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Politics makes for strange bedfellows.

An issue that could become a major problem in January of next year now has a solution on the table thanks to our State Senator Susan Talamantes-Eggman. The issue is the state law requiring a minimum of 200 year level of flood protection in the areas of Lathrop and Manteca and without that no new permits for construction or improvements to existing structures can be issued. With no explanation, largely because we have had no working relationship with Senator Eggman, the good Senator has introduced legislation that would essentially solve this problem should it get passed. We will be working with our state level partners to assist the Senator in getting her bill passed for the betterment of all of us in San Joaquin County.

Inclusionary Zoning rollback.

We are working with the city manager and newly elected city council members in the City of Patterson to rollback and/or eliminate their existing inclusionary zoning ordinance which has not been utilized as intended and largely only used to raise some nominal funds to support a local non-profit homebuilder. The new council has indicated a lack of support for the ordinance and the city manager is not a fan of it so now is the time to strike and perhaps eliminate one of the worse housing ordinances in our area.