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Friends Sarah Rowley of Lakehead, left, and Gilbert Tipton of Anderson root for the men's national soccer team during its match against Turkey during the 2026 FIFA World Cup competition on June 25. Some 150 people watched the match at The Black Sheep Gastropub inside the Redding Sports Park, which will host another Team USA watch party on July 1.

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Request for expedited ruling on Measure B denied

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A California appeals court denied Attorney General Rob Bonta's request for an expedited review of the California lawsuit against Shasta County's Measure B.

Proponents of the measure, which makes election rules that run counter to state law, hailed the decision as a victory.

But the state Attorney General's Office called the ruling procedural and vowed to continue its legal battle to stop the measure from ever taking effect.

The Third District Court of Appeal's ruling was announced Thursday, June 25. The court of appeals did not weigh in on the merits of the state's lawsuit.

"The court declines to exercise its original jurisdiction to review the challenged measure at this time. The denial is without prejudice to petitioners seeking expedited relief in the trial court in the first instance and to refiling in this court upon showing that petitioners attempted to obtain expedited relief in trial court, and the trial court failed to timely act," the decision stated.

Long Beach attorney Alexander Haberbusch's Lex Rex Institute said in a news release that the state's lawsuit is the third time "Measure B opponents have dragged us into court to stop Measure B — and the third time they have failed."

Haberbusch criticized Bonta and Secretary of State Shirley Weber for going to the appellate court rather than filing in Shasta County Superior Court, which resides in the community Measure B affects.

"The Court of Appeal refused and pointed the State to the very forum it had tried to skip — and did so even though the County, which would ordinarily defend such a suit," decided not to defend the lawsuit, Haberbusch said.

Shasta County supervisors on June 16 voted 4-0 not to defend against the lawsuit or provide legal counsel to Registrar of Voters Clint Curtis.

Before the June 16 vote, Measure B

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Pumped Team USA soccer crowds head to Redding pub

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World Cup fever kept heating up the Black Sheep Gastropub at Redding Soccer Park on Thursday night, as soccer

enthusiasts gathered at the eatery once again to hoot and holler in support of the USA as the home team took on Turkey in southern California.

While the USA went on to lose that game, soccer fans are expected to still come out as the home team advances

into the World Cup's final rounds.

Restaurant owner Kenny Breedlove said whenever the USA has played, he's seen more than 100 fans show up at his restaurant.

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More than 1 factor causing sickness in river salmon

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New salmon populations living in the Klamath River face sickness and low water levels due to diminished snowpack less than two years after the Klamath Dam removal, the Karuk Tribe said in a June report on the river's health.

Scientists monitoring the Klamath's waters found rising levels of a fish parasite called *Ceratonova shasta*, according to the report. Most juvenile salmon, which are especially susceptible to disease caused by the parasite, migrated out

to sea in early spring 2026 — before the disease spread to high levels, said Toz Soto, the tribe's senior biologist.

Soto said it's possible most of the sick and dying fish came from the same hatchery.

While the dam's removal "remains a historic and necessary step toward salmon recovery," surveys of the river show it's "still in the early stages of healing," the tribe said in the report.

There are signs the river is recovering since construction crews removed the last of four dams in October 2024.

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A chinook salmon swims in a tributary to the Klamath River near Klamath Falls, Oregon at the beginning of the 2025-2026 water year (October). Salmon are returning the farther upstream after four dams were removed from the river.

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