

# Who controls California newspapers in 2010?

Between 2009-2010 at least half of California's newspapers go through **bankruptcies/reorganization** with the end result that the lenders own a majority of the shares: Bank of America, B&L Gates Foundation (or Microsoft), Meryl Lynch, Chase Morgan are major creditors/lenders according to bankruptcy court documents and online news articles. Village Voice Media is also in litigation.



## Top 10 for USA (2) Top 10 for California (3) California Print Media as of 2010 Don't Drain the Delta!

This list was compiled using news articles and other resources found online. Circulation is estimated based on the media reports of previous year. TYPE: D=Daily W=Weekly C=City Guides O=Online only. "Transition" means paper was purchased in specified year. **In RED: "Bankruptcy"** means paper was or is undergoing Bankruptcy process in 2009-2010, according to online reports.

USA TOP 10							
MEDIA NAME	CITY	TYPE	CIRCU	TRANS/Bnkrpt	OWNER	KEY NAME	NOTES
USA Today		D	2,278,022		Gannett	Craig Dubow	
Wall Street Journal		D	2,062,312		News Corp	Rupert Murdoch	
New York Times	New York	D	1,120,420		New York Times Co.		
Los Angeles Times	Los Angeles	D	815,723	2007/2010	<b>Tribune Publishing</b>	Zell	April 2010 transition to lender-owned and controlled. <u>BofA</u> , others
New York Post	New York	D	724,748		News Corp	Murdoch	
Daily News-NY	New York	D	718,174				
Washington Post	D.C.	D	699,130	2003	Washington Post Co		Reincorporated in Delaware
Chicago Tribune	Chicago	D	566,827				
Houston Chronicle	Houston	D	503,114				
Arizona Republic	Phoenix	D	433,731				
*Associated Press						William Dean Singleton	AP Board Chair & also MediaNews Chair-MediaNews in BK, to be owned by lenders 2010 under reorganization plan
California Top 20							
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Los Angeles Times	Los Angeles	D	815,723	2007/2010	<b>Tribune Publishing</b>	Zell	April 2010; court approves 89% of shares to creditor to removed <u>apt</u> , so the lending institutions own the Tribune & its print, online & TV media. Bank of America, Microsoft, Chase Morgan, others listed creditors.
San Fran Chronicle	San Francisco	D	386,564	2000	Hearst	Frank J. Vega	
San Diego Union Tribune	San Diego	D	296,331	2009	Platinum Equity	Tom Gores	Private purchase in 2009-by acquisition specialist company
Orange County Register	Irvine	D	284,613	2007/2010	<b>Freedom Comm.</b>		2010 bankruptcy reorganization gives controlling shares to creditors including Bank of America,...
Sacramento Bee	Sacramento	D	279,032	2006	McClatchy Company	Gary Pruitt	Borrowed billions from Bill & Linda Gates Foundation to purchase Knight-Rider, a much larger corporation (from CC Times article)
San Jose Mercury News	Sacramento	D	230,870	2006/2010	<b>MediaNews Group, Inc</b>	Singleton	New organization; bought paper from McClatchy Company as part of Knight-Rider/McClatchy deal. In bankruptcy. Lenders to receive shares and control: Bank of American, B& L Gates Foundation,...
San Francisco Examiner	San Francisco	D	200,000	2009	Clarity Media Group	Ryan McKibben	Bought a DC magazine from Murdoch/News Corp
Contra Costa Times	Walnut Creek	D	168,362	2006/2010	<b>MediaNews Group, Inc</b>	Singleton	See above
Fresno Bee	Fresno	D	157,546	2006	McClatchy Company	Gary Pruitt	See above
L. A. Daily News	LA area	D	145,528	2006/2010	<b>MediaNews Group, Inc</b>	Gary Pruitt	See above
La Opinion	Los Angeles	D	121,026	2004	<b>ImpreMedia LLC</b>	Lozano?	Purchased from Tribune in 2004. Verify-confusion online data. Privately held by Lozano Family?
Impacto USA	Torrance	W	250,000	2006	<b>MediaNews Group, Inc</b>		<b>Los Angeles Newspaper Group and Media News Group</b>
La Guia Familiar	Los Angeles		180,000		<b>Latin Publications Inc</b>		(818) 285-4571
LA Weekly City Guides	Los Angeles	W	208,600	2007/2010	Village Voice Media***		Village Voice & Media merge, combine papers. <u>Prez</u> & other board member arrested in 2009 Bay Guardian may be owner in 2010, due to litigation reported online & court ruling 2010
SF Weekly***	San Francisco		116,000				
San Diego Reader	San Diego	W	170,298				
Oakland Tribune	Oakland	D	92,794	2006/2010	<b>MediaNews Group, Inc</b>	<u>Shingleton</u>	See above
Long Beach Press Telegram	Long Beach	D	85,595	2006/2010	<b>MediaNews Group, Inc</b>	<u>Shingleton</u>	See above
El Mensajero	San Francisco	D	146,959	2005	<b>ImpreMedia LLC,</b>	John Paton/Lozano- Singleton	Purchased using Goldman Sacs Specialty Lending Group. 2009 agreement w/AP for <u>hispanic</u> content. <u>McClatchey</u> associated.



Disclaimer: Newspaper circulation totals were compiled from statements on the newspaper websites and compared to other online media summary sites. Information regarding bankruptcy proceedings was found online through the Delaware Bankruptcy court, and from online news articles chronicling the noted events. The purpose of this media review is to help the reader understand WHY so much false information regarding the Sacramento Delta region has been propagated by the media in support of revisions to the Delta. Save the Delta ... save California's heritage! Don't Drain the Delta!