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Mega Millions® Ticket Sold at Northern California Bowling Alley Wins More Than \$1.5 Million

SACRAMENTO – While no one hit the jackpot in Tuesday night's *Mega Millions* drawing, one lucky ticket sold at a bowling alley in Napa matched five numbers, winning **\$1,578,415**. The <u>winning numbers</u> drawn were 2, 10, 31, 44, 57 and Mega number 10. The lucky ticket was sold at Napa Bowl on Soscol Ave, just across the river from downtown. Their bonus for this win will be nearly \$8,000.

California is unique among its partner states for *Mega Millions*' secondary prize levels. In every other state, a *Mega Millions* ticket matching five numbers wins a fixed million-dollar prize. In California, all prize levels are parimutuel, which means – like jackpots – even the lower prize pots are split among the number of players who win in the same way. Further, *Mega Millions* sales in California accumulate to fuel each of the secondary prize levels until that prize level is won here. In Tuesday night's case, only one ticket matched five numbers, which hasn't happened in this rolling jackpot sequence since early January, so the second-place prize from Tuesday's draw winds up being more than \$1.5 million. The winner has 180 days from the date of the draw to claim their prize.

There were more than 119,000 winning *Mega Millions* tickets sold in California for Tuesday's draw. No one anywhere hit the jackpot, so it now rolls to \$394 million for Friday night.

Mega Millions tickets are \$2 each, and approximately 80 cents from the sale of each Mega Millions ticket in California helps fund public schools across the state in line with the Lottery's sole mission to raise additional money for education.

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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 draw games and dozens of new instant Scratchers games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found here.
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