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Addison Gillam of Redding practicing the open-water swim portion of the IRONMAN 70.3 Northern California triathlon a few days before the race kicks off in Redding on Aug. 16.
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IRONMAN 70.3 Northern California contestant Brook Jones of Redding in training before the Aug. 16 race.
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Northeast Redding subdivision approved

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A large subdivision in the northeast portion of the city moved a step closer to being shovel-ready after the Redding Planning Commission unanimously approved it on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Commissioners approved the tentative subdivision map for The Oasis, a 143-lot subdivision on nearly 50 acres off Oasis Road and just north of Gold Hill Golf Club.

But approval came after some concerns raised by public speakers about traffic and a biological study done for the proposed subdivision.

Brian Burk, who lives in Bend, Oregon, owns the property at 6201 and 6251 Oasis Road, and 2333 and 2121 Gold Hills Drive. He told the Record Searchlight after the meeting that now that he has secured the tentative subdivision map, he will put the land up for sale.

"I will not be building the homes," Burk said. He declined to say how much he will be asking for the property.

Burk told commissioners that he and his wife, Sandra, have been developing homes in Redding since 1981 and have been involved in the creation of more than 2,000 housing units here. They have lived in Bend for 10 years.

"We have been working for a long time to get to this stage," Burk said.

The area where The Oasis will be built has been looked at for single-family and multi-family homes going back to 2004.

The Burks also developed The Reserve at Gold Hills, a subdivision on land adjacent to The Oasis project. But the subdivision map for that project

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Brian Burk addresses the Redding Planning Commission at its Aug. 11 meeting.
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REDDING ATHLETES PREP FOR IRONMAN DEBUT

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Local athletes are swimming, biking and running around Redding to tune up for the city's first-ever IRONMAN triathlon, with 1,600 competitors expected to enter the elite endurance and speed race that kicks off at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area's Oak Bottom at 6 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16. • The competition is drawing a number of professional triathletes with an eye on winning a portion of the \$40,000 winner's purse. But others will be there just to prove that they've got what it takes to finish the IRONMAN 70.3 Northern California race.

Some of those first-timers were expected to be in the audience when longtime IRONMAN competitor Seth Hill, who also hosts a podcast on various aspects of endurance sports, gave an in-person evening talk to athletes on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at Active Physical Therapy in Redding.

"It's very hard to do well," the Redding resident said of the triathlon, which he said he's finished in about four hours.

"A lot of people end up doing it a kind of 'one and done' and don't really train for it and it's more of a survival session than anything else, to see if

you can just finish," Hill said.

In the upcoming IRONMAN, athletes must complete a 1.2-mile long open-water swim in Whiskeytown Lake, followed by cycling 56 miles on a course winding through Shasta County and Redding and finishing off with a 13.1-mile run along the Sacramento River Trail.

Triathlon rules allow teams of two or three people to split up the swimming, biking and running portions of the race.

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Tyler McCain murder trial of wife delayed

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The trial of Tyler McCain, the Shasta County man accused of murdering his wife Nikki Cheng Orn Saelee-McCain two years ago, will be delayed until early 2027, a Shasta County Superior Court judge said on Monday, Aug. 10.

The new trial date is Feb. 23, 2027.

McCain, who is being held without bail in Shasta County Jail, appeared briefly in court during the proceeding before Superior Court Judge Adam Ryan, who granted the continuance.

Family members of Saelee-McCain were present in the audience.

It is the third trial delay in the high-profile case, which had most recently been scheduled to start in late August.

The murder trial is focused on the presumed death of Saelee-McCain. She was first reported missing in May 2024. Her case was ruled a homicide 10 months later. Her body has not been found.

McCain's defense attorney, Michael Borges, had filed a motion asking to move the trial out of Shasta County, saying it was "unlikely that a fair and impartial jury" could be found locally.

Borges said in the filing that because he has been representing other clients in court, he needs "additional time to investigate and file a motion to change the venue for trial."

McCain was accused of murder and domestic violence in August 2025. He pleaded not guilty on Aug. 22 to a charge of murder in the first degree and other charges he faces related to the homicide case.

Investigators believe McCain killed his wife to stop her from testifying in a domestic violence case she had filed

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