John Scott will be sworn in to replace him until voters choose somebody else in June or November. We ask Scott about his promise to "restore dignity" in such a short time.

Aired Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLITICS

After 40 years in Washington, Los Angeles Democrat Henry Waxman announced today he won't run for re-election. We talk with the Congressman many Democrats call the best in the business and the bane of Republicans.

Aired Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

DRAUGHT

Northern Californians are taking showers over buckets, letting their lawns die, leaving swimming pools empty and driving unwashed cars to save precious water. Most of Southern California's water comes from the north but no such limits exist down here.

Aired Monday, Feb. 3, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Beat poets and hippies made Venice Beach a kind of retreat from middle class conformity, a place where being "different" was looked on as an asset. Recent gentrification and commercialization have led to a culture clash. Is that still going on?

Aired Monday, Feb. 3, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

A trial now underway in an LA courtroom could make it easier to fire incompetent teachers, since a high-powered legal team was hired by a tech millionaire, who wants his kids and poorer and minority students to get a better education in public schools.

Aired Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

CITY BUDGET DEFICIT

The City of Los Angeles faces a \$250 million deficit. Now Mayor Garcetti wants to get rid of the business tax at a cost of \$400 million in existing revenue. Will that be made up when fewer companies leave town and more come as the Mayor says?

Aired Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

DEVELOPMENT

Will LA's Wilshire Grand Tower be the tallest building in the western United States? We won't know until the final spire is in place in 2017. Saturday 2100 truckloads of cement will be escorted to the site by the USC Marching Band.

Aired Monday, Feb. 10, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC HEALTH

A new state law has required chefs to wear disposable gloves every time they touch ready-to-eat raw food, what one calls the 'clay of her culinary sculpture.' Consumers do face the risk of food-borne illness, but is this a case of well-intentioned over-protection?

Aired Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLITICS

Since Henry Waxman's surprise resignation, candidates have been lining up for a Congressional district that stretches from the Palos Verdes Peninsula to Malibu and into the San Fernando Valley. We hear from two Democrats.

Aired Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PRISONERS AND DEATH PENALTY

"Old age should not be the leading cause of death on death row," says Pete Wilson. He joins two other former Governors supporting a November ballot initiative to speed up executions in California, with 746 inmates here now facing capital punishment.

Aired Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TECHNOLOGY

Robots are here to stay: in factories and homes, from real-world battlefields to popular culture. We talk about robotics and the increased interaction of robots with human beings.

Aired Monday, Feb. 17, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

GUN CONTROL

A federal appellate court says California's law against openly carrying guns in public is having an unintended consequence. Since the state also bans concealed carry, it's denying the 2nd Amendment right to "bear" arms. We unravel a complex case.

Aired Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LABOR AND COMPENSATION

Five LA City Council members want workers at hotels near LAX paid more than \$15 an hour -- the highest minimum wage in the nation. Local businesses say it's too much and that jobs will be cut. But one entrepreneur says an increase should apply to all workers.

Aired Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENERGY

With sunlight year-round, Southern California is a perfect place to install solar power, and state policy requires a transition to renewables. Frustrated local homeowners accuse public utilities of delay because alternative power costs them money.

Aired Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

DEVELOPMENT

Boosters of growth in Hollywood have suffered a setback, while opponents of increased density have scored a victory. This time, it's not all about earthquake faults. A judge has ruled that the best-laid plans of city officials are "fundamentally flawed."

Aired Monday, Feb. 24, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC HEALTH

A study released today shows that obesity rates for very young children have dropped in the past 10 years, just as beverage companies fight a proposed mandate in for labels warning that sugary soft drinks increase the risk of childhood obesity.

Aired Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

Superintendent Deasy said two charter schools' record of improving the performance of poor, Latino students "unquestionable and unassailable," the as School Board voted to close them. One dissenter reportedly said, "This disgusts me."

Aired Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

BUSINESS

In an eight-year period, California lost 11% of its jobs in film and TV, while New York gained 25%. When it comes to tax incentives, the state is not favorable, and last year's LA-based Oscar winner for visual effects went bankrupt before the awards ceremony. Aired Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

FRACKING

There's been oil drilling in Los Angeles for more than 100 years, and some wells are still active. Fracking could make some inactive ones gush again. But the City Council is worried about health risks, earthquakes and the use of water during a drought. Aired Monday, Mar. 3, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Eric Garcetti's grandparents came from Mexico. He's now Mayor of Los Angeles, with more Mexicans than any place outside that country itself. We talk to him as he visits a nation that's developing faster than most Americans realize. Aired Tuesday, Mar. 4, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE AND DRUG ABUSE

Drug overdoses now kill more Americans than auto accidents, and prescription drugs are a big part of the problem. Where do chronic abusers get their drugs? Not just from friends and relatives as previously thought, but also from doctors. Aired Wednesday, Mar. 5, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLITICS

California's Democratic Party is led by an old guard. Both US Senators have served for 21 years. The Governor's running for his fourth term. There is not a rift over issues, but young Democrats are wondering, "When are these people going to leave?" Aired Thursday, Mar. 6, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Nine million pounds of beef from a California slaughterhouse have been recalled as "unsound, unwholesome or otherwise unfit" for consumers. Small organic producers insist they followed their grass-fed cattle protocol and that the meat is perfectly healthy. Aired Monday, Mar. 10, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE, POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

An unlikely combination of interest groups may support new state regulations on medical marijuana. California's police chiefs want enforcement now. Advocates of legalizing pot for recreational use see a path to the future. Aired Tuesday, Mar. 11, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLITICS, POLICE, AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The LA County Sheriff and County Assessor are elected officials. Due to scandals, neither job has an incumbent. We hear from Asst. Sheriff Todd Rogers who wants the top job, and get a rundown on the people who want to assess the value of your house. Aired Wednesday, Mar. 12, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ANIMAL RIGHTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

After watching a documentary film *Blackfish*, a state assemblyman wants to ban the keeping of killer whales in captivity for human entertainment. SeaWorld says it's one of "the world's most respected zoological institutions" and a boon to local economy. Aired Thursday, Mar. 3, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND TRAFFIC

After years of massive commercial development in the 80's and 90's, Santa Monica experienced a lull. But it's booming again, and one new project has angry opponents saying there's not enough housing and there'll be 7000 new trips on freeway daily.
Aired Monday, Mar. 17, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

BUSINESS AND POLITICS

Occidental Petroleum and 60 other California firms have expanded or re-located to Texas. That's part of Governor Perry's pitch to lure companies away from the Golden State. Will attacking California mean votes for his next presidential campaign?
Aired Tuesday, Mar. 18, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Californians passed a ban on affirmative action for public universities in 1996. Since it went into effect, the percentage of blacks and Latinos has declined at the University of California. But the percentage of Asians, especially Chinese, has increased.
Aired Wednesday, Mar. 19, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE

The roll-out of Healthcare.gov was a public relations disaster, and the political consequences may last until 2016. But, with the Affordable Healthcare signup deadline just 11 days away, there are unexpected signs of momentum, but it's not over yet.
Aired Thursday, Mar. 20, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE

Under the Affordable Healthcare act, almost everybody has to have health insurance by next Monday or pay a penalty. For those who aren't covered by their employers or aren't poor enough to qualify for a federal subsidy, rates are 53% higher than before.
Aired Monday, Mar. 24, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POPULATION

Like all other demographic shifts, it has come along slowly, and now Latinos are becoming the largest of California's ethnic components, with 39% compared to 38.8% for non-Hispanic whites. We hear about culture, economics and politics.
Aired Tuesday, Mar. 25, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

POLITICS AND POPULATION

Latinos have now surpassed whites as California's largest ethnic minority. But political power proportional to their numbers may be a long time coming. In many cities with large Latino populations, city councils are almost all white.
Aired Wednesday, Mar. 26, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING

As Southern California recovers from the Great Recession, the Middle Class is being priced out of the housing market. Increases in income aren't beginning to keep pace with the skyrocketing prices of homes and that, in turn, makes it more expensive to rent.
Aired Thursday, Mar. 27, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

NATURAL DISASTER

The aftershocks are still rumbling after Friday's 5.1 magnitude earthquake centered in La Habra in northeast Orange County. Seismologists say the Puente Hills thrust is "a very dangerous fault." We hear what that could mean.
Aired Monday, Mar. 31, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.