

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
November 22, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Memo to provide information regarding the Community Meeting held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 to provide residents an update on the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion project.

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

A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

Notice of request to increase rates for the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) and the COVID-19 Pandemic Protections Memorandum Account (CPPMA). Application No. A.23-11-003

III. OTHER ITEMS

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa Kim
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: COMMUNITY MEETING FOR
WOODBURY PARK PROJECT

From: John Montanez
Dept.: Community Services
Date: November 22, 2023

OBJECTIVE

To provide City Council with information regarding the Community Meeting held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 to provide residents an update on the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion project.

BACKGROUND

In December 2021, the City of Garden Grove was awarded a \$6,000,000 grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation to help fund the revitalization and expansion of Woodbury Park.

Included in the remodel of the 3.3-acre park is the installation of a new walking trail, outdoor fitness equipment, recreational swimming pool, two playground areas, picnic shelters, a skate spot, basketball courts, lighting, restrooms, and a parking lot. The project will include the expansion of the park on property that is currently part of Woodbury Elementary School, located adjacent to the park, on the southeast side of the property. This expansion will add almost a half-acre of open space that will be available for the public to use as passive or active space, expanding the park to a total of 3.8 acres.

In fall 2022, the City Council awarded a contract to David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc. to complete the design plans and specifications for the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project.

DISCUSSION

On Thursday, November 2, 2023, a community meeting was held at Woodbury Park to provide residents an update on the design plans and construction for the park improvements. Community Services staff and the architect representing David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc. shared information on the progress of construction plans and the estimated completion timeline.

Attached is the park design that was presented during the meeting. Staff shared that this design is based on 60% completion of construction plan, and will still include additional changes to the park restrooms, playground areas, and skate plaza. A final design will be posted on the City's website where additional project information is available: ggcity.org/parksplan.

COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE WOODBURY PARK PROJECT

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During the meeting, residents had an opportunity to raise any questions or concerns about the design of the park. Some of the feedback included concerns about park safety, particularly if there would be staff assigned to oversee the park. Residents were also concerned with park lighting, removal of existing trees that impacted their homes, overnight parking in the new parking lot, traffic within the adjacent neighborhood, streets without sidewalks, and other concerns pertaining to safe routes on streets surrounding the park. Staff provided responses to some of these concerns and assured residents that these comments would be shared with the Public Works and Police departments to discuss possible solutions. Overall, residents were excited and anxious to see these park improvements completed.

Staff also shared the following estimated project timeline:

- Complete Design Phase and Construction Plans by January 2024
- Construction Bid Process by March 2024
- Break Ground by June 2024
- Project Completion before or by Fall 2025

The meeting was well attended with over 30 residents. There were several marketing methods used to advertise this meeting, including:

- Door hangers of event flyer to households within a ½ mile radius of the project site with Spanish and Vietnamese translations
- Media releases
- Banner installed at park site
- Parent portal that sends emails to parents and families that attend Woodbury Elementary School
- Posting on City website
- Postings on City Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter accounts targeting specific zip codes
- Posting on Next Door App
- Emails to residents that attended previous project community workshops

SUMMARY

The Community Services Department held a Community Meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Woodbury Park to provide residents an update for the renovation of Woodbury Park.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ
Director

By: Janet Pelayo
Deputy Director

Attachment: Woodbury Park Design



CONCEPT PLAN
WOODBURY PARK
 CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Esté es un anuncio de que sus tarifas pueden cambiar. Para más detalles en español llame al
1-800-342-4545.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY NOTICE OF REQUEST TO INCREASE
RATES FOR THE CATASTROPHIC EVENT MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT AND THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROTECTIONS MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT
APPLICATION NO. A.23-11-003**

WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

On November 3, 2023, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to recover costs recorded to its Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) and its COVID-19 Pandemic Protections Memorandum Account (CPPMA). The application is requesting a total increase in revenue requirement of \$57.3 million.

If the CPUC approves this application, SoCalGas will recover the recorded costs in gas rates over a 1-year period beginning after approval of the application. This will impact your monthly bill.

WHY IS SOCALGAS REQUESTING THIS RATE INCREASE?

The CPUC authorizes utilities to recover costs incurred to restore service to customers, repair or replace damaged facilities, and comply with governmental agency orders in connection with events that are declared as disasters or state of emergencies by state or federal authorities. As such, SoCalGas is seeking recovery for costs related to the 2017 winter storms, Thomas Fire (2017), Creek and Rye fires (2017), Skirball Fire (2017), Woolsey Fire (2018), Hill Fire (2018), Sandalwood Fire (2019), Saddleridge Fire (2019), Eagle Fire (2019), Reche Fire (2019), Wolf Fire (2019), Tick Fire (2019), Getty Fire (2019), Easy Fire (2019), the 2019 winter storms, and the COVID-19 Pandemic that began in 2020. SoCalGas is also seeking recovery of the incremental costs and waived charges it incurred associated with providing the emergency customer protection measures adopted in CPUC Decision 19-07-015.

HOW COULD THIS AFFECT MY MONTHLY GAS BILL?

If SoCalGass' rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average Non-CARE residential monthly bill using 36 therms per month would increase by approximately \$0.22 or 0.3% per month in 2025. The proposed average rates shown below are for 2025.

Customer Classification	Current Average Rates	Proposed Average Rates	% Increase	Rate Change (in cents/dollars)
Residential ¢/th	114.443 ¢	115.042 ¢	0.5%	0.599 ¢
Commercial ¢/th	62.829 ¢	63.448 ¢	1.0%	0.619 ¢
Natural Gas Vehicles ¢/th	32.678 ¢	33.311 ¢	1.9%	0.633 ¢
Large Industrial (distribution level service) ¢/th	19.714 ¢	20.346 ¢	3.2%	0.633 ¢

Large Industrial (transmission level service) ¢/th	5.129 ¢	5.768 ¢	12.4%	0.638 ¢
Backbone Transmission Service ¢/dth/day	54.908 ¢	54.908 ¢	0.0%	0.000 ¢
System Total ¢/th	47.446 ¢	48.070 ¢	1.3%	0.623 ¢

HOW DOES THE REST OF THIS PROCESS WORK?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SoCalGas' application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review SoCalGas' application, including the Public Advocates Office. Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Contact SoCalGas

Jordan Calzadillas
Regulatory Case Manager for SoCalGas
555 W. 5th Street GT14D6
Los Angeles, CA 90013

A copy of the application and any related documents may also be reviewed at <https://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/cpuc>

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2311003 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on this request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **SoCalGas CEMA Application A.23-11-003** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

WEEKLY MEMO 11-22-2023

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

November 16, 2023 - November 21, 2023

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove City Hall



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 11/16/2023 2:20 pm PST

📷 Are festive family portraits and sweet selfies on your wish list this holiday season? Stop by ❄️ Frosty's Photo Shop ...



Reach

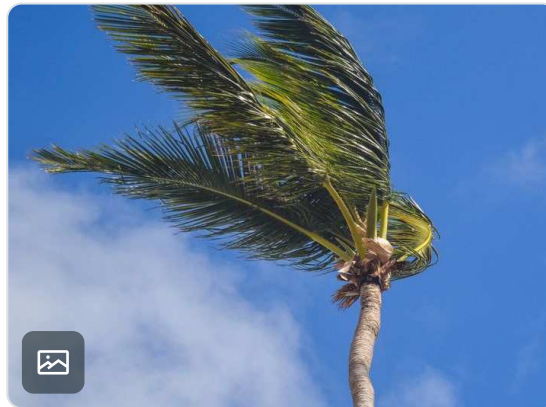
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Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 11/20/2023 12:10 pm PST

⚠️ WIND WARNING IN EFFECT The US National Weather Service San Diego California has issued a high wind warnin...



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Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 11/16/2023 7:58 am PST

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Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 11/20/2023 9:24 am PST

🛒 'Tis the season to shop local and win \$500! 🇺🇸 From Black Friday, November 24 through Thursday, December 14, shoppe...



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Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 11/17/2023 12:00 pm PST

🌟 This past Tuesday, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized Abigail Dinh, a Garden Grove Unified School District...



Reach

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Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 11/21/2023 2:00 pm PST

!?! #DYK more cooking fires are reported on Thanksgiving Day than on any other day of the year. Here are some tips from...



Reach

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Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 11/21/2023 5:03 pm PST

🎉 Last Tuesday, the community gathered as the #GardenGrove City Council and Garden Grove Downtown Commission...



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Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 11/21/2023 8:55 am PST

🚫 Don't fall victim to scams targeting our beloved seniors, #GardenGrove! Join us at the Senior Scam Stopper event next...



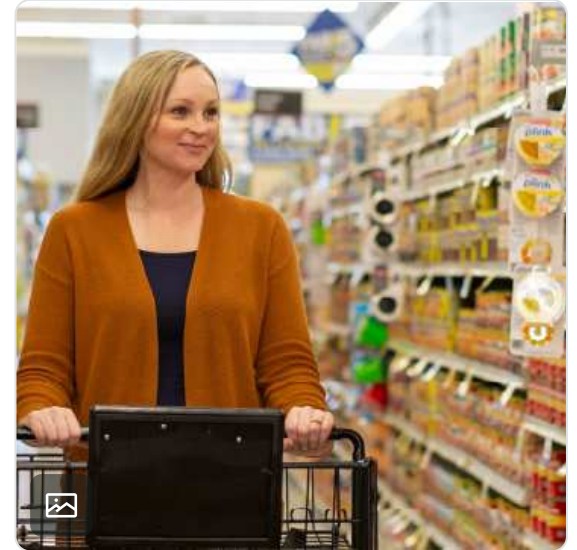
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Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 11/20/2023 9:26 am PST



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Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 11/20/2023 9:24 am PST



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Post Performance

November 16, 2023 - November 21, 2023

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 Garden Grove Police Department

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Tue 11/21/2023 3:00 pm PST


It's not quite #GivingTuesday yet, but we're a week away from the end of the annual #PastaThon fundraiser. As you...




Impressions	136
Reach	135
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Tue 11/21/2023 11:31 am PST


***UPDATE (11/21/23, 11:50 AM)
 Correction: Mrs. Nguyen is wearing a red shirt with black stripes, a dark jacket, an...



Impressions	2,602
Reach	2,598
Engagements	220
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.5%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Sat 11/18/2023 12:00 pm PST

Outreach & Cleanup Recap: this week, #GardenGrovePD's Special Resource Team (SRT) collaborated with Be Well OC and...



Impressions	5,256
Reach	5,256
Engagements	519
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.9%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 11/17/2023 3:00 pm PST

Last week, #GardenGrovePD had our inaugural #PizzaWithaCop Event. Officers and staff met with community members,...



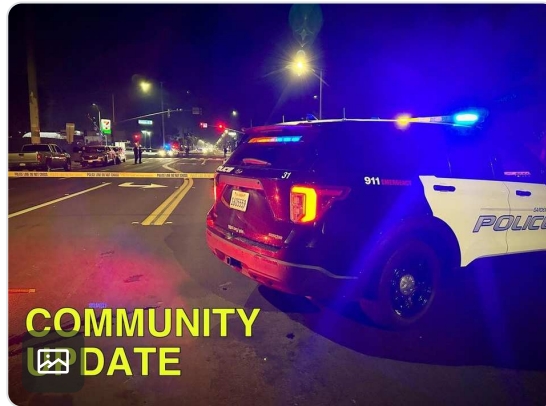
Video Views	582
Impressions	1,375
Reach	1,349
Engagements	116
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.4%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 11/16/2023 10:27 pm PST

Today, November 16, 2023 at 4:25 PM, #GardenGrovePD officers attempted to stop a brown pickup truck in the area of...



Impressions	15,902
Reach	15,366
Engagements	2,469
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.5%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 11/16/2023 12:01 pm PST

It's the time of the year to reflect and count our blessings...we are #thankful for our #Records Division. They are one ...



Video Views	424
Impressions	1,187
Reach	1,114
Engagements	71
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6%

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NEWS ARTICLES



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT:
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Economic Development and Housing Dept.
(714) 741-5144/timothyt@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media



Wednesday, November 22, 2023

CITY SEEKING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPERATOR

The City of Garden Grove is seeking a qualified program operator to oversee the City's Rental Assistance Program, providing supportive housing services to individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, non-profit organizations experienced with housing support for the homeless are invited to submit a proposal for consideration at <https://gg.city/ni-rfp> by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

Serving as the transition path from the Central Cities Navigation Center to permanent housing, the Rental Assistance Program will help individuals experiencing homelessness achieve self-sustainability through wrap-around case management services, including locating housing options, disbursing rental assistance payments, providing referrals to legal services and behavioral and health care providers, as well as job training and employment opportunities.

Slated to open in Spring 2024, the Central Cities Navigation Center will be a referral-based, transitional facility offering emergency housing and services to individuals experiencing homelessness in Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, and Westminster. The Rental Assistance Program is designed to bridge the housing gap for Garden Grove residents exiting the Central Cities Navigation Center.

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City Seeking Rental Assistance Program Operator
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Funding for the Rental Assistance Program is provided by the HOME-American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, a stimulus plan that addresses public health and economic crisis, while providing needed emergency funding for the homeless population.

For more information about the Rental Assistance Program, contact Senior Program Specialist Timothy Throne at timothyt@ggcity.org.

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CONTACT:
Sergeant Nick Jensen
Garden Grove Police Department
(714) 741-5414/nickj@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Tuesday, November 21, 2023

CITY TO HOLD DEDICATION FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER KILLED IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

On Tuesday, November 28, 2023, the Garden Grove City Council and the Garden Grove Police Department will honor Garden Grove Police Corporal Han Cho with a plaque dedication and unveiling. The ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m., at the west entrance of the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Corporal Cho was tragically killed during an off-duty motorcycle accident on Monday, August 7, on his way back from work as a Garden Grove Police officer. He served the City of Garden Grove for 28 years.

Corporal Cho began his career with the Garden Grove Police Department in 1995 as a police recruit. During his career, he worked a variety of assignments that included patrol, Gang Suppression Unit, Career Criminal Apprehension Team (CCAT), Hostage Negotiation Team, Neighborhood Traffic Unit, and as a field training officer. He rose to the rank of master officer in 2006, then to corporal in 2022. Han was a triathlete who enjoyed, running, swimming, biking, and completed numerous marathons. He is survived by his two children, parents, two sisters, a brother, and a niece.

Included in the program will be remarks by Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones, Garden Grove Police Chief Amir El-Farra, and sister of the late Corporal Han Cho.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/news/han-cho.
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Murdy honored for biliteracy

11/20/2023



Murdy Elementary School in Garden Grove has been awarded the 2024 Seal of Excellence Award for its Vietnamese Dual Immersion program by the California Association for Bilingual Education. Murdy was one of only four schools in California to receive the award recognizing schools with “exemplary biliteracy programs.”

The Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program is in its seventh year at Murdy Elementary School and serves students in transitional kindergarten through sixth grade. It is one of very few Vietnamese immersion programs in the state.



“This award is a shining acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of the teachers, families staff and community partners who have worked hand-in-hand to make the Vietnamese Immersion Program at Murdy successful and impactful for students,” said Board of Education Trustee Lan Nguyen. “We are very proud of all that Murdy has accomplished to provide students with a high quality academic program that puts them on a path to bilingualism and biliteracy and creates stronger connections among students and their family members.”

CABE’s Seal of Excellence Award has a rigorous criteria which included a school visit last month. Murdy teachers and staff were proud to showcase their program’s focus on curriculum

and instruction, achievements in bilingualism and biliteracy, high academic outcomes and sociocultural competence.

Murdy Elementary School is located near Little Saigon, which is known to have the largest Vietnamese population outside of Vietnam. The school will be recognized at the 2024 CABA Seal of Excellence Banquet during the organization's state conference in February and will host an award presentation in the spring.

VIET-BAO ONLINE NEWS

TP Garden Grove giới thiệu chương trình mua sắm "Black Friday Goes BiGG"

17/11/2023

Thành phố Garden Grove xin giới thiệu đến cộng đồng chương trình 'Black Friday Goes BiGG' nhân dịp lễ cuối năm sắp đến. Kể từ ngày 'Black Friday' Thứ Sáu, 24 Tháng 11 đến hết ngày Thứ Năm, 14 tháng 12, 2023 những ai đi mua sắm tại bất cứ cơ sở kinh doanh nào trong Thành phố Garden Grove và giữ lại biên nhận (receipt) trị giá \$50 trở lên sẽ có cơ hội tham gia cuộc xổ số rút thăm trúng số tiền mặt là \$500, hoặc \$250, hoặc một đêm nghỉ ở tại khách sạn Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, cũng như những quà tặng khác.

Mỗi \$50 khi đi mua sắm tại Garden Grove, bao gồm nhà hàng, trạm xăng, dịch vụ cũng như các cửa hàng mua sắm, mọi người sẽ nhận được một vé xổ số để có cơ hội trúng các giải thưởng tiền mặt, hoặc một đêm nghỉ ở tại khách sạn Great Wolf Lodge Garden Grove. Các biên nhận phải được đem tới Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce để đổi lấy vé số, địa chỉ là 12866 Main Street, Suite 102, góc đường Acacia Parkway và Main Street trước 1:00 giờ chiều Thứ Năm, 14 tháng 12, 2023.

Các vé số chỉ có tại Phòng Thương Mại Garden Grove (Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce.) Không giới hạn số lượng vé số cho mỗi người tham gia. 50 người đầu tiên đến đưa biên nhận (receipt) sẽ nhận được quà tặng.

Nếu những món hàng được mua tại một trong những doanh nghiệp tham gia chương trình BiGG (Buy in Garden Grove), hoặc những nhà hàng tham gia chương trình 'Foods of Garden Grove', hoặc từ Phòng Thương mại Garden Grove, người tham gia sẽ nhận được thêm một vé số (raffle ticket.) Để tìm các doanh nghiệp tham gia chương trình BiGG, hãy truy cập trang web của thành phố Garden Grove tại ggcity.org/biggs, ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove, hoặc tại www.gardengrovechamber.com.

Vé trúng giải sẽ được đăng trên trang mạng xã hội của Thành phố và phòng thương mại Garden Grove vào tuần lễ sau đó. Người may mắn thắng giải sẽ có 30 ngày để nhận giải thưởng. Mỗi người chỉ có thể trúng 1 giải. Những người tham gia phải đủ 18 tuổi để trúng giải. Không phải tốn lệ phí nào để tham gia chương trình BiGG. Các doanh nghiệp có thể xem thêm chi tiết tại ggcity.org/biggs.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc Thành phố tại (714) 741-5280 hoặc Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce tại số điện thoại (714) 638-7950.



Shoppers who save their Garden Grove receipts from Black Friday, November 24 through Thursday, December 14, can win "BiGG" while supporting local businesses.

Visit ggcity.org/biggs or gardengrovechamber.com.



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
November 22, 2023

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the December 4, 2023 Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission meeting.
3. Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) Update, November 2023
4. Orange County Transportation Authority
5. South Coast AQMD Carlos Rodriguez Newsletter Fall 2023



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 22, 2023 – December 14, 2023

Thursday	November 23		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Day
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Friday	November 24		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
	November 24- December 17		One More Productions presents “The Holiday Gem” The Gem Theater, 12852 Main St.
	November 24- December 14		Buy in Garden Grove Campaign – Black Friday Goes BIGG
Tuesday	November 28	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
		5:30 p.m.	Civic Center Bridge dedication in memory of Corporal Han Cho
Thursday	November 30	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	December 1		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Saturday	December 2	3:00 p.m.	Winter in the Grove Village Green Park, 12732 Main St.
Monday	December 4	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	December 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC Holiday Drive \$2 Casual Dress Day
Tuesday	December 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	December 14	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

Adjourned Regular Meeting

GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The Regular Meeting of the
Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission
scheduled for December 4, 2023,
has been cancelled.

The Meeting is adjourned to its Regular Meeting
of **March 4, 2024** at 6:30 p.m.

[View this email in your browser](#)



Dear friends,

As we head towards the holidays and the end of 2023, I would like to share that OCCOG has wrapped up most of the tools and services funded with the Sub-Regional Partners (SRP), Regional Early Action Program (REAP 1.0) grant. The \$3.5 million grant, which OCCOG received in 2019, provided educational programs and tools to help OCCOG member jurisdictions increase affordable housing in Orange County. The successful on-call services bench that provides additional technical assistance and staff augmentation for planning-related activities will continue through **February 2024**. View a list of all the REAP 1.0 programs [here](#).

We were all sad to see one of Tustin's two historic blimp hangars dramatically burn in the early morning hours of **November 7**. As the site continues to smolder the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has conducted testing of debris and ash from the fire and determined the presence of asbestos. Health warnings were issued for the surrounding area and Tustin Unified schools were closed on **Thursday, November 9**. Also on **November 9**, the County of Orange declared a state of emergency and activated the Orange County Emergency Operations Center. For up-to-date information visit the North Hangar Fire Resource Page at www.ocgov.com/tustin.

While the holiday season can be hectic, it is important time to support local businesses and restaurants by shopping and dining in-person. [November 25th](#) is Small Business [Saturday](#), a “holiday” launched in 2010 to bring attention to the fact that small business is the backbone of our economy. Please show your appreciation by shopping, dining and spreading the word about the wonderful small businesses in your community. One of my favorite small businesses is [Homeology in Mission Viejo](#).

With a heart full of gratitude, I would like to wish you and yours a happy and healthy [Thanksgiving](#).

Sincerely,



Wendy Bucknum
OCCOG Chair



BOARD MEMBER SNAPSHOTS

Six Questions with Director Marshall Goodman

The OCCOG Governing Board includes 19 Orange County elected official and nine ex-officio non-voting members who work together to represent Orange County's interests in regional planning policy. Let's meet Director Marshall Goodman.



Question 1: What area of Orange County do you represent for OCCOG?

Answer 1: I am currently the Mayor Pro Tem of La Palma and represent District 18 for OCCOG. District 18 includes the cities of La Palma, Cypress and Garden Grove.

Q2: What is your favorite thing about living in Orange County?

A2: My favorite thing about living in Orange County has to be the diversity of people and locals. The vibrant communities that call Orange County home provide a wonderful variety of culture and experiences. This variety has in-turn provided the opportunity for our County-wide culture, which promotes and celebrates this diversity—the resulting variety of food choices is one of my favorite components. Also, the ability to hike in Fullerton and surf in Seal Beach all in the same day speaks to the wonderful diversity of our locales. Crystal Cove is one of my family's favorite Orange County destinations!

Q3: What issue made you interested in running for elected office?

A3: My journey to the La Palma City Council began with my service on the Community, Activities, and Beautification Committee. During my time as a Commissioner, the city performed a General Plan update and asked the City Committees to review the Plan and provide feedback. From that process, I was asked by a Council Member to consider running for a vacant Council seat. I ran unopposed and was elected to serve as a Council Member in 2016. Once elected, I took on economic development as a focus of my service.

Q4: What is La Palma doing to support affordable housing in the city?

A4: La Palma is part of the North Orange County Service Planning Area, which is made up of 13 cities. We joined forces to produce and operate two navigation centers using a bulk of funding that came directly from the state. La Palma is also seeking ideas to bring moderate income affordable housing to our city. Part of the issue for our policy makers is effectively conveying to our constituents that the top of the range for “moderate” level income for one person in Orange County is \$107,350—this equates to quite a few positions that provide integral services to our city including: a police officer or dispatcher; a mid-level County librarian; and, a City Clerk. I hope to further support affordable housing in La Palma, and across the county, by encouraging open and honest dialogue with my constituents and elected cohort.

Q5: As an accomplished professional drummer, songwriter and producer, how has music, and the music industry, influenced your leadership style?

A5: Being a professional musician has allowed me the opportunity to hone my consensus-building skills. There are a lot of different personalities in the music industry, and most who have been in a band of musicians will agree that each position tends to have pretty distinct personality traits—lead vocalists tend to be the worst if you're wondering. Having traversed the music industry and encountered the varied individuals and personalities, I have established a solid foundation for patience, empathy, and communication; as well as, an ability to be direct, assertive, and resilient. As a drummer, I enjoy symmetry and order, but at the same time I understand the importance of listening as we play in order to find opportunities for spontaneous creativity or improvisation. These are all components that I honed as a musician and use regularly as a community leader.

Q6: What is a must at your Thanksgiving dinner table?

A6: Family, discussions about what we're thankful for, and honoring my grandmother's life and ancestors by discussing the positive impact that Indigenous People had on the survival of our country's first European immigrants. Peach cobbler is a must too!



Housing OC Video Series Complete 11 Videos are Available to Download and Share

The 11th and final video for the Housing OC video series is complete and available to download and share. The video series was created to help explain complicated housing policies, debunk misinformation and help reduce the underlying fear of how new housing legislation would change neighborhoods. A Spanish version of each video is available as well as snippets that can be used in social media outreach. The short, whiteboard-style videos have been viewed 3,000 times and can be viewed and downloaded

at www.eccog.com/housing. The final video, “Welcoming, Facilitating and Funding Affordable Housing in Your Community”, addresses the topic of funding options and opportunities. Other video topics include RHNA, the Housing Element, housing legislation, the missing middle and ADUs.



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OCCOG Board Appoints Amanda Walsh as
OCCOG's Ex-Officio Business Representative



OCCOG's Ex-Officio Board position representing the business community became open in September with the resignation of Jennifer Bullard from OCBC. OCBC nominated Amanda Walsh, their new Vice President of Government Affairs, to fulfill this position and the Board approved the appointment at their [October 26 Board Meeting](#). OCBC's Government Affairs Manager, George Boutros, will be serving as the business community alternate.

Before joining OCBC, Walsh worked for the Government Relations Department at the University of California, Irvine, and in that position served as OCCOG Ex-Officio Board Member representing the higher education community. The higher education Ex-Officio position is now open and recruitment to fill the position is underway.



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Student Teams Ranked High in Orange County Sustainability Decathlon



The University of California, Irvine fielded two teams in the Orange County Sustainability Decathlon, which was held Oct. 5-15 at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. The annual event challenges university teams to design and build solar-powered homes that address climate change as well as California's housing needs. UCI participation demonstrates our commitment to sustainable practices through engaging students, faculty and staff to partner with the community to find solutions that help conserve finite resources for future generations. The luminOCity 750 square-foot, two-bedroom, two-bathroom modular home, designed and built by TeamMADE (Modular Affordable Dwellings for the Environment), a group of student, faculty and staff from UCI and Orange Coast College, placed second overall and was recognized by the jury as eligible to be built as an accessory



dwelling unit throughout the state. The LUCID home, designed and built by a team of students in UCI's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, showcased an innovative concrete structure that tied for first place in the energy efficiency performance rating category.

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NOVEMBER 30





14TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023
Sheraton Grand Los Angeles

[MORE INFO](#)

Check Before You Burn Season is in Effect

SCAQMD asks residents to check the Air Quality Burn Map before burning wood in fireplaces to limit emissions of fine particulate matter November through February.

[CHECK THE AIR QUALITY BURN MAP](#)

OCOG BOARD MEETING

Thursday, NOVEMBER 30, 2023



10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
to view the agenda, please
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Your participation is important!

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is studying the development of a biking and walking trail connection along the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW) corridor in Santa Ana and Garden Grove. The OC Connect project creates a biking and walking trail connection between Garden Grove and Santa Ana as well as to the Santa Ana River Trail and the countywide 66-mile OC Loop bikeway. The 4-mile trail will improve transportation connections, promote eco-friendly commuting, and increase active travel.

Attend a meeting!

Join us at one of our upcoming meetings for a chance to:

- Learn more about OC Connect
- Share feedback about walking and biking in your neighborhood
- Provide input on the trail design and amenities

Virtual Community Webinar
Tuesday, December 5th from 6-7pm

bit.ly/OCConnectVirtualMeeting
Webinar ID: [833 8323 3012](https://www.zoom.us/j/83383233012)
Call-in: [213\) 338-8477](https://www.zoom.us/join/2133388477)

Register here!

In-person Community Meeting
Thursday, December 7th from 6-8pm

Santiago High School in Garden Grove,
12342 Trask Ave
Garden Grove, CA 92843

**Presentation will begin at 6:15pm
Refreshments and children's activities will be provided!*

*Spanish and Vietnamese interpretations will be available at both meetings. Special accommodations and additional interpretations are available by calling [\(800\) 716-8518](tel:8007168518). Requests must be made at least 72 hours in advance of a scheduled meeting.

Take Our Online Survey

Can't make it? Provide your input by completing the community survey by **December 18, 2023**, and enter for a chance to win **one of two \$50 gift cards**. Participate now and receive project updates and future meeting invitations.



Take our survey!

Stay Connected

Learn more about OC Connect and the paths to success at octa.net/OCConnect.



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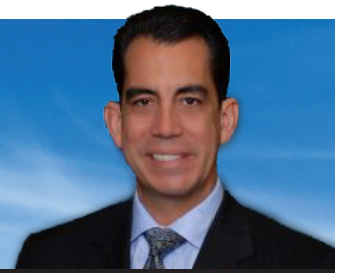
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South Coast Air Quality Management District

Newsletter

Fall 2023

Six Zero-Emission On-Demand Transit Projects Funded to Increase Options for Local Residents



This spring, the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) awarded more than \$1.9 million for six innovative projects that will deliver zero-emission on demand, flexible services to communities within the South Coast region. These projects will fill the gap between traditional “fixed-route” transit and “ride hailing technology” to increase transportation options for residents. Three of the projects are in Orange County.

The zero-emission vehicles will accommodate at least four passengers per vehicle (in addition to the driver). The vehicles must also comply with applicable Americans with Disabilities Act, Department of Transportation, and Department of Motor Vehicles requirements.

The three Orange County projects are:

- Circuit Transit Shared Mobility (City of Seal Beach) – The City will partner with Circuit Transit to deploy three Waev GEM e6 vehicles to transport residents and tourists to many of the City’s most visited areas including the pier, the beach, City Hall, and Main Street.
- Circuit Transit Rideshare Program (City of Huntington Beach) – The City will expand its existing microtransit service area to transport passengers who request a ride through their app.
- Old Towne Orange Microtransit Service (Anaheim Transportation Network) – ATN, in partnership with the City of Orange will launch a new on-demand microtransit service utilizing 10 Waev GEM e6 zero-emission vehicles around a one-mile radius of the Old Towne Orange Plaza.



With these projects, the MSRC aims to target communities that will most directly benefit from this type of mobility opportunity. This includes areas where microtransit services can be directly integrated into other transit systems. These will benefit areas where traditional fixed-route service would not be ideal, as well where traditional fixed-route transit does not currently meet the needs of residents. Several of these projects will launch later this year.

For more information on the MSRC, visit <http://www.cleantransportationfunding.org>.

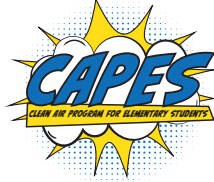
Greetings!

Welcome to my newsletter for the residents and businesses of Orange County. My goal is to help keep you informed about the policies and programs at South Coast AQMD that improve air quality in our basin, which benefits you, our cities, and our economy. If you have suggestions for improving air quality, please feel free to contact me at crodriguez.scaqmd@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez,
Yorba Linda City Council

Register for South Coast AQMD's Free Air Quality Education Programs for Elementary, Middle and High School Students

South Coast AQMD's free air quality education programs, Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM), and the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) are open for registration. The programs were created to generate awareness of local air quality issues to elementary, middle and high school students.



The WHAM program introduces students to academic and career paths that they can take to help clean the air. Students learn about air quality through a hands-on science, technology, engineering and math public policy, chemistry, health impacts, sources of air pollution and clean air solutions. This curriculum, aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), is flexible to fit in-person, hybrid and/or distance learning. In Orange County, schools in Garden

Grove, Santa Ana, Mission Viejo, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Capistrano and Fountain Valley have been participating in WHAM.

CAPES is geared toward first through sixth grade students. The program educates students about the importance of clean air, health impacts and actions students can take to improve air quality. Educators participating in this program are provided with short videos and an NGSS-aligned curriculum kit that includes lesson plans, worksheets and answer keys. In our county, schools in Orange, Santa Ana, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana and Buena Park have been participating in CAPES. The air quality education programs have collectively reached more than 31,000 students since their inception in 2019.

Last school year, South Coast AQMD implemented WHAM in a total of 409

classrooms, 70 high schools and 45 middle schools within the agency's jurisdiction, reaching more than 10,000 middle and high school-aged students. CAPES was implemented in a total of 90 schools, reaching more than 6,000 students throughout South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. Both programs are available at no cost for eligible schools, youth groups, clubs and organizations.



For information on WHAM and CAPES, or to register, please visit: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/education>.

WHAM

South Coast AQMD Awarded \$76 Million for a First-of-its-Kind Zero-Emission Fuel Cell Train



South Coast AQMD has been awarded roughly \$76 million by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) for zero-emission projects that will help transform the goods movement sector in the San Pedro Bay Port corridor.

More than 80% of air pollution in Southern California is associated with mobile sources including trucks, trains, planes and ocean-going vessels. As such, transitioning to zero emission technologies is essential to reducing air pollution. The projects developed by this funding will create 7,600 jobs and reduce 1.7 tons of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and 632 tons of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)—a precursor to smog.

South Coast AQMD will use the more than \$76 million in CalSTA's Port and Freight Infrastructure Program to demonstrate one first-of-its-kind hydrogen fuel cell locomotive that will operate in and around Southern California. The project will also install 376 Direct Current Fast Chargers and 19 hydrogen refueling dispensers across seven locations for trucks used for goods movement.

This project will increase throughput to California ports by demonstrating a locomotive that can haul 50% more freight per locomotive and deploy additional faster charging options for more than 2,100 zero-emission trucks, allowing more time to be spent on moving freight instead of recharging. South Coast AQMD is working with Wabtec Corporation and Prologis Mobility to deliver the fuel cell train and supporting infrastructure by 2027 and then demonstrate it for a year. The 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) shows that to achieve federal air quality standards, we need to transition rapidly to zero-emission technologies in the goods movement sector to reduce PM2.5 and NOx emissions. South Coast AQMD is focused on the statewide goal of 100% zero-emissions in the transportation sector in part by facilitating and managing public and private partnerships.

The Port and Freight Infrastructure (PFI) Program seeks to improve the capacity, safety, efficiency and resiliency of goods movement to, from and through California's maritime ports. PFI aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and negative economic impacts and improve public health for the many environmental justice communities adjacent to the corridors and facilities used for goods movement, while promoting high-quality road, port, freight and construction sector jobs.

For more information on the Port and Freight Infrastructure Program, visit <https://calsta.ca.gov/subject-areas/freight-rail-border>.



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