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### ***Mega Millions® Jackpot Soars Past \$1 Billion; One Lucky Ticket in California Now Worth \$1.5 Million***

**SACRAMENTO** – For the second time in just two weeks, there’s a \$1 billion jackpot up for grabs, raising big hopes for California Lottery players wondering whether another lucky player in our state will pull it off again.

While last night’s *Mega Millions* drawing resulted in no jackpot winners across the country, [one lucky ticket](#) sold at the Ralphs on Saticoy Street in Van Nuys is now worth more than \$1.5 million because it matched all of the first five numbers. There were actually more than 445,000 winning tickets sold in California across all nine prize tiers.

The estimated *Mega Millions* jackpot for Tuesday now stands at an estimated \$1.05 billion. Earlier this month, a single jackpot-winning *Powerball*® ticket was sold at Las Palmitas Mini Market in Los Angeles and is [now worth \\$1.08 billion](#). Whenever someone wins big in California, there are [a number of steps](#) that take place before a winner is confirmed and revealed.

California Lottery players have [more than 23,000 choices](#) for where to buy tickets in person. Anyone who buys tickets through online lottery resellers is [not eligible to win](#).

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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 approximately \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, 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 more than \$8.8 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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