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Two CA Lottery Tickets Miss Jackpot by One Number.... Win More Than \$1.5 Million Anyway

SACRAMENTO – With no one hitting the *Powerball*® jackpot Wednesday night, the prize now grows to a projected <u>\$1.23 billion</u> for this weekend. Two lucky California Lottery tickets, however, matched the first five numbers – both sold in Southern California and each earning \$1,622,808. The numbers drawn Wednesday night were 11, 38, 41, 62, 65, and the *Powerball* number 15. The second-place winning tickets were sold at Oxnard Shores Bottle Shoppe in Oxnard and Albertsons in San Dimas.

Saturday's jackpot – if won – would rank as the fourth largest in *Powerball* and the eighth largest among U.S. lottery jackpots. The current jackpot run has landed in the record books as one of the game's longest streaks without a jackpot winner. This Saturday's drawing will be the 41st drawing in the sequence, which ties the game record for most consecutive drawings without a jackpot winner. Only two other Powerball jackpot runs have previously reached 41 drawings before producing a jackpot winner – both in California.

The current sequence has been going for more than three months, and in that time, California Lottery estimates it's raised an **additional \$84.3 million for public education**. For every \$2 *Powerball* ticket sold in our state, approximately 80 cents helps support supplemental funding for <u>public schools</u>.

Saturday night's *Powerball* jackpot has an estimated cash value of \$595.1 million, which is what a single winner would get if they choose the lump sum rather than the 30 annual payments.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$43.8 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight <u>draw games</u> and dozens of new instant <u>Scratchers</u> games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, <u>retailer commissions and bonuses</u>, and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found <u>here</u>. 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.

