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Mega Millions® Jackpot Grows to More Than \$1 BILLION, Ticket Worth \$2.9 Million+ Sold In San Bernardino County!

SACRAMENTO – A lucky California Lottery ticket came very close to hitting the jackpot in last night's Mega Millions draw, matching five numbers and only missing the Mega number. That ticket, which was sold at the Country Store in Baker (San Bernardino County), is now worth \$2.9 million!

Last night's [Mega Millions winning numbers](#) were 7-29-60-63-66 and Mega number 15. No one across the country hit all six numbers, so the jackpot now rolls to more than a billion dollars – the first time since January 2021 and only the third time ever Mega Millions has reached the billion-dollar mark!

Friday night's drawing will be the thirtieth in this jackpot run, which began in mid-April. Sales in California for this entire Mega Millions sequence now top \$200 million! As those figures continue to grow, the California Lottery is proud to report that, thanks to this jackpot run alone, **the contribution to public education is now estimated to be \$80.2 million!**

As for the winning ticket from Baker, the California Lottery will not know who the winner is until someone comes forward to [claim the prize](#). The Country Store gets a bonus of more than \$14,500 for selling the winning ticket.

As more and more players buy their tickets this week ahead of Friday's Mega Millions draw, the California Lottery wants to remind everybody that borrowing money to play or spending more on Lottery tickets than someone can afford can lead to serious problems. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem, they can call the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transferred to public education totaled more than \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated almost \$8.4 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and

contributions to education. As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800- GAMBLER.

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