

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
March 19, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Allan Roeder, City Manager
Members

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. ANNUAL COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Bill Murray provides information on the City's annual Compost Giveaway on Saturday, March 21st beginning at 8:00 am.

B. 'LIGHT IT UP BLUE' CAMPAIGN

Kim Huy informs you of the City's participation in the annual Autism Awareness campaign on Thursday, April 2nd.

C. AGREEMENT WITH EMPLOYEE CAM MANGELS

Kim Huy provides information on the proposal to permit Cam Mangels to telecommute from Japan for up to 15 months in the capacity of Webmaster.

III. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

A. SCAG NOTICE OF PREPARATION

Southern California Association of Government's Notice of Preparation to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.


• OTHER ITEMS

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.


ALLAN L. ROEDER
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan Roeder
Dept: Interim City Manager
Subject: ANNUAL COMPOST GIVEAWAY

From: William E. Murray
Dept: Public Works
Date: March 16, 2015

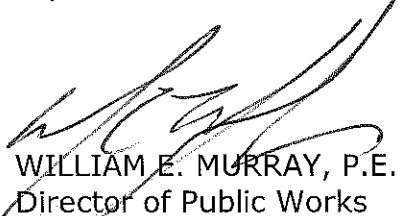
OBJECTIVE

To provide information regarding the City's annual Compost Giveaway.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On Saturday, March 21, 2015, the annual Compost Giveaway Event (event) will be held at the Municipal Service Center. This drive through event, which is hosted by the City's waste hauler, Republic Services, will provide up to 60 gallons of free compost to Garden Grove residents. The event begins at 8:00 a.m and will continue until supplies run out. The purpose of the event is to close the loop on this material that has been diverted from the landfill and is ready to be used for gardening. The event has historically received a large turnout every year, serving approximately 150 to 200 households. Information is currently available on the City's website.

If you need additional information, please contact Raquel Manson at extension 5554.



WILLIAM E. MURRAY, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Attachment: Compost Flyer



COMPOST GIVEAWAY

MARCH 21, 2015

8:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

(or until compost runs out)

GARDEN GROVE PUBLIC WORK'S YARD

13802 New Hope Street, Garden Grove

Republic Services together with the City of Garden Grove will be giving away **FREE** compost to residents to say thank you for participating in our green waste recycling program. Because this event is so popular, we have a "while the supplies last" and a limit of 60-gallons per household. No plastic bags please.



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City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan Roeder
Dept.: Interim City Manager
Subject: CITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATION
IN 'LIGHT IT UP BLUE' CAMPAIGN

From: Kimberly Huy
Dept.: Community Services
Date: March 18, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To inform the City Council of the City's participation in an annual Autism Awareness campaign called 'Light It Up Blue (LIUB),' on Thursday, April 2. LIUB was launched by Autism Speaks, the country's largest autism science and advocacy organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

A blue puzzle piece lapel pin will be placed at each Council members' desk in the Council Chamber at the Tuesday, March 24 meeting, to be worn that evening. Brief bullet points explaining the City's participation will be prepared for Mayor Nguyen, to be read under Matters from Council.

In addition, City Council members are invited to join City employees and the community for a photo opportunity in front of City Hall on April 2, at 11:00 a.m., under an archway of Autism Speaks balloons. Wearing blue is encouraged.

Each year, on seven continents, 8,400 landmarks are cast in a blue glow to show support for autism awareness. Garden Grove's Clock Tower will be bathed in blue on Thursday, April 2, from dusk to dawn, courtesy of LED gel lights temporarily installed by the Public Works Department. Along with lapel pins for City Council, Central Management, and City Commissioners, City employees received an Autism Speaks wristband to wear on April 2.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:


- Wear the Autism Speaks lapel pin at the March 24 City Council meeting; and
- Attend the photo opportunity in front of City Hall on Thursday, April 2, at 11:00 a.m. and wear blue.


KIMBERLY HUY
Community Services Director

By: Jennifer Nye 
Senior Administrative Aide

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan Roeder  From: Kimberly Huy
Dept.: Interim City Manager Dept.: Community Services
Subject: AGREEMENT WITH EMPLOYEE Date: March 18, 2015
CAM MANGELS TO TELECOMMUTE
FROM JAPAN

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the City Council of a proposal to permit Cam Mangels to telecommute for up to fifteen (15) months from Hiroshima, Japan, in the capacity as Webmaster.

BACKGROUND

In 2014, Cable Supervisor/Webmaster, Cam Mangels, married a woman who resides in Japan. While their ultimate goal is to have his wife move and reside in Garden Grove by July 2016, Cam would like to live in Japan beginning April 2015 through June 2016.

DISCUSSION

The Webmaster position is unique and lends itself easily to telecommuting; the position does not require regular face-to-face contact, nor ongoing access to equipment and materials. Additionally, collaboration tools such as skype and instant messaging could assist in keeping distant colleagues connected.

There is a significant time difference (approx. 7 hours) between the United States and Japan; conference calls, committee meetings and direct telephone contact with co-workers could effectively be completed between 3-6 p.m., or at some agreed to, pre-selected time.

At present, Cam acts as both the Cable Supervisor and the Webmaster. To effectuate this temporary arrangement, Cam would be temporarily considered a part-time, non-benefited employee. We would switch his supervision from Community Services to Information Technology, who would create a weekly scope of work for Cam, rather than a goal oriented relationship. Cam's work would be based upon a 20-25 hour work week, dependent upon the scope of work identified through Information Technology. Cam's Cable Supervisor duties would be picked up temporarily by Division Manager, Janet Pelayo.

AGREEMENT WITH EMPLOYEE CAM MANGELS
TO TELCOMMUTE FROM JAPAN

March 18, 2015

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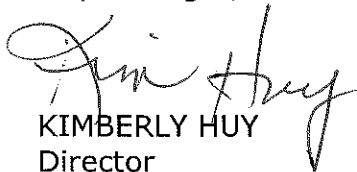
Should Information Technology Director, Charles Kalil, find that the long-distance arrangement not work effectively for the organization, the relationship would be terminated and Cam could request a leave of absence for the remainder of his time away from Garden Grove, provided there was an open position that Cam was qualified to fill upon his return.

Typically, staff would not bring an issue, such as allowing an employee to telecommute to the City Council's attention, but this situation is so unique, that we thought it best to make you aware of it and make sure that you are in agreement before finalizing this arrangement. Attached to this memorandum is a Memorandum of Understanding that would be discussed with, and signed by, Cam Mangels.

SUMMARY

Cam has been an employee of the City of Garden Grove since May 2005; he is a resident of Garden Grove and is extremely involved in community non-profits, such as Sister City, Kiwanis and has volunteered his time for the Garden Grove Community Foundation as their Concert Series MC and various other duties.

Should you have questions regarding this proposal, please contact either Charles Kalil or me for clarification. Please forward any concerns with this proposal to City Manager, Allan Roeder.



KIMBERLY HUY
Director

Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to express expectations necessary for the successful performance of webmaster duties as a part-time telecommuting employee.

Cam Mangels was first hired as the City of Garden Grove's webmaster in January, 2006. In July, 2012 he continued to perform the duties of webmaster in his new capacity as Community Services Supervisor in charge of the cable division. Last year, Mr. Mangels was wed to a woman who resides in Japan. He will be moving to Japan in April of this year and returning in July of next year. In the interim, Mr. Mangels has agreed to take a voluntary demotion from a full time Community Services Supervisor to a part-time non-benefited Webmaster. Thus the City will provisionally employ Mr. Mangels in this new position as he resides in Japan and execute his duties through telecommunication. The purpose of this memorandum is to express to Mr. Mangels, the City's expectations of this type of employment.

A part-time non-benefited telecommuting Webmaster would be expected to work between 20 to 25 hours a week on average. Work would be project based, thus the hours would vary based on the requirements of the projects. As a part-time non-benefited employee of the City, the webmaster position would be subject to all applicable rules and regulations. As a project-based telecommuting position, there would be additional expectations necessary for the success of this arrangement. The following is a list of those expectations.

1. The webmaster will report to the City's Information Technology Manager. The IT Manager will gather requests for change on the City's website from City employees. Each pay period, the IT Manager will send a list of requests to the webmaster, who shall respond within one (1) working day with a time estimate for each request. The IT Manager will then send an approved list of requests for that work period. At the end of each work period, the webmaster will provide an accounting of his time based on that approved list.
2. The webmaster will be responsible for providing his own equipment and services to perform his duties through telecommunications. This includes a personal computer, Internet connectivity, and phone service.
3. As Japan is 17 hours ahead of California, most communication will be handled through the City's email system. The webmaster will also agree to be available via telephone Monday through Thursday between the hours of 2:30 through 5:30 PM Pacific time on days the City is open to the public, unless previously agreed upon.
4. The employee agrees to respond to all email questions from his supervisor within one (1) business day.

5. If this part-time telecommuting position fails to meet the needs of the organization, it will be changed to a regular full-time in-person position. The City will evaluate the position after three (3) months to work out any difficulties, but reserves the right to terminate the telecommuting if deemed necessary.
6. The duties, obligations, responsibilities and conditions of a teleworker's employment with the City are unchanged. Since employee is electing to become a part-time non-benefited employee, salary will return to the Webmaster Pay Scale M-385.
7. Employee remains obligated to comply with all City rules, policies, practices and instructions. Violations of these rules, policies, etc. may result in preclusion from Telework or disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

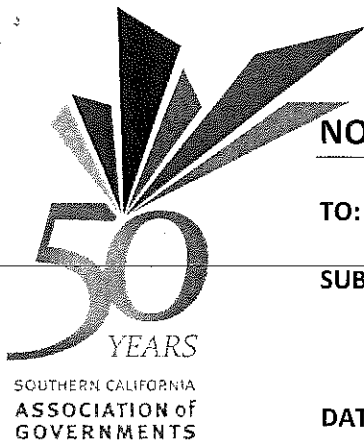
Providing all the expectations are met and there continues to be an appropriate vacant full-time position available, Cam Mangels can return to being a full-time employee upon his return in July, 2016.

Charles Kalil
Information Technology Director

Acknowledged by: _____ Date: _____

Jany Lee
Human Resources Manager

Acknowledged by: _____ Date: _____



NOTICE OF PREPARATION

RECEIVED
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations and Individuals
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SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

DATE: March 9, 2015

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The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), as Lead Agency, is publishing this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report ("PEIR") in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan /Sustainable Communities Strategy ("2016 RTP/SCS" or the "Project").

This NOP has been prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.4 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15082 and 15375. The purpose of this NOP is to notify local, state and federal agencies, and other interested agencies, organizations and individuals ("Interested Parties") that SCAG plans to prepare a PEIR for the 2016 RTP/SCS. For purposes of this NOP, Interested Parties include but are not limited to Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research as set forth under Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines.

SCAG is circulating this NOP to obtain input regarding the scope and content of the Draft PEIR for the 2016 RTP/SCS and on issues relevant to the 2016 RTP/SCS. The Project location, description, and the expected scope of environmental information and analysis are described on the following pages.

Two scoping meetings, each providing the same information, will be held at SCAG's Main Office (Los Angeles office, see above), Board Room, Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Videoconferencing will also be available from SCAG's regional offices (see last page for addresses).

To ensure full consideration of environmental issues with potential significant impacts in the Draft PEIR, **all comments must be received within thirty (30) days of the start of the 30-day public comment period, which begins March 9, 2015 and ends April 7, 2015.** If you wish to be placed on the mailing list to receive notices regarding the PEIR for the 2016 RTP/SCS, or have any questions or need additional information, please contact the person identified below. SCAG will accept **written comments** regarding this notice **through the close of business or no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2015.**

Please send written comments on this notice to **Ms. Lijin Sun, Senior Regional Planner**, to the address shown above or visit SCAG's website at <http://rtpscs.scag.ca.gov/2016PEIR>. For future coordination, please identify a point of contact of your agency and organization. Comments may also be submitted electronically to 2016PEIR@scag.ca.gov.

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION
DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
2016–2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**

INTRODUCTION

The California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”, Pub. Res. Code § 21000 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”, codified at 14 C.C.R. § 15000 *et seq.*) require the Southern California Association of Governments (“SCAG”) as the Lead Agency to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) for any discretionary government action, including programs and plans that may cause significant environmental effects. Specifically, the 2016–2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (“SCS”) (“2016 RTP/SCS,” “Project,” or “Plan”) necessitates preparation of a Program EIR (“PEIR”), which is a “first-tier” CEQA document designed to consider “broad policy alternatives and program-wide mitigation measures” (CEQA Guidelines §15168). The PEIR for the 2016 RTP/SCS will provide an opportunity to inform decision-makers and the public about potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the 2016 RTP/SCS and Alternatives. The analysis provided in the PEIR will evaluate potential environmental effects, such as direct and indirect effects, growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts of the 2016 RTP/SCS at a programmatic level; and will include program-level mitigation measures and performance standards to offset any identified potentially significant adverse programmatic level environmental effects. Potential or probable environmental effects of individual projects included in the 2016 RTP/SCS Project List would not be specifically analyzed in this PEIR. Project-level environmental analyses should appropriately be prepared by implementing agencies on a project-by-project or site-by-site basis as projects proceed through the design and decision-making process. The PEIR will provide a foundation for the subsequent, project- or site-specific environmental reviews that will be conducted by implementation agencies, as projects in the RTP/SCS are developed (CEQA Guidelines §15385).

This first-tier, programmatic environmental analysis for a long-range, regional-scale plan document will also help local agencies evaluate and reduce direct and indirect impacts, growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative environmental impacts with respect to local projects.

This Notice of Preparation (“NOP”) is prepared pursuant to Section 21080.4 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15082 and 15375. SCAG has determined that an Initial Study is not required to be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d). The NOP is intended to alert Interested Parties of the preparation of the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS PEIR. Comments regarding the PEIR received during the 30-day NOP review period will be used to refine the scope and content of the Draft PEIR, as appropriate.

PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND

Project Location

SCAG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”) under Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.) 134(d)(1). SCAG is a six-county region that includes the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura, and 191 cities (Figure 1, *SCAG Region*). To the north of the SCAG region are the counties of Kern and Inyo; to the east is State of Nevada and State of Arizona; to the south is the U.S.-Mexico border; to the west is the county of San Diego; and to the northwest is the Pacific Ocean. The SCAG region also consists of 15 subregional entities that have been recognized by the Regional Council, SCAG’s governing body, as partners in the regional policy planning process (Figure 2, *SCAG Subregions*).

SCAG is one of the 18 MPOs in the State of California. The total area of the SCAG region is approximately 38,000 square miles. The region includes the county with the largest land area in the nation, San Bernardino County, as well as the county with the highest population in the nation, Los Angeles County. The SCAG region is home to approximately 19 million people, or 49 percent of California's population, representing the largest and most diverse region in the country.

Figure 1: SCAG Region

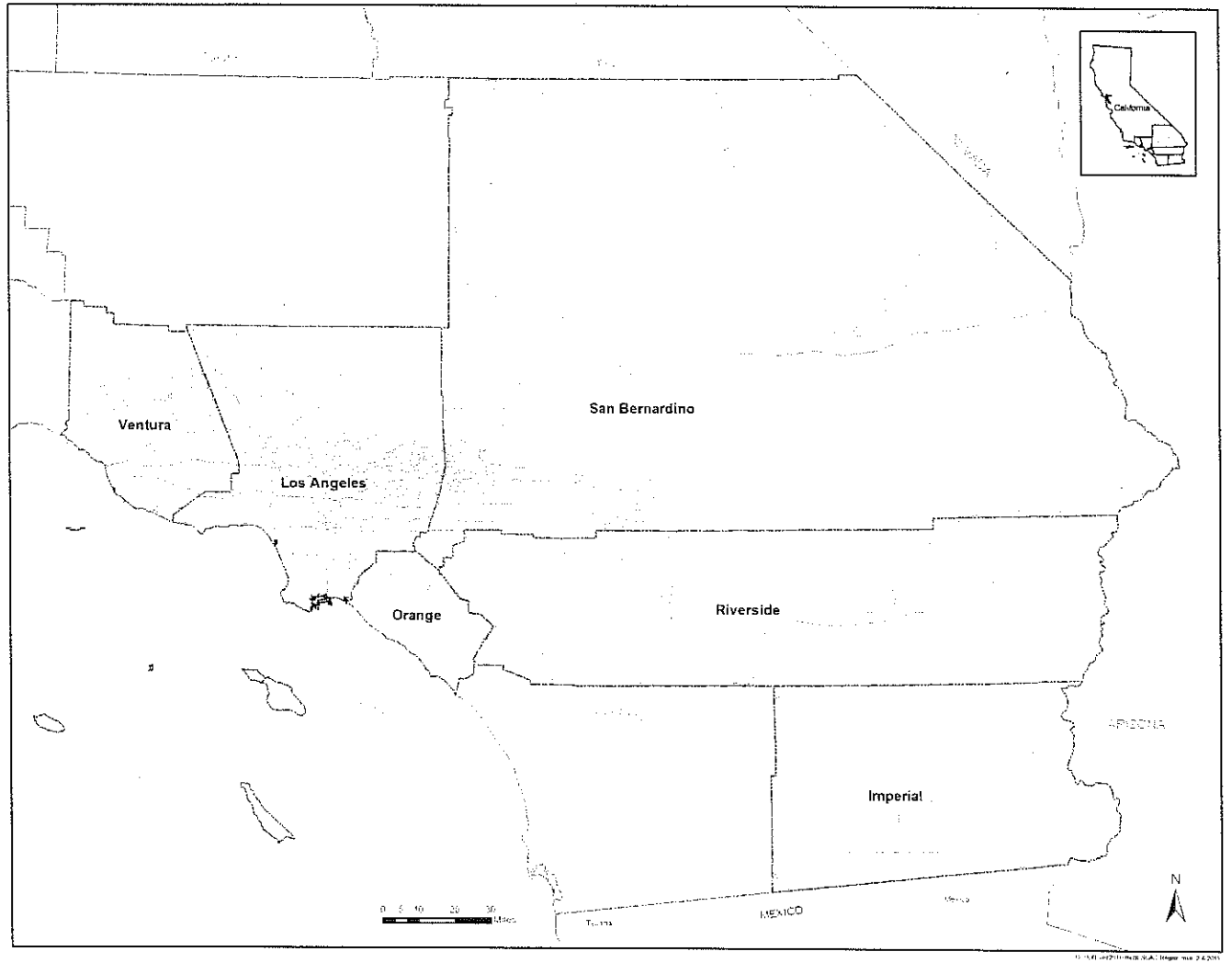
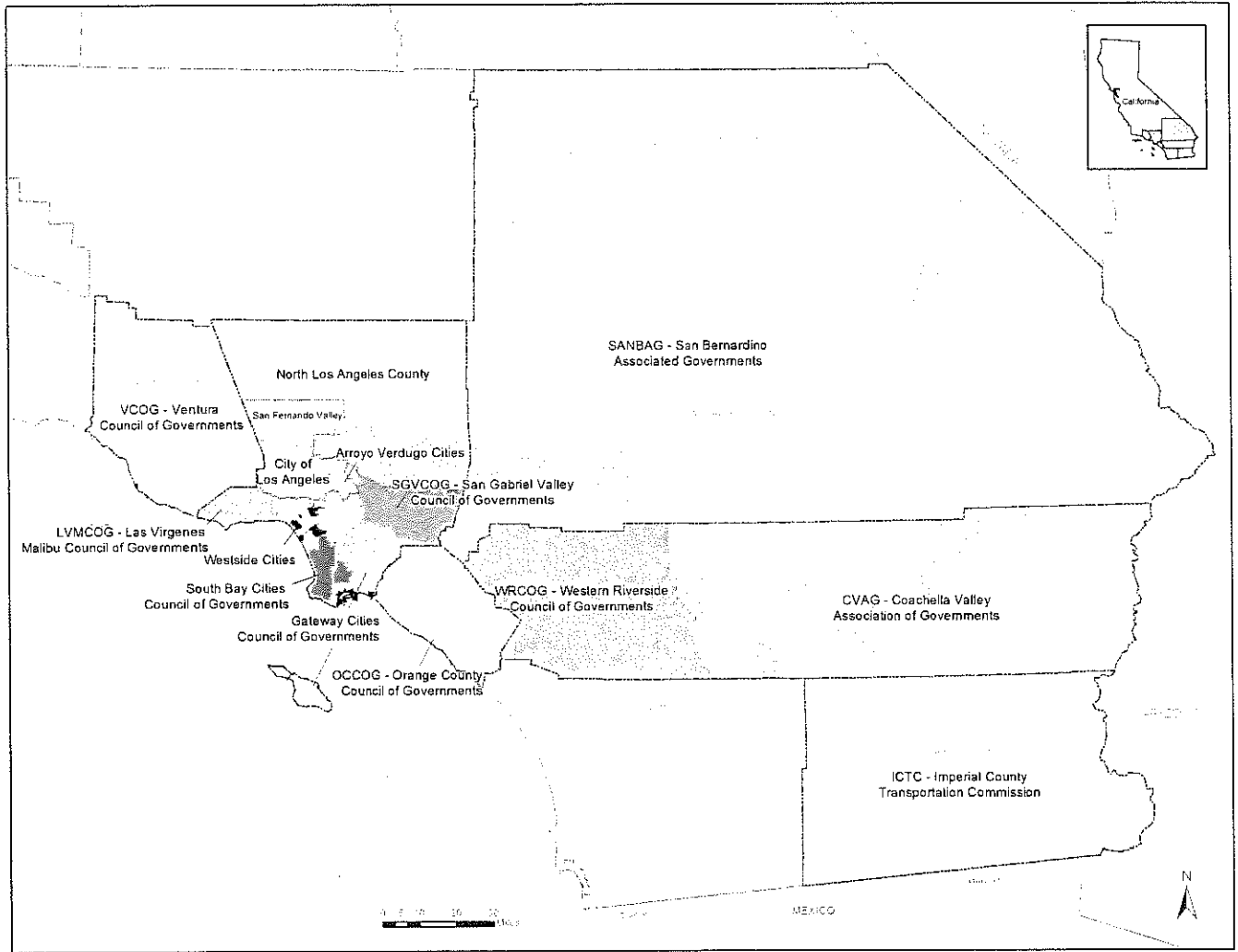


Figure 2: SCAG Subregions



SCAG Roles and Responsibilities

In addition to the federal designation as a MPO, SCAG is designated under California state law as the Multicounty Designated Transportation Planning Agency and Council of Governments (COG) for the six-county region. Founded in 1965, SCAG is a Joint Powers Authority, established as a voluntary association of local governments and agencies.

SCAG serves as the regional forum for cooperative decision making by local government elected officials and its primary responsibilities in fulfillment of federal and state requirements include the development of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS); the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); the annual Overall Work Program; and transportation-related portions of local air quality management plans. SCAG's other major functions include determining the regional transportation plans and programs are in conformity with state air quality plans; periodic preparation of a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA); and intergovernmental review of regionally significant projects.

Regional Cooperation and Subregions

SCAG places great importance on local input in the regional planning process. SCAG seeks feedback from local elected officials and their staff through 15 subregional organizations that have been recognized by the Regional Council as partners in the regional policy planning process (Figure 2). The subregional organizations represent various parts of the SCAG region that have identified themselves as having common interests and concerns. The subregions vary according to geographical size, number of local member jurisdictions, staffing, decision-making structure, and legal status.

SCAG provides opportunities to participate in regional planning through collaboration and participation in regional programs and dialogs. Responsible for regional policy direction and review, standing committees at SCAG include the Executive/Administration Committee, the Regional Council, the Transportation Committee, the Community, Economic & Human Development Committee, the Energy & Environmental Committee, and Legislative/Communication & Membership Committee. In addition to the standing committees, there are various subcommittees, technical advisory committees, working groups, and task forces that report to the standing committees, while other groups are established on an ad hoc basis to assist with specific projects or address specific regional policy. The Regional Council is SCAG's governing body. It consists of 86 elected officials, representing cities, counties, county transportation commissions, transportation corridor agencies, tribal governments, and air districts in the region. The Regional Council has general authority to conduct the affairs of SCAG and directs the actions of the agency throughout the year. Additionally, the Regional Council implements the policy direction provided at the annual General Assembly of the membership, acts upon policy recommendations from SCAG's standing policy committees and external agencies, and appoints standing or ad-hoc subcommittees to study specific programs or issues.

Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

SCAG is required to adopt and update a long-range regional transportation plan every four (4) years, in accordance with federal and state transportation planning laws. The regional transportation plan (RTP) is used to guide the development of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) as well as other transportation programming documents and plans. The RTP outlines the region's goals and policies for meeting current and future mobility needs, providing a foundation for transportation decisions by local, regional and state officials that are ultimately aimed at achieving a coordinated and balanced transportation system. The RTP identifies the region's transportation needs and issues, sets forth actions, programs, and a plan of projects to address the needs consistent with adopted regional policies and goals, and documents the financial resources needed to implement the RTP.

Transportation investments in the SCAG region that receive state and federal funds or require federal approvals must be consistent with the RTP and must be included in SCAG's FTIP when funded. The FTIP covers six years and is updated biennially on an even-year cycle. It represents the immediate, near-term commitments of the RTP. SCAG does not implement individual projects in the RTP, as these projects will be implemented by local and state jurisdictions, and other agencies.

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), enacted into law on July 6, 2012, sets forth a performance-based approach requiring the State and MPOs to set performance targets and track their progress in achieving those targets relative to past system performance. While the federal rules governing performance targets are not yet enacted, it is SCAG's intent to utilize a performance-based approach in preparing the 2016 RTP/SCS.

Further, MAP-21 continues to require, as under prior planning law, that "a long-range transportation plan shall include a discussion of the types of potential environmental mitigation activities and potential areas to carry out

these activities, including activities that may have the greatest potential to restore and maintain the environmental functions affected by the plan.” 23 U.S.C. § 134(i)(2)(B). Consultation and public outreach activities are a part of the 2016 RTP/SCS and PEIR development processes, and will be undertaken to the maximum extent practicable and feasible. SCAG is coordinating efforts to comply with MAP-21 planning requirements with efforts undertaken through the CEQA process. As such, particular emphasis in the RTP/SCS will be placed on these planning requirements, including those that prescribe coordinated planning and consideration of environmental resources. In addition, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Presidential Order 12898, the 2016 RTP/SCS includes an environmental justice analysis. The 2016 RTP/SCS will analyze how the benefits and burdens of transportation investments are distributed among minority and low-income populations in the SCAG region. Outreach efforts are underway to reach environmental justice communities during development of the 2016 RTP/SCS.

SCAG is also required to prepare a RTP pursuant to Section 65080 of the California Government Code. The State requirements largely mirror the federal requirements and require each transportation planning agency in urban areas to adopt and submit an updated RTP to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) every four (4) years. To ensure a degree of statewide consistency in the development of RTPs, the CTC under Government Code Section 14522 prepared RTP Guidelines. The adopted guidelines include a requirement for program level performance measures, which include objective criteria that reflect the goals and objectives of the RTP. In addition, the initial years of the plan must be consistent with the FTIP.

State planning law further requires, pursuant to the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (“SB 375”) that the RTP include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) component to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from passenger vehicles (automobiles and light-duty trucks). SB 375 is part of California’s overall strategy to reach GHG emissions reduction goals required by Assembly Bill (AB) 32, by promoting integrated transportation planning with the goal of creating more sustainable communities.

Pursuant to SB 375, SCAG’s SCS is required to meet reduction targets for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 8 percent per capita by 2020 and 13 percent per capita by 2035 compared to 2005, as set by the California Air Resources Board (ARB). According to Section 65080(b)(2)(B) of the California Government Code, the SCS must:

- Identify existing land use;
- Identify areas to accommodate long-term population growth;
- Identify areas to accommodate an eight-year projection of regional housing needs;
- Identify transportation needs and the planned transportation network,
- Consider resource areas and farmland;
- Consider state housing goals and objectives;
- Set forth a forecasted growth and development pattern; and
- Comply with federal law for developing an RTP.

The SCS outlines SCAG’s plan for attaining the GHG emissions reductions targets set forth by ARB, by integrating the transportation network and related strategies with a forecasted land use pattern that responds to projected growth, housing needs and changing demographics, and transportation demands.

In addition, SCAG is required to submit to ARB the SCS developed as part of the RTP for the purpose of determining whether the GHG emissions reduction targets have been met. Furthermore, SB 375 specifically states that the SCS developed as part of the RTP cannot dictate local General Plan policies. Rather, SB 375 is intended to provide a regional policy foundation that local government may build upon if they so choose and generally includes the quantitative growth projections from each city and county in the region going forward.

Qualifying projects that meet criteria established by SB 375, and are consistent with the SCS are eligible for streamlined environmental review under CEQA.¹

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The RTP/SCS is a long-range transportation plan that provides a vision for regional transportation investments over a 20-year period. In accordance with applicable federal and state laws, SCAG updates the RTP/SCS every four (4) years to reflect changes to the transportation network, the most recent planning assumptions, economic trends, and population and jobs growth forecasts.²

The RTP/SCS is developed and implemented through a collaborative, continuous and coordinated process that involves key stakeholders such as the six County Transportation Commissions (CTCs), Caltrans, transit operators, airport and port authorities, air districts and other agencies including local jurisdictions in our region. The 2016 RTP/SCS will be the culmination of a multi-year effort, which was initiated since the adoption of the 2012 RTP/SCS. For more information on the 2012 RTP/SCS, please visit SCAG's website, at <http://rtpscs.scag.ca.gov/2012RTPSCS>. The 2016 RTP/SCS will largely embody the goals, objectives, and transportation improvements that have been considered in the adopted 2012 RTP/SCS, last amended in September 2014 (Amendment No. 2 to the 2012 RTP/SCS). For more information on the Amendment No. 2 to the 2012 RTP/SCS and the projects that were documented in the Project List of the 2012 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 2, please visit SCAG's website, at <http://rtpscs.scag.ca.gov/Pages/Amendment-2.aspx>.

As a blueprint for the region's growth through 2040, the 2016 RTP/SCS will outline the region's goals, policies, and strategies that improve the balance between land use and transportation systems, both current and future. It integrates the multi-modal transportation network and related strategies with an overall land use pattern that responds to projected population and employment growth, housing needs and changing demographics, and transportation demands, including transit and active transportation. It outlines improvements to the existing transportation system, as well as the strategic expansion of the transportation system. While SB 375 places a great deal of attention on meeting GHG emission reduction targets set forth by ARB, SCAG has also established other important goals that are aimed to improving the overall quality of life in the region. The 2016 RTP/SCS is currently anticipated to build from the foundation of the adopted 2012 RTP/SCS, as amended in September 2014, as the baseline scenario to be utilized to review the progress in implementing strategies identified in the 2012 RTP/SCS.

2016 RTP/SCS Vision

Based upon extensive local collaboration, the 2016 RTP/SCS will contain projects, policies and strategies with the intent of achieving a range of quality of life outcomes. The 2016 RTP/SCS is intended to identify reasonably available sources of funding over the plan period, and allocate these funds to transportation projects and programs that benefit the SCAG communities and residents. The 2016 RTP/SCS will be designed to assure that, to the greatest extent possible, the money invested would have the best chance of achieving the objectives communities and residents care about. As such, the 2016 RTP/SCS, as currently envisioned by SCAG, will

¹ CEQA streamlining provisions are also available for eligible projects meeting the criteria established by Senate Bill 226 (Simitian, 2011), CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.3 (Streamlining for Infill Projects) and for eligible projects meeting the criteria established by Senate Bill 743 (Steinberg, 2013), Public Resources Code Section 21155.4 (Exemptions).

² The SCAG region encompasses 17 federally designated non-attainment and maintenance areas for air quality standards, pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under Section 176(c) of the Federal Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7506(c)] require that for a non-attainment area, air quality conformity determinations on updated transportation plans and programs must be made every four (4) years.

continue on a meaningful path towards advancing mobility, sustainability and economic growth as set forth in the 2012 RTP/SCS.³

Mobility

A successful transportation plan will allow the future residents of the region to access daily needs, including work, school, shopping, transit, and recreation without undue burdens of cost, time, or physical danger. This includes the pressing need to preserve and maintain infrastructure at adequate levels. Residents should be able to rely on their ability to get from one place in the region to another, timely and safely. They should be able to choose from a variety of transportation modes that suit their preferences and needs, including non-automobile modes, such as walking and biking that allow for physical activity.

As currently envisioned, the 2016 RTP/SCS will continue to promote active transportation options, improve accessibility and increase proximity to recreation, public services, community amenities, transit, and other transportation facilities, and ensure safety.

Sustainability

Building off the foundation of the 2012 RTP/SCS, the 2016 RTP/SCS is intended to include strategies linking future regional transportation and land use planning with the goal of promoting sustainability. This integrated development pattern forecasted for the 2016 RTP/SCS will be used to demonstrate that the SCAG region is expected to achieve the GHG emissions reduction targets required under SB 375.

The 2016 RTP/SCS will define sustainability in the broadest way possible. It will allow future residents to enjoy equal or better quality of life than today, including the ability to lead a healthy lifestyle, enjoy clean air and water, ample opportunities for active transportation, open space, recreation, public services, community amenities, physical activities, and housing choices for all income levels. In light of the recent economic downturn and recovery, the 2016 RTP/SCS will lay a path for the region's continued economic growth and sustainability by providing strategies that create jobs and attract additional businesses to Southern California communities. Moreover, policies and programs that will be included as part of the 2016 RTP/SCS are anticipated to create direct and substantial benefits to public health by reducing pollutant emissions and expanding the opportunities for active transportation.

Economy

A successful RTP/SCS creates opportunities for business, investment, and employment in Southern California. The 2012 RTP/SCS did so by identifying over \$524 billion of investment in a 25 year period. This includes the direct economic effect of designing, building, and maintaining projects, as well as the indirect and induced benefits of the investments. Moreover, the economic benefits of the RTP/SCS are likely far broader and greater. The investments and strategies in the draft RTP/SCS will set the conditions for economic activity in the region by improving mobility and reducing congestion and commute times, allowing businesses in the region to operate more efficiently and maintain their competitiveness. Also, by identifying areas to accommodate regional housing needs the RTP/SCS strives to provide residents with better access to affordable housing in all communities, and lower overall combined costs for housing and transportation. In more subtle ways, the RTP/SCS encourages continued investment and job creation by ensuring a more livable, efficient, desirable, and competitive region where employers want and are able to do business over the long term.

³ Southern California Association of Governments. April 2012. *2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy*. Page 11. Available at: <http://rtpscs.scag.ca.gov/Documents/2012/final/f2012RTPSCS.pdf>

2016 RTP/SCS Goals

The RTP/SCS goals demonstrate the need to balance many priorities in the most cost-effective manner. As currently being envisioned, the goals of the 2016 RTP/SCS are expected to remain substantively the same as the goals established in the 2012 RTP/SCS, adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in April 2012⁴.

- Maximize mobility and accessibility for all people and goods in the region
- Ensure travel safety and reliability for the people and goods in the region
- Preserve and ensure a sustainable regional transportation system
- Maximize the security of the regional transportation system through improved monitoring, recovery planning, and coordination with other security agencies
- Maximize the productivity of our transportation system
- Protect the environment, improve air quality and promote energy efficiency
- Encourage land use and growth patterns that complement our transportation investments

In addition to meeting the GHG emissions reduction targets that the ARB has set for the SCAG region pursuant to SB 375, SCAG intends to address the goals set forth in Executive Order S-3-05 (to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, and to reduce GHG emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050).

2016 RTP/SCS Policies and Performance Measures

The 2016 RTP/SCS is currently being envisioned to include a set of guiding policies that focus future investments on the best-performing projects and strategies that seek to preserve, maintain, and optimize the performance of the existing transportation system. As set forth in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS⁵, these policies will include the following and are intended to help track how well the region is performing in relation to a broad range of goals and objectives.

- Transportation investments shall be based on SCAG's adopted Regional Performance Indicators.
- Ensuring safety, adequate maintenance, and efficiency of operations on the existing multi-modal transportation system should be the highest RTP priorities for any incremental funding in the region.
- RTP land-use and growth strategies in the RTP will respect local input and advance smart growth initiatives.
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and non-motorized transportation will be focus areas.
- High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) gap closures that significantly increase transit and rideshare usage will be supported and encouraged.
- Monitoring progress on all aspects of the Plan, including the timely implementation of projects, programs, and strategies, will be an important and integral component of the 2016 Plan.

Consistent with the goals and performance-based transportation planning approach set forth under MAP-21, performance measures will play a critical role in the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS. Performance measures are intended to help quantify regional goals, estimate the impacts of proposed investments, and evaluate progress over time. SCAG intends to build upon and update the performance measures developed for the 2012 Plan⁶ in the 2016 RTP/SCS. This way, there is consistency when tracking and assessing the region's performance and whether the region is progressing towards meeting and exceeding federal and state requirements.

⁴ Id. at page 13.

⁵ Id. at page 15.

⁶ Id. at page 15.

The 2016 RTP/SCS is currently being envisioned to include a set of key categories of performance measures as follows:

- Location efficiency
- Mobility and accessibility
- Safety and health
- Environmental quality
- Economic well-being
- Investment effectiveness
- System sustainability

Preliminary 2016 RTP/SCS Scenario Planning Matrix

As part of the 2016 RTP/SCS planning process, SCAG is developing a suite of transportation and land use scenarios for public consideration. These scenarios focus on transportation and land use related inputs that are modified to vary across four (4) scenarios. The purpose of developing scenarios is to provide an analytical technique to layout the policy choices to be considered as the 2016 RTP/SCS is developed. The Preliminary 2016 RTP/SCS Scenario Planning Matrix outlines a number of plan elements that together build a framework for comparing potential regional scale choices on issues such as land use development patterns, transportation investments, transportation demand management/transportation system management (TDM/TSM), and technological innovations. Policy considerations currently outlined in the Preliminary Scenario Planning Matrix include land use, housing, farm and natural lands, roadway and highway network, transit, active transportation, technology/innovation, and TDM/TSM. Scenarios will be analyzed and compared using outputs from SCAG regional transportation model, Scenario Planning Model, or off-model analysis. The outputs from these modeling analyses will help illustrate variations between scenarios and policy elements at the regional scale for metrics such as public health, mobility, accessibility, and sustainability.

For more information on the Preliminary 2016 RTP/SCS Scenario Planning Matrix, please visit SCAG's website, at: <http://www.scag.ca.gov/committees/CommitteeDocLibrary/oscwg021915draftscenario.pdf>.

Bottom-up Local Growth and Land Use Input Process

A critical component to developing a successful 2016 RTP/SCS is the participation and cooperation of all local government partners and stakeholders within the SCAG region. To this end, SCAG uses a bottom-up local input process by which all local governments are informed of the 2016 RTP/SCS planning process and have clear and adequate opportunities to provide input. Growth forecasts and land use updates for development of the 2016 Plan have been developed through this bottom-up local input process, including: 1) extensive, ongoing communication with SCAG partners and stakeholders on growth forecast and land use updates throughout the region; 2) implementation of a formal protocol to guide the communication between SCAG staff and local jurisdiction regarding the input and review process; 3) flexibilities in providing official input to SCAG through the use of a Data Verification and Approval Form; 4) adoption of a resolution designating a staff position at the local government level to add clarity and accountability to the process; and 5) development of an automated mapping workflow and a digitalized land use database in a geographic information system (GIS) format to facilitate the review and input process.

RTP/SCS Public Participation Plan and Process

Another key aspect of the 2016 RTP/SCS plan development is public participation. To provide early and meaningful public participation in the Plan's development and decision-making processes, SCAG has developed

and adopted a Public Participation Plan (“PPP”).⁷ The adoption of the PPP has demonstrated SCAG’s commitment in increasing awareness and involvement of interested persons in SCAG’s governmental processes and regional transportation and land use planning. SCAG is committed to providing information and timely public notice, ensuring full public access to key decisions, and supporting early and continuing public involvement in the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS. To this end, SCAG will continue to engage a wide range of stakeholder groups, elected officials, special interest groups, the general public, and other interested parties through a series of workshops and public meetings, as well as SCAG’s policy committees, task forces, and subcommittee structure during the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS and its associated CEQA review process.

SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS IN THE PEIR

The PEIR to be prepared for the 2016 RTP/SCS analyzes potential effects that the 2016 RTP/SCS may cause on the environment. Although the 2016 RTP/SCS includes individual transportation projects, the associated PEIR is programmatic in nature and does not specifically analyze potential environmental effects that any of the individual transportation projects may cause. Project-level environmental impact analyses will need to be prepared by implementing agencies on a project-by-project basis as projects proceed through the design and decision-making process. Project-specific planning and implementation undertaken by each project sponsor/implementing agency will depend on a number of issues, including: policies, programs and projects adopted at the local level; restrictions on federal, State and local transportation funds; the results of feasibility studies for particular corridors; and project-specific environmental review.

Potential scope of environmental effects that warrant analysis and consideration in the 2016 RTP/SCS Draft PEIR are as follows:

- Aesthetics and Views
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources and Open Space
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology, Soils and Mineral Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Resources
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population, Employment, and Housing
- Recreation
- Transportation, Traffic, and Safety
- Public Services and Utilities

PRELIMINARY 2016 RTP/SCS ALTERNATIVES

It is anticipated that the PEIR will evaluate at least three potential alternatives to the 2016 RTP/SCS as follows: (1) No Project; (2) Refined 2012 RTP/SCS Alternative; and (3) Intensified Transportation and Land Use Integration Alternative. These alternatives will evaluate various planning scenarios capable of achieving most of the basic objectives of the 2016 RTP/SCS. More specifically, each Alternative, except the No Project Alternative, will include a range of policies and projects including, but not limited to, variations in land use density and intensity, transit and rail systems, active transportation, highway/roadway construction and widening and transportation demand/system management.

SCAG has the discretion to select one alternative in its entirety or to combine elements of various alternatives to complete the PEIR for the RTP/SCS. The development of alternatives in a PEIR is focused on avoiding or reducing potentially significant impacts of the 2016 RTP/SCS. Therefore, detailed alternative descriptions are normally

⁷ Southern California Association of Governments. Public Participation Plan. Adopted April 3, 2014. http://www.scag.ca.gov/Documents/PPP2014_Adopted-FINAL.pdf

developed as impacts of a project are identified through the PEIR process.

No Project Alternative

The No Project Alternative is required by Section 15126.6(e)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines and assumes that the proposed project would not be implemented. The No Project Alternative will consider continued implementation of the goals and policies of the adopted 2012 RTP/SCS, as amended in September 2014. The No Project Alternative includes those transportation projects that are included in the first year of the previously conforming RTP/SCS and/or FTIP, or those that have completed environmental review by December 2014. The growth scenario included in the No Project Alternative is based on the 2012 RTP/SCS regional population, housing and employment totals.

Refined 2012 RTP/SCS Alternative

A Refined 2012 RTP/SCS Alternative would include the most recent growth forecast data, including local input on land use, employment, population, and housing data, and new input on transportation projects from the County Transportation Commissions in the SCAG region. This Alternative will consider continued implementation of the policies, strategies and projects included in the 2012 RTP/SCS.

Intensified Transportation and Land Use Integration Alternative

An Intensified Transportation and Land Use Integration Alternative would focus on analyzing more intensified integration of transportation and land use projects and policies aimed at further reducing vehicle miles traveled and GHG and criteria pollutant emissions to improve mobility, accessibility, and sustainability. This Alternative could include more mixed-use, infill development, increased densities in urban cores, new technological innovations, and/or additional transit and active transportation strategies.

SCAG is seeking input on the alternatives through the scoping process which could result in modifications to the number, content and scope of alternatives analyzed in the PEIR. Furthermore, the PEIR will identify all alternatives that were initially considered, but rejected for reasons including infeasibility or inability for a particular alternative to meet the Project objectives or reduce environmental impacts beyond that of the Project.

SCOPING MEETINGS

SCAG will host two (2) scoping meetings during the 30-day public comment period that **begins March 9, 2015 and ends April 7, 2015** to review the various proposed Project elements and solicit information and comments in relation to this Notice and the CEQA analysis for the proposed Project. The two (2) scoping meetings, each providing the same information, will take place **on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at SCAG Los Angeles (Main) office board room, located at 818 West 7th Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017.** For each of the two scoping meetings, videoconferencing is made available from the other sites, as listed below.

City of Palmdale
Planning Department
Development Services Conference Room
38250 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 267-5337

SCAG Orange County Regional Office
OCTA Building
600 South Main Street, Suite 906
Orange, CA 92868
(714) 542-3687

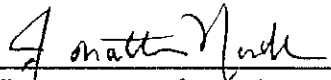
Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)
73-710 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260
(760) 346-1127
<http://www.cvag.org/>
This office is only available for the March 17, 3 p.m. meeting.

SCAG Riverside County Regional Office
3403 10th Street, Suite 805
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 784-1513

SCAG San Bernardino County Regional Office
1170 West 3rd Street, Suite 140
San Bernardino, CA 92410
(909) 806-3556

SCAG Imperial County Regional Office
1405 N. Imperial Avenue, Suite 1
Imperial, CA 92243
(760) 353-7800

SCAG Ventura County Regional Office
950 County Square Drive, Suite 101
Ventura, CA 93003
(805) 642-2800

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Date: 3/9/15

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**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**

Community Calendar

Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out
Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's
Governmental Affairs Committee
meets the second Friday of the
month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the
Community Meeting Center, 11300
Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For
more information, call the chamber
at 714-638-7950.

Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is
for mothers who have lost children
of every age.

The group meets Thursday eve-
nings at 12831 Olive St., Garden
Grove.

For more information, call 714-892-
1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of Or-
ange County hosts a support group
to provide an opportunity to meet
other caregivers and families, share
experiences and exchange ideas.

These meetings are free and open
to all caregivers and family mem-
bers of individuals with dementia.
All groups listed are in compliance
with chapter and national stan-
dards. This is a faith-based meeting
and may include prayer or pastoral
speaker, and will take place at 1
p.m. Saturdays at Christ Cathedral,
12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove.
For more information, call Peggy
Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social

Join the staff of the Cedarbrook
Dance Center for nights of square
dancing, line dancing, round danc-
ing (pre-choreographed social
dancing) and salsa. The Dance
Center is at 12812 Garden Grove
Blvd. For more information on
classes, call Eileen Silvia at 949-
637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime

Family storytime all through the
summer will highlight books about
our environment and the animals
that live in rivers, oceans and icy
places. All ages are encouraged to
attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at
the Garden Grove Regional Library,
11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden
Grove. For more information, call
714-530-0711.

Rotary Club to meet

The Rotary Club of Garden Grove
meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays
at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman
Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in
Garden Grove.

GG Kiwanis to meet

The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove
hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m.
Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840
Larson Ave. Social hour begins at
6 p.m. For more information, call
714-892-7267.

School Board to meet

The Garden Grove Unified School
District holds its regular meetings
at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday
of each month at the district offices,

10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden
Grove.

Ready, young Rembrandts?
Elementary and preschool stu-
dents are eager to learn and a
joy to teach. Your young artist will

learn to draw using our step-by-
step process in this class, held on
Tuesdays at the Westminster Civic
Center craft room, 8200 West-
minster Blvd. in Westminster. Give
your child a head start in being
handwriting-ready by developing

his/her fine motor skills. There will
be new lessons each week at the
preschool and elementary level.
Students ages 3-5 meet at 3:15
p.m. and ages 6-12 meet at 4 p.m.
For more information, visit www.westminster-ca.gov.

Gov. Brown appoints
two more to posts

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Gov. Jerry Brown last week announced the following appointments.

Mark Beckley, 44, of Gold River, has been appointed chief deputy director of the California Department of Child Support Services, where he has been acting chief deputy director since 2015 and served in several positions from 2007 to 2012, including deputy director of administration, acting deputy director of administration and chief financial officer. He served as deputy director of administration at the California Department of State Hospitals from 2012 to 2015 and served in several positions at the California Department of Finance from 2001 to 2006, including staff finance budget analyst, associate finance budget analyst and assistant finance budget analyst. Beckley held several positions at Charles Schwab and

Co. from 1997 to 2001, including project manager, team manager, team leader and senior specialist. He earned a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$132,984. Beckley is a Democrat.

Nancy O'Malley, 61, of Alameda, has been appointed to the California Domestic Violence Advisory Council. O'Malley has served as the Alameda County District Attorney since 2009. She served as chief assistant district attorney at the Alameda County District Attorney's Office from 1999 to 2009, where she was a deputy district attorney from 1984 to 1999. O'Malley was an attorney at Linda DeBene Inc. from 1982 to 1984. O'Malley is chair of the California Sex Of-

fender Management Board and founder of the Alameda County Family Justice Center. She is a member of the Asian American Prosecutors Association, American Law Institute, State Advisory Commission on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Bay Area Black Prosecutors Association, California Women Lawyers Foundation, National Family Justice Center Alliance Board, Alameda Boys and Girls Club, Women Lawyers of Alameda County, California Judicial Council Criminal Law Advisory Committee, California Sexual Assault Advisory Committee and the California District Attorneys Association. O'Malley earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Golden Gate University School of Law. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. O'Malley is a Democrat.

DUI checkpoint

The Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint on Friday, March 13, from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

In California, this deadly crime has led to 802 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2012 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. The latest data shows nationally that impaired driving killed nearly 10,000 people.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment; in addition, officers will be checking driver's for proper licensing that may delay motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Drugs that may impair driving not only include illegal narcotics, but many prescription drugs, marijuana, and even some over-the-counter medications.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000, not to mention the embarrassment from friends and family.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Garden Grove Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Executive named

Coastline Community College is proud to welcome Nhadira B. Johnson as the new director of marketing and public relations.

Johnson has been at Coastline, which has campuses in Garden Grove and Westminster, since February 2014 in the acting/interim director position. Prior to accepting her appointment at Coastline, she worked as the director of marketing for Controls Group North America in North Orange County.

By Harry Sidhu

Orange County has two very different water pictures. If you live in north or central Orange County, most of your water comes from the Orange County Groundwater Basin. If you live in the southern portion of the county, you are almost entirely dependent on water that is imported from Northern California and from the Colorado River hundreds of miles away.

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) manages the Orange County Groundwater Basin, which is the largest of several coastal aquifers in Southern California. It contains approximately half a million acre-feet, or about 163 billion gallons of water that supplies the needs of 2.4 million people in north and central Orange County.

The Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 19 million people in six counties. It manages deliveries of imported water to supplement local supplies. MWD's local representative is the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC).

Here, in Anaheim, 72 percent of your water is groundwater and 28 percent is imported. But there is another, deeper, layer to this story.

OCWD also manages two of Southern California's greatest water resources that supply the Orange County Groundwater Basin.

One is the Santa Ana River. The Santa Ana River is the largest river in Southern California. It rises in the San Bernardino Mountains and flows to the Prado Dam and on to the Pacific Ocean. If you recall from an earlier article, one of the original mandates of the Orange County Water District is to ensure that the county has rights to the river flows downstream. OCWD also owns a six-mile stretch of the river in Anaheim used for recharge.

The second water resource is the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS). The world's largest water recycling system of its kind "makes" near-distilled water from Orange County Sanitation District wastewater. The GWRS facility is located in

Fountain Valley, and provides 70 million gallons of water each day. A portion of the water is put into seawater barriers near the coast to prevent saltwater intrusion into the groundwater basin. A 13-mile pipeline takes the remainder of this water to three percolation basins in Anaheim.

GWRS water has several benefits. It is reliable and reuses a wasted resource to help us be drought resilient. It also costs far less than imported water (\$374 acre-foot vs. \$1000 acre-foot treated imported), improves the quality of the water in the basin, and saves half the energy of imported water.

These resources, including storm water and imported water when available, are put back into the Orange County Groundwater Basin, which is made up of three main aquifers: the shallow aquifer, the principal aquifer and the deep aquifer. The water that is percolated into the basin first goes into the shallow aquifer and then it finds its way down into the deeper regions. Most of the pumping for drinking water is from the principal aquifer.

Where does
my water
come from?

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WATER:

OCWD manages basin water levels to allow for capturing "free" water from rainfall and storm flows as well as pumping water out for water retailers. If water levels are too low, the land surface could subside, causing damage to roads and pipelines, and could cause irreparable harm to the storage capacity of the groundwater basin. To avoid this, OCWD uses scientific data to decide on the optimum water level each year.

OCWD supplies water from the basin to 19 different water retailers in north and central Orange County. In Anaheim your local water retail agency is most likely the City of Anaheim Public Utilities Department. These retailers, or producers, pump groundwater and, through their own infrastructure, deliver water into homes as well as commercial and governmental facilities in their service areas.

Having a majority of your water come from a nearby groundwater source that is locally controlled and supplemented—even during droughts, helps keep water available and helps keep water rates down.

Harry Sidhu is the director of the Orange County Water District.

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To CMA winner: Thank you for your service

Also, Westminster shows off its rich history



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

Congratulations to Garden Grove resident Tibor Rubin, who will be honored by the Garden Grove City Council later this month.

Rubin's story is nothing short of incredible. Where to start? He survived the Holocaust. He emigrated to the United States in 1948. He fought for our country in the Korean War. He was severely injured. He was a POW. And... he earned the highest honor a member of our military can earn: The Congressional Medal of Honor.

There are heroes among us... There's a new feature in the Westminster Journal.

It's called "A trip down memory lane" and features historic pictures.

Westminster has a rich history, including the oldest building in Orange County. If you didn't see it depicted in the initial feature, get your paws on a March 12 Journal (Page 3). You'll see not just the oldest building but the kind of medications you would have seen in that building in 1874 (if you're looking for a Xanax, this ain't the place for you).

The building has been relocated to Blakey Historical Park, 8612 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

I received an email from a Stanton resident asking me why I hadn't spotlighted The Park Avenue Restaurant, one of the best-kept secrets in Orange County (and one of the best eateries).

The restaurant, at 11200 Beach Blvd. in Stanton, is where city leaders hold many events. If a high-profile dignitary is coming to town, here is where lunch will be had. I recommend the pan-seared half jidori chicken roasted garlic

pan gravy, white grits with cheddar and buttered beans.

Speaking of Stanton, recently-elected Assemblywoman Young Kim is wasting no time getting things done. Kim (R-Fullerton), who represents Stanton and other cities, has introduced state legislation to require a two-thirds vote of the Orange County electorate before any new toll facility in the county could be constructed.

Kim is all about saving taxpayer money.

On another topic, here's a prediction: Surely you're aware of the transgender movement nationally and especially in California.

Are transgenders owed the same civil rights as everyone else?

I promise you: Kim is REALLY concerned about this issue. For instance, how do you deal with the bathroom situation on high school campuses?

My editor told me that she asked a fellow editor: How would you like your daughter sharing a restroom with a fellow student who is anatomically male?

Don't be surprised if Kim spearheads a movement to slow down this movement.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Garden Grove City Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the proposed issuance by the California Municipal Finance Authority of its revenue bonds in one or more series issued from time to time, including bonds issued to refund such revenue bonds in one or more series from time to time, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to: (1) finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, improvement and equipping of the Garden Grove United Methodist Church Project, a 47-unit multifamily rental housing project located at 12741 Main Street, Garden Grove, California; and (2) pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The facilities are to be owned by Garden Grove Housing Partners, LP, a California limited partnership and operated by EPMI.

The Bonds and the obligation to pay principal of and interest thereon and any redemption premium with respect thereto do not constitute indebtedness or an obligation of the Authority, the State of California or any political subdivision thereof, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation, or a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of any of them. The Bonds shall be a limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely from certain revenues duly pledged therefor and generally representing amounts paid by the Borrower.

Interested persons wishing to express their views on the issuance of the Bonds or on the nature and location of the facilities proposed to be financed or refinanced may attend the Public Hearing or, prior to the time of the Public Hearing, submit written comments. Additional information concerning the above matter may be obtained from, and written comments should be addressed to, City Clerk, City of Garden Grove, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California 92840.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Successor Agency) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33431, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer) pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the Successor Agency and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

All interested persons or organizations may attend the Public Hearing or submit written comments on the proposed Transfer prior to the meeting. Please submit any written comments to the Garden Grove City Clerk, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California, 92842-3070. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Public Hearing will be given to the Successor Agency prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the Successor Agency at the time of the meeting.

If you challenge the action taken at this Public Hearing, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written comments delivered to the City Clerk's Office prior to or at the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at (714) 741-5040. Notification by Noon on Thursday, April 9, 2015, will enable reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Further information regarding the proposed Transfer may be obtained by contacting Jim DellaLunga, Senior Project Manager, at (714) 741-5788.

Kathleen Bailor, CMC
Secretary

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THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The Oversight Board to The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Oversight Board) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34181(f), at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer), pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

All interested persons or organizations may attend the Public Hearing or submit written comments on the proposed Transfer prior to the meeting. Please submit any written comments to the Garden Grove City Clerk, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California, 92842-3070. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Public Hearing will be given to the Oversight Board prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the Oversight Board at the time of the meeting.

If you challenge the action taken at this Public Hearing, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written comments delivered to the City Clerk's Office prior to or at the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at (714) 741-5040. Notification by Noon on Thursday, April 9, 2015, will enable reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Further information regarding the proposed Transfer may be obtained by contacting Jim DellaLunga, Senior Project Manager, at (714) 741-5788.

Kathleen Bailor, CMC
Secretary

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ORDINANCE NO. 2854

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.28 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY FIREWORK STAND PERMITS

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance amends certain Sections of Chapter 5.28 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code pertaining to temporary fireworks stand permits to allow more time to process applications, require additional information be provided in conjunction with permit applications, delete obsolete references, update indemnification and insurance requirements, and eliminate the current prohibition of stands along Katella Avenue from Dale Street to Euclid Street.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 10th day of March 2015.

ATTEST: BAO NGUYEN
MAYOR
KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, KATHLEEN BAILOR, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on February 24, 2015, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (5)
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE

and was passed on March 10, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (5)
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE

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CITY CLERK

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ORDINANCE NO. 2855

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY AND RETAIL SALE BY PET STORES OF DOGS AND CATS OBTAINED FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance adds Section 6.04.080 to the Garden Grove Municipal Code prohibiting pet stores from displaying, selling, delivering, offering for sale, bartering, or auctioning dogs or cats in the city of Garden Grove, except dogs and/or cats obtained from a public animal control facility or shelter or a duly authorized nonprofit humane society or animal rescue organization, or cats donated by a local resident for no charge. This Ordinance gives existing pet stores one year to come into compliance with the new regulations.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the ___ day of _____.

ATTEST:
MAYOR
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, KATHLEEN BAILOR, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on March 10, 2015, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (4)
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (1)
NGUYEN
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

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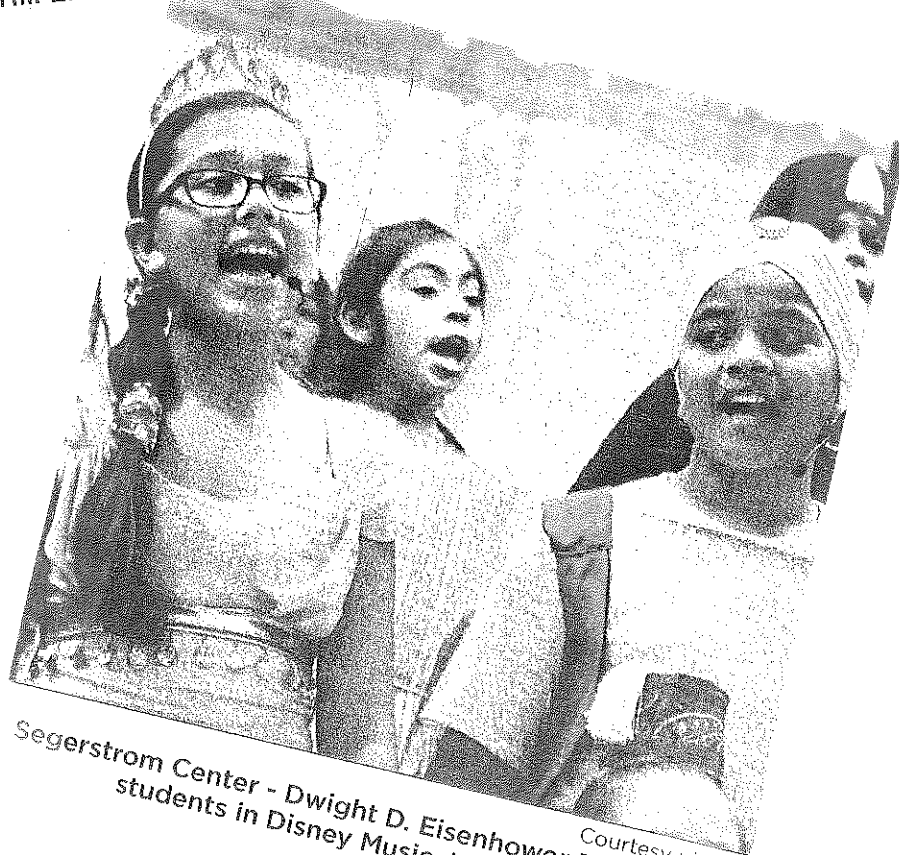
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DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT



Merton E. Hill Elementary students in Disney Musicals in Schools

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Courtesy photos
Seegerstrom Center - Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary
students in Disney Musicals in Schools

Local elementary students

participate in Disney musicals

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As the final hours of rehearsals wind down, for nearly 275 local elementary school students that means that the curtains will soon rise and it will be show time. Over the course of 17 weeks, students, teachers and professional teaching artists have worked together during after school sessions *learning, rehearsing and performing* scenes, songs and dance numbers from some of Disney's beloved musicals.

Students from the four participating schools during the inaugural year of Disney Musicals in Schools in Orange County hail from: Adelaide Price Elementary (Anaheim), Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary (Garden Grove), Merton E. Hill Elementary (Garden Grove) and Everett A. Rea

Elementary (Costa Mesa).

The culmination of their efforts will result in presenting and performing a live 30-minute Disney KIDS Musical performance on-campus.

Following their respective performances, the students will join together at Segerstrom Center for the Arts as part of the Disney Musicals in Schools Student Share Celebration taking place on Tuesday, March 24 at 5 p.m. in the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. This will provide an extraordinary opportunity to perform a selection from their chosen musical on the Center's stage for an audience of fellow students, family members, faculty and associates from Disney. Disney Musicals in Schools will continue in Orange County for the second consecutive year. Applications are now being taken for the 2015 – 2016 program.

Any public elementary school in an Orange County district may apply. For further information and to apply, please visit

SCFTA.org/Disney Musicals, call 714-556-2122 ext. 4310 or email DMIS@scfta.org. The application deadline is March 27. At no cost to them, the schools will receive performance rights, educational support materials and guidance from the teaching artists.

The teaching artists' roles are to help produce the chosen Disney musical by working with educators to create a sustainable theater program in the participating schools.

Disney Musicals in Schools was launched in response to Disney Theatrical Group's concern that low-income students in urban, public schools were not afforded equitable access to the arts.

After successfully offering the program in New York City schools, Disney Theatrical Group began partnering with organizations in other communities around the United States. Segerstrom Center received a \$100,000 grant from Disney Theatrical Group to help bring the Disney Musicals in Schools program to Orange County.

The Center was one of five arts organizations in the nation and the only one in California selected this past year to collaborate with Disney Musicals in Schools. The program is an outreach initiative developed by Disney Theatrical Group to create ongoing theater programs in local elementary schools.

The grant funds two years of programming at Segerstrom Center, which will select a total of eight Orange County public elementary schools (four each school year) to participate during the entire program. The after-school programs are completely free to participating schools. Disney Musicals in Schools helps to keep the arts in schools and utilizes the unique world of musical theater to build positive relationships between students, faculty, staff, parents and the community.

Students work in teams to develop or restore self-confidence, strengthen communication and collaboration skills all while learning and enjoying the process of creating a Disney musical theater production. Disney KIDS musicals, created in partnership with Music Theatre International (MTI), are about 30 minutes in length and have been adapted from the classic Disney films, *Sleeping Beauty*, *101 Dalmatians*, *Aladdin*, *The Aristocats*, *Cinderella*, *The Jungle Book* and *Winnie the Pooh*.

DISNEY THEATRICAL GROUP (DTG) operates under the direction of Thomas Schumacher and is among the world's most successful commercial theater enterprises, bringing live entertainment events to a global annual audience of more than 19 million people in more than 50 countries.

'I would not be here today if it were not for the American flag'

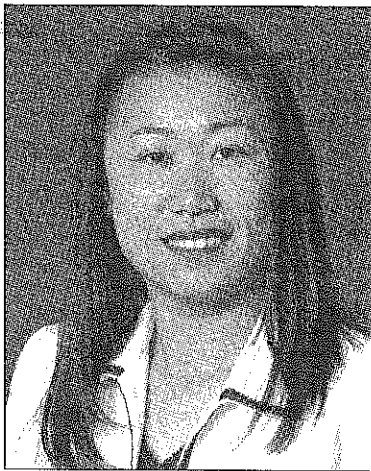
State Sen. Janet Nguyen (R-Garden Grove) pushes back on universities banning flag

Last week, Senator Janet Nguyen (R-Garden Grove) and several of her colleagues jointly announced that they will introduce a Senate Constitutional Amendment this week that prohibits state funded colleges and universities from banning the flag of the United States of America on school property.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff, Assembly Republican Leader Kristin Olsen, Senators Pat Bates, Jim Nielsen, Jeff Stone, Mike Morrell and Jean Fuller, Assemblymembers Matt Harper, Don Wagner and Bill Brough, were joined by Pete Conaty, an advocate representing veteran's groups, Ted Adams, president of Chapter 500, Vietnam Veterans of American and Fred Romero president of the Cesar Chavez Chapter of the American GI Forum and other representatives from veterans service organizations as Senator Nguyen made the announcement.

"I came to this country as an immigrant searching for freedom and democracy and I would not be here today if it were not for the American flag," said Senator Nguyen. "The veterans that are with us here today and the thousands of servicemen and women fighting throughout the world deserve for us to make every effort to ensure that the American flag is proudly displayed at public universities and colleges throughout California. That is why we have introduced this Senate Constitutional Amendment."

The introduction of this legislation, was prompted by an incident that occurred last week at the University of California, Irvine where the Legislative Student Council passed Resolution R50-70 banning the displays



Senator Janet Nguyen
(R-Garden Grove)

of all flags, citing efforts to be inclusive of others and potential negative interpretations of the flag. On Saturday, the Executive Cabinet of the Associated Students of the University of California, Irvine voted to veto the ban of the flag.

Nevertheless, this unfortunate event served to draw attention to a potential problem that could reoccur at another college or university campus in the future. The Senate Constitutional Amendment would ensure that incidents like this do not happen again.

"Over 2.5 million servicemen and women have died in combat to defend the American flag, and the values and ideals associated with it. It is with great pride that we display this symbol of our freedom at our public universities in California," said Assemblyman Don Wagner, who represents portions of Irvine.

Assemblyman Matt Harper who represents California's 74th Assembly District, which encompasses UC Irvine also expressed his disappointment with the events that transpired last week,

"I have a growing concern about what is happening in student government on our UC campuses."

"As a veteran with family who gave their life defending our flag, I will do everything in my power to protect the most recognized symbol of freedom and liberty that the world has ever seen," said Assemblyman Bill Brough.

Senator Pat Bates, who represents California's 36th District also shared her thoughts on the Senate Constitutional Amendment, "Our veterans and active-duty personnel have fought hard to protect the ideals of freedom and equality that the American flag stands for, and that is why I support the Senate Constitutional Amendment that bars state-funded colleges and universities from banning the flag."

"Like so many across our state and country, I was deeply troubled by the decision made to remove the American flag from the lobby of the student government offices at UC Irvine," said Senator Mike Morrell, (R-Rancho Cucamonga). "I commend the executive cabinet for vetoing this action, but last week's series of events is still discouraging. The flag represents generations of brave men and women who gave everything to secure the liberties and freedoms that form the foundation of our country. To ban its display dishonors their sacrifice."

"The flag of the United States represents freedom and liberty throughout the world and reminds us of the men and women that have sacrificed their lives to protect our rights. In addition to these sacrifices, seeing the American flag should also remind us of the bravery that our current members of the military and the impact their service is having on their families. Today we stand together in defense of our flag, our freedoms and the millions of people that put their lives on the line to protect those freedoms," said Senator Jean Fuller.

"The flag is more than just the symbol for our country," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff. "It's a reminder to all of us that the freedoms we enjoy in a society like ours are not free. They were bought and paid for by the sacrifice of others. The flag is a symbol of this freedom. Where this flag flies, freedom lives."

If the constitutional amendment is passed by the State Legislature and approved by California voters on the November 2016 ballot, it would prohibit all University of California, California State University and Community Colleges campuses from banning the American flag.

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Santiago outduels Buena Park in softball match

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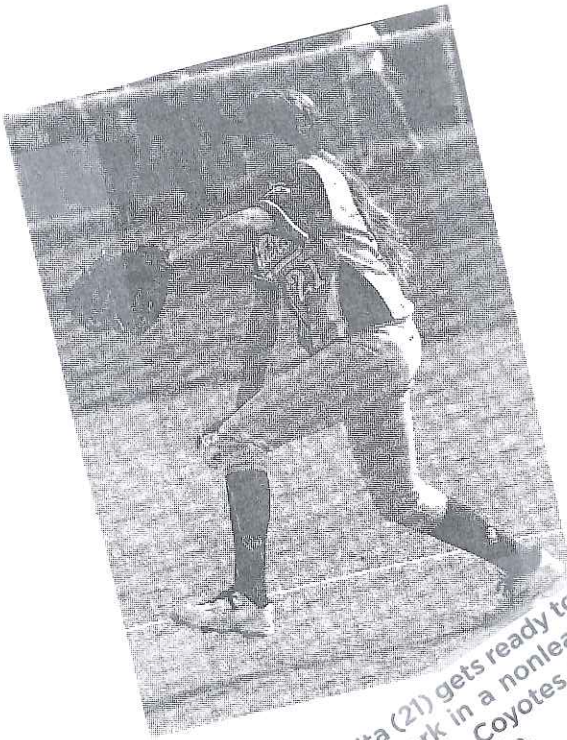
A big win for Santiago

Photo by Dennis Freeman
The shortstop for Santiago High School gets ready to fire to first base during the bottom half of the first inning against Buena Park High School on Tuesday, March 10. Santiago got out in front of the Coyotes fast, scoring nine runs in the first two innings. However, the Cavaliers had to hold off the Coyotes to win the nonleague game played at Buena Park High. Santiago came away victorious with a 12-6 win.



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Cristal Gonzalez (33) rounds the bases to score against Buena Park.



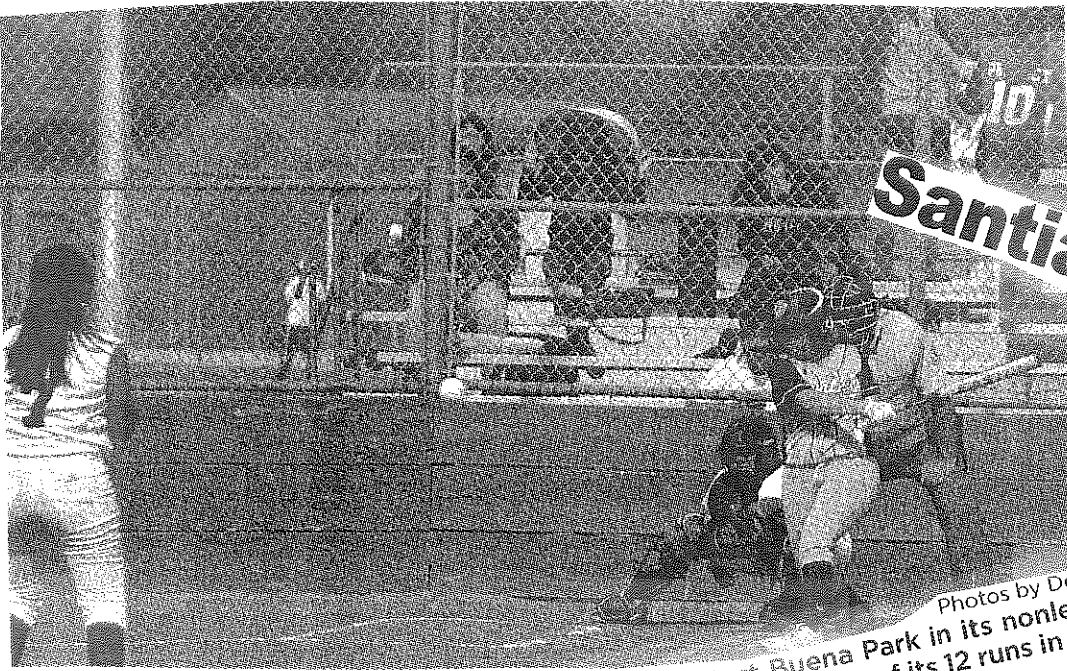
Santiago pitcher Makayla Peralta (21) gets ready to hurl one of her fastballs against Buena Park in a nonleague game Tuesday, March 10. Peralta held the Coyotes scoreless in the first inning of the Cavaliers' 12-6 win.



Santiago first baseman Halley Komadina (7) gets ready to apply the tag to pick off a wayward Buena Park runner in the Cavaliers' 12-6 victory on Tuesday, March 10.

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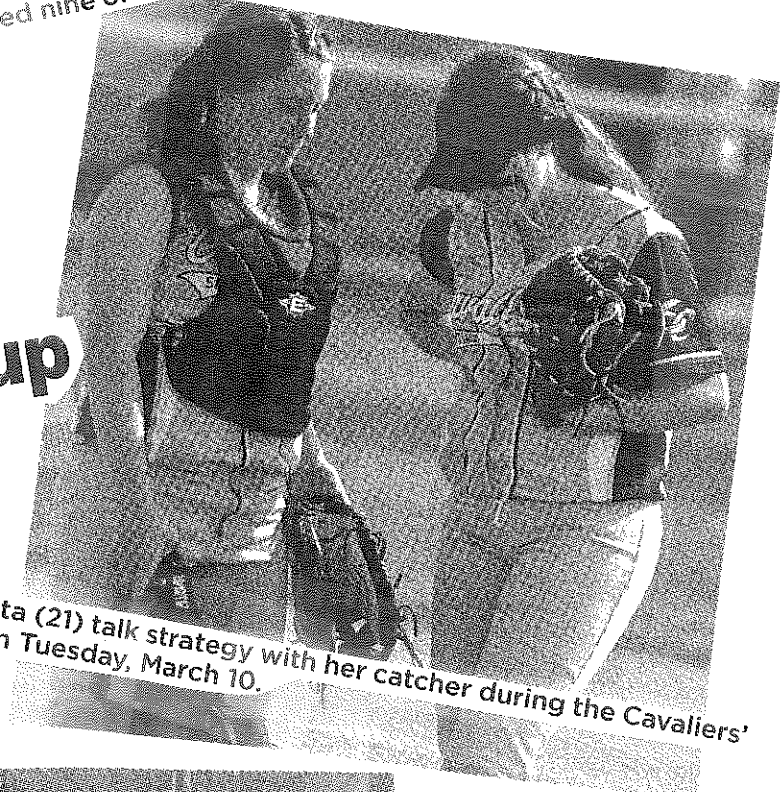
Santiago outduels



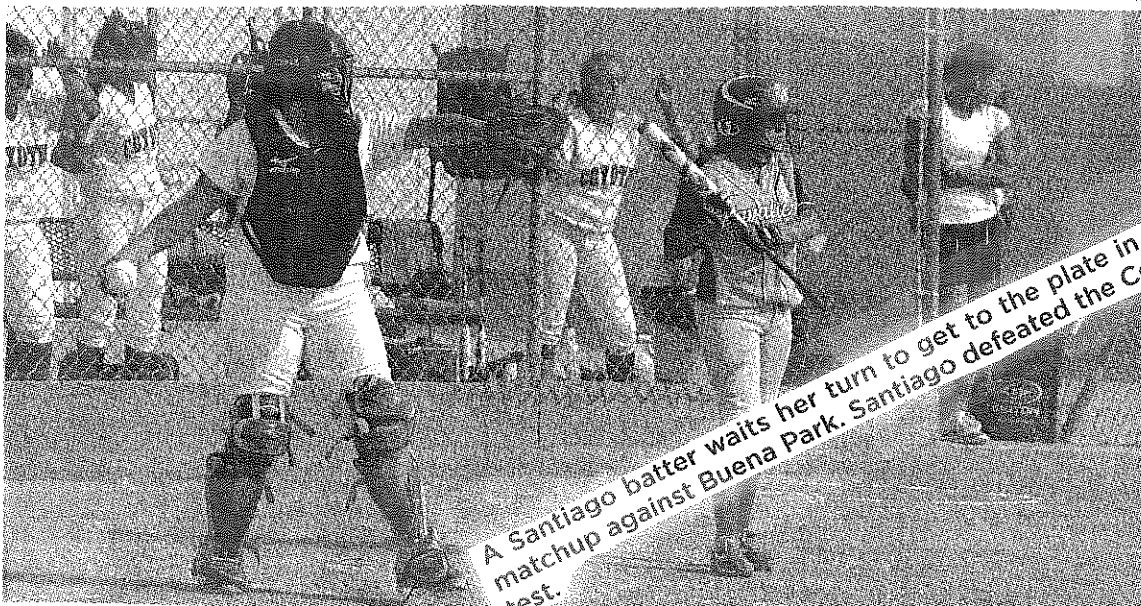
Photos by Dennis Freeman

Santiago batters were firing on all cylinders against Buena Park in its nonleague game against the Coyotes Tuesday, March 10. Santiago scored nine of its 12 runs in the first two innings to cruise to a 12-6 win against the Coyotes.

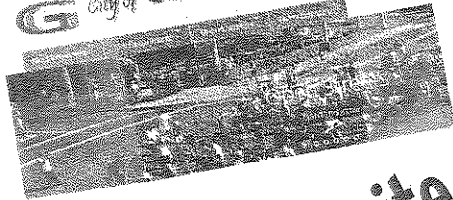
Buena Park in softball matchup



Santiago pitcher Makayla Peralta (21) talk strategy with her catcher during the Cavaliers' 12-6 win against Buena Park on Tuesday, March 10.



A Santiago batter waits her turn to get to the plate in the first inning of the Cavaliers' matchup against Buena Park. Santiago defeated the Coyotes 12-6 in the nonleague con-



New city website

ready to launch

More information will be available to online visitors.

Library to honor Korean War vet

Bust of Medal of Honor recipient Tibor Rubin to be unveiled.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

Tibor Rubin has a Medal of Honor. He has a stamp. He has the admiration of his fellow Garden Grove residents.

And soon, he will have a library named in his honor – and a bronze bust of himself.

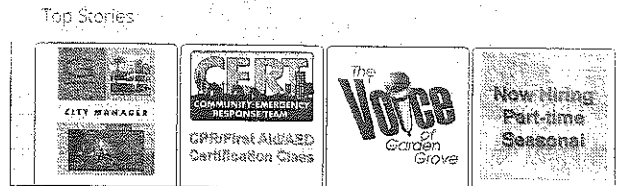
Garden Grove is scheduled to unveil Tuesday afternoon the sculpture of the 85-year-old Rubin, a Holocaust survivor and Korean

Navigating the Garden Grove website is about to get much easier – that is, it will be an entirely new site.

The city is having a soft launch of its new website Tuesday and plans to have all the kinks worked out by April 2, when it becomes fully operational.

The site, which cost \$50,000 in infrastructure and software upgrades, will have several features the current site does not, such as changing its size depending on whether a visitor is using a desktop, smartphone or tablet. It will also allow users to access more information from the homepage, such as top stories and featured videos.

“It will be easier to navigate,” said Charles Kalil, the city’s information-technology supervisor. “We want the website to market the city to attract businesses or people who might be



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

The new Garden Grove homepage will allow users to access more information, such as top stories and videos.

thinking of moving here.”

The new website is part of an overall city effort to be more technologically advanced.

In February, the city launched its own YouTube channel, which makes it easier to view City Council meetings live as well as other Garden Grove videos.

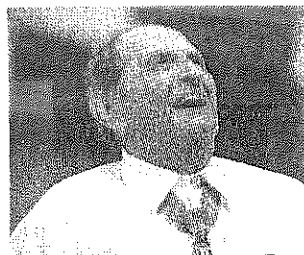
More features are expected to be rolled out over the next several months, Kalil said.

This is about the third or fourth time the city has changed its website,

ci.garden-grove.ca.us, since it first launched in 1995, Kalil said. And because of the nature of technology and the popular demand for cities to have user-friendly sites, it will likely need another upgrade in several years.

“It’s not like painting your house,” Kalil said. “You can’t get away with not changing it for 15 years.”

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KEN STEINHARDT, FILE PHOTO

Garden Grove will name a library for Tibor Rubin, a Medal of Honor recipient and Korean War veteran.

War veteran, which will sit in front of the former Garden Grove West Library.

The library, which has been under construction, will be renamed the Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library. “He’s excited,” said Rosie Rubin, Tibor Rubin’s daughter. “We’re all excited. It’s the library my brother and I used to go to and all our friends went to. It’s an honor that it will bear my father’s name.”

Rubin received the Medal of Honor in 2005, 55 years after his service in the Army ended. Among his

most notable accomplishments, Rubin battled an enemy advance by himself for 24 hours so his regiment could escape along the Tae-gu-Pusan Road.

When he was captured by the Chinese, he refused offers to return to his native Hungary, choosing instead to stay in the prisoner-of-war camp where he helped sneak in food for his fellow soldiers.

The renaming of the library and unveiling of the bust were announced by former Mayor Bruce Broadwater in August.

That month, the city held a ceremony with the United States Postal Service to unveil the Medal of Honor stamp honoring the 145 peo-

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LIBRARY

If you go

When: 2 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library, 11902 Bailey St.
Cost: Free
More info: Office of Community Relations, 714-741-5280

ple who received the military honor for their service in the Korean War.

The announcement surprised – and elated – the crowd.

“Take a look at what the man did,” Broadwater said at the time. “He deserves it all.”

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A look back at the origins of the Big Strawberry

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Bramiac gets interesting mail at his day job covering pop culture for the Orange County Register, but every so often a nugget lands in the inbox that is perfect for our audience in The Garden Grove Journal.

And so it was a fine day indeed when we opened a package and pulled out a slender volume with the appealing title of "Garden Grove: A History of the Big Strawberry," written by **Jim Tortolano**, a name longtime readers may well recall. Actually, should reading without Tortolano the newspaper you're reading wouldn't be here today.

It was Tortolano and a business partner who created the Journal in September 1983, and he ran it for most of the next three decades before selling it to the Register in August 2013.

We'd heard he planned to pursue his own writing projects, in addition to keeping his gig as a journalism professor at Golden West College, and we'd heard he'd finished a novel a year or so ago. But "Garden Grove" is the book Tortolano was born to write, and we mean that almost literally.

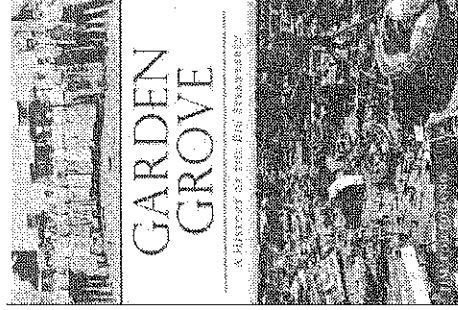
As he notes in the acknowledgments that open the book, Tortolano has lived in Garden Grove since

1960, when his parents moved to the city that had only incorporated a few years earlier. And since then it's been his home and for many years his place of work too.

"Garden Grove" looks like one of those books that collects vintage photos of a time or place and links them together with captions and a minimum of narrative. But don't be fooled, for instead of pretty pictures, of which it has a decent amount, it's an actual history of the place, starting with the first chapter, titled "The Plains," which begins before European or Latin American explorers had reached the grassy lands where Garden Grove stands today, and pretty much traces its development from that point forward.

It's a lovingly told history of a place, that's filled with facts and anecdotes that help us understand how this part of western Orange County developed. We love random factoids, and "Garden Grove" has plenty, with a few of our favorites, including:

- The origin of its name: Tortolano writes that founder **Alonzo Gerry Cook's** inspiration to name the place Garden Grove is unknown, but suggests it might be



COURTESY OF HISTORY PRESS

Jim Tortolano's book is filled with facts and anecdotes about Garden Grove, his home since 1960.

traced to a Mormon community of the same name in Iowa. Garden Grove has long had a strong Mormon community, so perhaps Cook knew that and named it after another place of similar demographics.

- Nasty politics and newspaper wars: When backers of Garden Grove cityhood were fighting to incorporate in 1955 and 1956, the Garden Grove News led the charge for a city in part by arguing that county sheriff's deputies didn't patrol the community enough and kids were threatened by would-be molesters. When cityhood passed, but was challenged in court, the



COURTESY OF JIM TORTOLANO

News ran a daily tally of crimes including molestations that had happened since the election, suggesting that the challengers to cityhood had those sins on their heads.

- The silver age of the city: The chapter titled "The Silver Age" traces the Garden Grove that most longtime residents, including Torto-

lano, remember most fondly, the growth of the 1960s and '70s. Parks and shopping centers arose from the fields, as did new housing tracts. The Strawberry Festival took off as the town's best-known festival. Streets and roads were built to handle the population boom.

Those are just a few of the nuggets Tortolano includes in "Garden Grove" – we ran out of time to mention **Jasper** the ghost or the fact or fiction of whether **Walt Disney** almost placed Disneyland in the city. Perhaps in a future column we can get together with the author and chat a bit more about the place he thinks of as the Big Strawberry.

Jim Tortolano, former publisher of Garden Grove Journal, has written "Garden Grove: A History of the Big Strawberry," which helps us understand how this part of western Orange County developed.

Garden Grove set to ban commercial breeder pets

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

Pet stores in Garden Grove soon will no longer be allowed to sell dogs or cats from commercial breeders, only from shelter programs or rescue groups.

The city is set to become the fifth Orange County community and the 18th in the state to institute such a ban. Sellers will have one year to comply with the new prohibition, according to the ordinance. Cats may be donated to pet shops by residents.

The City Council last week approved the law 4-1, with Mayor Bao Nguyen dissenting. The ordinance requires a second vote to be finalized.

"In my view, and people know I'm an animal lover, this is the right thing to do," said Councilman Kris Beard, who asked staff to draft the law. "It's the best thing to do and it's the most humane thing to do."

The law, at present, will affect one business in Garden Grove: The Pet Shop, 12500 Valley View St. Owner Donald Foster argued in a letter to the City Council that passing the law may force his business to close, forcing residents to go outside Garden Grove to buy specific purebred dogs.

Foster also wrote that his store strictly follows California laws that regulate the sale of puppies and kittens.

"We absolutely abhor the existence of so-called puppy mills and would never do business with them," he said. "Our humane and decent treatment of all our pets - before and after we place them in the homes of our customers - speaks for itself."

Opponents, such as the national Best Friends Animal Society, argue commercial breeders often treat their animals cruelly - confining dogs to small cages, separating puppies from their mothers too early and keeping female dogs in a constant state of



TERRY PIERSON, FILE PHOTO

O.C. cities with puppy mill bans

Aliso Viejo
Dana Point
Huntington Beach
Irvine
Laguna Beach

pregnancy.

"It makes little sense to continue manufacturing dogs and cats when so many are being killed for lack of space," Elizabeth Oreck, the national manager of the Puppy Mills Initiatives organized by Best Friends Animal Society, wrote in a letter to Garden Grove, referencing the dogs and cats euthanized each year. "Until communities take the initiative to limit the supply of pets being imported from substandard commercial facilities, there can be no hope of

preventing these unnecessary deaths."

About 1.2 million dogs and 1.4 million cats are killed in U.S. animal shelters each year, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Nguyen said he voted against the Garden Grove law because it unnecessarily targets a single small business in Garden Grove.

"I know the intentions are good and solid," Nguyen said. "But this is a small business in our city and there's only one. And from what I've heard, it operates in a very professional and very dignified and respectful way to their animals."

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A puppy is seen at the San Bernardino Animal Shelter. Garden Grove plans to ban the same of commercial ly bred pets.

→ THINGS TO KNOW

BY CHRIS HAIRE | STAFF WRITER



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From left, front, are board member Teri Rocco, honorees Victoria Miller and Susan Stephens, Superintendent Gabriel Mafi and Mayor Bao Nguyen.

Garden Grove's best teachers

During last week's Garden Grove City Council meeting, three educators received Community Spotlight Awards for being named the 2014 Teachers of the Year.

Susan Stephens, a sixth-grade teacher at Parkview Elementary, taught for 10 years in Costa Mesa before joining the Garden Grove Unified School District. Garden Grove-educated Victoria Miller, a science and physical education teacher at Santiago High School, has worked in the district since 1984. Lloyd Stone, who died in December, taught eighth grade at Doig Intermediate and founded Abraham's Light Foundation, which mentors young Latino men.



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
Garden Grove's Le France Antique Pumper fire engine, which the city maintains and the firefighters' association drives in parades, is guaranteed at least 30 more years.

Antique fire engine in for the long haul

The phrase, "You buy, I fly" is usually about who is picking up the check at a restaurant.

But it's also how Garden Grove, the Historical Society and the local firefighters association handle the care of the city's antique fire engine.

The three parties have renewed for an additional 30 years an agreement, first signed in 1985, that calls for the historical society to store the city-owned Le France Antique Pumper fire engine, for the association to drive the engine during public events and for the city to pay for any restoration and maintenance costs.

Those costs, on average, are about \$2,000 a year.

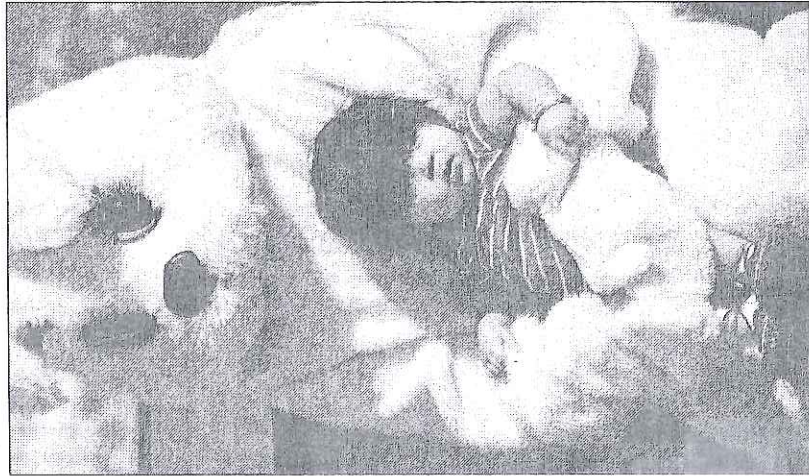
The new agreement will expire in August 2045.

Eggs-citing event set at Atlantis Play Center

Tickets are now on sale for Garden Grove's seventh annual Eggs-cavation at the Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way, but if you want to attend you better hop along quickly and make your reservations. Spaces fill up fast.

The Eggs-cavation will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4 and will feature egg hunts, carnival games, bounce houses and of course - a chance to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

But only 300 tickets are available. To get your tickets, call 714-741-5200 or go to the Recreation Counter in City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

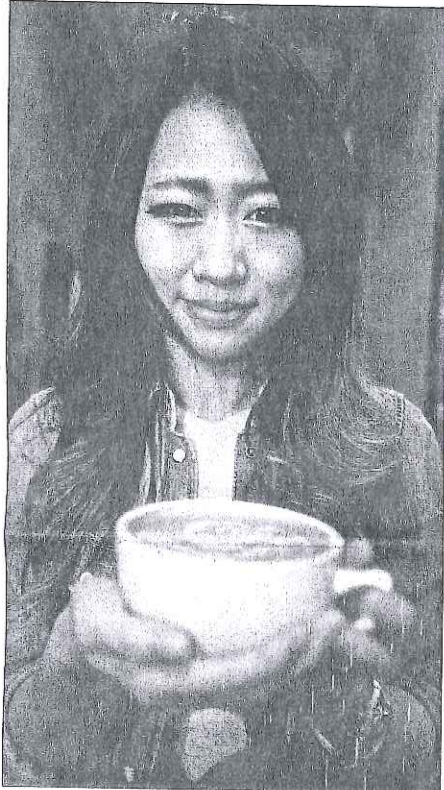


MINDY SCHAUER, FILE PHOTO

Kids can meet the Easter bunny April 4 at the Atlantis Play Center.

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ARTFUL BREW



MATT MASIN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Angie Chun won the latte art portion of the U.S. Coffee Championships in Long Beach. When pouring milk into the latte, Chun makes flowers, hearts, butterflies and many other designs in the drink.

Garden Grove barista headed to Sweden for international pouring competition.

BY LOU PONSİ • STAFF WRITER

Every single latte served up by Angie Chun is a work of art.

She has the honors to prove it.

Judges at the U.S. Coffee Championships in Long Beach, a competition for baristas sponsored by the Specialty Coffee Association of America, awarded her first place among 10 competitors in the latte art competition.

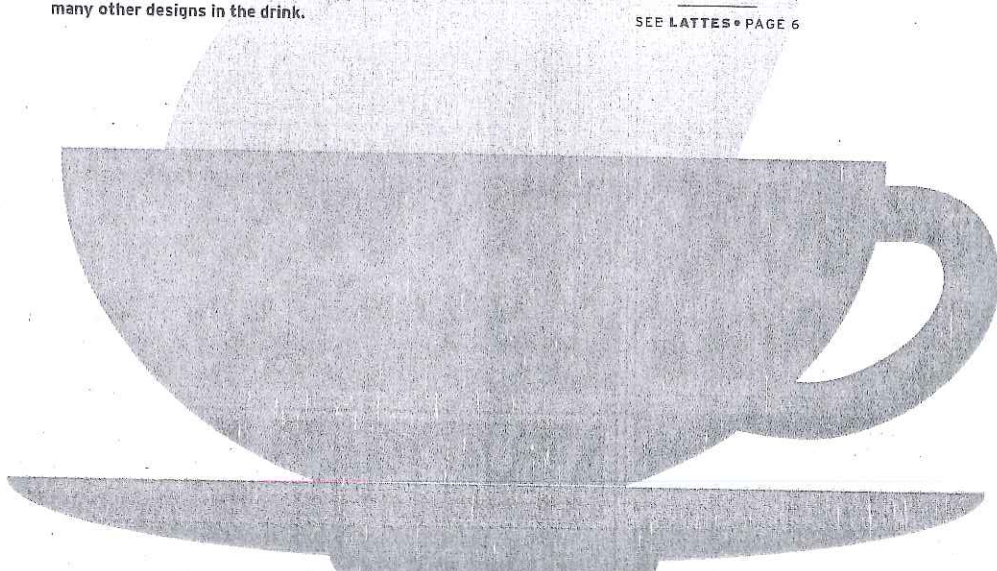
Chun, 30, a Garden Grove resident and a barista at the Coffee Code, her family's specialty coffee house in Buena Park, carefully directs the flow of steamed milk she pours into a cup of espresso, drawing designs in the foam so lovely, you're tempted to admire the steaming "canvas" for a minute or two before taking a sip.

WHERE THEY SERVE

Experience the latte art of Angie and William Chun at:

- Coffee Code, 7855 La Palma Ave. Buena Park, 714-736-0037
- Coffee Code, 1030 Rosecrans Ave. Fullerton, 714-992-2275

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LATTES: Barista to compete in world championships

perspective, it is a big deal," said Peter Giuliano, director of the Specialty Coffee Association in Santa Ana. "Fullerton and Buena Park are not on the radar for specialty coffee. It sort of surprised everyone."

For the U.S. championship, Chun and her co-competitors had to craft four lattes on stage within six minutes as well as create a uniquely designed latte offering. Chun drew three flowers and a butterfly in her cup.

The top six baristas then advanced to a second round, where they made two macchiatos, two free-pour lattes and two designer lattes within eight minutes. Competitors were judged on creativity, difficulty of their design, ability to reproduce their design and quality.

"From an Orange County

"It was the most glorious moment in my life," Chun said of her win in February. "It was really unexpected, so I was really surprised ... I screamed for like five minutes on the stage."

Chun's brother, William Chun, captured third place in the same category, and her sister, Jennifer Hye-sung Chun, took first in latte art at the Coffee Fest trade show in Chicago in 2013.

William Chun operates the family's second Coffee Code in Fullerton.

Angie Chun will get all her expenses paid to compete against about 30 baristas from around the world at the World Latte Art Championship in Gothenburg, Sweden, on June 16.

"From an Orange County



COURTESY OF SPECIALTY COFFEE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Angie Chun works carefully on latte art during the U.S. Latte Art Championship.

When Chun's family purchased the coffee houses almost five years ago, busi-

ness started out slow, Chun said. Angie and her brother decided they needed to find a way to distinguish their shop from the competition, so they studied the culture of latte art.

Once she began creating designs on her lattes, business picked up quickly, Chun said. She then began



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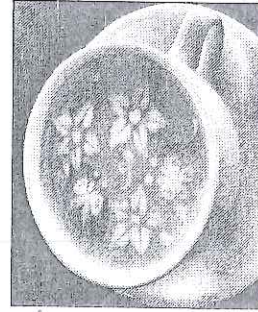
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ed to enter the U.S. competition, Chun tagged along.

"I didn't expect that I would do good, but I still wanted to try," she said.

Being recognized among her peers is awesome, Chun said, but serving a beautifully created beverage every day brings her joy.

"I think that is the talent that I have," she said. "So I get happy when I see people smile at my lattes."



COURTESY OF ANGIE CHUN
Flowers are among Chun's designs. Competitors were judged on creativity.

competing in, and winning, smaller barista competitions.

When her brother decid-

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MINORU YONETO, AP FILE PHOTO

The Orange County Astronomers will set up telescopes for sky viewing tonight.

Get lost in night sky with the clouds, stars and moon

Are you in the mood for a little stargazing?

Then head down to the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave., at 8 p.m. today for a public outreach event hosted by the Orange County Astronomers.

The group will have telescopes set up in the library's south parking lot so partici-

pants can view the night sky. The sun is scheduled to set at 7:03 p.m. and the viewing will run from 8 to about 9:30 p.m.

The Orange County Astronomers is an 800-member nonprofit that began 40 years ago. It's main mission is to spread knowledge and appreciation of astronomy.

- Chris Haire

If you go

When: 8 p.m. today

Where: South parking lot of the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave.

Cost: Free

More info:
714-530-0711

Police identify man stabbed to death in Anaheim

BY SCOTT SCHWEBKE
STAFF WRITER

ANAHEIM • Police have identified a man who died after being found in a car with stab wounds Wednesday in Anaheim.

Pedro Francisco Toro, 26, of Garden Grove, who was wounded in the neck, was found in the passenger's seat of a gold Dodge Stratus.

The car he was in was stopped by police because it was being driven erratically



Toro

around 8:40 a.m. Wednesday near South Loara Street and West Lincoln Avenue, Anaheim police Lt. Eric Trapp said.

A woman driving the car was apparently trying to take Toro to UCI Medical Center in Orange, Trapp added.

Police have ruled the

death a homicide, but no arrests have been made or a motive released. Police have also not detailed the relationship between the woman and Toro.

Detectives and SWAT officers searched a home Wednesday in the 1500 block of West Edithia Avenue.

Several people inside the home were detained, questioned by police and released, Trapp said. Police have visited the house several times before.

City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1161

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide all Labor and Materials for the Lighting and Communication Equipment for a Fire Command Vehicle per the Scope of Work/Specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: March 6, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

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City of Garden Grove

Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1163

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92842 To Provide a Storage Area Network (SAN) for the City of Garden Grove. Those interested in submitting a proposal for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-proposal meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at Garden Grove City Hall, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, CA 92840. A copy of the RFP document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Questions can be directed to Sandy Segawa in writing to sandras@garden-grove.org. Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015. Proposals received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: Friday, March 13, 2015
Sandy Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

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Man surrenders in Anaheim homicide

BY SCOTT SCHWESKE
STAFF WRITER

ANAHEIM • A 31-year-old man has been arrested for a fatal stabbing Wednesday in Anaheim.

James Robertson Fraser of Garden Grove turned himself in to authorities Wednesday night, Anaheim police Lt. Eric Trapp said in a prepared statement.

Fraser has been arrested in the slaying of Pedro Francisco Toro, 26, also of Garden Grove.

Fraser is being held in the Orange County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bail. The date of his first court appearance has not been set.

Fraser is suspected of stabbing Toro in the throat Wednesday morning at a home in the 1500 block of West Edithia Avenue, Trapp said.



Fraser

Fraser was driving a gold Dodge Stratus stopped by police for driving erratically near the intersection of South Loara Street and West Lincoln Avenue. Toro was transported to UCI Medical

Center where he died.

Anaheim SWAT officers searched the West Edithia Avenue residence after the stabbing and detained several people inside for questioning but Fraser was not among them, Trapp said.

Fraser and Toro were acquainted, Trapp added. He declined to say whether a weapon has been recovered.

Orange County Superior court records show Fraser was sentenced in 2009 to six years in prison for evading a peace officer, reckless driving and assault with a deadly weapon likely to produce great bodily injury.

Bobby Schuller unites generations

Serving a variety of tastes, church that succeeded Crystal Cathedral finds a way to end 'worship wars.'

BY DEEPA SHARATH
STAFF WRITER

Bobby Schuller calls it "the end of the worship wars."

The grandson of Robert H. Schuller, who founded the Crystal Cathedral megachurch, has combined two ministries many believed would not mix.

Shepherd's Grove in Garden Grove comprises mostly older congregants from the now-defunct Crystal Cathedral, who prefer a solemn, traditional service with music they have come to associate with the glory days of their beloved megachurch.

Tree of Life is a younger church with members who are mostly millennials and younger congregants, who like a contemporary worship style with a laid-back vibe.

Bobby Schuller, 83, believes these two different paths can merge. He has combined the ministries under the Shepherd's Grove banner.

"We've brought an end to the worship wars," he said.

"It's not the musical style that matters. You can worship and engage either way."

So, at the new Shepherd's Grove, there are two Sunday morning services. The first one at 9:30 features the traditional service, with Don Neuen as choir director and Marc Riley as musical director. Both men were part of the Crystal Cathedral team. The second service, at 11:15, features contemporary folk and country-style music under the leadership of Tree of Life worship pastor Tully Wilkinson, who has served in similar capacities at Rock Harbor and Saddleback churches, which feature contemporary music in their services.

Bobby Schuller said he combined the two churches for the sake of economy and efficiency.

"Now, we have one church under one governance," he said. "It's really amazing to me because two years ago, we didn't know if we would survive. We are financially stable now and just crossed the 1,000-member mark."

In 2012, Bobby Schuller was named pastor of the iconic "Hour of Power" television ministry, which reaches millions worldwide. While retaining Crystal Cathedral Ministries as a corporate name for the "Hour of Power," the congregation, which moved down the street from its Le-



MINDY SCHAUER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Rev. Bobby Schuller of Shepherd's Grove church in Garden Grove greets Doris Carlton, 89, right, who says she attended the first service by his grandfather, the Rev. Robert H. Schuller, in the 1950s.

wis Street campus after the Diocese of Orange purchased it, retained a fraction of the 10,000 members it once had.

Doris Carlton, 89, a member of the congregation for six decades, is legally blind. She engages through the traditional music and Bobby Schuller's sermons.

"I think it's great that there is something in this church for everyone," she said. "It's good to acknowledge that different generations have different tastes in music."

Carlton was among the first Crystal Cathedral members who attended Robert H. Schuller's services at an Orange drive-in theater in the 1950s.

"It was scary in the beginning to come to such a big church," she said. "But, I've found the worship to be great. It still feels like home and a place where I can walk in and leave all that achiness

behind."

The "Hour of Power" program is still televised during the first service, featuring the choir and traditional music to which viewers are accustomed.

Combining the two ministries did hurt a few people, especially aging pastors who had served the Crystal Cathedral well, said Jim Kirkland, member and most vocal critic of Shepherd's Grove. He blogs on his website, Pen's Opinion.

"(Bobby Schuller) brought in his friends from the Tree of Life and cast aside our pastors," he said.

But Bobby Schuller said Russ Jacobsen, the church's chief operating officer, originally served the Crystal Cathedral before moving to the Tree of Life. The older pastors either retired, went part time or volunteered, and were not sidelined, he said.

"Change is always difficult. I understand that," Bobby Schuller said.

He said in addition to combining the two churches, the church's board made the tough decision to close the K-12 school Crystal Cathedral Academy, which also moved along with the congregation to the much smaller Shepherd's Grove campus. He said the principal was informed about the closure when it was revealed that the school was

projected to lose about \$680,000 in 2015.

"It was not an easy decision," he said. "But we wanted to give them the time to look for a space so they can continue the great work they are doing now."

Principal Carole Barber, who has served the school for 25 years, said she was surprised by the decision, but "very optimistic" about finding the school, its 165 students and 35 employees a new home.

"We have a lot of people in the community who want this school to continue," she said. "We're in the process of raising money because financing is the biggest challenge here."

The school reflects the vision of Bobby's late grandmother, Arvella Schuller, to give children a complete education, which included academics, arts programs and worship, Barber said. The school also welcomed international students from such countries as China, Russia, Vietnam and South Korea, she said.

"We hope to carry on those same values," Barber said. "Even if we are no longer affiliated with the church, Arvella's vision will continue."

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Commemoration help: The committee organizing Journey to Freedom & Beyond, a commemoration ceremony in honor of Vietnam War veterans and the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon set for April 25 at Camp Pendleton, is looking for community groups and volunteers to help out with the event. For information on how to help, go to journeytofreedomandbeyond.com or email info@journeytofreedomandbeyond.com.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
chaire@ocregister.com

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March 17, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Graffiti calls: The Public Works Department has received more than 580 requests to remove graffiti in the past three weeks, a higher-than-normal call volume. The requests are coming in from all over the city, and officials ask residents to be patient as they work through the backlog. To report graffiti, call 714-741-5381.
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chaire@ocregister.com

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Golf Classic: The deadline to register for the 11th annual Golf Classic, hosted by the Garden Grove Community Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce, is April 23. The cost for individual players is \$150. The charity event will take place at 9 a.m. May 6 at Willowick Golf Course, 3017 W. 5th St. in Santa Ana.
Information:
gardengrovechamber.com.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
chaire@ocregister.com

OUR TOWNS

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Puppy mills: Pet stores in Garden Grove will likely no longer be able to sell dogs or cats that they get from commercial breeders. Animals could come from shelters or rescue organizations. The City Council passed the ban on Tuesday evening. A second, typically pro forma vote, is required to enact it.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
chaire@ocregister.com

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March 18, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Undercover cars: The city recently leased two vehicles from Enterprise Leasing to be used for undercover police work. The 29-month agreement costs \$34,887 plus vehicle registration each year. The vehicles are meant to blend in and allow the police to not be discovered by potential criminals they are investigating.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
chaire@ocregister.com

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March 16, 2015



GARDEN GROVE

Rubin to be honored: The city is set to unveil at 2 p.m. March 24 the bronze bust of Tibor Rubin, the 85-year-old Holocaust survivor and Medal of Honor recipient, and officially rename the Garden Grove West Library, 11962 Bailey St., after the Korean War veteran.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 19, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the March 26, 2015 Zoning Administrator Meeting.
3. Cities Advocates dated March 13, 16 and 17, 2015.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 19, 2015 – April 9, 2015

Thursday	March 19		Casual Day – St. Patrick’s Day Theme (Green Shirts)
		6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Miss Garden Grove Pub Trivia Fundraiser The Globe Gastro Pub, 12926 Main St.
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Friday	March 20		City Hall Closed
Saturday	March 21	8:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	Compost Giveaway, Municipal Service Center
Tuesday	March 24	2:00 p.m.	Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library Unveiling and Dedication, 11962 Bailey St.
		5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	March 25	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	March 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Thursday	April 2		Light It Up Blue – Autism Awareness Day Casual Day (Wear Blue)
		11:00 a.m.	Employee Photo Op in front of City Hall
Friday	April 3		City Hall Closed
Saturday	April 4	11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	7 th Annual Eggs-Cavation, Atlantis Play Center
Wednesday	April 8	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	April 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Council Chamber



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AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway

March 26, 2015
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to the Zoning Administrator within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Hall Third Floor Training Room at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Zoning Administrator may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-031-2015

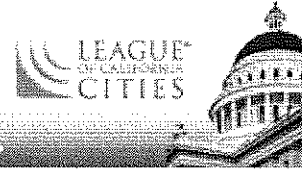
APPLICANT: Sergio & Monica Perez
LOCATION: 9876 Garden Grove Boulevard

REQUEST: To establish a second hand store located in a multi-tenant shopping center. The site is in the GGMU3 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 3) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT

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**League Members Advocate for City Priorities
During 2015 NLC City Congressional Conference**
House Staff Briefing on Local Streets Successful

More than 2,000 city leaders from throughout the nation met in Washington, D.C. this week for the 2015 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference. Attendees heard from a variety of Cabinet-level officials on issues of importance to cities, as well as President Barack Obama himself on his new TechHire, a multi-sector effort to empower Americans with skills needed to compete in a 21st century economy.

For more, see Page 2.



Upcoming Legislative Hearings of Interest March 17-April 22

The League's lobbying team continues to review the flood of bills introduced before the Feb. 27 deadline, determining which of them may be of significant interest to cities. As the Legislature begins to assign legislation to policy committees, it is also holding a number of oversight and informational hearings on policy areas of interest to cities. *For more, see Page 2.*



**California City Solutions: Mixed-Use Historical Development Brings Arts and
Entertainment District to Downtown Vallejo**

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. Vallejo's Temple Art Lofts project was submitted in 2014 for the Housing Programs and Innovations award category.

The city of Vallejo has a long and diverse history. It served as California's first state capital in the mid-19th century, a cornerstone of maritime history at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, the U.S. Navy's oldest West Coast (closed in 1996) and home to a vibrant music community in the mid-to-late 20th century. Even under significant financial distress, Vallejo saw an opportunity to invest in its historical assets and boost its economy by developing the Temple Art Lofts. *For more, see Page 4.*

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In addition to conference activities, League representatives advocated in the Capitol on city and priorities. The delegation was led by officers President Stephany Aguilar, First Vice President Dennis Michael, Second Vice President JoAnne Mounce and Immediate Past President José Cisneros. The officers held meetings with Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA) and Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) to discuss transportation and water infrastructure, the Internet Tax Freedom Forever Act and the Marketplace Fairness Act. The League's advocacy materials are available for use by cities throughout the year.

The League took advantage of a break in the House calendar to brief the staff of California congressional delegation on the 2014 California Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, stressing the importance of a long-term transportation bill to support the maintenance and preservation of the existing system. The League thanks the offices of U.S. Representative Zoe Lofgren (D-19) and U.S. Representative Ken Calvert (R-42) for hosting the successful briefing.

During the briefing, League staff warned inaction will cost the taxpayers an additional \$11 billion in a short five years. The current federal transportation reauthorization expires in May 2015, so Congress must act now to not only stabilize, but also increase, transportation funding. The League encourages city officials to reinforce this message in district meetings with their congressional representatives.

'Hearings of Interest' Continued from Page 1...

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

March 17

- **Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications**, State Capitol, Room 3191, 9:30 a.m.
 - Hearing will cover CPUC and Public Safety: A Focus on Energy Infrastructure
- **Joint Hearing of the Senate Transportation and Housing and Environmental Quality Committees**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203
 - Oversight Hearing: The Road to 2020 and Beyond: The Role of the Transportation Sector in Meeting California's Climate Goals
- **Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy**, 9 a.m. – noon, State Capitol, Room 127
 - Informational Hearing: Major Economic Development Policies and Programs in 2015

March 18

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, 9:00 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447
 - Hearing will cover the Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board
- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437
 - Hearing will cover a number of items including body cameras
- **Joint Hearing Assembly Local Government Committee and Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202
 - Information Hearing: Transient Occupancy Taxes and the Home-Sharing Phenomenon

March 19

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental, Protection, Energy and Transportation**, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112
 - Hearing will cover the Department of Water Resource, Delta Stewardship Council and State Water Resources Control Board
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 2040
 - Hearing will cover the Department of Housing and Community Development

March 24

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447
 - Hearing will cover a number of items including Commission on State Mandates and Public Employees' Retirement System

March 25

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447
 - Hearing will cover a number of items including Department of Transportation and the California Transportation Commission
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437
 - Hearing will cover 2014 Drought Funding
- **Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 3191
 - Oversight Hearing: Statewide Voter Turnout
- **Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 444
 - Hearing will cover items relating to hazardous waste and substances, uncollectible accounts, liability recovery actions, and response and cleanup capabilities

March 26

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation**, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112
 - Hearing will cover a number of items including Cap-and-Trade, the Strategic Growth Council and High-Speed Rail Authority
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary**, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 113
 - Hearing will cover Realignment
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**, 9:30 a.m., Room 2040
 - Hearing will cover State Finance, including Oversight on the Debt and Financial Management Overview the State Treasurer, California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority, the Department of finance, Oversight on Tax Compliance Programs and more

April 8

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447
 - Hearing will cover items related to the Air Resources Board, California Coastal Commission and the Office of Planning and Research

April 9

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**, 9:30 a.m., Room 2040
 - Hearing will cover items related to Local Government and Economic Development, including Redevelopment Agencies Dissolution Status and Issues, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development and the Commission on State Mandates
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary**, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 113
 - Hearing will cover Public Employees' Retirement System

April 14

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447
 - Hearing will cover the State Controller's Office and Secretary of State

April 16

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation**, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112
 - Hearing will cover the LAO's Overview of the Transportation Budget, the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**, 9:30 a.m., Room 2040
 - Hearing will cover a number of items related to the State Controller and a Financial Information System for California

April 22

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 447, 9 a.m.
 - Hearing will cover all departments.
- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No.5 on Public Safety**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437
 - Hearing will cover the Prop. 47 workload

'Downtown Vallejo' Continued from Page 1...

In recent years, the city struggled with record-high foreclosure rates, high crime rates, and high commercial vacancy rates — especially in its downtown. In 2008, the city filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection, emerging in late 2011. After filing for bankruptcy, two of the city's most historical buildings fell into foreclosure, prompting the city council to approve plans to create a mixed-use development and foster its growing arts district.

Vallejo selected a development company to transform the foreclosed-upon landmarks, its original City Hall, built in 1872, and the Masonic Temple, built in 1917. Urban issues plagued the infill project. Security coverage was needed 12 hours per day because of frequent theft prior to the start of construction. The long-vacant building was dilapidated and home to squatters, thieves and vermin. It took more than two years to develop a viable parking strategy that met planning, financing and neighborhood requirements.

Neighborhood residents expressed concerns about adding more affordable housing in the downtown area, which already had a high percentage of such units. There were also concerns about the artist-preference, and the effect the project would have on economic development.

During construction, a number of unforeseen and unique issues resulted in change orders totaling \$1.5 million — 19 percent of the total construction budget. Temple Art Lofts project also had the most complicated financial structure in the developer's portfolio.

The historic preservation component of this project required the city to address preservation of a number of spaces that produce no income, including the grand performance hall, historic jail, oversized staircase, bank vault, and other areas. The project was incomparable to any of the city's other affordable housing ventures.

The large scale of historic preservation and reuse of the existing building made the task complex. City staff conducted a multipart environmental review of each property, requiring consultation and approval from the State Office of Historic Preservation, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Vallejo Architectural Heritage and Landmarks Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Bringing the building up to code required structural and seismic upgrades, new foundations, new transformer vault, installation of an oversized elevator, creation of Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant entries, abatement of lead and asbestos and upgraded mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

The building had ample damage and repair issues, like a broken sub-pump system, through which groundwater leaked into the basement, and a partially collapsed roof. At the same time, the

contractors had to preserve the historical architecture. Original wood windows were preserved and outfitted with new panes that were safe and functional, while upgrades to structural improvements, such as metal brace forms, were concealed.

A combination of financing brought the Temple Arts Lofts to fruition. Alliant Capital provided more than \$5 million in combined equity for both Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and Historic Tax Credits, while U.S. Bank provided \$7 million in the form of a construction loan and Tax-Exempt Bond Financing. The city made a significant investment, too, contributing more than \$5 million directly or indirectly. The city also made use of more than \$1.3 million in HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds, nearly \$1 million loaned from Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership programs and \$2.5 million combined in Tax-Increment Financing from Vallejo and Solano County. The Vallejo Redevelopment Agency provided a loan of \$750,000 for the purchase of the buildings and initial rehabilitation costs. Additional financing was made possible through an impact fee loan and a deferred-developer fee.

Completed in April 2013, the restoration played a critical role in the revitalization of Vallejo's downtown waterfront area and its growing Arts and Entertainment District. The adjacent Empress Theatre also underwent a comprehensive renovation. It has not yet attracted the type of increased patronage the city envisioned, but the neighboring Temple Art Lofts are expected to increase foot traffic and activity in the emerging Arts and Entertainment District.

Vallejo celebrated the completion of its decorative streetscape improvements during the same week as the ribbon cutting ceremony for Temple Art Lofts. Since then, Loft residents have championed the renovation of the nearby historic Odd Fellows building — with the goal of including art-serving retail — and become leaders in a program placing art in downtown Vallejo storefronts. The Temple Art Lofts project has helped revive the once-depressed downtown of a city hit hard by the Great Recession.

A hallmark of Vallejo is its rich racial and ethnic diversity, and that is reflected in the creative residents of Temple Art Lofts. Residents have access to individual spaces in the 2,280-square-foot community art studio and the 2,590-square-foot performance hall, which has hosted events such as art shows, a reggae singer and a gospel choir.

The project has earned a number of awards, including a Preservation Design Award from the California Preservation Foundation. The National Housing and Rehabilitation Association selected it as a finalist for the J. Timothy Anderson Award for Most Advanced Financial Structure. These and others have singled out Temple Art Lofts because of the significant impacts the project has made on Vallejo during its rise from bankruptcy and the depths of the Great Recession.

Register Today for the 2015 Drought Briefing *Free Event Scheduled for April 9 in Sacramento*

California has entered its fourth year of drought with far-reaching impacts on water supply, agriculture, habitat, fish and wildlife and water conservation. The drought's severity has not escaped public attention, with some 94 percent of voters calling the situation "serious" in a recent Field Poll.

As this natural disaster retains its grip, local, state and federal officials are hunkering down by extending existing drought-response actions and developing new ones to grapple with unprecedented challenges. What is the outlook for 2015 and what impacts can we expect on water operations, the environment, fire response, agriculture and water conservation?

These crucial issues will be the focus of a special 2015 drought briefing featuring local, state and federal officials. The free event is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, at the Crest Theater in Sacramento. The briefing will be webcast for those unable to attend in person. There is no cost to attend but participants must register online.

The event is sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies in partnership with the California Department of Water Resources, the California State Association of Counties, the

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the League of California Cities, the California Farm Water Coalition, the California Farm Bureau Federation, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the California Office of Emergency Services and Cal Fire.

For more information, see www.acwa.com or contact Paula Currie at (916) 441-4545.

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Oil by Rail Page Now Available on League Website

The League has been carefully monitoring the issue of the transport crude oil and other hazardous materials and has convened a number of related meetings for members. This is part of an ongoing effort to educate League members and advocate for improved rail safety. Staff has now put together a webpage that includes background materials, correspondence and additional resources on this issue. For more, please visit www.cacities.org/oilbyrail.



DWR Opens Public Comment Period on Draft Proposition 84 Grant Guidelines

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for the 2015 Implementation Grant Solicitation funded by Proposition 84 (The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006). *For more, see Page 2.*



Three Water Bond Workshops Scheduled for April

The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance is hosting public workshops in April on the Proposition 1 Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP). Prop. 1, the Water Bond, allocates \$725 million in funding for recycled water and desalination projects. The workshops will present the draft amended WRFP guidelines and the proposed plan to implement Prop. 1 Water Recycling funding. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide feedback and input on the draft guidelines. *For more, see Page 2.*

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This release of the draft guidelines and the PSP opens the public comment period. The public comment period will close on April 24 at 5 p.m. After 30 days of posting, DWR will hold two public meetings to review the contents of the documents and to receive comments. These meetings are scheduled for April 17 (will also be webcast) in Sacramento and April 22 in Chino.

The workshop locations, dates, and the presentation materials will be posted on [DWR's website](#).

The [IRWM Grant Programs](#) webpages have been updated to a new format, which has changed some webpage URLs.

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Workshop Details

April 14, 10 a.m. to noon: Fresno
Woodward Park Library

April 16, 10 a.m. to noon: Perris
Eastern Municipal Water District

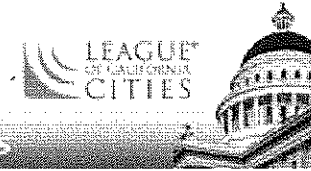
April 21, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Sacramento
Sacramento Area Sewer District/Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Registration is not required. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact the State Water Board at least five working days prior to the meeting(s) at (916) 341-5415.

Further [information and the draft guidelines](#) are available on the State Water Board website.

Please contact Sunny Kals with questions at (916) 341-5415.

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Two Assembly Legislative Committees to Discuss TOT and the Home-Sharing Economy at Wednesday Hearing

The Assembly Local Government and Revenue and Taxation Committees tomorrow will hold a hearing on transit occupancy taxes (TOT) and the home-sharing phenomenon. The hearing begins at 1:30 p.m. in Room 4202 of the State Capitol. This is an informational hearing on the application and collection of TOT at the local level. *For more, see Page 2.*



State Water Board Enacts Tougher Restrictions on Landscape Irrigation

With California in its fourth year of drought, today the State Water Resources Control Board passed the state's most strict landscape watering restrictions in history. The board's 5-0 action requires all urban water agencies to limit outdoor watering. Urban water agencies would be required to activate plans that limit the number of days customers can water. Agencies lacking a contingency plan would impose a two day per week watering limit on customers. *For more, see Page 2.*

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Local agencies charge TOTs on hotel/motel rooms to support the local general fund and provide added revenues to fund police, fire, local streets and roads, and other local services. Typically the hotel collects the TOT and then remits it to the local agency. According to background materials prepared by the Assembly, TOTs on average provide approximately 7 percent of city general purpose revenues, but for some communities, the percentage may be substantially higher. More than 400 cities and 55 counties levy a TOT with rates ranging from 3.5 to 15 percent.

Tomorrow's hearing will feature an overview of TOTs, home-sharing, short-term vacation rentals and other legal issues at the local level. League Fiscal Policy Advisor Michael Coleman and Michael Colantuono, partner with Colantuono, Highsmith and Whatley, LCC will be speaking. League Immediate Past President and San Francisco Treasurer José Cisneros will provide a case study from the city and county of San Francisco.

The agenda for tomorrow's hearing has been [posted on the Assembly website](#).

Information and resources are also available on the League's [vacation rental hot issue page](#).

[The California Local Government Finance Almanac](#) has information on TOTs under "Other Locally Adopted Revenues: Business Tax, Hotel Tax and Others."

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The new rules also prohibit people from watering landscaping when it rains and for another 48 hours after the precipitation stops. Restaurants and bars can only serve water upon customer request.

Statewide, urban water usage is about 20 percent of all water consumption. Landscaping uses approximately 70 percent of the water used in urban areas.

Water supplying agencies are required to monitor and report violations. Agencies are required to notify customers of excessive water usage due to leaks. Fines for violating these restrictions remain at \$500 per infraction. Large water suppliers are required on a monthly basis to report water usage.
