

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**July 2, 2015**

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

**I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES**

None.

**II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. COOLING CENTER**

Kim Huy informs you that the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be open as a cooling center when weekend temperatures rise above 95 degrees.

**B. ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS AS A FUNDING OPTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Bill Murray provides information on findings regarding the use of Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) to fund Public Works capital projects.

**C. SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Kim Huy provides information on the 2015 Free Summer Concert Series at Eastgate Park every Thursday from 6:30-9:30pm beginning July 9 through August 13, 2015.

**D. 2015 SUMMER PROGRAMMING AT THE GEM THEATER AND FESTIVAL AMPHITHEATER**

Kim Huy provides the programming schedule for the 2015 Summer Program at the Gem Theater and Festival Amphitheater from June through September, 2015.

**E. BROOKHURST STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT**

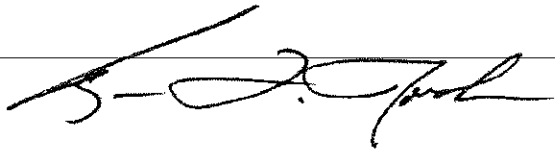
Bill Murray provides information on the rehabilitation project on Brookhurst St. from Trask Ave. to Garden Grove Blvd. and from Hazard Ave. to Westminster Ave. beginning in August 2015.

**F. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST LOG**

Kathy Bailor provides a listing of public records requests for the period of June 26 – July 2, 2015.

**III. OTHER ITEMS**

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES  
Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
  
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS  
Items of interest are included.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. L. Roeder", is written over a horizontal line.

ALLAN L. ROEDER  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Allan Roeder

From: Kimberly Huy

Dept.: Interim City Manager

Dept.: Community Services

Subject: COOLING CENTER

Date: June 30, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To inform City Council that the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will open as a cooling center when weekend temperatures rise above 95 degrees.

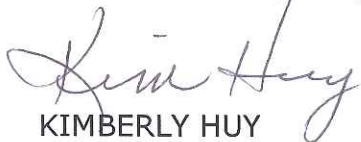
BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In years past, the Community Services Department has prepared to open the H. Louis Lake Senior Center on weekends during the summer to meet the needs of residents during very hot weather.

The Community Services Department will assign recreation part-time staff to open a cooling center at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center (Center). The Department will open the Center if the weather on the Thursday prior to each weekend is forecast to be over 95 degrees. This determination will be based on the Orange County Register and the online National Weather Forecast.

SUMMARY

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be open as a cooling center for residents who may need to utilize a facility with air conditioning to offset the extreme heat of summer. The opening of the Center will be based on weather forecast.



KIMBERLY HUY  
Director



By: Dana Saucedo  
Assistant Supervisor

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Allan L. Roeder  
Dept.: Interim City Manager  
Subject: ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS AS A FUNDING OPTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

From: William E. Murray  
Dept.: Public Works  
Date: June 24, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To provide information on staff findings regarding the use of Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) to fund Public Works capital projects.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In September 2014, EIFDs were signed into law enabling cities to facilitate economic development and the financing of public infrastructure work, such as roads, flood control, drainage projects, parks and other city facilities. EIFDs are financed through tax increment generated from the growth in property taxes collected from the affected EIFD territory, e.g. city-formed district.

Further, EIFDs are only allowed to collect tax increment from agencies that voluntarily agree to contribute their property tax revenues. For the City of Garden Grove, this implies securing approval from the County of Orange and various Special Districts in agreeing to cap their property tax share at a given base year, while the city uses their annual tax increment proceeds to pay for the EIFD's bond obligations.

Theoretically, if the County and other taxing agencies were to consent, the City would still be required to obtain fifty-five percent (55%) voter approval from the EIFD's territory in order to issue bonds. The City would also be constricted by the average 2-3% annual property tax increment to finance the newly-formed EIFD, therefore limiting the revenue stream required for substantial work.

SUMMARY

Due to the EIFDs county-approval prerequisite, 55% voter approval for bond issuance and slow property tax appreciation rates, staff concludes EIFDs are not the most viable option for long-term public works capital financing. Staff will continue to research other funding options.

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

  
By: Ana Neal  
Sr. Administrative Analyst

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Allan Roeder  
Dept.: Interim City Manager  
Subject: SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

From: Kimberly Huy  
Dept.: Community Services  
Date: July 1, 2015

**OBJECTIVE**

To transmit to City Council information regarding the 2015 Free Summer Concert Series at Eastgate Park and Movies in the Park at Village Green Park.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

In a collaborative effort, the Garden Grove Community Foundation and the City of Garden Grove have put together the 2015 Free Summer Concert Series to take place at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street.

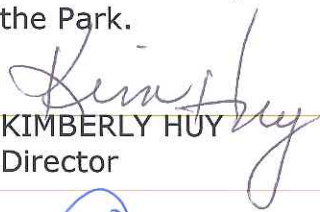
As a popular summer community event, the concerts will take place each Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning July 9 and ending August 13. To celebrate July is Parks Make Life Better!® month, we'll include additional free activities, i.e. bounce houses, balloon animals, face painting, and carnival games for children.

Beginning July 16, the concert's pre-show of The Voice will showcase talented high school vocalists from Garden Grove Unified Schools. Each week, students compete for an opportunity to win the ultimate prize of \$500 for the contestant and \$500 for the contestant's school choral program.

This summer, the Community Services Department will offer movies in the park at Village Green Park. On July 2, McFarland USA will be showing; on August 20, Big Hero 6 will be showing. Both events are free to the community.

**SUMMARY**

Attached is a flyer regarding the 2015 Free Summer Concert Series and Movies in the Park.

  
KIMBERLY HUY  
Director

  
By: Elaine Ma'ae  
Senior Administrative Analyst

Attachment: Summer Concert and Movies in the Park Postcard

# FIRE SUMMER CONCERTS

at Eastgate Park – Thursday Nights at 6:30 PM

The Funky  
Hippeez  
(70s Funk)  
July 9

Brad Johnson &  
The Killin' Time Band  
(Today's Country)  
July 16

DSB  
(Journey  
Tribute Band)  
July 23

Grilled Cheese  
Soundwich  
(90s to Today)  
July 30

Flashback  
Heart Attack  
(New Wave 80s)  
August 6

Stone  
Soul  
(Motown)  
August 13



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**GGCF**  
Garden Grove Community Foundation

*City of Garden Grove*

# MOVIES in the Park 2015

Bring your family, friends, and a blanket for free movies and fun under the stars.  
Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. at Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street.



**Movie: McFarland USA**

Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Movie begins at 7:45 p.m.



**Movie: Big Hero 6**

Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Movie begins at 7:45 p.m.

For more information, call (714) 741-5200.



**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Allan Roeder  
Dept.: Interim City Manager  
Subject: 2015 SUMMER PROGRAMMING  
AT THE GEM THEATER AND FESTIVAL  
AMPHITHEATER

From: Kimberly Huy  
Dept.: Community Services  
Date: July 1, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To transmit the 2015 summer programming schedule at both the Gem Theater and Festival Amphitheater.

BACKGROUND

In 2008, the City entered into an agreement with One More Productions to serve as the operator of the Gem Theater located at 12852 Main Street.

Since 2003, Garden Grove has enjoyed outdoor Shakespearian performances at the Festival Amphitheater, 12762 Main Street, during the summer.

DISCUSSION

This summer, One More Productions will present the following shows:

**Next to Normal** (June 18-July 12)

**The Secret Garden** (July 16-26)

**Cabaret** (August 20-September 13)

Use of the VIP Reception area and six (6) seats located in the adjacent "Mayor's Box" is available for each production. Tickets may be reserved a week in advance through the Community Services department.

In addition, One More Productions will be offering a Musical Theater Summer Camp for youth ages 8-17 from July 20-August 9.

At the Festival Amphitheater, Shakespeare Orange County will offer the following productions:

**Romeo and Juliet** (July 2-August 1)

**As You Like It** (August 13-29)

**Pirates of Penzance** (September 10-26)

Also, Shakespeare Orange County is offering a theater camp for high school students from July 13-17; August 22-28 and for youth from August 17-21.

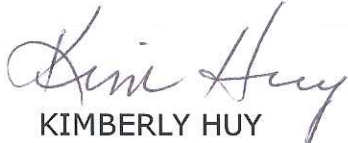


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Other summer entertainment at the Festival Amphitheater includes "Walt Whitman Sings" on August 23 and 30; and Trieu Tran (Unplugged) on September 20.

SUMMARY

Both theaters offer summer activities for the family. For more information about the theaters, visit [www.onemoreproductions.com](http://www.onemoreproductions.com) for the Gem Theater and [www.shakespeareoc.org](http://www.shakespeareoc.org) for the Festival Amphitheater.

  
KIMBERLY HUY  
Director

  
By: Elaine Ma'ae  
Senior Administrative Analyst

City of Garden Grove

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Allan L. Roeder  
Dept.: Interim City Manager  
Subject: BROOKHURST STREET  
REHABILITATION PROJECT FROM  
TRASK AVE TO GARDEN GROVE  
BLVD AND FROM HAZARD AVE TO  
WESTMINSTER AVE TO BEGIN IN  
AUGUST 2015

From: William E. Murray, P.E.  
Dept.: Public Works  
Date: July 1, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To provide information on anticipated motorists', residents' and local business owners' frustration and objections to the traffic impacts resulting from the simultaneous construction of subject projects.

BACKGROUND

- ❖ The pavement condition index identifies that both segments of Brookhurst Street are in a failed condition and have the lowest ratings in the city, therefore having the greatest need for reconstruction. With an anticipated El Nino condition this coming winter, these streets will disintegrate faster than they can be repaired.
- ❖ Brookhurst Street is a Major Arterial Highway with three vehicular lanes in each direction for both segments and one bicycle lane in each direction from Garden Grove Blvd to Trask Ave.
- ❖ Both streets are lined with businesses that will be impacted by the project.
- ❖ The combined project length is about 1 mile. Each segment is about ½ mile in length.
- ❖ Staff has analyzed the street and supporting soils conditions and street reconstruction methods and determined that a process called full-depth reclamation (FDR) is the best for the conditions.
- ❖ The project was advertised on June 22 and is expected to be awarded on July 28, 2015. The engineer's estimate is \$3.45M.
- ❖ The approximate start of work is scheduled to begin in the middle of August 2015 and we anticipate all work to be completed in early December.

DISCUSSION

- ❖ Both segments of Brookhurst Street will be worked on simultaneously in a round robin fashion (i.e. once concrete work has completed in one segment, then concrete work will begin on the next segment; rehabilitating the street

BROOKHURST STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT TO BEGIN IN AUGUST 2015

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will immediately follow). This process will minimize the overall cost and construction time.

- ❖ During pavement reconstruction, traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction – a severe constriction from the normal three lanes in each direction. All forms of pavement resurfacing or reconstruction including the FDR process necessitate this lane reduction.
  - Staff will work with the contractor to devise a construction phasing plan to minimize the traffic impacts. A traffic detour plan has also been included in the plan set to assist motorists around the construction site.
- ❖ The pavement reconstruction will take a little bit longer to complete than traditional methods due the curing time required for the cement treated base materials.
- ❖ School starts September 8. These projects will be in full construction mode at that time, with one lane open in each direction. We anticipate that this will frustrate some parents who have not considered the construction project in the transport of their children to school.
- ❖ Video detection will be installed at each traffic signal intersection prior to the pavement reconstruction to optimize the flow of traffic.
- ❖ Advanced notice of the construction project will be delivered to all properties fronting Brookhurst Street in a letter from the contractor two weeks in advance of construction start.
- ❖ Advanced warning of the construction project will be communicated to motorists with electronic changeable message signs on the street two weeks in advance of construction start.
- ❖ The City of Anaheim also recently completed their reconstruction project of Brookhurst Street from Ball Road to Katella Avenue earlier this year and Garden Grove just completed their reconstruction of Brookhurst Street from Katella Avenue to Chapman Avenue. Motorists who commute on Brookhurst Street through Garden Grove and Anaheim may be upset about yet another construction project on Brookhurst.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Nick Hsieh at 741-5190 or Mark Uphus at 741-5191.



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



By: Mark Uphus, PE  
Senior Civil Engineer

# City Clerk's Office

## Public Records Request Log

### Requests Log

June 26-July 2, 2015

Attachment II.F.  
Mgrs. Memo 7/2/15

#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
1140	07/02/15	John Loc	I would like a list of new businesses for the months of April, May and June 2015.	City Clerk	07/13/15	
1139	07/01/15	Thy Vo Voice of OC	I would like to request the following records in the original format:  All emails to and from Shawna Mcdonough between Dec 31, 2014 and July 1, 2015 containing any of the following keywords:  Mcwhinney Great Wolf Waterpark Kam Sang Ronnie ...	Information Systems	07/13/15	
1138	07/01/15	Thy Vo Voice of OC	Dear Denise,  I hope this finds you well.  I'd like to request the following records:  All communications between Grove Resort Associates and the City of Garden Grove between December 31, 2014 and July 1, 2015.  Thank you very much.	Information Systems Economic Dev City Manager	07/13/15	
1137	07/01/15	Scott Christensen Accutrend Data Corp	I would please like to request the list of new businesses that have filed for a Business License in your city in the month of June 2015.	City Clerk	07/13/15	

1136	07/01/15	Sherry Wolf C&M Fire Investigations, Inc.	Copy of the Fire Report / Investigation Report for an incident that at 12905 Palm Street, Unit 7, Garden Grove on June 19, 2015.	Fire Admin	07/13/15	
1135	07/01/15	Alicia S. Amaro Level 2 Automation	I would like to obtain a list of new businesses for the month of June 2015. Please include the owners name and phone number.	City Clerk	07/13/15	
1134	07/01/15	Joanna Williams EBI Consulting	I am performing a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of Cityview Plaza, 12361-12465 Lewis St., and of Garden Grove Town Center, 11021 Brookhurst St. I am interested in the original building permits from around 1983 and 1987 for Cityview and ar...	Fire Prevention Water Services Sewer Public Works Adm Planning Serv Building Serv	07/13/15	
1133	07/01/15	Bennie Blanco ADT, LLC	Requesting New Business Listing from June 1st - June 30th 2015	Revenue Management	07/13/15	
1132	07/01/15	Louis Casiano Jr. Orange County Register	Hello,  I'm requesting the name of the Garden Grove police officer involved in the officer-involved shooting on 6/29/2015.  We are asking for his name, rank, years with the department, age, whether he is on paid or unpaid leave and if he's b...		07/13/15	
1131	06/29/15	Bryan Petry Albus-Keefe & Associates, Inc.	FOLLOW UP TO REQUEST # 1125  Denise,	Building Serv.	07/09/15	07/01/15

Thank you for providing those so quickly. I was reading through the attached reports and noticed they made reference to a Preliminary Soil Investigation report dated Jun27,1991 prepared by Hu Associates, ...

1130	06/29/15	Cindy Spindle, CEO/President Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce	Hi Denise,  I was wondering if you could help me or point me to the right person for some information. I need to get information on the following:  Number of businesses in Garden Grove Breakdown of number of employees at these businesse...	Revenue Management	07/09/15	
1129	06/29/15		certicado de nacimiento  Copy of Birth Certificate (Translation)		07/09/15	06/29/15
1128	06/25/15	Doris Johnson Center for Contract Compliance	This is a formal request for a copy of the General Contractor, Sub-Contractors List, Multiple Prime Contractor's if any, Start and Completion Date, Bid Advertisement Date and Award Date for Project No. 7376 - West Street and Candy Lane Water Impro...	Water Services	07/06/15	
1127	06/25/15	Virginia Allison Sea Air	The name of the BC Fire Dept in 1984.	Human Resources	07/06/15	06/30/15
1126	06/25/15	Brittany Carroll Zoning-Info	Provide copies of any/all of certificate of occupancies on file for	Building Serv	07/06/15	06/25/15

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**NEWSPAPER**

**ARTICLES**

# City to review red-light cameras

Other O.C. cities have removed or plan to eliminate the devices.

**STORY AND PHOTO BY CHRIS HAIRE**  
STAFF WRITER

Garden Grove's staffers are looking into the effectiveness of red-light cameras, a public-safety measure that irks many drivers and that only one other Orange County city, Los Alamitos, uses.

Garden Grove has contracted with Redflex Traffic Systems to provide red-light cameras since 2007. They are at 11 intersections.

But with the contract set to renew automatically at the end of the month, Mayor Bao Nguyen in recent weeks asked city staff to look into whether the cameras help reduce accidents.

"It's the appropriate time to investigate how it works for our city," Nguyen said. "My first priority is public safety, but we have to make sure this (type of) enforcement works for us."

Interim City Manager Allan Roeder said a report on red-light cameras will be complex and hopes to have it to the council by mid-July.

"Sure, we might get rid of them," Roeder said. "But we might keep them. We don't know yet."

The city can end the contract with 30 days' notice.

Garden Grove pays Redflex more than \$2,900 per month for each of 14 approaches. An approach is one direction heading into

an intersection; an intersection typically has four approaches.

Garden Grove was the first Orange County city with red-light cameras in 1999. By 2007, seven cities in the county had them. Supporters said they reduce accidents.

But, now, after charges that included being Big Brothers or cash cows - or encouraging vehicles to stop too abruptly and cause rear-end collisions - only Garden Grove and Los Alamitos have them; Santa Ana turned its cameras off June 19.

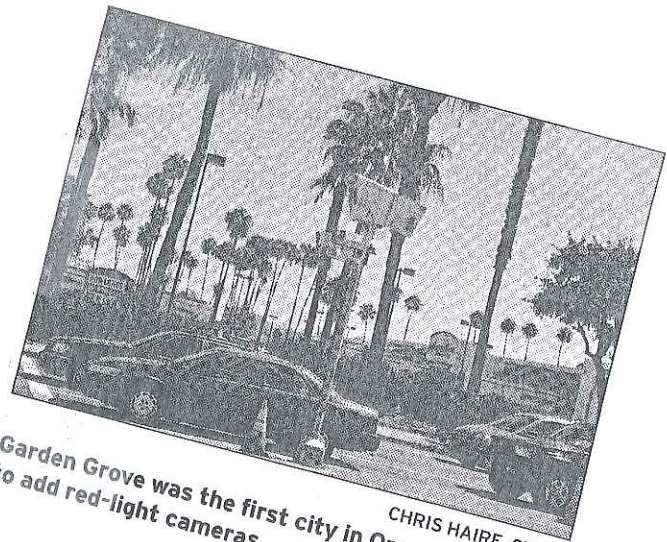
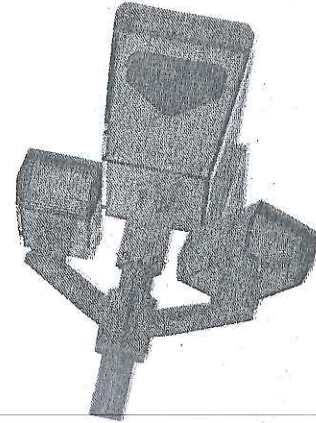
"There is a broader trend of cities getting rid of the cameras," Roeder said. "But whether it's because they aren't effective or aren't popular, or for some other reason, isn't clear."

#### CONTACT THE WRITER:

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Garden Grove has red-light cameras at 11 intersections.



Garden Grove was the first city in Orange County to add red-light cameras.

CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF



# City to study ballot trends in move toward by-district vote

**BROOKE E. SEIPEL**  
STAFF WRITER

Garden Grove Journal / Register  
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The Dolinka Group, which helped the Garden Grove Unified School District create voting areas for by-district elections last year, will soon conduct a similar analysis of the city's voting trends.

The City Council recently approved a \$17,200 contract with the Dolinka Group to determine whether racially polarized voting exists in town.

This is the first step in moving toward by-district elections in the city. Currently, the council is selected in at-large elections, meaning each voter helps select each council member.

Earlier this month, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, a Latino-rights group, threatened to sue the city if it did not see it start shifting to district elections by July 3.

The group said it believes the city's current procedures violate the California Voting Rights Act. Voters have not elected a Latino to serve on the council since at least the 1970s.

After Dolinka finishes its survey, the City Council will determine whether to move forward with by-district elections, which may need voter approval.

Mayor Bao Nguyen, who was on the school district board of trustees when the Dolinka Group helped create districts for it, said the group's previous experience will be beneficial.

"The Dolinka Group was very professional and informative with the staff," he said.

The demographic study should be complete by the end of the summer.

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# Garden Grove donation to Vietnam War Museum

BY BROOKE E. SEIPEL  
STAFF WRITER

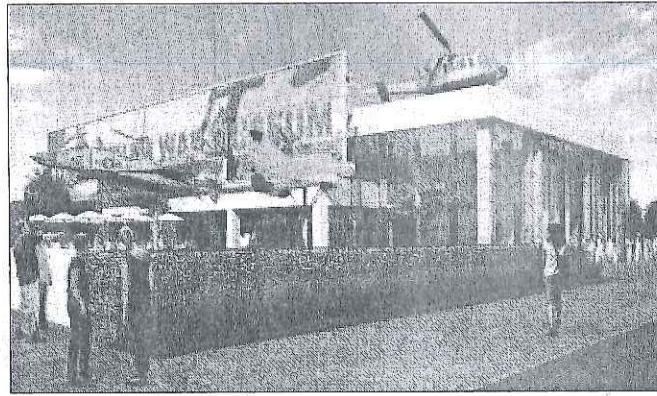
The Vietnam War Museum Foundation may lose out on its annual \$25,000 contribution from Garden Grove.

When it approved its 2015-16 budget last week, the City Council set aside the money for the foundation but has refused to disburse the funds until it is more confident about the museum's potential success.

Any decision will likely come after an August report by a council subcommittee on the long-stalled \$22 million museum, which would be on 15 acres on Harbor Boulevard.

"I would love to have a Vietnam War Museum," said Councilman Phat Bui. "But if it isn't going anywhere, I don't want to spend a dime."

Typically, the city gives \$10,000 from the general fund, used to op-



VIETNAM WAR MUSEUM FOUNDATION

**The Vietnam War Museum would be on Harbor Boulevard. Officials hope the museum would draw tourists from the Anaheim resort area.**

erate the city, and \$15,000 from the cultural arts fund. But the city has no money left in the cultural arts fund, and if the council donates this year, the \$25,000 would come from the general fund. That

unsettles city officials.

"I want zero coming out of the general fund for this foundation," said Mayor Bao Nguyen. "It's a great idea, but we have heard from the public, and we haven't seen very much movement from the board."

So far, the foundation has raised \$206,539 - \$110,000 from the city - but has only \$64,798 in its coffers. The foundation has spent much of its time obtaining nonprofit status, organizing the board of directors and finding a vision for the museum, said Kim Huy, Garden Grove's Community Services director.

"There is potential," said Councilman Bui, but foundation officials need to understand that "in order to get the city money, they need to recruit more board members with potential to provide more (private) money, more donors. If they tap into that, then the project would take off."

The museum would be the only one dedicated to the Vietnam War on the West Coast. It would provide a glimpse into the lives of American and South Vietnamese

## put on hold

service members and what it was like in the Southeast Asian country during the war.

The city bought the 15 acres at 13650 Harbor Blvd. for \$2.5 million and typically pays \$157,973 a year for it. The final payment, at \$1.6 million, comes due in December 2016. City employees also work as staff for the foundation's board, which costs Garden Grove \$75,000 to \$100,000 annually. Still, the museum is likely years away.

"Honestly, the museum is in its initial phases," Nguyen said. "It is something where I don't see the current foundation board members being able to raise the amount of money needed to build the museum."

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# Sampling 3 of the smart bakeries

## in Garden Grove

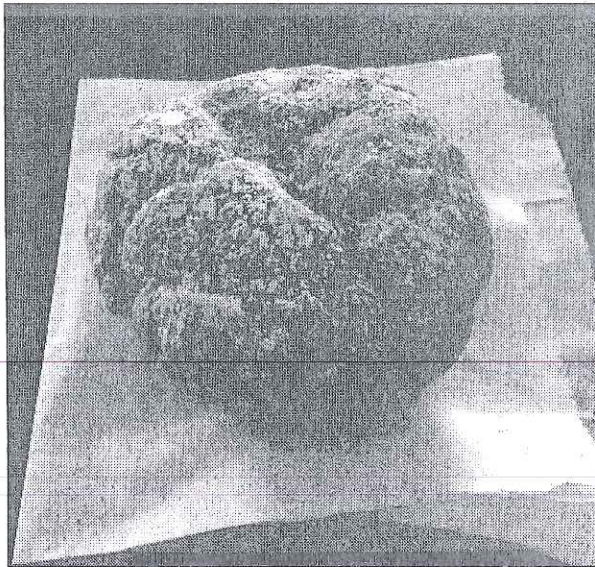
On our walks around our towns over the past few years, Brainiac has come across all kinds of interesting businesses, the best of which we've name-checked in columns here and there.

And a few of those we checked out and thought: "Mmmm, we should come back here again some time. Spend a little more time with the merchandise, the yummy, tasty, lovely products on display."

Which is how Brainiac ended up recruiting the **Littlest Brainy** to go on an Asian-themed pastry tasting adventure on Sunday afternoon, sampling treats from three different sweet-smelling shops.

Our first stop was **Cocohodo** on Garden Grove Boulevard in Garden Grove, one of an expanding number of franchises in the U.S. It had caught our eye initially with its declaration in smaller letters on the sign out front that it specialized in walnut pastries. What did that mean?

Turns out it means exactly what it says: A walnut-



PETER LARSEN, STAFF

**Mmmm, cream puff from Beard Papa.**

shaped pastry, round and wrinkled like the actual nut, filled with a sweet red bean mousse and one large piece of actual walnut.

Baked fresh every day, this Korean import – called "ho do gwa ja" in that country, according to the company's website – went well with the very good cuppa coffee we bought, and even

the kid, who isn't necessarily the biggest fan of walnuts or red beans, agreed it was a fine small bite. Four pastries and the coffee ran us \$3.50, so it's a sweet deal, too.

Next stop, the **Beard Papa** shop on Brookhurst Street in Garden Grove. Like Cocohodo, Beard Papa is part of a chain – though



**Lovely strawberry tiramisu from 85 Degrees bakery and cafe in Garden Grove.**

this one stems from Japan and specializes in freshly made cream puffs.

The standard cream puff comes with a vanilla-flavored filling, but we decided to try something a bit more exotic, a green tea cream for Brainiac, a dulce de leche for the Littlest Brainy.

The clerk makes them on the spot – there's a cool cream injector he pumps to fill the pastry shell with whatever flavor you pick – with a dusting of powdered sugar to finish things off.

The Littlest Brainy loved her cream puff the best of anything she tasted that afternoon, and our green tea puff was tasty, too. Each cream puff costs between \$2.50 and \$2.90, and we've seen them advertise specials on Groupon before, too.

Last stop was **85 Degrees** bakery and cafe, a chain started in Taiwan that, like the last two stops, have multiple locations throughout Southern California and the U.S.

Where Cocohodo specializes in walnut pastries and Beard Papa's does pri-

marily cream puffs, 85 Degrees has a wide range of baked goods and pastries, some of them more in the line of breads and rolls and brioches, though the most spectacular are the cakes and pies and pastries.

We picked a slice of strawberry tiramisu to sample, all pink and white and pretty. It was delicious. One piece ran \$3.20, while the whole enchilada, er, cake goes for \$29, not bad at all for the kind of dessert that's going to make all your guests drool the minute they see it.

After that, we were done, appetites spoiled for dinner, though it was well worth the spoiling. Find these spots at the following locations:

Cocohodo: 8935 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove; 714-534-9200;

**Cocohodousa.com.**

Beard Papa: 13908A Brookhurst St., Garden Grove; **Muginohointl.com.**

85 Degrees: 9892 Westminster Ave., Suite 312, Garden Grove; 714-590-8585; **85cafe.us.**

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## THINGS TO KNOW

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GARDEN GROVE JOURNAL STAFF

### Garden Grove stops offering passport services

If you're planning on going out of the country soon and need a passport, don't expect to get one at Garden Grove City Hall.

After a decade of offering passport services, the city stopped doing so this month.

The reason in part is a recent reduction of the city clerk's office staff. Plus, there are 38 locations within a 10-mile radius of City Hall where prospective international travelers can get passports.

Information: 877-487-2778 or [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

- Chris Haire



### Garden Grove gets \$36,000 to combat alcohol issues

Underage drinking. Public urination. Drunk in public. Alcohol-fueled fights.

These are just some of the problems the Garden Grove Police Department will try to further stamp out with the help of a recently received \$35,965 grant.

The money comes from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The grant is meant to help police combat alcohol-related problems, including businesses selling booze to minors.

- Chris Haire



CLIFF OWEN, AP FILE PHOTO

The Garden Grove Police Department has received \$35,000 from the state to confront alcohol-related problems in the city, such as the sale of booze to minors.

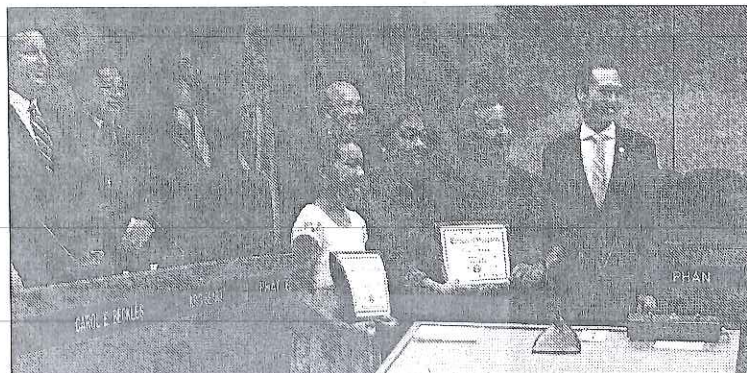
### CITY HONORS YOUTHS

They are among the cream of Garden Grove's crop of young people.

Students Jessica Dosh, Ashley Gonzalez and Leonel Mercado are the recipients of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove's Youth of the Year Award.

The award recognizes students who are committed to serving others and their involvement in the Boys & Girls Clubs.

- Brooke E. Seipel



Jessica Dosh joins the parents of Leonel Mercado, Mayor Bao Nguyen and the City Council last week after receiving the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove's 2015 Youth of the Year Award.

BROOKE E. SEIPEL,  
STAFF

CLASS OF 2015

# PACIFICA HIGH SCHOOL

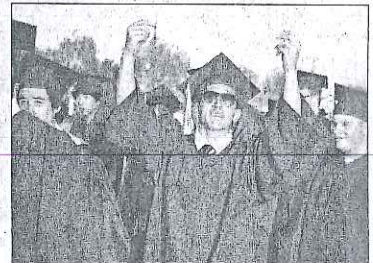


PHOTOS: JOANNA CLAY, STAFF

Pacifica High School's Class of 2015 makes its way to Bolsa Stadium on June 17 for its graduation ceremony.

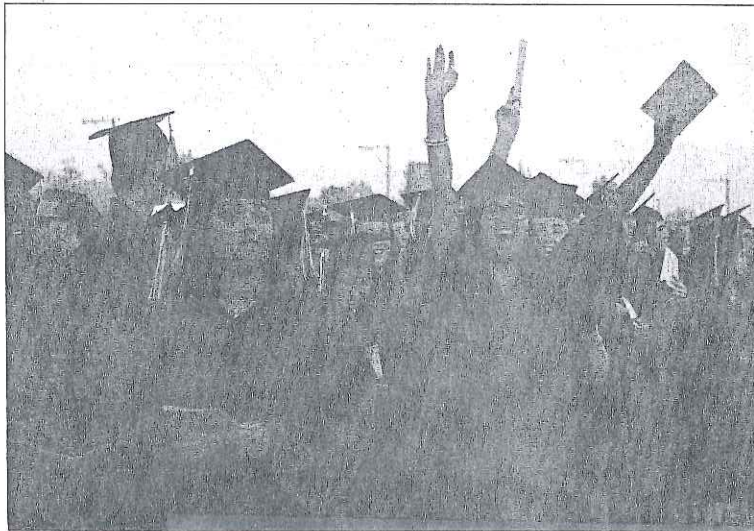


Mariah Aci, 18, strikes an unusual pose during the commencement.



Aaron Arrata waves to people in the stands while waiting to get his diploma.

Dannica De-guzman shows her excitement as she waits in line with her fellow graduates.



Twins Francine and Marlene Contreras, 17, are ready to get their diplomas.



Rachel Dean, 18, waves to family and friends.

# BOLSA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL



Tania Ortega points to a friend at Bolsa Grande High School's graduation June 17.

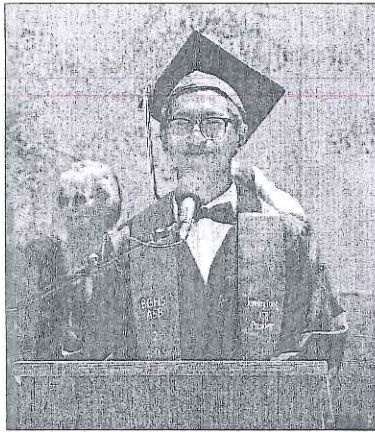
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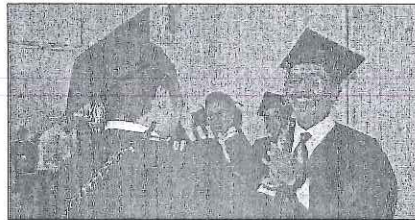
Nguyen Ho and Jelly Yoo wait to lead the graduates into the stadium at Bolsa Grande High School's commencement ceremony.



Friends Frida Torres, Monica Aragon, Jen-niger Huynh, Ynas Eldah and Ashley Pasion pass time waiting in line before the Bolsa Grande commencement ceremony.



Student body President Jeremy Tong welcomes graduates, friends and families to the ceremony.



Samson Pham smiles while playing games with Viet Nguyen before the commencement ceremony.



Friends and families support from the top of the stands as graduates enter from behind the stadium.



Vanessa Flores smiles as she makes her way into the stadium at Bolsa Grande High's graduation.

# MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL



A senior points to family and friends as the class enters the stadium.



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## 2 MEN WITH HANDGUN ROB GAS STATION

**GARDEN GROVE** • Two men were being sought by police after an armed robbery Monday at a gas station.

Garden Grove police responded to a robbery report shortly before 8 p.m. at a Shell gas station, 12571 Valley View Blvd.

A clerk inside the store said a man in his 20s, with short black hair and brown eyes and wearing a black

hooded sweatshirt with "TDE" lettering and black pants, approached the counter and set down a bottle of soda.

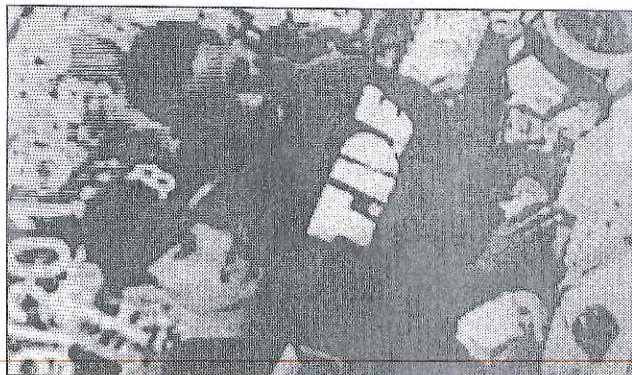
Officials said a man pulled out a semi-automatic handgun and demanded money from the register.

He was described as a man also in his 20s, 5-foot-7, with short black hair, brown eyes and a thin mustache. He was dressed in a black T-shirt, gray pants and a black baseball hat with the letter "B" on it.

The clerk, who was not injured, gave the men about \$500, and they ran out of the store before going south on Valley View Boulevard.

Police are asking for help identifying the men and have asked anyone with information to call Investigator Heine at 714-741-5422.

*-Alyssa Duranty*



COURTESY OF THE GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**These two men are suspected of using a handgun Monday to rob a Shell gas station in Garden Grove.**

# Bicyclist killed in Garden Grove ID'd

BY ALYSSA DURANTY  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • A 55-year-old woman was identified Tuesday as the tricycle rider killed in a suspected DUI crash last week.

Susan Valerie Ramage of Garden Grove was riding an adult-size tricycle around 9:45 p.m. June 23 east on Chapman Avenue near Faye Avenue with a small

dog in the basket.

Police said Ramage was struck by Rita Faye McLaughlin, 58, of Santa Ana, who was driving a small pickup in the same lane on Chapman Avenue.

Garden Grove Fire Department paramedics pronounced Ramage dead at the scene, while the dog was taken to an Orange County Animal Services clinic,

where it later died, police said.

McLaughlin stopped after the collision and was given a field sobriety test, which she failed, Garden Grove police Capt. Ben Stauffer said.

McLaughlin was arrested on suspicion of felony DUI and was booked into Orange County Jail before posting bond the next morning.

# Suspect shot by police is 17 years old

BY ALMA FAUSTO  
STAFF WRITER

The suspect who was shot by police in an altercation on Monday was identified as a 17-year-old boy of Garden Grove. He is hospitalized and was in stable condition, Garden Grove police said Tuesday.

On Monday afternoon, officers pursued the suspect after he was seen walking with a handgun near

Frederick Drive and Ninth Street. When officers confronted him, he pointed the gun at the officer, who then fired at him.

The suspect was given medical attention at the scene and was then taken to UCI Medical Center in Orange. The police officer was not injured.

"Per standard operating procedures, the officer involved is on administrative leave," said Capt. Ben

Stauffer of the Garden Grove Police Department.

Officers originally reported the suspect as being 18 but later discovered that he was a minor.

Police said they would not release information about the suspect or his identity because he is a juvenile.

The case is being investigated by the Orange County District Attorney's Office.



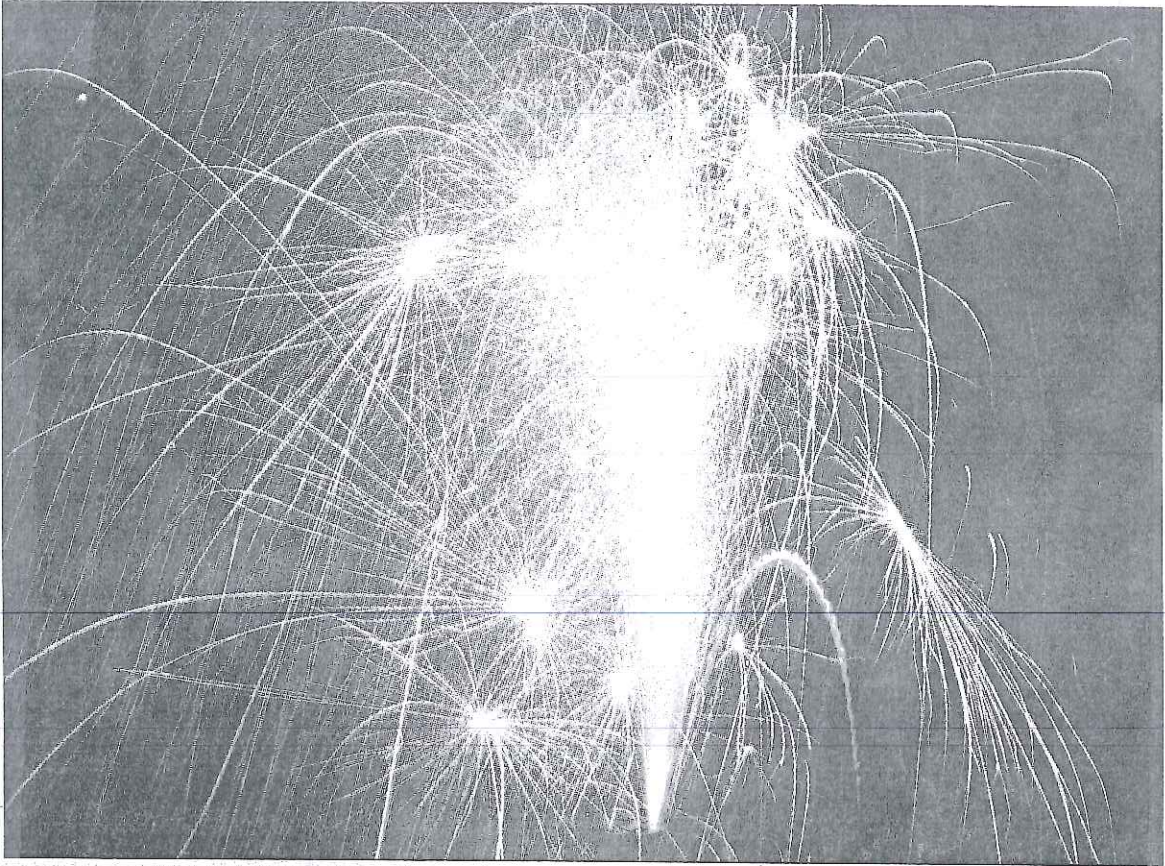


Photo by Dave Smithson

The fireworks show at the Joint Forces Training Base in neighboring Los Alamitos starts at 9 p.m.

## Neighboring city holds fireworks show

### Los Alamitos event draws visitors from surrounding communities

Come to the 28th annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday, July 4 at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos. The cities of Los Alamitos, Cypress, Seal Beach, and the community of Rossmoor collaborate to host this annual event to honor the military and celebrate our country's birthday.

Garden Grove does not put on its own fireworks show.

The event and fireworks display will once again take place on the runways of the military installation. It will be closer to parking in proximity for the elderly and handicapped. The layout also provides a cleaner seating for enjoying the entertainment and

view the fireworks. Biking onto the installation is allowed but all riders must wear a helmet. Parking on the military installation is highly recommended.

Entry to the event will open at 4 p.m. via Lexington Drive off Katella Ave. Due to heightened security, please provide plenty

see **SHOW**,

## SHOW:

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of time and patience to enter the base. The cities of Los Alamitos and Cypress will be collecting a \$5 parking fee per vehicle to support the event.

The 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular will include free activities like sponsor booths with giveaways and information, and live music on the main stage. For a minimal cost, you can enjoy an extensive Family Fun Zone and food from several food vendors that will be serving a variety of dinner options, desserts, and snacks. The event's climax begins at 9 p.m., with one of the best and longest fireworks displays in Southern California.

Timeline for the 28th Annual 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular:

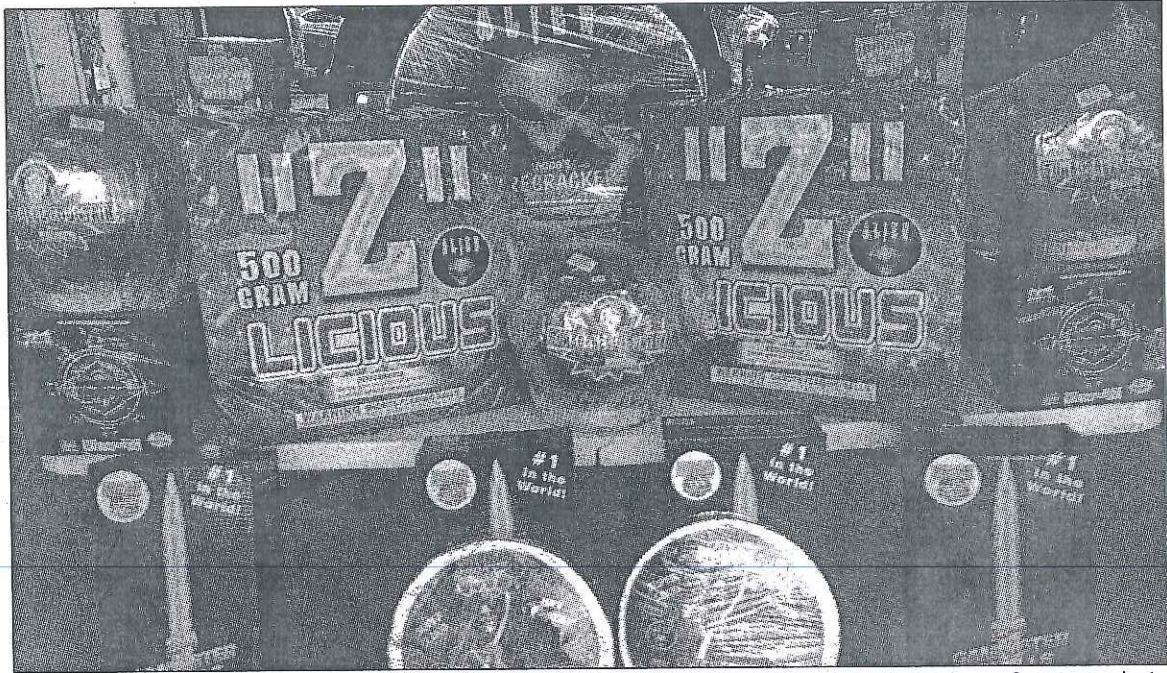
- 4 p.m. - Gates open and event begins
- 4:15 p.m. - Live entertainment on the Main Stage begins
- 7:45 p.m. - Dignitary speeches
- 8 p.m. - 40th Infantry Band performance on the Main Stage begins
- 9 p.m. - Fireworks show begins
- 9:30 p.m. - Event concludes

This event is free to anyone wishing to attend thanks to the generosity of Premier Community Partner, Republic Disposal Service. Additional sponsors include Sea Air Federal Credit Union, CARE Ambulance, Los Alamitos Medical Center, Cottonwood Church, Southern California Edison, Charles Abbott Associates, Inc., Navy Federal Credit Union, The Shops at Rossmoor, OC Breeze, and the News Enterprise.

Everyone over the age of 16 entering the Joint Forces Training Base must present photo identification at the main gate and children must be accompanied by parents/guardian. Lawn chairs and blankets are highly encouraged, as there is no bleacher seating available. Motor homes, alcohol, dogs, BBQs, and fireworks are NOT permitted at this event.

For more information, contact the Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department at 562-430-1073 or the Cypress Recreation and Community Services Department at 714-229-6780. You can also visit the City of Los Alamitos website at [www.cityoflosalamitos.org](http://www.cityoflosalamitos.org) or the City of Cypress website at [www.ci.cypress.ca.us](http://www.ci.cypress.ca.us).

# Authorities seize 1,000 pounds of illegal fireworks



Courtesy photo

A month-long joint investigation between the Garden Grove fire and police departments yielded an arrest of a 29-year-old resident of Garden Grove last week. A search warrant was served, and a search of the suspect's home revealed approximately 1,000 pounds of illegal fireworks. The suspect, Jonathan Salgado, was arrested for the manufacturing and distribution of illegal fireworks.

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## Hope floats at city pool

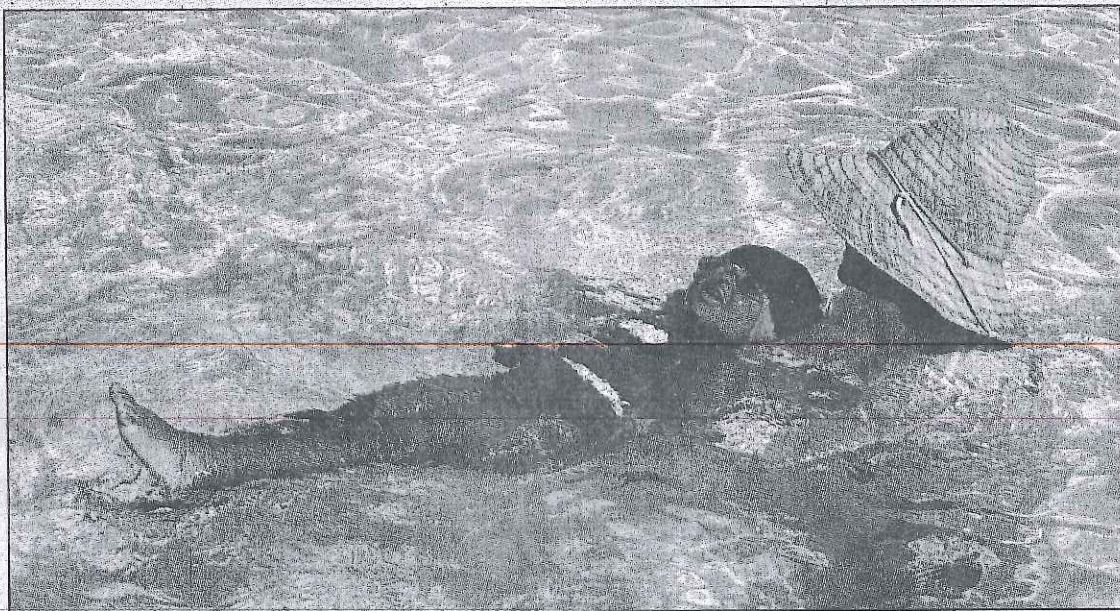


Photo by Loreen Berlin

Garden Grove resident Elin, 3, learns to float on her back with swim instructor Michelle Huynh at the Gary Hall swimming pool, one of three city pools in which swim lessons are offered. See story on Page 3.

# Sen. Nguyen lobbies governor to return funds

State Sen. Janet Nguyen and members of the Senate Republican Caucus are calling on Gov. Jerry Brown to return \$331 million of mortgage settlement funds that were spent by the State of California in 2012 to pay down the debt.

The funds, which were paid by five of the country's largest banks as part of a settlement for mortgage service improprieties, were used to bridge the state's budget

shortfall instead of going to help distressed homeowners.

In an effort to recoup the funds, the National Asian American Coalition, the COR Community Development Corporation and the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference filed a lawsuit against Brown. Earlier this month, a court agreed with the non-profit organizations, ruling that the funds had in fact been misused. According to

Judge Timothy Frawley's ruling, the funds are to be returned when there are "sufficient and reasonable funds available for this purpose."

"With budget revenues at \$13 billion higher than a year ago, Governor Brown should take some of that additional funding to comply with Judge Frawley's order," said Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove, Westminster and other cities. "These funds were supposed to help homeowners avoid foreclosure and any further delay in the return of these monies can result in immeasurable negative impacts to homeowners, including property loss."

Following the ruling, Nguyen was approached by representatives of the non-profit organizations to champion before the State of California for the timely return of the money. In response, Nguyen proposed to her Senate Republican Caucus colleagues the idea of sending a letter to Brown advocating on behalf of the thousands of distressed homeowners throughout the State of California.

"I want to thank my colleagues for their support of my letter and I hope that Governor Brown will listen and do what is best for the 800,000 struggling homeowners in California. The money needs to be returned to its rightful place so that it can be used for counseling and educational services that are extremely necessary," said Nguyen.

## Bicyclist, dog killed in car crash

Officers from the Garden Grove Police Department last week were dispatched to the intersection of Chapman and Faye in the City of Garden Grove regarding a traffic accident involving a vehicle and a pedestrian.

When officers arrived on the scene, they found a small-size pickup truck had struck a woman who was riding an adult-sized tricycle. The victim on the tricycle is a female in her 50s and also a small dog was in a basket attached to the tricycle. The driver of the pickup stopped at the scene and waited for police to arrive.

The tricycle was still in the street with the victim and the bas-

ket was thrown a short distance away with the dog inside of it. Garden Grove Fire Department medics arrived and pronounced the woman on the tricycle deceased at the scene. The dog was transported by Orange County Animal Services to a local clinic but it did not survive its injuries.

The driver of the pickup truck was showing symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol and or drugs. She was given a field sobriety test and later arrested by officers at the scene. She was identified as Rita Faye McLaughlin of Santa Ana and was booked at Orange County Jail for felony DUI.



Courtesy photo  
Bree Morse

## GG native named Miss California

Imagine: Miss America hailing from Garden Grove.

It's not that far-fetched.

Former Miss Garden Grove Bree Morse has been named Miss California 2015.

The Garden Grove native, who became Miss Orange Coast following her term as Miss Garden Grove, was crowned last week. Morse, 23 and a graduate of California State University, Long Beach, outpaced 52 other contestants.

"I am so incredibly excited," Morse told the media. "This has been a tremendous journey. It's my fourth year competing and I could not be more excited. I just can't believe it, oh my goodness."

Morse will receive a \$12,000 scholarship from the Miss California pageant.

In preliminary competitions during the week, Miss Orange County Caylynn Simonson won talent and Miss Yorba Linda Cheyenne Kotick won evening wear.

Morse advances to the Miss America Pageant in September in Atlantic City, N.J.

## Purple Heart recipient named Veteran of the Month

Frank Portillo served  
in the Vietnam War

Frank Portillo, 66 and a Purple Heart recipient, was named Stanton's Veteran of the month for June.

Portillo, a veteran of the Vietnam War, is the sixth former service member to receive the honor, part of a city program started in January to recognize veterans for their service to the country.

The retired soldier enlisted in 1965, did his basic training at Fort Lewis and his infantry training at Mt. Rainier, both in Washington state, before being shipped out to Vietnam in 1967.

During the Tet Offensive, one of Portillo's jobs was to seek out Viet Cong camps.

On July 9, 1968, he was severely wounded during a fire-fight, had several operations in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) and was eventually reassigned to Germany before returning to the United States and making Stanton his home.

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# The tall but true tales

## of a road warrior

Mike McClung has driven his 1934 Ford Coup to every state in the nation

By Joseph L. Campos Jr.

The Main Street Garden Grove Classic Car Show featured many great rides last weekend with old-school muscle cars from Ford and Chevy.

Every car and its driver had a story; each one had an adventurous tale to tell.

Still, one couple seemed to stand out from the rest. Sporting a ruby red 1934 Ford Coup, Mike and Franceen McClung sat and gazed in awe at their ride. It has taken them on many adventures, and boy did they have a story to tell.

"I've had the car for over 30 years now," said Mike. "It recently took me two years to rebuild and remodel it again."

The McClungs are from the Los Angeles Harbor area near San Pedro. They found out about The City of Garden Grove's event through a flyer that a friend had given them. Mike used to own a car parts and repair shop several decades ago by the name of "M&B Auto Supply." The store was located in the City of Torrance. After Mike retired, he decided to take his wife across the United States with him to various car shows and tournaments.

"We've come to like to travel to the tournaments held within small towns and villages around the country best," said Mike.

"We participate in the tournaments and shows within the big cities too, but it just doesn't feel the same. We also like to go around to different old 'mom and pop' restaurants and shops as well to purchase our goods for the long trips from state to state."

The origins of the McClung's adventures first stemmed from the moment Mike first purchased the 1934 Ford Coup. Mike was a sophomore in high school back in the 1950s, and as fate would have it, the car only costed him \$20 to purchase. Yes, just \$20 dollars!

"Things were a lot different back then kiddo," said Mike. "Back then, back in my day, gasoline only cost a driver 16 cents a gallon. You sure won't find anything like that nowadays."

Both Mike and Franceen have taken their ride to every state in the country. They have battled their way through heavy snow, sheets of hail, and even twisters just to get themselves to various different car shows and tournaments.

"It was mighty hard making our way through Oklahoma and Texas this year," said Mike. "The storms and floods were really bad," added Franceen. "A lot of folks got in wrecks, a lot died. They were swept away in the tide."

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The McClungs got to see all of the hazards and horrors first hand on their journeys through the deep American South.

"No matter how you tried to

get around it, the rivers just kept over flowing," said Mike. "Still, that is not the worst of it. The hail storms and tornadoes are the worst of all. With the tornadoes, you can just accelerate and escape from them, but the hail storms are deadly. The ice pieces that fall are the size of baseballs. I've seen people killed on the road with those. They cause a lot of damage to the car too."

The McClungs' car usually gets damaged and dirty when they go on their long trips in the harsh weather of some of America's states. The time that it takes to fully repair and clean the vehicle usually takes about three days. They also like to give the car at least one day for an extra good cleaning before they fully enter it into any car show or tournament. Yet, the car wasn't the main priority of Mike in his last trip to a cross country car tournament. Mike actually had a near death experience while coming home on a stormy night from a car show in Arizona.

"Earlier this year, I was coming from a car tournament in Arizona. The weather was really bad because of what was going on at the time with Texas and Oklahoma. The storm hit while I was still trying to come down from the mountain. I was west of Flagstaff when the hail started to rain down. I wound up skidding on the winding road and fell 75 feet off the top of the mountain and into a ravine. I heard on my trucker radio the two truckers that were driving behind me scream and say 'No no no did you see that red hot rod? There is no way that he could have survived, he has to be dead.'"

Mike feared that the truckers might be right, and thought that

this would be his very last ride. Luckily, his car landed in a giant pool of deep mud. The mud actually broke his fall, and splattered all over the car. The windows were completely covered as Mike sat there. He could hear police and firefighters' sirens blasting from a distance approaching where he had fallen. "I figured that those truckers were looking out for me and called it in after they saw what had happened. We were completely in the middle of nowhere. I just lied their motionless and thought that I had really died. I regathered myself and thought to open the door to see if my soul would leave my body. I kicked the door opened and climbed out. I stumbled to my feet and could tell that the police and firefighters could actually see me. I was alive!"

Not only was Mike in perfect shape, but miraculously, the car was too. Only the wheels were blown out and needed to be replaced. Other than that, Mike and his beloved 1934 Ford Coup actually survived the hail storm and the drop off the side of the mountain.

"I was so happy and thankful that I survived that one," said Mike. "That was by far one of the craziest adventures that I ever had."

So, Mike McClung lives to see another day, and continues to travel the entire nation to show off his ride and driving skills at various venues sporting the best old school cars. Mike also advises that other car enthusiasts utilize the website ([www.socialcarculture.com](http://www.socialcarculture.com)) to get the latest buzz on car shows, tournaments, and races all over the United States.

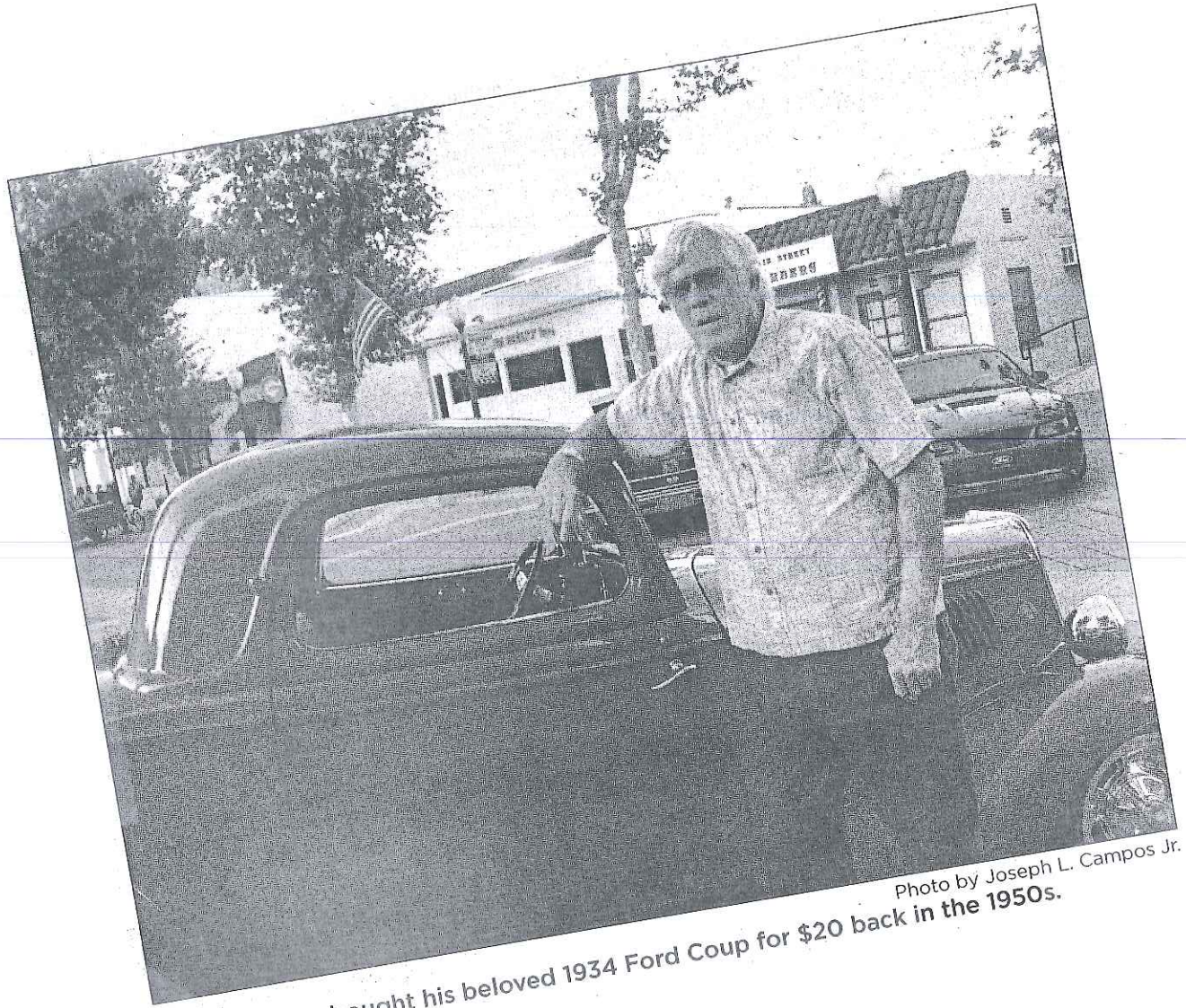


Photo by Joseph L. Campos Jr.  
Mike McClung bought his beloved 1934 Ford Coup for \$20 back in the 1950s.



# Home Depot offers primer to special needs athletes

The store teaches participants some basic carpentry and safety

Home Depot in Garden Grove played host to 28 Special Olympics athletes from four area teams on Saturday.

Included in the morning's activities were a store tour, some basic carpentry and safety instruction, and a small construction project involving carpentry and gardening skills.

Upon arrival the athletes were presented with a Home Depot apron with their name on it. The store tour by management and sales staff guided the athletes through the stores aisles highlight-

ing the different departments and the types of products that could be found in the home center.

After some instruction in safety and basic carpentry skills, the athletes built their own small planter box. Following completion of the planter box they proceeded to the garden department where they planted up their box with petunias and impatiens. The session ended with barbecued hot dogs, chips and drinks. For more information regarding the local Special Olympics organization visit [www.sosc.org](http://www.sosc.org).



Photos by Dave Smithson

Home Depot associate Louie (foreground holding project) shows Special Olympics athletes what their finished project will look like.



Special Olympic Athlete Garrett works on his planter box with assistance from his dad, Randy.



Members of the Garden Grove Rebels Special Olympics team display their projects. From left are Nate, Jared, Ryan, Katherine, Garrett, and Eric.



Special Olympic athlete Adam from the Garden Grove Rebels is assisted by Home Depot associate C.J. with straightening a bent-over nail.



Members of several area Special Olympic teams were invited to the Garden Grove Home Depot this past Saturday for a store tour and a construction project. They received aprons with their names and were invited to stay for lunch after the activities concluded.

# Kudos to GG Council for empathic move

Also, Westminster Aquatics Program starts with a splash



## Tony on the Town

Like everyone else, the tragedy in Charleston that left nine people dead has left me shaking my head.

A plethora of emotions has followed: empathy for the families of the victims, sorrow, anger,

bewilderment.

Sometimes I find myself stuck to the news, almost zombie-like.

Maybe I'm in shock.

So I was heartened, momentarily, when the Garden Grove City Council agreed to lower its flags at City Hall to half staff for a few days following the incident, and to cancel a council meeting.

Kudos to Mayor Bao Nguyen for this act of compassion, and for realizing that the Charleston massacre is a national issue that stretches far beyond the borders of South Carolina.

On another topic, am I the only one who can't sleep because of this ungodly heat?

Yep, it's summer all right, and the aquatics program — which includes swim lessons — has started at Westminster High

School (14325 Goldenwest St.).

Registration for sessions C and D begins July 8 at 9 p.m.

You can register by going to the city's website at <http://www.westminster-ca.gov/> or in person at the Community Services & Recreation Department, 8200 Westminster Blvd.

And then... splash!

Well, better late than never.

All I can say is: Mea culpa. My bad. I'm sorry.

Several weeks ago, I wrote a column in which I mentioned Garden Grove Fire Chief Tom Schultz. But... I called him the POLICE chief. Idiot!

For some reason, I've heard from a bunch of Stanton-ites about my mistake...

*Do you have a comment, question or news tip for Tony? She can be reached at [tonyontown@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyontown@yahoo.com).*

# Day camp offers plethora of activities

**Eleven-week program runs through Sept. 4**

Garden Grove Day Camp provides a fun, safe, and affordable summer program for children ages 5 through 12.

The 11-week program begins this week and runs through Sept. 4. Camp hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and take place at the Courtyard Center at Village Green Park, 12732 Main St.

The cost is \$95 per week and includes a camp T-shirt, snacks, refreshments, participation in creative activities and games, and a free lunch on Fridays. Day campers also have the option to participate in weekly fieldtrips to local attractions, such as Six Flags Magic Mountain, Universal Studios Hollywood, and Raging Waters for an additional cost.

Registrations can be made on a week-to-week basis. Transportation is included.

A complete listing of the Day Camp excursions and fees follows:

Week of July 6: Seaside Lagoon (\$6)

Week of July 13: Bowling and movie (\$27, includes lunch)

Week of July 20: Universal Studios (\$64, includes lunch)

Week of July 27: Knott's Soak City (\$31, includes lunch)

Week of Aug. 3: Angels game (\$22, includes lunch)

Week of Aug. 10: Raging Waters (\$34, includes lunch)

Week of Aug. 17: Knott's Berry Farm (\$37, includes lunch)

Week of Aug. 24: Boomers! Irvine location (\$26, includes lunch)

Week of Aug. 31: Beach (\$5)

A special day camp overnighter is scheduled for Aug/ 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. the next day. Cost is \$10 per participant.

No payments will be accepted at camp, so sign up early. Registrations can be made by calling the Community Services Department at 714-741-5200 or at the Recreation Counter in Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway.



Girls enjoy themselves at Garden Grove day camp.

Courtesy photos



Kids at Garden Grove day camp get a visit by a certain animal.

For more information about  
Garden Grove Day Camp, call  
714-741-5200 or visit [www.ggparksandrec.com](http://www.ggparksandrec.com).

# These lessons go swimmingly

Garden Grove instructors teach children to swim at city's three pools

**By Loreen Berlin**

Summertime, and the livin' is easy... children are jumpin' and the sun is high... (paraphrasing Ella Fitzgerald's song).

The summer sun is high in the sky and it's warming up more each day; the very reason people are heading to public pools all over Orange County, and in particular in West Garden Grove at one of the city's three recreational swim areas: Gary Hall, Woodbury and Magnolia.

"One of these mornings you're gonna rise up swimming... spreading your wings and you'll take to the Olympics...

And that's just what one young lady did who began swimming lessons at age 2, at the Gary Hall swimming pool. She learned to swim well enough to join the Junior Olympic Water Polo Team, according to lifeguard Jaclyn Trom, who is also a water safety instructor and the program coordinator.

Trom said the objective of swim lessons is for children to learn and have fun in a safe, positive environment.

"We focus on the basics of swimming skills as well as safety," he said. "We go over life jackets, what to do if they fall into a pool and also what steps they should take if someone else needs help in the pool."

Trom points out that being a lifeguard is a fun job, noting she

has been at Gary Hall pool for 10 years.

"It's a fun and enjoyable job," she said, "And I was a volunteer here two years before I became a staff member."

Trom shared that as a child, she took lessons in the Gary Hall pool and that some of her friends were in those classes and are still her friends today.

"Some of my friends are lifeguards too within Garden Grove," Trom said. "I credit what I'm doing today to my first swim lessons."

Lifeguards take instructional courses to become certified. They need to know First Aid, CPR/AED (defibrillator training) as well as knowledge of blood-borne pathogens. It's about keeping everyone safe.

Children 6 months and older to adults can take private, semi-private and group lessons. The younger the child, the lower number of students in the swim classes.

"Swimming is something children will remember for the rest of their life," Trom said.

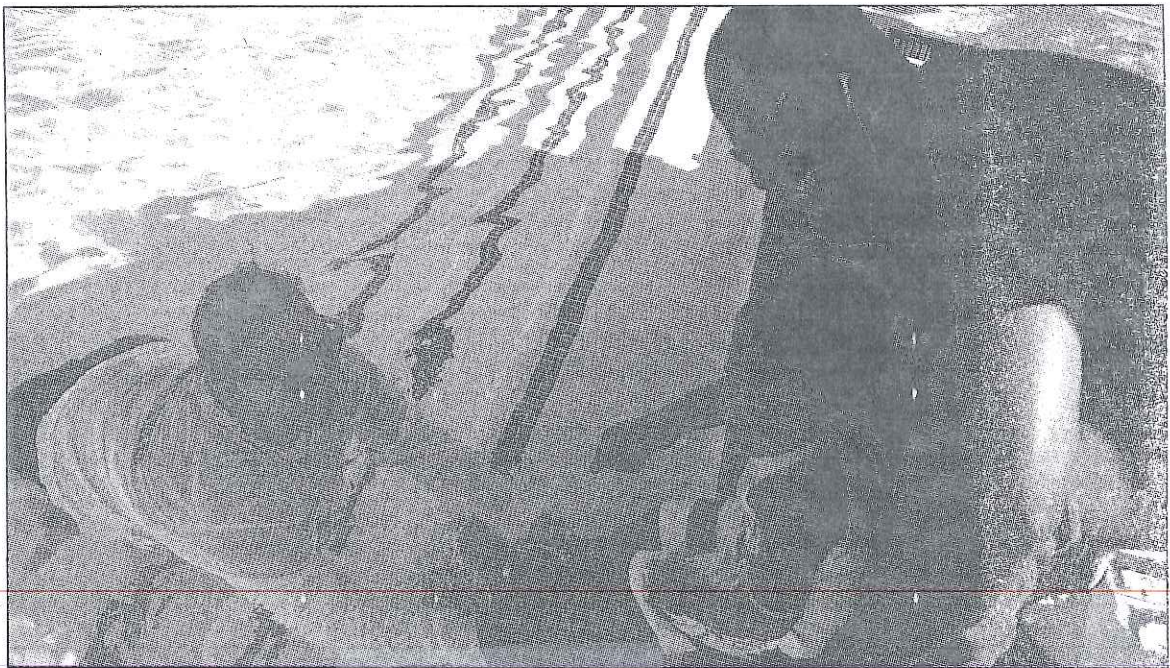
Ain't nothin' can harm you in the water... if you can swim...

For pool information, the number at Gary Hall is 714-895-8689 or visit [www.ggparksandrec.com](http://www.ggparksandrec.com). Beginning Thursday, July 9, those interested in lessons should go in person to the pool where they want to take lessons.



Photos by Loreen Berlin

Garden Grove resident Michael Girma helps daughter Elin, 3, put her swim cap on in preparation for her semi-private lesson at the Gary Hall swimming pool in Garden Grove.



Eliamb, 2, of Garden Grove learns to kick his feet and splash his hands with instructor Emily Easley, who has been teaching at the Gary Hall swimming pool for four years. "Kick your kickers and splash, splash, splash," she gently encouraged Eliamb.

# 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 evenings 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 Orange 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 members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. 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 dancing (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 students 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 Westminster 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](http://www.westminster-ca.gov).

## Center closed

Garden Grove's Community Meeting Center is closed as the city works on a \$1.3 million project to renovate the 40-year-old building.

The center, at 11300 Stanford Ave., is scheduled to re-open in early 2016, but until then, banquets and other gatherings will be at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center in Village Green Park.

City Council and commission meetings, which also occur at the center, will continue there until workers are ready to begin the renovations in Council Chambers.

Project plans include replacing the Plexiglas-like roof, which has leaks and has caused water damage, but will remain see-through; installing new flooring and carpeting in the lobby; replacing some of the overgrown trees in the lobby, which is also an atrium, and giving some of the rooms an updated look.

City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1171

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, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to furnish all Labor, Material, Tools, Equipment for the Removal and Replacement of Three (3) Fuel Dispensers at the Garden Grove Police/Fire Facility located at 11301 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at Garden Grove Fire Station Number One located at 11301 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA. Please direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: June 24, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
sandras@garden-grove.org

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
PROJECT NO. 7271

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for providing labor, material, tools, equipment and transportation, and to perform all the work required for the "BROOKHURST STREET REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 7271, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. STPL - 5328 (074) AND HAWK SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT HARBOR BOULEVARD AND TWINTREE LANE INTERSECTION, STATE PROJECT NO. ATPL - 5328 (075)" will be received at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, City of Garden Grove, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

The proposed project consists of Roadway rehabilitation by full depth reclamation and cement treatment; asphalt paving; cold milling; replacement of PCC sidewalk, curb, curb & gutter, drive approach, cross gutter, and handicap ramps; Repairing sidewalk culvert and catch basin; adjustment of utility covers to finish grade; installation of video detection system; Installation of traffic striping, raised pavement markers, and signage; Installation of Reflex traffic loops; Reestablishment of centerline ties and monuments; and Installation of HAWK pedestrian signal located at Harbor Boulevard and Twintree Lane.

The plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each set of plans and specifications on the first floor at the Building Permit Counter in City Hall located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove. If plans are requested to be mailed, add twenty five dollars (\$25) for mailing and handling charges; request shall be to the attention of Department of Public Works/Engineering or call (714) 741-5192.

Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office by 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, and will be opened in Conference Room 1 - South, first floor, in City Hall.

Direct ANY and ALL questions to Mr. Nick Hsieh, Project Engineer, (714) 741-5190.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC  
City Clerk

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## Concert series

Start the summer with a funky-fresh 70s beat at the free Summer Concert Series kick-off on Thursday, July 9, featuring The Funky Hippeez.

A total of six concerts will be held at Eastgate Park every Thursday through Aug. 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Eastgate Park is at 12001 St. Mark St.

The first concert also celebrates July as Parks and Recreation Month. The community is invited to come out an hour prior to the concert and celebrate with free activities, including carnival games, face painting, and bounce houses. Various vendors will be selling food, beverages, and dessert.

The 2015 free Summer Concert Series is brought to you by the Garden Grove Community Foundation and sponsored by the City of Garden Grove, AT&T Services, GKN Aerospace, and Republic Services.

## Holiday closure

In observance of the Independence Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Friday, July 3. However, street sweeping services and trash pickup will still be provided.

For more information on street sweeping, call the Public Works Department at 714-741-5375.

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10 Number of cities in Orange County that sell legal fireworks

27 Fireworks-related injuries reported in the county last July 4

\$50K Maximum fine for illegal fireworks under state law

1 year Maximum jail sentence for illegal fireworks possession



MICHAEL GOULDING, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wyatt Kahl, 5, of Orange checks out some of the fireworks for sale at a stand at the Honda Center in Anaheim on Monday.

# SAFE? SANE? FIREWORKS BOOM BACK

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## Where fireworks are sold

**Anaheim:** Resumed this year; sold only at a "superstore" in Honda Center; use not permitted south-east of the 91 and 55 freeways.

**Buena Park:** Started in 1953; sold city-wide.

**Costa Mesa:** Sold citywide.

**Fullerton:** Started in 2013; sold citywide.

**Garden Grove:** Started in 1965; sold city-wide.

**Huntington Beach:** Resumed this year; sold citywide.

**Santa Ana:** Started in 1940; sold city-wide.

**Stanton:** Started in 1994; sold citywide.

**Villa Park:** Started in 2013; sold citywide.

**Westminster:** Started in 2011; sold city-wide.

Sources: Cities listed

## More O.C. cities allow at-home pyrotechnics. Fire experts are wary.

On Sunday, a pop-up retail operation that bills itself as the world's biggest fireworks stand started selling everything from sparklers to smoke bombs from booths in the parking lot at the Honda Center.

It's the first time in decades that fireworks have been sold legally in Anaheim, which banned the practice after a 1986 Fourth of July fire that took out dozens of apartments.



**ART MARROQUIN**  
STAFF WRITER

Anaheim is one of 10 cities in the county now permitting fireworks sales. A decade ago, only five cities in the county were allowing fireworks.

Yes, the drought continues. And, yes, tinder dry conditions make the county vulnerable to even a spark.

And, yes, firefighters are wary.

"We're telling people to celebrate with care and to use common sense," said Anaheim Fire Chief Randy Bruegman.

"If we do that, we'll be fine," Bruegman added. "If we don't, then it's going to be a very busy night."

The spokesman for the Orange County Fire Authority, Capt. Steve Concialdi, was more blunt.

"If you live in a city that allows fireworks and

## 'Safe and Sane' fireworks

Legal fireworks carry the seal of the state fire marshal. They do not go up into the air, explode or move in an uncontrolled way.



Sparklers less than 10 inches long



"Fountain" or "cone" fireworks



Smoke balls, spinners and other novelties



## Illegal fireworks

Usually unlabeled, without a caution statement or a manufacturer's name. They are considered explosives when the pyrotechnic material exceeds 50 mg.

Large firecrackers such as M-80s and Silver Salutes



Rockets and bottle rockets



Mortars, shells and cherry bombs



Sources: Office of the State Fire Marshal; American Pyrotechnics Association; U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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you insist on having your own show, then we suggest that you keep a couple of water buckets nearby to keep things under control," Concialdi said.

"But there's really only one way to see a fireworks show and stay safe. That's by seeing a public display."

## POLITICS OF FIRE

Along with Anaheim, so-called Safe and Sane fireworks that don't shoot into the sky are legal in Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, Stanton, Villa Park and Westminster.

Huntington Beach will reignite its on-and-off-again relationship with fireworks, thanks to a ballot measure approved in November. Pyrotechnics were banned in Surf City for more than 20 years, but in 2012 the City Council agreed to temporarily lift the restriction for two years to see what would happen.

Increased police calls and seizures of illegal fireworks prompted city officials to reinstate the ban last year. Voters overturned that restriction with the approval of Measure T, which permitted the use and sale of fireworks.

Huntington Beach Councilman Jim Katapodis said there are strong arguments on the side of public safety pitted against the economic boost that fireworks sales provide to local charities.

"It's going to bring in more illegal fireworks; that's just the way it works, and that's starting already," Katapodis said. "But the positive elements, helping Little League (and programs like it), that's a real plus. I think they really need the shot in the arm."

Most Orange County cities continue to ban fireworks sales, including Mission Viejo and Rancho Santa Margarita, which contain wilderness areas susceptible to wildfires.

"Most of South County is adjacent to open space," said Mission Viejo Assistant City Manager Keith Rattay. "That's probably the largest reason why South County cities have banned them."



MICHAEL GOULDING, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Red, white and blue were on full display at a big TNT fireworks stand in the parking lot of the Honda Center in Anaheim on Monday afternoon. Safe and Sane fireworks are on sale in the city for the first time in about 30 years.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department's bomb squad confiscated about 1,000 pounds of pyrotechnics last year as part of an effort to tamp potential fires and injuries during Fourth of July celebrations, said sheriff's Lt. Jeff Hallock.

Last week, a 29-year-old man was arrested after Garden Grove police found 1,000 pounds of illegal fireworks in his home. Undercover officers from Santa Ana seized 650 pounds of illegal fireworks during a sweep earlier this month.

Even though Safe and Sane fireworks are allowed in Santa Ana, 70-year-old resident Charles Chop said he doesn't agree with the policy.

"They're always a mess," Chop said. "People could spend their money much wiser in other ways."

County Global Medical Center's burn unit.

The boy suffered second-degree burns that required several surgeries.

At UC Irvine Medical Center's burn unit, Dr. Nicole Bernal said she had to amputate two fingers off a young man who was holding a firecracker that exploded prematurely.

"We work with a lot of firemen who stress that there's no such thing as

Safe and Sane fireworks, which is just a marketing ploy," Bernal said.

"No matter what you say, they're all dangerous."

## SALES HELP ANAHEIM NONPROFITS

While much of Orange County outlaws fireworks, Garden Grove expanded the area where 45 local nonprofit groups are allowed to set up stands, removing the prohibition of stands along

Katella Avenue, between Dale and Euclid streets.

That area had been off-limits to nonprofits to prevent Anaheim residents from crossing into Garden Grove to purchase pyrotechnics. Anaheim's recent legalization of Safe and Sane fireworks made the prohibition irrelevant, Garden Grove city officials said.

The return of fireworks sales in Anaheim comes after voters approved a mea-

sure in November that allows the City Council to determine where and when they could be used. Pyrotechnics are largely allowed in the city, except for the area southeast of the 91 and 55 freeways.

Anaheim Arena Management, the private company that manages the city-owned Honda Center, is in charge of the city's sole superstore and will retain 60 percent of the profits from

fireworks sales, which will go toward staffing and building the sales booths. An additional 30 percent will be split among 61 nonprofit organizations through a revenue-sharing plan organized by Anaheim Arena Management. Ten percent of profits will go to the Anaheim Community Foundation.

Participating groups will distribute fliers that must be presented at the time of fireworks sales to ensure a portion of the profits. Those who forget to bring the fliers can print them from computers that will be available at the Honda Center, officials said.

Junior Chavez, president of the North Anaheim Little League, said he was initially skeptical of the arrangement but is now pleased.

"The Honda Center is basically running the whole program, and all we have to do is hand out fliers at no cost to us," Chavez said. "Even if we just end up getting \$500, that's money we didn't have before. But if we promote it, then it's really up to us on how much we end up raising."

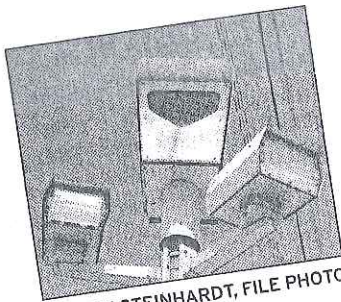
Staff writers Greg Mellen, Chris Haire, Tomoya Shimura, Shane Newell and Alison Glander contributed to this report.

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# More red-light cameras shut off

Santa Ana drops system this month, leaving only two cities with program in Orange County.

BY SHANE NEWELL and  
CHRIS HAIRE  
STAFF WRITERS



KEN STEINHARDT, FILE PHOTO  
Santa Ana said it lost money from 2008 to 2010 with its camera system.

The future of red-light cameras in Orange County is looking dim, with one more city shutting off its cameras and another considering it.

Santa Ana ended the program June 19, leaving Garden Grove and Los Alamitos as the only remaining cities with the red-light cameras. But Garden Grove officials this month decided to look at whether the cameras are an effective way to reduce traffic accidents.

"It's the appropriate time to investigate how it works for our city," Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen said. "My first priority is public safety, but we have to make sure this (type of) enforcement works for us."

The decision to let Santa Ana's contract with Redflex Traffic Systems expire came more than a year after the city released a report that recommended against renewing the contract. The city started using red-light cameras in 2003.

Revenue from the cameras had a "minimal impact," City Manager David Cavazos said in the report, adding that less than 50 percent of red-light activations went to court. Legislative changes hurt the sustainability of red-light cameras in the city, too, the report said.

The city lost money between 2008 and 2010 with its red-light camera system, as expenses over the two-year span were more than \$1 million higher than camera revenue, according to the report. The

net revenue gained from 2008 to 2013 totaled \$291,583, or \$58,316.60 annually, the report said.

Redflex has 60 days to remove the cameras.

Garden Grove was the first Orange County city with red-light cameras in 1999. By 2007, seven cities in the county had them. Supporters said they reduce accidents.

But a number of cities, including Huntington Beach and Laguna Woods, have dropped them after complaints that the red-light camera program was too Big Brother, a cash cow or actually encouraged vehicles to stop too abruptly, prompting rear-end collisions.

Garden Grove's contract with Redflex is expected to automatically renew at the end of the month, but city officials are looking at whether they want to continue with the program.

The report could be presented to the City Council as early as mid-July.

Los Alamitos, however, is bucking the trend.

Los Alamitos Operations Commander Capt. Bruce McAlpine said he wants to continue the program. He points to the Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard intersection as an example of how the cameras are beneficial.

"It's a very busy intersection and we feel the photo enforcement aids in the safety of our residents," he said.

"We've had this program in place since 2005, and at the present time I see no reason why the city would choose to opt out of this program," he said.

Staff writer Nicole Einbinder contributed to this report

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## 5 HOSPITALIZED IN CRASH ON 22 FREEWAY IN GARDEN GROVE

BY JENNA CHANDLER  
STAFF WRITER

Five people were injured in a multicar crash Saturday afternoon on the east-bound 22 freeway in Garden Grove, according to dispatchers with Metro

Net.

The wreck was reported at 5:15 p.m. at Lewis Street, with at least two vehicles involved and a sedan overturned on its roof, according to California Highway Patrol.

Five people were taken

to area hospitals. The extent of their injuries was not immediately known.

All lanes had reopened by 7 p.m. after a one-hour SigAlert was lifted.

Several good Samaritians stopped to help, CHP officials said.

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## Man hospitalized after being shot by police

BY LOUIS CASIANO JR.  
and ALMA FAUSTO  
STAFF WRITERS

**GARDEN GROVE** • A man was hospitalized after being shot during an altercation with police in Garden Grove on Monday afternoon, authorities said.

At 4:10 p.m., Garden Grove police and fire personnel were sent to the intersection of Chapman Avenue and Jacalene Lane on a report of a man with a gun, Sgt. Mike Johnson said.

Minutes before, an off-duty Santa Ana police officer saw an 18-year-old man carrying a gun and walking near Frederick Drive and 9th Street, said Lt. Bob Bogue of the Garden Grove Police Department. He was carrying the black semi-au-



KEVIN WARN, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

**A Garden Grove police officer and investigator look for evidence after the Monday shooting of an 18-year-old man who allegedly pointed a handgun at a police officer.**

tomatic handgun in his hand, which he then tucked into his waistband, Bogue said.

Garden Grove police found the man on Chapman

Avenue and Jacalene Lane and confronted him. Police said the man was wearing a white shirt with the sleeves cut off and a blue bandana around his neck at the time

of the shooting.

Bogue said the man pointed the handgun at the officer and the officer shot him.

The suspect was given immediate medical attention and then taken to UCI Medical Center in Orange. His condition is unknown.

The officer was uninjured. Authorities are not sure if the suspect fired at the officer. They are still investigating the scene.

Mark O'Neil, 60, lives close to the scene. He was standing in his front yard when he heard four gunshots, he said.

A SigAlert was ordered at 4:16 p.m., and lanes were closed in both directions on Chapman Avenue between Ninth Street and Robert Lane for several hours.

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# Garden Grove native crowned Miss California

Bree Morse will compete in the Miss America Pageant.

BY NICOLE SANTOS  
THE FRESNO BEE

**FRESNO** • The crowd erupted in a tremendous roar of cheers and applause when Garden Grove native Bree Morse, competing as Miss Orange Coast, was crowned Miss California 2015 on Saturday night.

As the winner, Morse, 23, a graduate of Cal State Long Beach, receives a \$12,000 scholarship from the Miss California pageant.

"I am so incredibly excited," Morse said. "This has been a tremendous journey. It's my fourth year competing and I could not be more excited. I just can't believe it, oh, my goodness."

In preliminary competitions during the week, Miss Orange County Caylynn Simonson won talent and Miss Yorba Linda Cheyenne Kotick won evening wear.

For Morse, the fourth time was the charm.

"The first title I had was



Bree Morse, Miss California 2015, graduated from Cal State Long Beach.

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Miss Garden Grove, which is my hometown. Then I was Miss North County, Miss Orange County and now Miss Orange Coast. The first time I came I didn't place, which is fine, but I loved it so much I came back for a second time. I got in the Top 12, I believe, and then the next year I was second runner-up and here we are!"

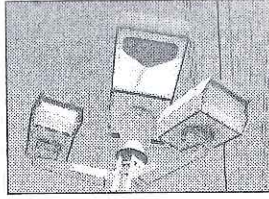
Morse advances to the Miss America Pageant in September in Atlantic City, N.J.

This year's Miss California pageant featured 53 contestants and marked

the 23rd consecutive year it was held at the William Saroyan Theatre in Fresno. First runner-up was Miss Yosemite Valley Izamar Olaguez.

The week of competition also included the crowning Friday night of Miss California's Outstanding Teen. The 2014 winner, Kyla Reed of Tehachapi, crowned her replacement, Miss Sierra Nevada Avery Grooms. Grooms, 17, a Fresno native and Clovis North High School student, won a \$2,500 scholarship and the preliminary talent competition with dance.

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Cameras:** Garden Grove city staff members are looking into the effectiveness of red-light cameras, a public-safety measure that irks many drivers and that only one other Orange County city, Los Alamitos, now deploys. Garden Grove has had red-light cameras since 2007, when it contracted with Redflex Traffic Systems to provide them at 11 intersections.

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chaire@ocregister.com

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Demographics:** The Dolinka Group will soon conduct an analysis of Garden Grove's voting trends. The City Council recently approved a \$17,200 contract with the Dolinka Group to determine whether racially polarized voting exists in the city.

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chaire@ocregister.com

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Youth awards:** Students Jessica Dosh, Ashley Gonzalez and Leonel Mercado are the recipients of the 2015 Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove's Youth of the Year Award. The award recognizes students who are committed to serving others and their involvement in the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Police grant:** The Police Department recently received \$35,965 from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to help fight alcohol-related problems, including businesses selling booze to minors.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Fundraising amount:** The Fire Department raised more than \$9,000 in four hours Saturday to help fight muscular dystrophy. The annual Fill the Boot event, when firefighters walked around the intersection of Harbor Boulevard and Chapman Avenue seeking donations, provides money to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
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July 2, 2015

### GARDEN GROVE

**Movie time:** The city's inaugural Movies in the Park series kicks off at 6:30 p.m. today under the clock tower at Village Green Park, 12732 Main St. There will be carnival games, bounce houses and other activities for families. The featured film, Disney's "McFarland, USA," begins at 7:45 p.m.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
**NEWS**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Dana Saucedo (714) 741-5253  
H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Thursday, July 2, 2015

**SENIOR CENTER OFFERS PUBLIC COOLING PLACE DURING SUMMER**

Soaring temperatures can be especially dangerous to seniors and children, especially if homes have no air conditioning. To offer some relief from the high temperatures, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will serve as a public cooling center when temperatures are forecasted to reach 95 degrees Fahrenheit and above. During the months of July and August, on forecasted high-heat days, the cooling center will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., including weekends. The Center is located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the Center's air-conditioned accommodations during extremely hot weekend weather. Food will not be available at the Center, but visitors may bring their own meals and dine inside the Center.

For more information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Contact: Stacy Margolin, (714) 741-5168

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

## **FREE TICKETS FOR UPCOMING SHAKESPEARE PERFORMANCES**

The Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF), a committed supporter of arts in the community, is giving away free tickets to summer performances by the Shakespeare/Summerfest Orange County theater company. The plays and performances are *Romeo and Juliet*, *As You Like It*, *Walt Whitman Sings*, *Pirates of Penzance*, and *Trieu Tran Unplugged*. All performances are held at the Garden Grove Festival Amphitheatre on historical Main Street. The tickets are now available on a first come-first serve basis until supplies run out. A maximum of two vouchers per household will be distributed.

The ticket vouchers are valid for two people to attend any upcoming performance. *Romeo and Juliet* runs July 2 through August 1, *As You Like It* runs August 13 through August 29, *Walt Whitman Sings* runs on August 23 and August 30, *Pirates of Penzance* runs September 10 through September 26, and *Trieu Tran Unplugged* will be shown one night only on Sunday, September 20. Show times are Thursday through Saturday, at 8:15 p.m. The outdoor Festival Amphitheater is located at 12740 Main Street.

The GGCF is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the image and quality of life in Garden Grove through free or low-cost programs and services that enrich the community.

To obtain a free voucher, call the GGCF at (714) 741-5168. For more information on performances, visit [www.shakespeareoc.org](http://www.shakespeareoc.org).





# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: John Montanez (714) 741-5214  
Community Services Manager

Monday, June 29, 2015

## **FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK**

The community is invited to enjoy an evening under the stars with free activities and a movie, this Thursday, July 2, under the Clock Tower at Village Green Park, located at 12732 Main Street. The inaugural Movies in the Park opens at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment the whole family can enjoy, like carnival games, bounce houses, and more. The featured movie, Disney's *McFarland USA*, will begin at 7:45 p.m.

Snacks will be available for purchase during the event. For the safety and enjoyment of all, no canopies, golf carts, or alcohol is permitted in the park.

A total of two movies will be shown at Village Green Park this summer. The second movie is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, and will feature Disney's *Big Hero 6*.

For more information on the free Movies in the Park, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200 or visit [www.ggparksandrec.com](http://www.ggparksandrec.com). For photos of the event, visit Garden Grove City Hall on Facebook or Instagram the following day.

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# THÔNG TIN

## Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

**Đề phổ biến trên các phương tiện truyền thông**  
Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: John Montanhez (714) 741-5214  
Ban Phục Vụ Cộng Đồng

Thứ Ba, 30/6/2015

### CHƯƠNG TRÌNH 'DAY CAMP' DÀNH CHO CÁC EM THIẾU NHI TRONG MÙA HÈ

Garden Grove sẽ mở các lớp 'Day Camp' dành cho các em tuổi từ 5-12 trong cộng đồng, bắt đầu vào ngày 22 tháng 6. Các lớp sẽ mở cửa từ 7:00 giờ sáng đến 6:00 giờ chiều, tại Village Green Park, địa chỉ là 12732 Main Street. Học phí cho Day Camp là \$95/tuần, bao gồm 1 T-shirt, ăn nhẹ cho buổi sáng và buổi trưa, và phần ăn trưa vào ngày Thứ Sáu.

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Ban Công Tác Cộng Đồng

Thứ Tư, 1/7/2015

**GARDEN GROVE MỜI CỘNG ĐỒNG XEM PHIM MIỄN PHÍ NGOÀI PARK**

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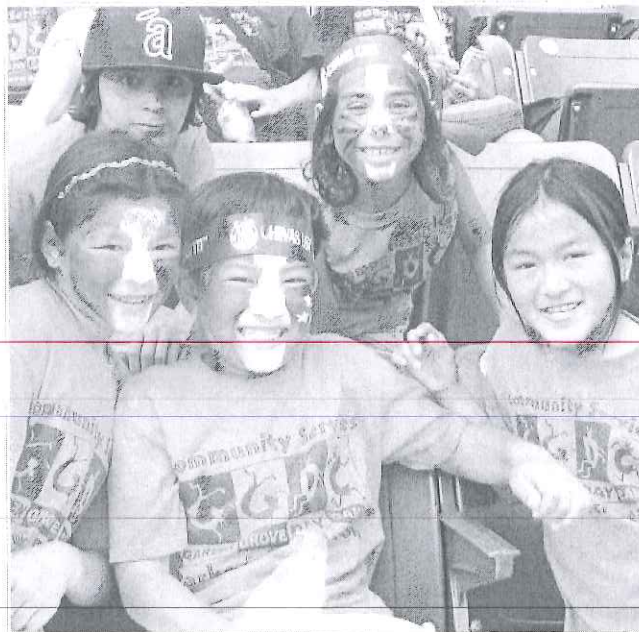
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Garden Grove: Day Camp Dành Cho Thiếu Nhi Trong Mùa Hè

01/07/2015 00:00:00



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## Garden Grove Mời Cư Dân Xem Phim Miễn Phí Ngoài Park

02/07/2015 00:00:00




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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**July 2, 2015**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Zoning Administrator meeting agenda for the July 9, 2015 meeting.
3. Notice of S.C. Gas Company's Request for Compensation through the Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism which equates to an average of a 7 cent increase in price for residential customers.
4. Copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Annual Progress Report for the Pacific Southwest.
5. Cities Advocates dated June 26 and 29, 2015.

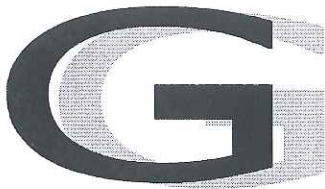


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2, 2015 – July 11, 2015

Thursday	July 2		Casual Day
		2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Employee Ice Cream Social Community Meeting Center, A Room
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
		7:45 p.m.	Summer Movies in the Park "McFarland USA", starring Kevin Costner Village Green Park
Thursday- Sunday	July 2-5		One More Productions presents "Next to Normal" Gem Theater
Friday	July 3		City Hall Closed
Sunday	July 5	4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	A Celebration of Compassion with His Holiness the 14 <sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama Hyatt Regency, 11999 Harbor Blvd.
Tuesday	July 7	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	July 8	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday	July 9	9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Teen "Wreck"reation Hall, Eastgate Park
		6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series – The Funky Hippeez (70's Funk), Eastgate Park
Thursday- Sunday	July 9-12		One More Productions presents "Next to Normal" Gem Theater
Friday	July 10		City Hall Closed
Friday- Saturday	July 10-11	5:00 p.m.- 9:00 a.m.	2015 Atlantis Family Campout, Atlantis Play Center





**GARDEN GROVE**

AGENDA

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall  
11222 Acacia Parkway

July 9, 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. LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-010-2015

APPLICANT: Orange Catholic Cathedral Facilities Corporation  
LOCATION: 13280 Chapman Avenue

REQUEST: To reconfigure three (3) lots referenced as Parcels 1, 2, and 3 of Lot Line Adjustment No. LLA-11-13, in order to adjust portions of lot lines for each parcel to accommodate a future expansion of the existing cemetery located on Parcel 1. The site is in the PUD-133-99 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations.

b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-038-2015

APPLICANT: Jose Lopez  
LOCATION: 11001 Chapman Avenue

REQUEST: To operate an existing restaurant, Corazon Cocina Mexicana, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

c. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-039-2015

APPLICANT: Rick Truong  
LOCATION: 9777 Chapman Avenue

REQUEST: To operate a new 2,007 square foot restaurant, iGrilled Shabu Restaurant, with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

d. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-040-2015

APPLICANT: The Boiling Pot  
LOCATION: 12921 Magnolia Street

REQUEST: To operate a new 2,225 square foot restaurant, The Boiling Pot, with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. 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

Para más detalles llame al 1-800-342-4545

**NOTICE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION THROUGH THE GAS COST INCENTIVE MECHANISM APPLICATION NO. A.15-06-011**

On June 15, 2015, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) filed an application (A.15-06-011) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to approve its management of savings incurred during the purchase of natural gas for its customers. The natural gas purchases are reviewed through a ratemaking mechanism referred to as the Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM).

The CPUC authorized the GCIM as a means of encouraging utilities to seek the best rates available for natural gas. Under the GCIM, a target price is set. If the utility secures a better rate, the savings is shared with shareholders and customers. If a higher rate is paid, the utility must absorb a portion of the higher rate.

SoCalGas shares the savings with its "Core Customers," which are customers who rely on the utility for all of their natural gas needs. That includes residential customers, commercial, and industrial customers which also qualify under that general description.

In the latest GCIM, SoCalGas purchased natural gas at \$43.1 million below the target price during the program period of April 1, 2014, to March 31, 2015. These purchases provided customers a benefit of \$35.9 million in lower gas costs, and SoCalGas is holding \$7.2 million for its shareholders. Using the CPUC's formula to determine the incentive for purchasing gas below the target price, this application requests that the CPUC approve SoCalGas' reward of \$7.2 million for its shareholders. **There will be no additional change in customer rates, due to this application, if the CPUC approves the request. If the CPUC approves a lower amount for SoCalGas shareholders, the difference may be credited to customers through a rate decrease. If the CPUC approves a higher amount for SoCalGas shareholders, the difference will be charged to customers through a rate increase.**

**EFFECT ON GAS RATES AND BILLS**

SoCalGas has been collecting the GCIM reward throughout the GCIM year. The impact on a residential customer's monthly summer bill for 24 therms of gas was 4 cents/month, or \$34.55/month instead of \$34.51. Based on a 12-month period, the impact on a residential customer's average monthly bill was 7 cents. The price is different because the volumes of gas are different. An average residential customer uses 24 therms/month in the summer, but for a 12-month average, residential customers average 39 therms/month. The impact on each customer and customer class will vary depending on individual usage and the final decision by the CPUC.

Based on SoCalGas' request, the rate impact for each customer class is represented below. This chart represents an increase that has already taken place on your bill due to the GCIM program.

Customer Class	GCIM Reward \$millions	GCIM Reward as % of Total Rate
Residential	\$5.0	0.1%
Commercial/Industrial	\$2.0	0.2%
Natural Gas Vehicles	\$0.2	0.3%
Other Core	\$0.0	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.2</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You may request additional information by writing to: Jeff Salazar, Southern California Gas Company 555 W. Fifth Street, GT14D6, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011. SoCalGas' application and attachments may also be inspected at the CPUC office located at 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.

Copies of this application will be available for viewing and printing on the SoCalGas website at: [socialgas.com/regulatory/cpuc.shtml](http://socialgas.com/regulatory/cpuc.shtml).

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## CPUC PROCESS

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents, necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary Hearings (EHs) may be held where parties of record will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record can participate.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt SoCalGas' proposal, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

As a party of record, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) reviewed this application. ORA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. ORA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. Other parties of record will also participate in the CPUC's proceeding to consider this application. For more information about ORA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail [ora@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ora@cpuc.ca.gov) or visit ORA's website at <http://ora.ca.gov/default.aspx>.

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Please reference SoCalGas' Application No.15-06-011 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review for the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.



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OFFICE OF THE  
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The Honorable Bao Nguyen  
Mayor of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Mayor Nguyen,

I am pleased to share with you the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's annual Progress Report for the Pacific Southwest.

Over the years, together with our state, federal, tribal and local partners, we have made remarkable gains – healthier air, cleaner waters, reduction and recycling of waste, and cleanups at hundreds of toxic sites. Nevertheless, we still face challenges throughout our vast region, which stretches from the Pacific island of Guam to the Navajo Nation.

In the enclosed 2015 Progress Report, you'll find a summary of recent environmental challenges and accomplishments involving EPA, citizens, government, businesses and other institutions – all working together to make a visible difference in our communities.

This year's edition brings special focus to the Pacific Southwest Region's 148 Indian tribes, which can be located in our center layout. EPA works closely with our tribal partners to address the many challenges facing Indian Country – from drought to inadequate infrastructure to abandoned uranium mines.

We look forward to more collaborative work to protect human health and the natural environment through setting strong standards, enforcing environmental laws, funding state and tribal environmental programs, and working to achieve environmental justice in our most vulnerable communities.

Together, we will continue our progress toward a more sustainable Pacific Southwest.

Sincerely,

Jared Blumenfeld

Enclosure

(also available online in English and Spanish at [www.epa.gov/region9/annualreport](http://www.epa.gov/region9/annualreport))



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Pacific Southwest Region

## From the Regional Administrator

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Dear Readers,

The world around us is changing. EPA is taking the lead in helping communities develop resiliency by turning challenges into opportunities for innovation and creativity. From renewable power to green infrastructure, EPA is deploying our funding and technical expertise to every corner of the Pacific Southwest.

We are privileged to work with 148 tribes in Arizona, California and Nevada. These sovereign nations are models of resiliency and adaptation. In this time of severe drought we can learn from tribes like the Hopi, who for thousands of years have been dry farming corn without the aid of irrigation. We are also working hard to bring justice to tribes like the Navajo, whose reservation contains hundreds of abandoned uranium mines. This year we secured more than \$1 billion from a polluter to clean up 50 of these toxic sites.

I've visited 115 tribal communities in our region to meet with tribal elected representatives and see firsthand the amazing work tribes are doing to protect their environment. You'll find some success stories on the pages that follow, from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's creation of wetlands to protect water quality in the Truckee River, to the Gila River Indian Community's new, protective waste ordinance.

We bring the same focus and energy to challenges throughout the Pacific Southwest – reducing air pollution in the San Joaquin Valley, helping water utilities provide safe drinking water while adapting to drought and climate change, responding to toxic emergencies, cleaning up contaminated sites, and supporting zero-waste initiatives and green infrastructure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

If you look around at the environmental progress in the Pacific Southwest, I'm sure you'll agree – together, we're making a visible difference in our communities.



Jared Blumenfeld  
Regional Administrator  
EPA Pacific Southwest Region

Cover: Lands of the Havasupai Tribe in northern Arizona

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## A Clearer Future for San Joaquin

California's San Joaquin Valley is taking steps to create a healthier environment while modernizing its infrastructure. High-speed rail promises to benefit both public health and the valley's economy.

### Fighting Air Pollution in the Valley

On January 6, 2015, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy met with Governor Jerry Brown, Mayor Ashley Swearengin, and other government and transportation leaders in Fresno, Calif., (photo on page 4) to mark the start of sustained construction on what is anticipated to be the nation's first truly high-speed rail system.

In 2029, the zero-emission electric train is expected to run from San Francisco to Los Angeles in under three hours – the fastest, most environmentally-friendly way to travel between the state's biggest urban areas and within the San Joaquin Valley.

Construction on the rail line will use the cleanest EPA-certified equipment, create jobs and stimulate the valley's economy.

The San Joaquin Valley has some of the nation's toughest air quality challenges. It's a major transportation corridor for heavy-duty trucks, which emit diesel particulate and black carbon pollution.

EPA continues to work with the California Air Resources Board and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District to help reduce pollution from a full range of pollution sources that contribute to the valley's unhealthy air and high rates of childhood asthma.

Left: Artist's rendering of a potential high-speed rail station  
(courtesy of California High-Speed Rail Authority)



80%

reduction in NOx emissions  
from Navajo Generating  
Station

### Cleaning Up Diesel Engines

For the past 10 years, EPA has partnered with dozens of federal, state and local public and private partners in the West Coast Collaborative (WCC) to reduce diesel emissions, including black carbon and greenhouse gases, with innovative and proven technologies.

Through the WCC, EPA has provided and leveraged approximately \$20 million in funding under the Diesel Emissions Reductions Act (DERA) and other public and private sources to retrofit and replace more than 500 old diesel engines throughout the San Joaquin Valley with clean diesel, natural gas, and electric engines for trucks, buses, agriculture equipment and locomotives.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has helped replace more than 2,000 high-emitting tractors in the valley, including over 130 engines in 2014 alone.

Since 2008, EPA has collaborated with the California Air Resources Board and the San Joaquin



EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, California Governor Jerry Brown and other officials celebrate the start of construction on the high-speed rail project.

Valley and South Coast air districts on the Clean Air Technology Initiative (CATI), which seeks to accelerate the demonstration and deployment of zero- and near-zero-emission technologies.

In 2014, EPA awarded \$500,000 in CATI grants to support San Joaquin's Technology Advancement Program and \$500,000 to the South Coast to develop Trans Power battery-electric yard trucks for demonstration at distribution centers and rail yards, and to demonstrate in-cabin air filtration systems on school buses.

[www.hsr.ca.gov](http://www.hsr.ca.gov)

[www.westcoastcollaborative.org](http://www.westcoastcollaborative.org)

[www.epa.gov/region9/cleantech](http://www.epa.gov/region9/cleantech)

## Understanding Roadside Air Quality

**Proximity to roadways can be linked to health problems, including childhood asthma and increased risks of lung and heart disease.**

### Monitors Help Assess Risk

Air pollutants from cars, trucks and other motor vehicles tend to be at their highest levels within 500-600 feet of a heavily-traveled roadway. Particulate emissions from diesel trucks can be especially harmful. To better understand the health risks, EPA now mandates air monitoring for near-road air pollution in metropolitan areas.

New monitoring sites in five Pacific Southwest cities – Oakland, San Jose, Anaheim, and Ontario in California and Tempe in Arizona – were operational by the end of 2014.

Eight more cities – Long Beach, Sacramento, Berkeley, Fresno, Bakersfield, and San Diego in California, Las Vegas in Nevada, and Phoenix in Arizona – are being added in 2015.

With more than 45 million people in the U.S. living, working, or attending school within 300

### Spotlight

#### DEBORAH JORDAN



In December 2014, President Obama presented EPA regional Air Division Director Deborah Jordan with the Presidential Rank Award, a rare honor given only to the federal government's most outstanding senior executives.

For more than a decade, Jordan has led the Region's ongoing efforts for clean air. Her accomplishments include finalizing the regional haze plan to improve visibility at the Grand Canyon and launching the West Coast Collaborative, a partnership that has spurred 500 projects to reduce diesel emissions.

During her tenure, EPA has taken more than 500 rule-making actions on California's air quality plans and rules, reducing smog by 20% in the South Coast area and San Joaquin Valley.

feet of a major road, airport or railroad, there is growing concern about the health impacts of roadway traffic. To build awareness of health risks and ways to reduce exposure, EPA developed outreach materials and tools geared for schools and land-use planners. In 2015, EPA will help schools in the Pacific Southwest identify best-practice strategies to reduce exposures.

EPA is also working with state and local partner agencies, as well as community advocates, as they develop methodologies and guidelines for assessing and mitigating near-roadway impacts in the development of regional and local land use, transportation and freight transport plans.

At the U.S.-Mexico border crossing in San Ysidro, Calif., EPA provided funding to the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District to purchase, install and operate an air pollution monitor to measure levels of fine particulate pollution (see story on page 18).

[www.epa.gov/otaq/nearroadway.htm](http://www.epa.gov/otaq/nearroadway.htm)

## Focus on Arizona

Air quality issues in Arizona range from the haze obscuring national parks to the impact of underground contamination in residential areas.

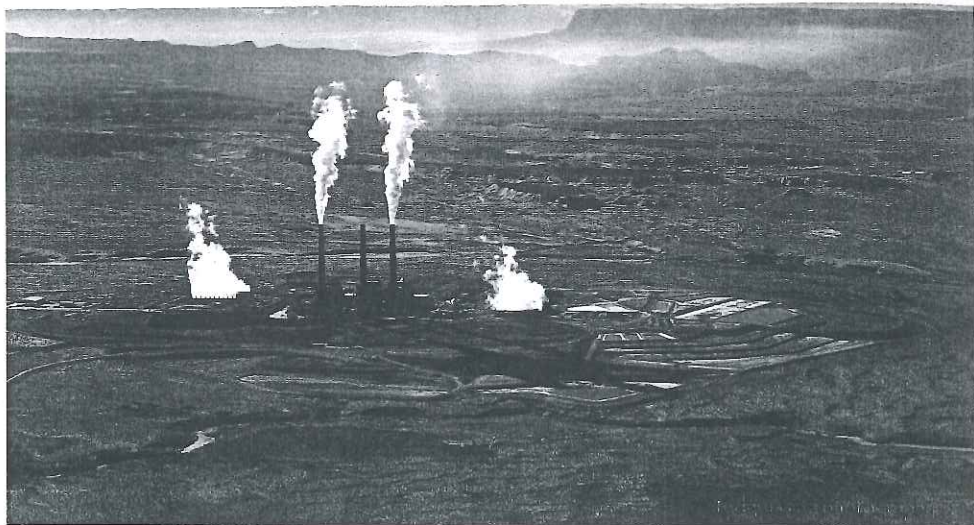
### Large Industrial Facilities Cut Emissions

Arizona's national parks and wilderness areas have been in countless Hollywood Westerns showing iconic vistas of desert rock formations and clear skies stretching to far-off horizons. In recent decades, however, visitors and residents have often found hazy skies, due in part to unhealthy emissions from industrial facilities in Arizona.

In 2014, EPA finalized new pollution control requirements at these facilities, which will improve visibility at 21 national parks and wilderness areas. One of the sources, Navajo Generating Station (NGS), a 2,250-megawatt coal-burning power plant on the Navajo Nation, is just 20 miles from the eastern boundaries of Grand Canyon National Park. Under EPA's final plan, NGS, currently one of the nation's largest sources of smog-forming nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, will reduce its NOx pollution by over 80%.

The proposed requirements on NGS sparked widespread public interest and involvement. Before finalizing the action, EPA held five public hearings and more than 50 consultation meetings with Indian tribes, and considered 77,000 comments from the public.

In addition to NGS, EPA's actions will also reduce NOx and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from Tucson Electric Power's Sundt Plant, Chemical Lime Nelson in Peach Springs, ASARCO's Hayden Smelter, Freeport McMoRan's Miami Smelter, Phoenix Cement Company's Clarkdale plant and CalPortland Cement's Rillito plant.



Navajo Generating Station, a 2,250-megawatt coal-burning electric power plant 20 miles from Grand Canyon National Park, will reduce its NOx and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Photo: Ted Grussing

All told, these actions will reduce both SO<sub>2</sub> and NOx emissions by a total of 31,000 tons per year, protecting public health, clearing skies, and helping the region transition to cleaner power.

### Investigating Vapor Intrusion in Phoenix

At the Motorola 52nd Street Superfund site in Phoenix, treatment of contaminated groundwater has been underway since 1992.

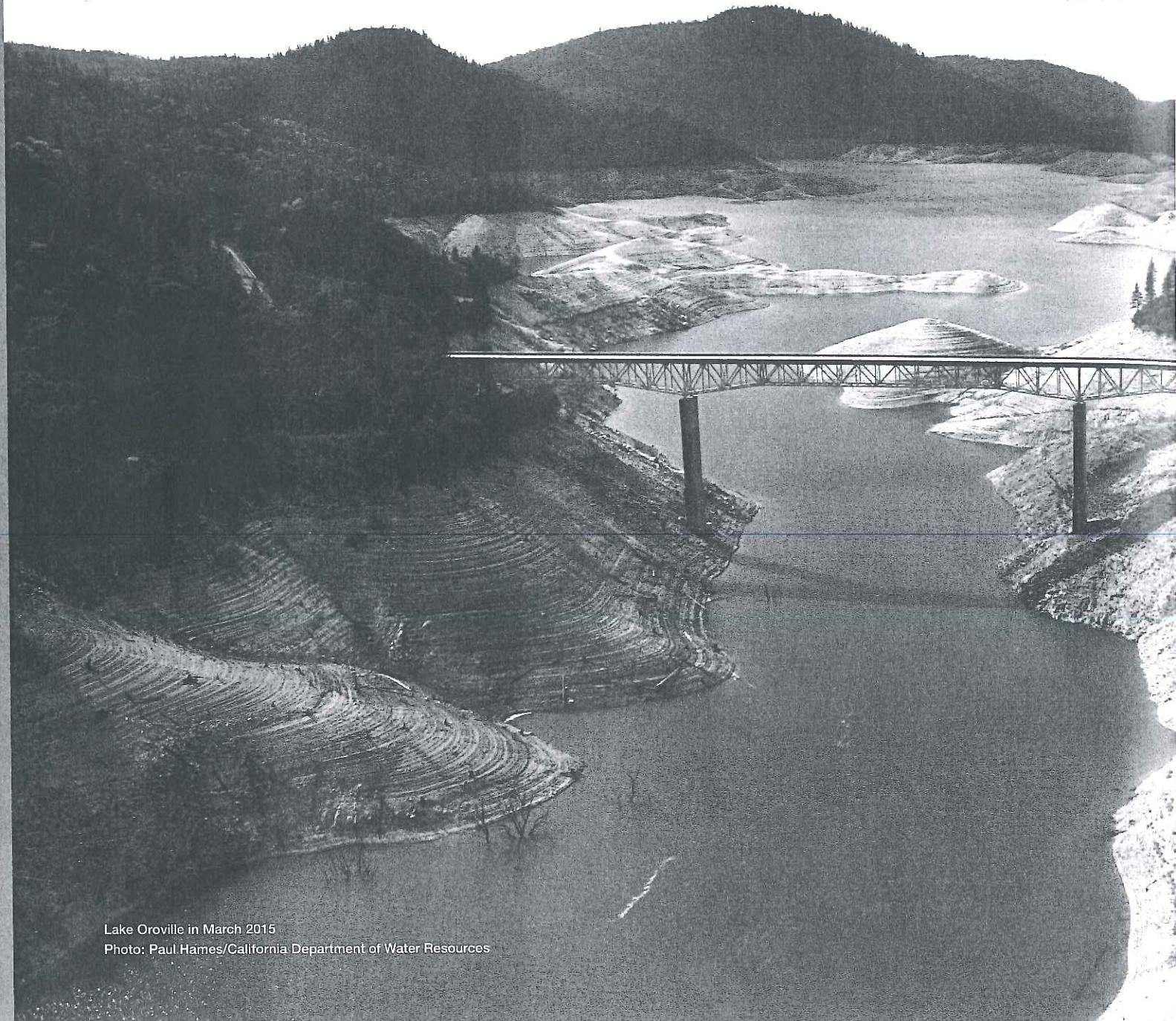
Since 2011, EPA has also investigated a possible health issue: vapor from groundwater contaminated with toxic trichloroethylene (TCE) rising through the soil into residential and commercial buildings in some areas of the site. So far, EPA has installed mitigation systems in 15 homes near the site to remove TCE from the indoor air.

In 2014, EPA brought in a mobile laboratory to do real-time testing and analysis of indoor air and

soil gas. Forty-nine temporary soil vapor wells were installed and sampled, identifying areas where vapor intrusion could be occurring and where further monitoring or mitigation might be needed. As a result, eight homes and two commercial buildings were sampled.

Investigators gathered data on short-term exposures, determined the effectiveness of mitigation systems in some of the homes, and gained better understanding of where further monitoring is warranted. This is vital because of the short-term health effects of TCE in fetal heart development in the early stages of pregnancy.

Continuing monitoring and investigation of indoor vapor intrusion will help inform decisions about where additional indoor air mitigation systems may be needed throughout the Motorola 52nd St. site.



Lake Oroville in March 2015  
Photo: Paul Hames/California Department of Water Resources

# CLEAN WATER

## Living with Drought

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EPA is supporting state, tribal and local government actions to respond to the persistent drought in California, Arizona and Nevada.

### Marshaling Resources to Conserve and Adapt

Water has always been precious in the arid Southwest – and the severe drought that has plagued the region continues to magnify its value.

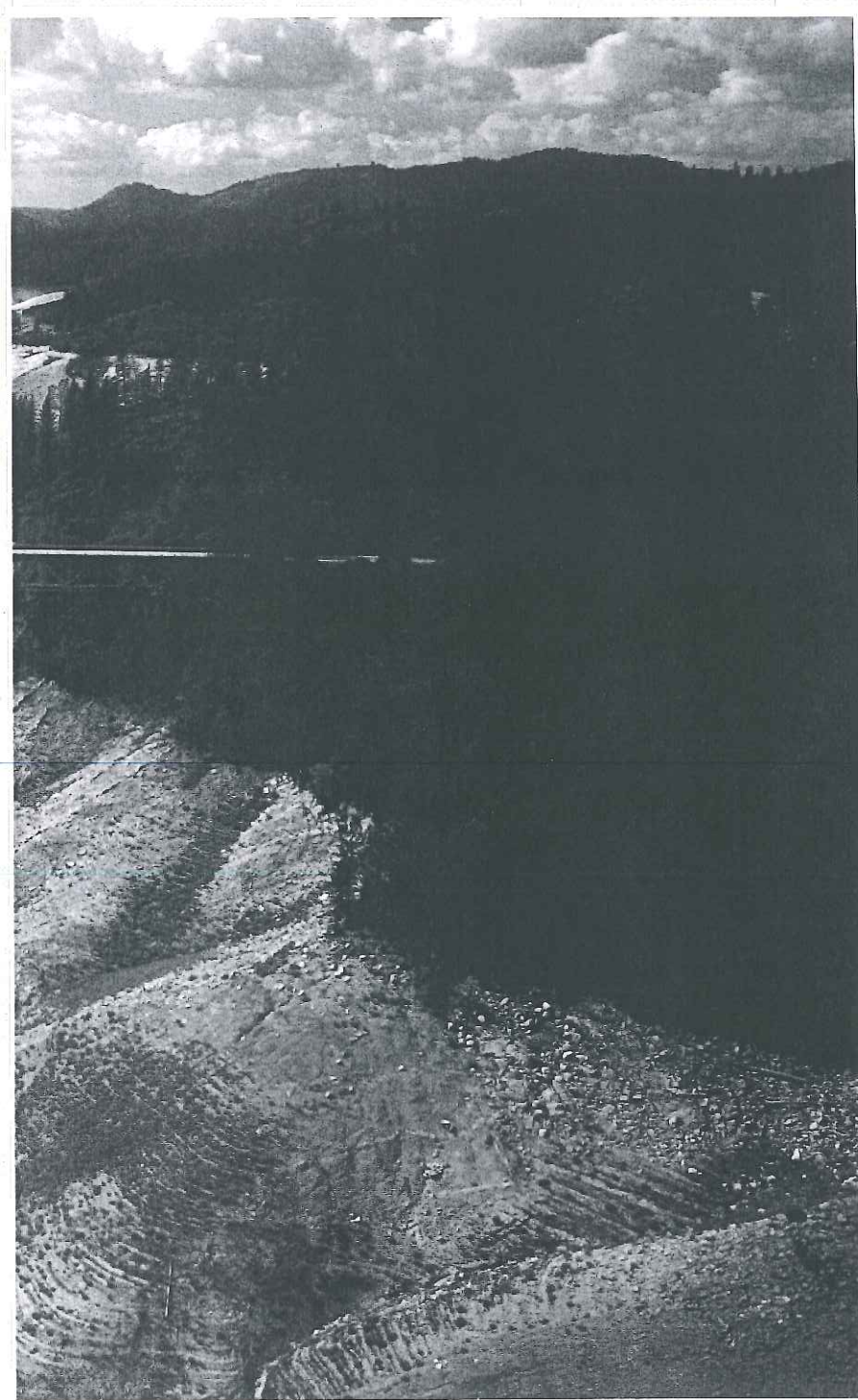
EPA's response to the drought is targeted at making the region more resilient to current water supply shortfalls, as well as long-term water shortages expected due to a changing climate. The drought response strategy employs regulatory and non-regulatory activities in addition to strategic use of financial support.

Priorities include promoting the expansion of water supply sources via recycled water and captured stormwater. EPA also encourages the use of WaterSense products, which are certified to be at least 20% more efficient without sacrificing performance and have resulted in national savings of over 750 billion gallons of water.

In addition, given that in California over 200 billion gallons per year are lost via leaks in drinking water distribution systems, EPA is promoting expanded use of water loss control audits to identify the magnitude of leaks and other sources of water loss, and help develop strategies to minimize these losses.

### Water Utilities Adopt New Tools

In September 2014, EPA conducted a workshop in Fresno for local water utilities, including tribal utilities. Participants discussed potential impacts associated with climate variability – including drought – and identified short- and long-term planning actions and funding resources to build resilience to the impacts of climate change.



**Superfund sites in the region are cleaning up groundwater for beneficial uses**

The workshop included an overview by EPA of auditing to assess and control drinking water distribution system losses, as well as activities led by EPA's Climate Ready Water Utilities program, which has been engaged with utilities across the Pacific Southwest to help develop strategies for adapting to water supply shortfalls.

In addition, the Tuolumne Utilities District shared lessons learned from their successful 2014 drought response. In late 2013, TUD, located in Sonora, Calif., recognized that their water sources could reach unprecedented low volumes in 2014. TUD adopted a goal of reducing water use by 50%, and prohibited outdoor landscape watering as a key measure.

Public outreach and coordination with a variety of stakeholders were key to TUD's drought response, along with distribution of water-efficient fixtures and rebates for purchase of low-flow toilets. The district also recycles 100% of its treated wastewater for agricultural irrigation. By June 2014, the Tuolumne district had met its goal and become a model to be included by EPA in a national Drought Response and Resilience Guide.

Other utilities have realized water savings in more traditional ways. Fresno, Calif., has seen a 20% decrease in water use per capita since installing 110,000 water meters using \$51 million in interest-free EPA State Revolving Fund loans. Most urban areas in the Pacific Southwest have long benefited from the use of meters and pricing structures that encourage efficient use.

## Safe Drinking Water Act at 40

The landmark law passed in 1974 has brought clean, safe drinking water to the vast majority of Americans.

### EPA Funding Supports Local Water Systems

Over the past four decades, the Safe Drinking Water Act has enabled EPA and state and local partners to supply safe drinking water to 50,000 community water systems across the nation. More than 290 million people depend on these systems.

In 2014, 94% of the population served by community water systems in the Pacific Southwest received drinking water that met all health-based standards.

Under the Act, EPA established drinking water regulations for more than 90 contaminants, including microorganisms, disinfectants, disinfection byproducts, chemicals and radionuclides. Since EPA created the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) in 1997, more than \$25.8 billion has been provided to more than 10,000 drinking water infrastructure projects nationwide, helping local water systems meet these national standards.

### Funding of Drinking Water Projects Under the State Revolving Fund Since 1997

	Total Assistance Provided	Amount to Disadvantaged Communities
California	\$2 billion	\$1 billion
Arizona	\$764 million	\$39 million
Hawaii	\$228 million	\$32 million
Nevada	\$189 million	\$23 million

Source: Drinking Water National Information Management System



### Spotlight

#### WENDELL SMITH

Throughout his 43-year EPA career, environmental scientist Wendell Smith has made enduring contributions to protecting public health and the environment for Indian tribes and communities in the Pacific Southwest.

Smith's ability to cultivate long-term partnerships based upon trust, integrity and cultural sensitivity—and to influence national policy to secure more tribal resources—has been key to helping tribal governments establish programs to protect their water resources. He is personally responsible for expanding Clean Water Act program coverage in the Pacific Southwest from one tribe in 1990 to more than 100 tribes in 2014.

Smith has mentored dozens of EPA's tribal grant project officers and has served since 1998 as a founding member on the regional Labor-Management Partnership Council.

In one example, EPA provided a \$1 million Drinking Water SRF loan for the Verdi Business Park water system, which was using well water exceeding the maximum allowable contaminant level for arsenic. VBP consolidated with the nearby Truckee Meadows Water Authority, which provides drinking water for 385,000 people in the Reno, Nev. area. The loan paid for construction of an interconnection, allowing VBP to shut down its wells.

To help meet the needs of Indian tribes, EPA created the Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside program, which provides funding for drinking water system infrastructure. Funds are awarded through direct grants to tribes or interagency agreements with the Indian Health Service. The funding, amounting to about \$6 million in the Pacific Southwest in 2014, is used to address the most significant public health threats from inadequate drinking water infrastructure.

[www.epa.gov/safedrinkingwater40](http://www.epa.gov/safedrinkingwater40)

## Focus on California

Protecting surface waters and wetlands across California is key to maintaining healthy ecosystems and diverse habitats in the Golden State.

### A Healthier San Francisco Bay

San Francisco Bay, once plagued by chronic water pollution from 30 cities surrounding it, is continuing its progress toward ecological health, thanks in part to an array of restoration projects and enforcement actions in the bay's watersheds.

Since 2008, EPA has issued grants totaling more than \$36 million for 29 projects to restore wetlands and water quality along the bay's shoreline and tributaries. EPA funding was matched and leveraged by state and local partners for a grand total of \$145 million.

Some of the projects involve wetlands in the South Bay, in partnership with the California Coastal Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other state and federal agencies, which are managing the largest tidal wetlands restoration effort on the West Coast.

There, the focus is on restoring former salt evaporation ponds to tidal flats, wetlands, transition zones and open water to support an ecosystem for the endangered salt marsh harvest mouse, Ridgway's rail (formerly known as California clapper rail) and other birds and mammals, while providing flood protection for nearby communities.

Seven projects in the North Bay are preventing further riverbank erosion, which contributes excess sediment to the Napa River. Five more in the South Bay are reducing mercury, polluted runoff and trash in two of San Jose's major watersheds, the Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek.



Sandpipers and dowitchers take flight at former salt ponds in the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Meanwhile, settlement of an EPA enforcement action with the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and seven East Bay communities commits \$1.5 billion over the next 21 years to assess and upgrade 1,500 miles of sewers, eliminating millions of gallons of sewage discharges into the bay.

At the Port of Redwood City in the South Bay, an enforcement action against scrap metal recycler Sims Metal Management led to a \$189,500 fine and measures to investigate and clean up toxic metals from Sims' operation. (See page 22 for additional regional enforcement highlights.)

### Protecting Vernal Pools

California's climate and geology make it an excellent host to vernal pools – now-rare seasonal depressional wetlands that fill with rain for variable periods from winter to spring, but are completely dry for most of summer and fall.

These unique wetlands of California – 90% of which have been destroyed – are key to the survival of rare and endangered plants and animals.

In the Central Valley, EPA took two separate enforcement actions against individuals who destroyed more than 100 combined acres of vernal pool wetlands. One ranch owner in Tehama County who destroyed 80 acres of vernal pools was required to pay a \$300,000 fine and provide \$795,000 in mitigation to preserve vernal pool habitat in the Sacramento River basin.

In the second case, a food and nut distributor near Merced in the San Joaquin Valley destroyed 33 acres of vernal pools, and as a result has agreed to pay a \$160,000 fine and purchase a 94-acre conservation easement, valued at approximately \$1 million, to preserve high-quality vernal pool habitat. Together, these actions will preserve more than 500 acres of vernal pool habitat.

EPA also presented awards to Dr. Bob Holland and Carol Witham to recognize their decades of work in leading California's vernal pool science and protection efforts.





## Emergency Response and Cleanup

The Superfund Emergency Response Program investigates and cleans up dozens of incidents each year in the Pacific Southwest.

### EPA Removes Toxics Threatening Humboldt Bay

The abandoned Samoa Pulp Mill on Humboldt Bay near Eureka, Calif. (photo at left), was a disaster waiting to happen.

When the mill shut down in 2008, it left three million gallons of extremely caustic liquids, 10,000 tons of corrosive sludge, 12,000 gallons of acids, and 3,000 gallons of turpentine, all precariously stored in 20 deteriorating tanks.

The caustic liquids had an extremely high pH of 13 to 14 – strong enough to dissolve wood or flesh. In 2013, the Humboldt Bay Harbor District requested assistance from EPA, which started site stabilization work in September.

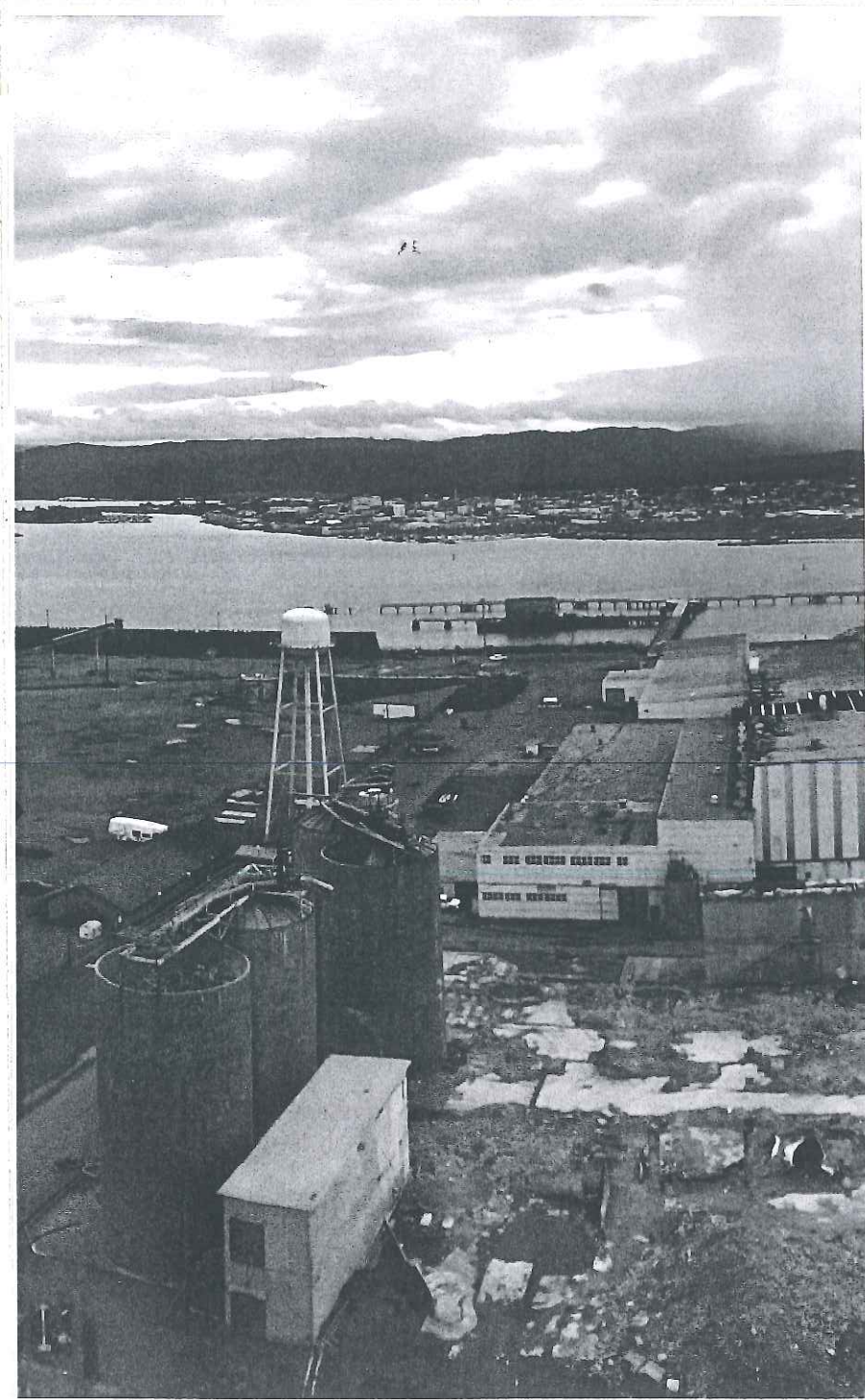
Then, on March 9, 2014, a major earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale shook Humboldt Bay. Because another quake could rupture the tanks, EPA on-scene coordinators sped up plans to remove the toxic liquids.

On March 28, a long stream of tanker trucks began taking the “black liquor” to a mill in Longview, Wash., where it was reused in processing wood pulp to make paper. This \$4.5 million removal, the first phase of the estimated \$12 million effort, involved five members of the U.S. Coast Guard’s Pacific Strike Team, several contractors, and 15 trucks.

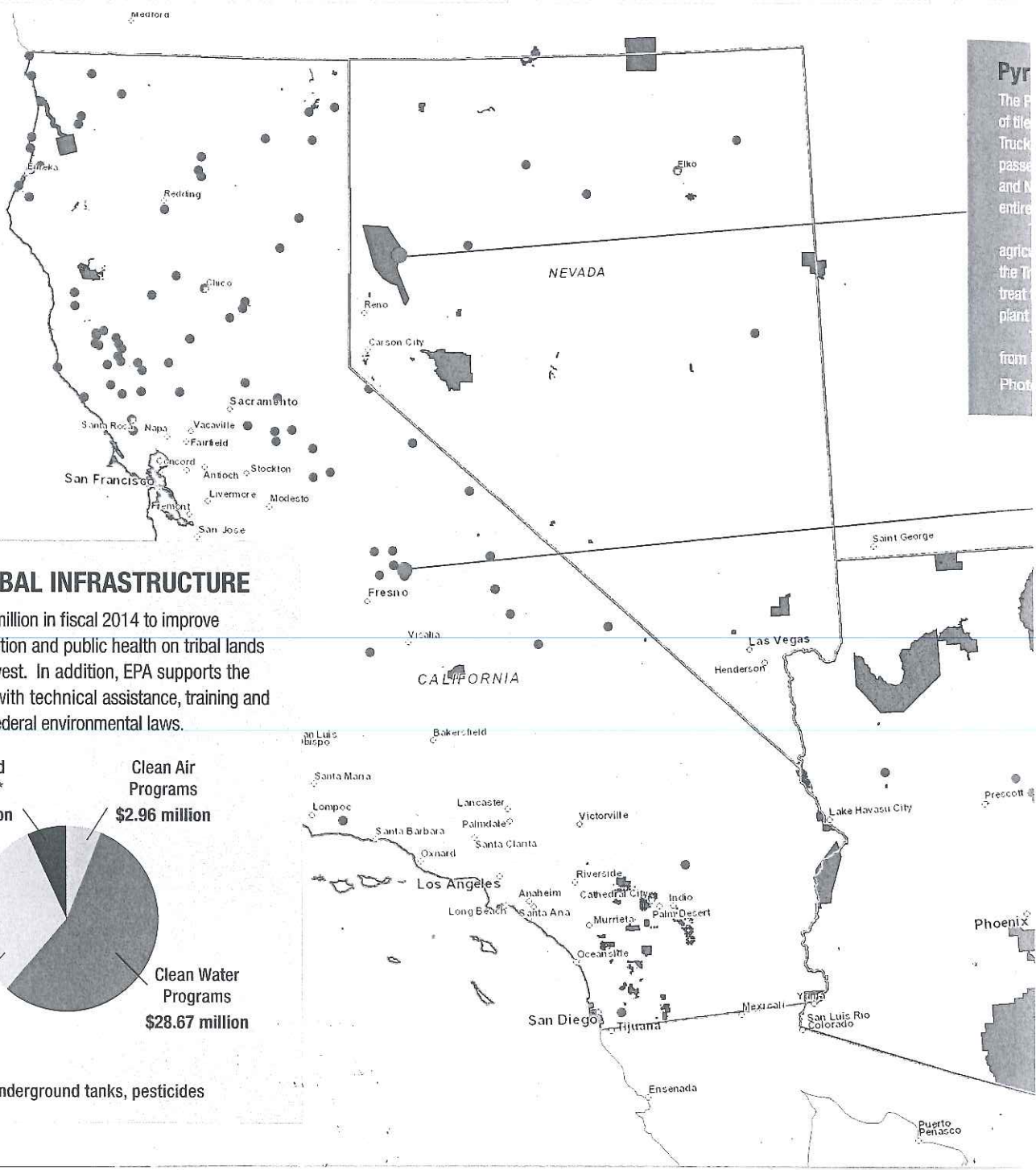
The sludges were solidified and trucked to a permitted hazardous waste landfill; the acids were taken to a hazardous waste disposal facility permitted to handle them. On September 10, 2014, the final truckload left the site on Humboldt Bay.

The district plans to reuse the 70-acre site for aquaculture – perhaps growing oysters, or sturgeon to produce caviar.

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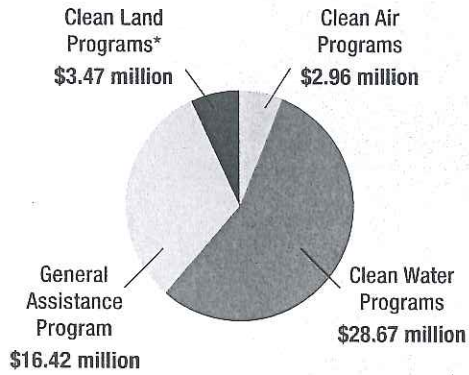


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### BUILDING TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE

EPA provided \$51.5 million in fiscal 2014 to improve environmental protection and public health on tribal lands in the Pacific Southwest. In addition, EPA supports the region's 148 tribes with technical assistance, training and the enforcement of federal environmental laws.



\*Brownfields, underground tanks, pesticides

## the Paiute

Paiute Tribe constructed about 2.5 acres of wetlands to reduce nutrient pollution in the Truckee River in northern Nevada. The Truckee River empties into Pyramid Lake, which is roughly the size of Lake Tahoe. The tribe installed an underground pipe system under the river to move excess irrigation water back to the Paiute. The project built a wetlands complex to filter the drains, keeping pollutants from entering the river. The project was funded through a competitive grant from the Clean Water Act.



## Big Sandy Rancheria

The Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians – a community of about 50 homes and 151 residents in the western Sierra foothills – wanted a building code for new homes that would increase energy efficiency, reduce health problems from poor indoor air quality, conserve drinking water, reduce wastewater, reduce construction waste, and lower maintenance costs.

Big Sandy joined the EPA Tribal Green Building Codes Workgroup, which provided access to a range of building codes, information about moisture and mold, alternatives to spray foam insulation, and more. The Tribal Council favored the Pinoleville Band of Pomo Indians' draft Green Building Code and adapted it for their own use in September 2014.

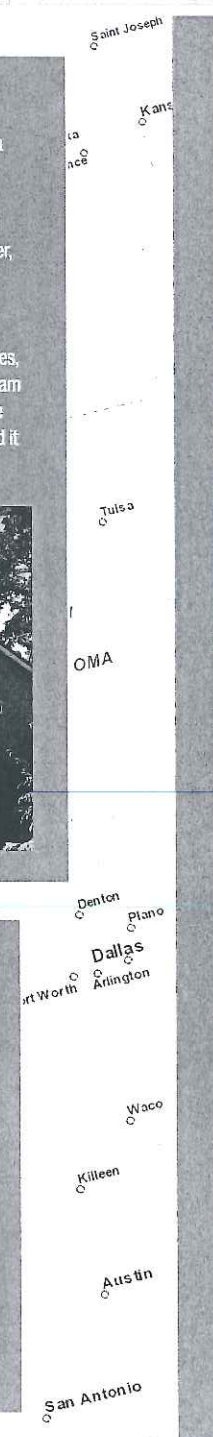
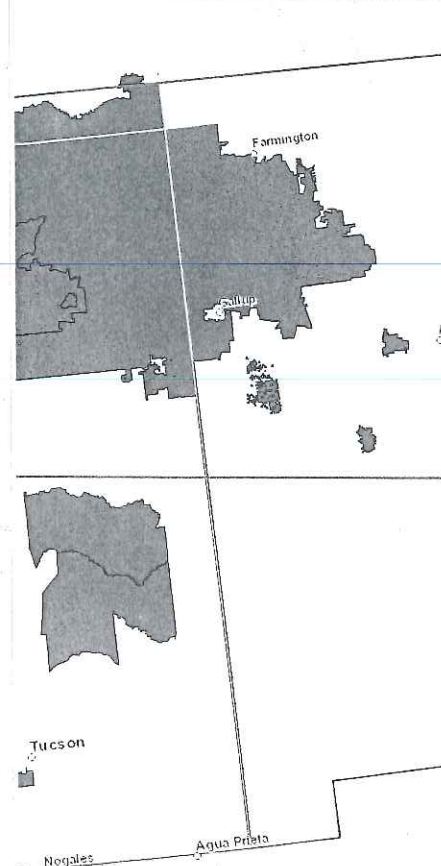


## Gila River

The Gila River Indian Community adopted a new solid waste ordinance for their 584-square-mile community, just south of Phoenix, Arizona. The ordinance creates enforceable environmental standards for the storage, collection, transportation and disposal of all solid waste, including hazardous waste generated by businesses and industries on tribal land.

Gila River has been making substantial progress toward sustainability on tribal lands. As development pressures in the area increase, the tribe has pursued alternative energy projects, explored sustainable housing best practices, and considered transportation impacts on community members. Development of its Waste Ordinance was funded in part by an EPA grant.

Photo: GRIC Dept. of Environmental Quality



**\$1 billion**  
to clean up dozens of abandoned  
uranium mines on the Navajo Nation

### Response Follows Explosion at Treatment Plant

At 3:30 a.m. on November 18, 2014, a vacuum truck exploded at the Santa Clara Waste Water Treatment facility in Santa Paula, Calif., releasing the unknown contents of the tanker across the site.

Upon drying, the released chemical mixture formed fine crystals that ignited on contact in a flash of fire and small explosions. The ensuing fire caused the release of the facility's inventory of industrial chemicals, including strong oxidizers, acids and polymers.

In the initial response, Ventura County's Office of Emergency Services issued an evacuation order to the community within a one-mile

radius. The first responders were forced to abandon two fire trucks that were contaminated onsite. The site was also left with a large ponded area containing a mixture of water and hazardous chemicals, surrounded by a surface coating of the unknown shock-sensitive crystals.

EPA partnered with the Ventura County Environmental Health Division and the facility to implement a safe and effective cleanup. The crystals were neutralized, surfaces pressure washed, and the ponded chemical mixture solidified and trucked to the Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The cleanup was completed on January 9, 2015.

### Investment Builds Communities

**EPA Brownfields grants support community and economic revitalization where reinvestment and jobs are needed most.**

#### Cities Benefit from Cleanups

Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, Honolulu, Nevada's Lyon and Churchill Counties, and Mesa, Ariz., were among 171 urban and rural communities across the U.S. to receive EPA Brownfields funding in 2014.

Gaining more than \$2.5 million between them, these six communities will clean up and redevelop contaminated properties into affordable housing, transit-oriented development, commercial redevelopment, and community open space.



#### Spotlight

#### WARREN ROAN

Warren Roan is a credentialed underground storage tank (UST) inspector with the Navajo Nation's Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA). He inspects UST facilities, such as gas stations, and documents violations of federal UST regulations.

At each inspection, he explains his findings to the owners and operators. He can issue field citations requiring compliance and payment of fines. He also follows up to make sure owners and operators comply, and updates NNEPA and EPA.

Roan coordinates with EPA on targeting inspections and scheduling. His work has helped achieve higher UST compliance rates and prevent contamination on the Navajo Nation.

In Southern California, local community organizations collaborated to create the Larry Irlong Village, which provides 45 units of affordable, multi-family housing close to public transportation. The project utilized a \$200,000 EPA Brownfields cleanup grant and an \$88,000 Brownfields revolving loan fund subgrant from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

In the Bay Area, the City of San Pablo is using \$600,000 in Brownfields funding to clean up a former Burlington Northern and Santa Fe rail yard. The property will be developed into a youth soccer facility in a disadvantaged community in need of open space. The project is the result of significant community investment and input and is the cornerstone of planned corridor improvements linking regional transit to a local community college.

In the Central Valley, EPA in 2014 removed three underground fuel storage tanks and tested soil for contamination at a former gas station in



Responders address the aftermath of a chemical explosion in Santa Paula, Calif.

Fresno. An additional 37 sites in Fresno County are part of a statewide tank cleanup to help prepare sites for redevelopment.

In Mesa, Ariz., construction of a 3.1-mile extension of the existing regional light rail system along Main Street is underway with the assistance of an EPA Brownfields assessment grant. About 40% of the parcels along the proposed route had historical automotive and industrial operations, resulting in sites contaminated with hazardous substances.

EPA's funding to Mesa complements local efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the impacts of climate change by providing a world-class transit system.

[www.epa.gov/region9/waste/ust](http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/ust)

### Green Job Training

To ensure that local residents benefit from the jobs created by cleanups, EPA has two training programs for green jobs. Both teach adults the skills needed to secure full-time, sustainable employment in the environmental field.

Last year more than 250 graduates in the Pacific Southwest received environmental cleanup certifications and technician skills through funding from EPA's Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. This funding supports local job training organizations serving low-income, minority, unemployed and under-employed people living in areas affected by hazardous waste.

In Rialto in Southern California, 17 local residents graduated from a Superfund Job Training program in July 2014, preparing them for jobs in cleanup projects like the nearby Rockets, Fireworks and Flares Superfund site.

## Focus on Tribes

**Tribal governments face an array of challenges in protecting public health and the environment on their lands.**

### Settlement Brings \$1 Billion to Navajo Cleanups

As a result of a historic legal settlement, Kerr-McGee and its parent, Anadarko Petroleum Corp., will pay more than \$4.4 billion to fund environmental cleanups across the country.

Among the biggest beneficiaries is the Navajo Nation, where EPA plans to use \$985 million from the settlement to clean up about 50 abandoned uranium mines, where radioactive waste remains from Cold War-era Kerr-McGee mining operations.

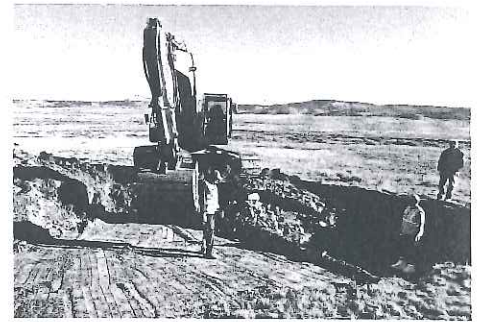
The Navajo Nation will receive an additional \$43 million to address radioactive waste at the former Kerr-McGee uranium mill in Shiprock, N.M. EPA and the Navajo are now working on their second five-year plan to address approximately 500 uranium mine sites on Navajo land.

Kerr-McGee mined more than seven million tons of uranium ore on or near the Navajo Nation from the late 1940s to the 1980s, leaving behind mine sites and contaminated waste rock piles in the Lukachukai Mountains of Arizona, the Eastern Agency of the Navajo Nation, and nearby mines in New Mexico.

Exposure to radioactive elements in soil, air and water poses risks to human health, including lung cancer. EPA awarded an Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving grant to Tolani Lake Enterprises, a grassroots organization working to assess exposures from water sources.

### EPA, IHS Assist California Tribes in Drought

Many of California's 109 federally-recognized Indian tribes rely on small drinking water systems



A recent settlement will provide \$1 billion to clean up 50 abandoned uranium mines affecting the Navajo.

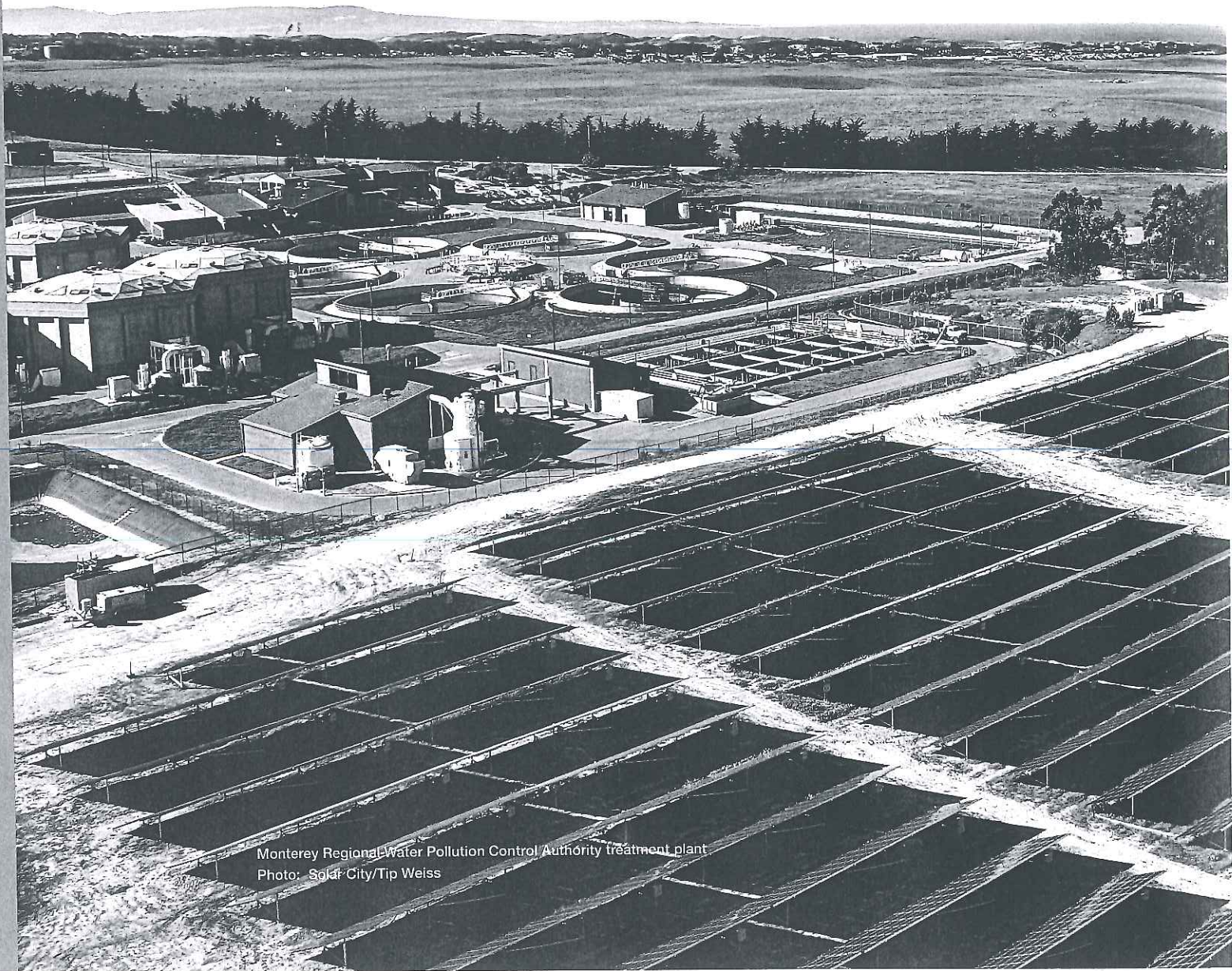
that are at risk of running dry during the state's exceptional drought. One small system serving part of the Yurok Tribe on California's North Coast actually went dry in 2014, forcing the tribe to deliver bottled water to customers.

In response to the drought, EPA and the California Area Indian Health Service (IHS) have been working collaboratively with California tribes, encouraging each tribal government to assess their vulnerability, plan for stretching supplies, and identify alternative water sources.

IHS, in partnership with tribes and EPA, identified 13 water systems run by 11 tribes as being at highest risk, with estimated drought-related project needs of \$8.6 million. Seven of these tribes made their own drought emergency proclamations, including the Hoopa Valley, Yurok, Tule River, Karuk, Sherwood Valley, Cortina and Kashia Tribes.

EPA has provided funding to eight tribes to develop drought contingency plans, water conservation programs, water audits, leak detection programs and community outreach.

Ultimately, EPA hopes to help tribes develop resilient water systems and sustainable supplies that will be durable in the face of future droughts and other impacts of climate change.



Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Authority treatment plant  
Photo: Solar City/Tip Weiss

# CLIMATE & COMMUNITIES

## Greening Infrastructure

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EPA applauds the work of local governments and businesses that are managing their materials through innovative practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### Communities Act Locally on Climate

As work continues to secure national and international commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, some local governments in the Pacific Southwest have deployed innovative technologies to green their own infrastructure, creating examples for other municipalities.

**San Jose, Calif.**, now boasts a facility that digests the city's food waste to create biogas and compost, generate electric power, and prevent emissions of methane, the potent greenhouse gas generated when food goes into a landfill.

This is the nation's first – and the world's largest – commercial, dry-fermentation anaerobic digestion facility, owned and operated by Zero Waste Energy Development in partnership with the City of San Jose. The city currently diverts about 74% of its waste from landfills through reuse, recycling, composting, and anaerobic digestion. Its goal is zero waste by 2022.

At the facility, bacteria break down the food and organic matter in 16 digesters, creating methane. The gas is captured to fuel a combined heat and power plant, generating electricity for adjacent recycling operations. The facility can digest 90,000 tons of organic waste per year and generate 1.6 megawatts, enough to sell excess power to the grid. The solid residuals left after digestion are composted onsite to create a valuable soil amendment.

The Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VVWRA), started up a new facility in September that is





cars and buses cross the San Ysidro Port of Entry each day

soon expected to generate 100% of the regional wastewater treatment plant's power from co-digesting sewage sludge and food waste.

The VVWRA retrofitted a shuttered anaerobic digester with new technology that increased the amount of organic waste it can handle. The resulting project is expected to replace 9 million kwh of electricity annually – equivalent to taking more than 2,000 cars off the road – and keep 1,400 tons of waste from entering landfills each year.

Phoenix worked with the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee and the National Football League to achieve a 73% waste diversion rate at this year's Super Bowl festivities. Of that amount, 32% was composted in a pilot food waste and composting program – part of a larger effort to bring curbside collection of food and yard waste and a state-of-the-art composting facility to Phoenix.

[www.epa.gov/region9/mediacenter/ad-sanjose](http://www.epa.gov/region9/mediacenter/ad-sanjose)



An air monitor measures particulate air pollution in San Ysidro, Calif., at the nation's busiest border port of entry.

### Food Recovery Challenge and New Toolkit Help Reduce Waste

EPA's Food Recovery Challenge and new Reducing Wasted Food and Packaging Toolkit encourage businesses and organizations to reduce food waste and help feed people in need.

In the Pacific Southwest, challenge participants prevented 847 tons of wasted food, donated more than 55,000 tons and diverted more than 61,000 tons for composting, anaerobic digestion and biofuels production in 2013. The resulting reduction in greenhouse gas emissions was equivalent to taking 10,000 cars off the road.

[www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge](http://www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge)  
[www.epa.gov/region9/organics/foodtool](http://www.epa.gov/region9/organics/foodtool)

### Support for Border Communities

Grants help reduce water pollution, recycle e-waste, and monitor air quality in heavily-populated border areas.

#### Local Residents Benefit in U.S., Mexico

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy traveled to San Diego in October 2014 to announce more than \$8.6 million in grants for environmental improvements along the U.S.–Mexico border.

The EPA funds were awarded in partnership with the North American Development Bank (NADBank) and the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC). The grants included:

- \$5 million to the NADBank for drinking water and wastewater projects to be selected by EPA and the BECC
- \$3.5 million to the city of Holtville, Calif., to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant, reducing ammonia discharges to the Salton Sea



#### Spotlight

#### KARA BRUNDIN MILLER

Kara Brundin Miller, since 2001 the elected chair of the Smith River Rancheria of the Tolowa Indian Tribe on California's North Coast, recently served

on EPA's nationwide Local Government Advisory Committee. Miller is also a small business owner and a prominent member of the local farming community.

Drinking water and waste water systems on the rancheria have improved dramatically during Miller's tenure as chair. Her tribal community has tackled issues of sustainability and integrated water quality planning to balance economic development and protection of the wild salmon populations critical to the tribe and the Smith River ecosystem.

- \$65,000 to the Sonoran Institute, based in Tucson, Ariz., to clean and restore a segment of the New River in Mexicali, and launch community efforts to prevent illegal dumping
- \$49,180 to the California Department of Public Health to assess environmental health disparities, prioritize needs along the border, and target future environmental health efforts

Four months later, Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld unveiled a new air monitoring station at the San Ysidro, Calif., border crossing. On average, 50,000 cars and buses and 25,000 pedestrians a day cross at San Ysidro, the Western Hemisphere's busiest land port of entry. Air pollution from vehicles affects communities on both sides of the U.S.–Mexico border.

The new air monitor, funded by a \$110,000 EPA grant to the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, collects data on fine particles (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) from engine emissions. Health studies have shown a significant association between exposure to fine particles and premature death from heart or lung disease.

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## Focus On Hawaii and Pacific Islands

Educational efforts in the Pacific complement core environmental programs.

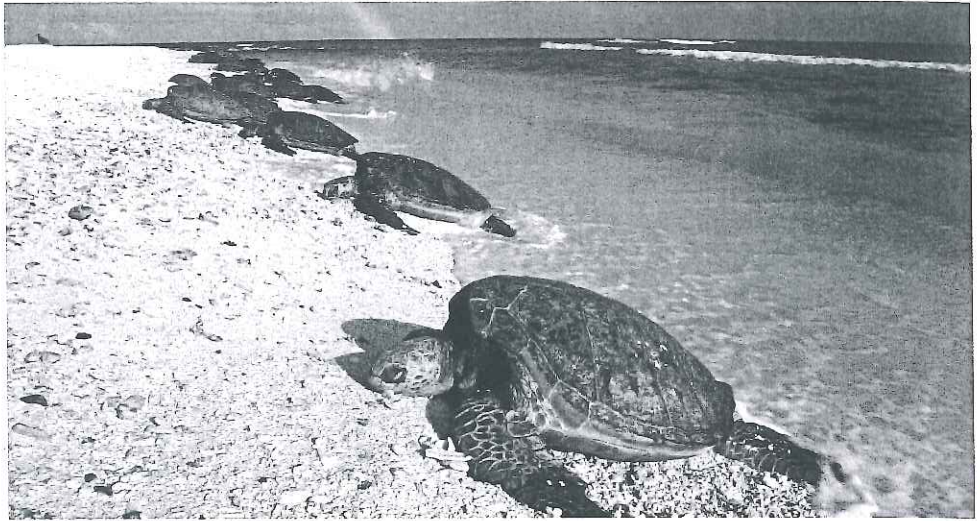
### Recognizing Educators

Kokua Hawaii Foundation and founder/executive director Kim Johnson were recognized by EPA for the organization's work in schools to encourage recycling and environmental stewardship. Their farm-to-school and plastic-free initiatives teach students the value of taking care of their health and the health of the Hawaii environment.

The Plastic-Free Schools program provides resources, tools and trainings to educate school communities on the environmental and health benefits of going plastic-free, to minimize plastic pollution in Hawaii.

EPA also funded two fellowship grants to two graduate students at the University of Hawaii-Manoa for research on the effects of water pollution and climate change on coral reefs. Each will receive \$84,000 for two years of research. The projects are: 1) Investigating the relationship between land-based sources of pollution and coral reef ecosystem function; 2) Acclimatization of Coral Populations to Local and Global Stressors: Can Corals Adapt to Future Threats?

Melanie Blas, a science teacher at Simon A. Sanchez High School in Guam, received EPA's Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Education. Seventeen teachers and 60 students from across the nation were honored for promoting environmental education and stewardship. The teachers each received \$2,500 to further their professional training, and their schools each received an additional \$2,500 for environmental education programs.



Green sea turtles haul out at Tern Island, an uninhabited islet in the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge. Photo: Joe Spring

### Supporting the Outer Pacific Islands

In September 2014, EPA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released an initial assessment of contamination at Tern Island, a remote island in the chain of Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. The results show that there have been releases of toxics, including polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and lead, from military wastes buried on the island between World War II and 1979, and that further action is warranted.

The island, 564 miles northwest of Honolulu, is part of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge. It provides habitat for endangered monk seals, sea turtles, and many species of seabirds.

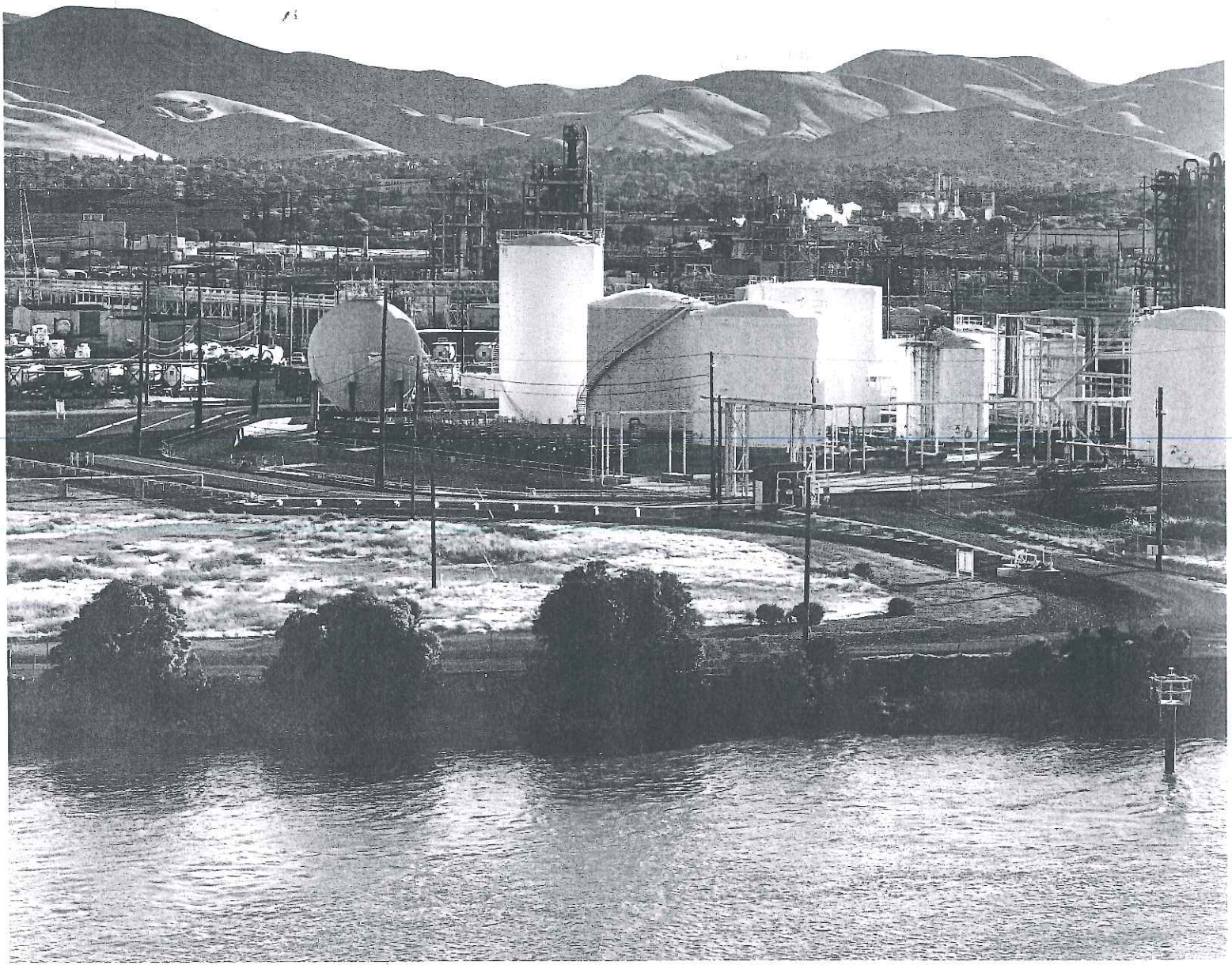
EPA in 2014 awarded over \$32 million to Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI, which includes Saipan), including \$25 million to improve drinking water and wastewater service. The remaining \$7 million funds local environmental protection work – including inspections,

monitoring the safety of beaches, and drinking water, permit issuance, enforcement and other environmental programs.

In 2013, Guam's recycling rate jumped to 32%, from 18% as first reported in 2011 and 28% in 2012. In addition, Guam EPA opened its first household hazardous waste drop-off facility. It's free for island residents and designed to keep household hazardous waste out of Guam's new landfill.

The CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality issued a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for Saipan, the first for a U.S. insular area. In American Samoa, the LEED Platinum-certified AS-EPA building, funded in large part by U.S. EPA, became in 2014 one of fewer than two dozen buildings in the world to be certified as "net zero" for energy. AS-EPA's power bill went from more than \$60,000 per year to essentially zero.

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# ENFORCEMENT & STEWARDSHIP

## A Range of Enforcement Tools

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EPA uses targeted inspections and an array of enforcement options to ensure compliance with federal environmental laws.

### Working Together to Protect Communities

Enforcement is an essential part of EPA's mission – an important responsibility shared with state, local and tribal partners. Together, robust enforcement programs enable us to better protect our communities from degradation caused by those who violate environmental laws.

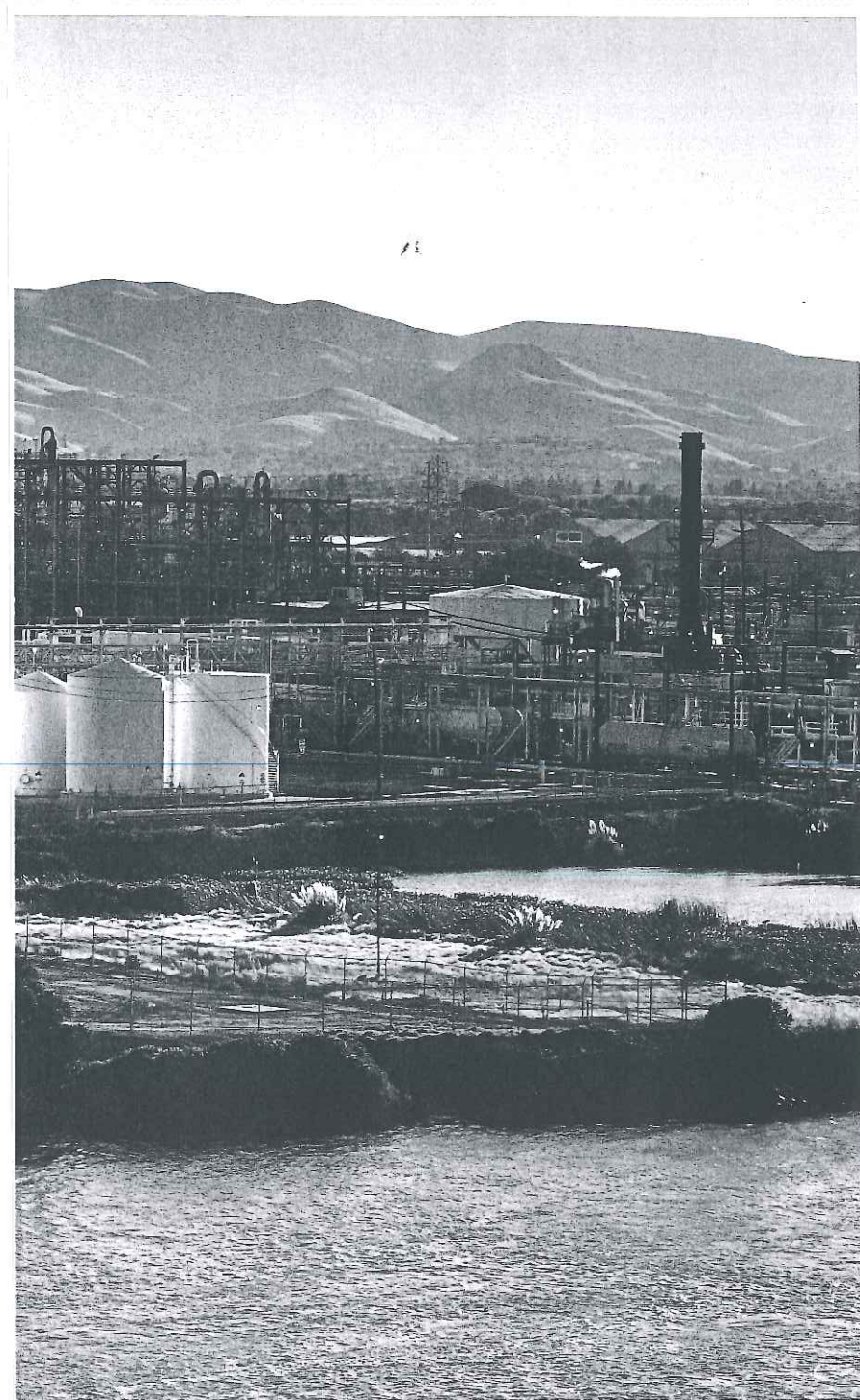
At the federal level, EPA strives to ensure that communities across the region receive the same degree of protection from environmental violations. The agency can pursue violations through civil enforcement, or in more egregious situations, criminal enforcement.

EPA has authority to order facilities to comply with environmental requirements. In some cases, those orders are issued by the agency unilaterally, but more often are negotiated. Depending on the nature and scope of the violation, the agency may choose to assess a penalty as well.

EPA can exercise administrative authority – which allows the agency to issue orders and impose penalties directly – as well as judicial authority. For judicial cases, EPA partners with the Department of Justice to file actions in federal court.

In the end, successful enforcement of environmental laws depends on strong state, local and tribal programs together with focused, appropriate federal responses to non-compliance.

Photo: California Department of Water Resources



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facilities inspected by EPA  
in the Pacific Southwest  
in FY14

## Enforcement Cases Bring Results

EPA's 2014 enforcement results were led by a \$4.4 billion national settlement with Kerr-McGee Corp. and Anadarko Corp. that allocated more than \$2 billion for cleanups of abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation and a groundwater cleanup to protect Lake Mead and the Colorado River (see stories on pages 15 and 23).

An enforcement action against the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and seven East Bay communities committed \$1.5 billion to eliminating sewage discharges into San Francisco Bay. Another enforcement settlement prevents pollution from a bayside scrap metal recycler (see story on page 9).

A settlement with Costco, one of the nation's largest retailers, will cut its emissions of ozone-depleting and greenhouse gas chemicals from refrigeration equipment at 274 of its stores.

An EPA inspection of AllenCo, a small oil production operation that generated complaints



AllenCo has been ordered to improve safety measures at its oil facility in residential South Los Angeles.

in a residential neighborhood of Los Angeles, found violations of federal Clean Air, Clean Water, and Community Right to Know laws. The facility voluntarily shut down, entered into a consent agreement to make improvements before reopening, and paid a \$99,000 penalty.

In San Pedro, EPA found violations of risk management plan regulations at a propane and butane storage facility, Rancho LPG, near a residential area. To settle the enforcement action, Rancho LPG invested more than \$7 million in new safety controls, tank inspections, seismic upgrades, and improved coordination with emergency responders, and paid a \$260,000 penalty.

In Hawaii, EPA found that rental property owner Destination Maui had failed to notify tenants about lead-based paint in their units. To settle the case, the firm is buying blood lead analysis equipment for three health clinics and funding the testing of 350 children. In Northern California, EPA fined several small construction companies for lack of required certification as lead abatement contractors and for violating lead dust rules.

## Supporting Research and Innovation

**EPA funds research and development by universities and businesses with innovative ideas for less toxic, healthier-to-use materials, fuels and products.**

### Grants, Recognition Fuel Advances

EPA's partnerships with educational institutions and small businesses are a key to ensuring future environmental progress.

Arizona State University received a \$5 million EPA research grant to investigate the impacts and hazard potential of nanomaterials throughout their life cycle. Nanomaterials are less than 100



### Spotlight

#### DR. HONG JIAO

Berkeley, Calif., scientist Dr. Hong Jiao won a \$300,000 EPA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) competitive grant in 2014 to build a cheap,

portable water testing device to protect swimmers, children and animals from toxic algae blooms in fresh water.

Cyanotoxins from toxic algae can damage the liver or nervous system. In early 2015, three dogs died after swimming through toxic algae in Alameda County's Lake Chabot.

Dr. Jiao's company, HJ Science & Technology, is using "lab-on-a-chip" technology for monitoring cyanotoxins. The company is testing the device at Pinto Lake (near Santa Cruz), which has been plagued with toxic algae.

nanometers in size, too small to be seen with conventional microscopes.

University of California at Santa Barbara received a \$4.9 million grant to develop an online tool to evaluate life-cycle impacts of chemicals, to better inform industry decision-makers about chemical and product design.

U.C. Berkeley's Center for Green Chemistry received \$115,000 to develop a course on using green chemistry techniques to solve real-world business problems. Students will help five companies reduce use of hazardous chemicals in their product and processes, and U.C. will share the results.

Southern California companies receiving Small Business Innovation Research grants for technology development include Biopico Systems for a portable testing system for water-borne pathogens, CLEW for a cost-effective household wastewater treatment and nutrient removal system, and AquaNano for a high-capacity perchlorate filter for drinking water treatment.

Amyris in Emeryville and Solazyme in South San Francisco won **Presidential Green Chemistry Awards** for creating plant-based fuels and oils. The Bay Area companies were among just five organizations honored nationwide.

Amyris engineered a yeast to convert plant-based sugars into a renewable fuel to replace diesel, cutting 82% of greenhouse gas emissions. Solazyme developed renewable oils from sugar and engineered microalgae that significantly reduce wastes, water and energy use compared to petroleum- or existing plant-based oils in soaps, detergents, food products and vehicle fuels.

#### **Putting Safer Chemicals to Work**

The Custodial Green Cleaning program was developed by the San Francisco Department of the Environment under a \$74,500 EPA pollution prevention grant. In 2014, EPA and the city honored five companies that completed the pilot program – the nation's first green business program focused on janitorial cleaning – reducing both building occupants' and custodial workers' exposure to harmful chemicals.

The goal is to prevent health problems such as asthma and other respiratory illnesses, eye and skin irritations and burns, and toxic exposure through inhalation of fumes.

At the start of the program, SF Environment found that one of the main barriers to use of safer cleaning chemicals was lack of training. They developed multi-lingual training videos and written materials, now available online. More than 300 custodians have been trained, eliminating the use of over 12,000 gallons of harmful cleaning chemicals each year.

[www.epa.gov/greenchemistry](http://www.epa.gov/greenchemistry)

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## **Focus on Nevada**

**Years of enforcement work by EPA and the Department of Justice will help clean up chemical sites and polluted groundwater in Henderson, Nev.**

#### **\$1.1 Billion for Henderson Perchlorate Cleanup**

The settlement of a nationwide enforcement case with Kerr-McGee Corp. and Anadarko Corp. has secured \$1.1 billion to clean up a former Kerr-McGee chemical manufacturing site that has been contaminating Lake Mead with perchlorate, a component of rocket fuel.

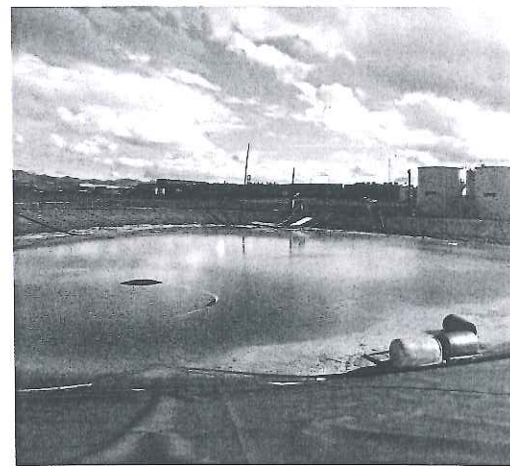
The Kerr-McGee site in Henderson, Nev., near Las Vegas, has the nation's largest plume of groundwater contaminated with perchlorate. The contaminated groundwater flows into Lake Mead, a drinking water source for 15 million people in Nevada, Arizona and Southern California.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection began the cleanup several years ago and has removed more than 4,000 tons of perchlorate from the soil and groundwater. Perchlorate can interfere with the production of thyroid hormones, which are needed for prenatal and postnatal growth and development, as well as for normal metabolism and mental function in adults.

The settlement, which covers Kerr-McGee sites in 47 states, sets aside \$4.4 billion for environmental cleanup, including \$985 million for uranium mining sites on and around the Navajo Nation (see story on page 15).

#### **Parts Manufacturer to Clean Up PCBs**

In April 2014, Titanium Metals Corporation, also known as TIMET, agreed to pay a record \$13.75 million civil penalty and perform an



A lined pond at the Tronox facility in Henderson, Nev., still contains residual perchlorate from the pond's former use in the manufacturing process.

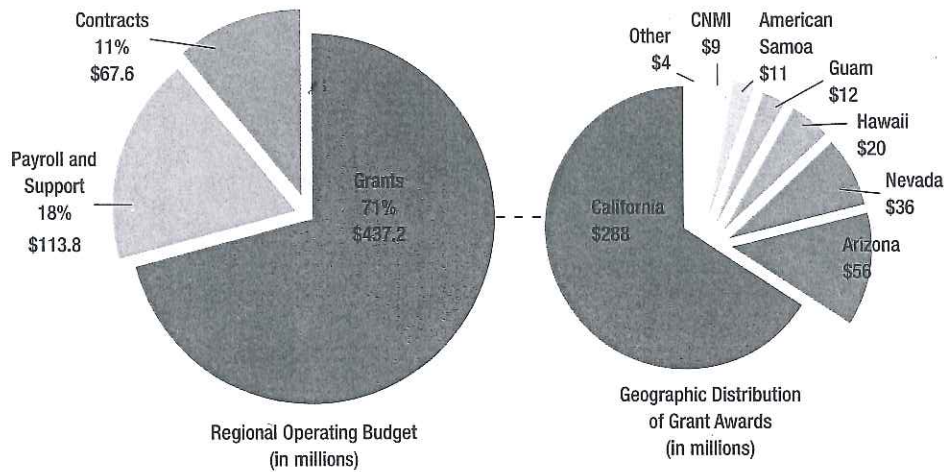
extensive investigation and cleanup of potential contamination stemming from unauthorized manufacture and disposal of toxic PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) in Henderson, Nev.

The penalty was the largest ever imposed for violations of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) at a single facility. EPA inspections revealed that TIMET had been unlawfully manufacturing PCBs as a by-product, without an exclusion from TSCA's ban.

EPA expects the settlement to result in the removal of 84,000 pounds of PCB-contaminated waste from the environment and prevent the improper disposal of 56 million pounds of hazardous waste each year.

This settlement was part of EPA's nationwide enforcement initiative to reduce pollution from mining and mineral processing, which can generate large volumes of toxic and hazardous waste.

## EPA Funding for FY2014 for the Pacific Southwest Region



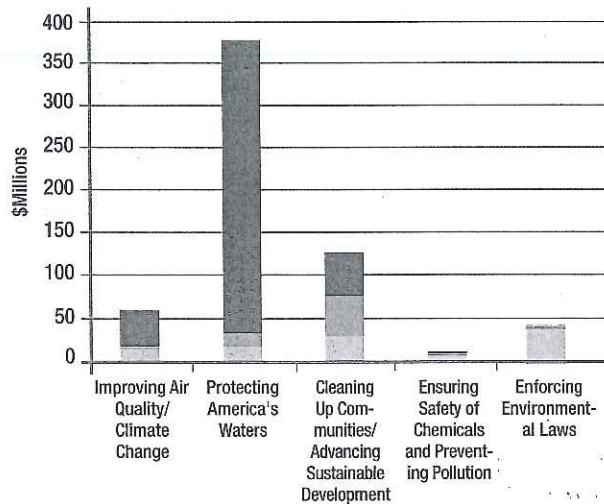
About 82% of the \$618 million operating budget appropriated by Congress for EPA's Pacific Southwest Region flows to state and tribal agencies, local governments, nonprofit organizations and private-sector companies in the form of grants and contracts.

This funding pays for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, clean air programs, Superfund site cleanups, rehabilitation of contaminated lands, and many other activities supporting communities and public health.

For more information on grants, visit [www.epa.gov/ogd](http://www.epa.gov/ogd).

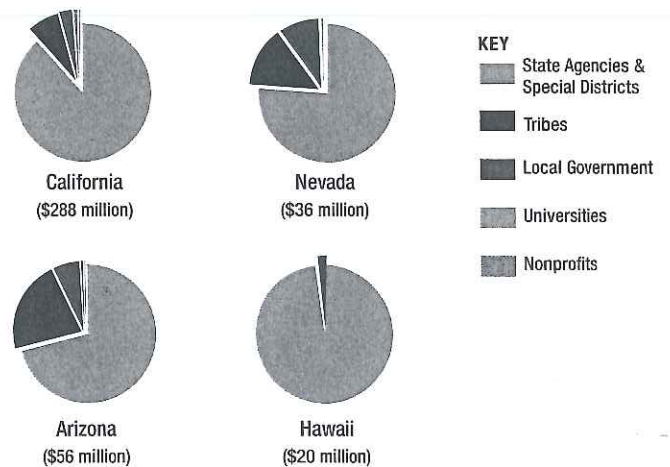
### Regional Funding by Strategic Goal

All told, more than half of regional funding is applied toward the goal of Protecting America's Waters. Most of the \$341 million in grants awarded under this goal goes to the State Revolving Fund, which supports drinking water and wastewater infrastructure as well as nonpoint source pollution and estuary protection programs.



### Distribution of Grant Funding

The majority of EPA's grant funding goes to state and tribal agencies for environmental work. (In the Pacific islands, all of EPA's financial support goes to government agencies.) The charts show who receives funding in each of four major geographic areas.



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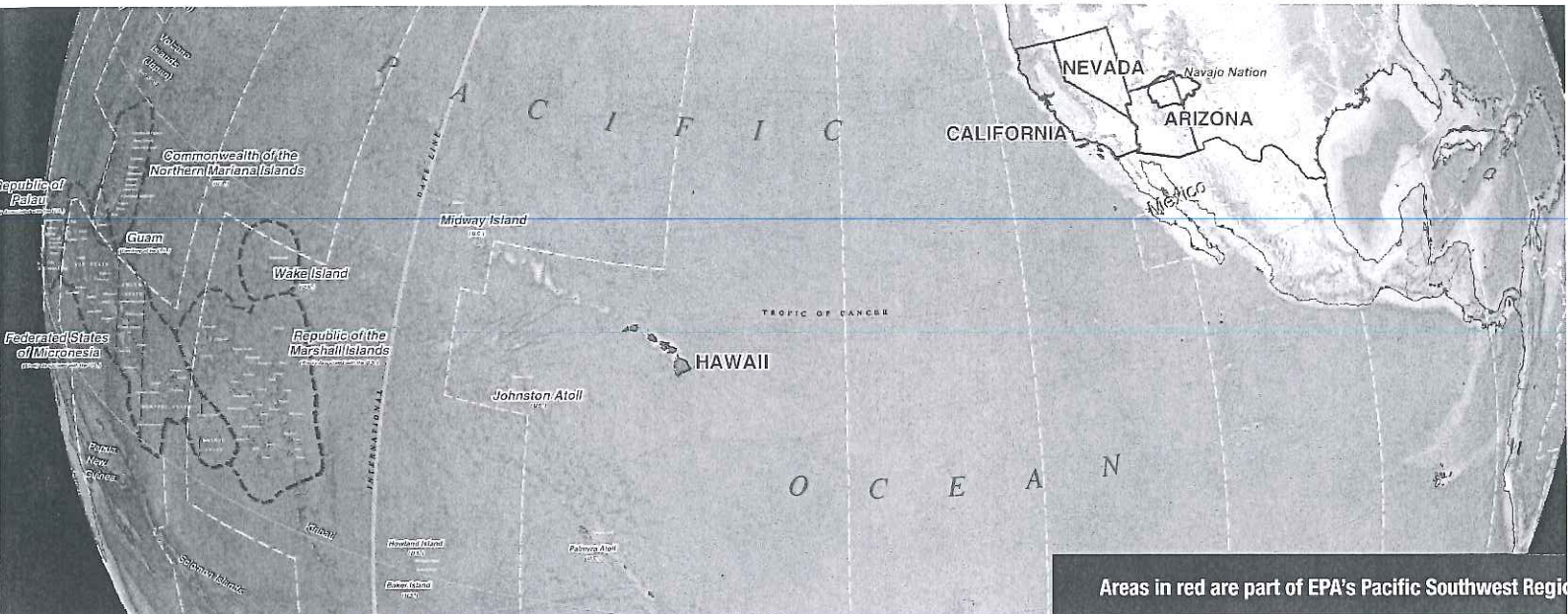
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## **Bills in Committee: June 29-July 2**

Policy committees are in full swing with just a few more weeks before the Legislature adjourns on July 17. Both houses return on Aug. 17 for the final weeks of the 2015 legislative session that ends on Sept. 11. The League will be engaged on more than a dozen bills, many of them Hot, during the week of June 29-July 2. Cities are encouraged to weigh in on these bills.

*For more, see Page 2.*



## **California City Solutions: Hermosa Beach Decision-Making Tool and Community Dialogues Enhance Trust**

*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. Hermosa Beach: A Community Moving Forward was submitted in 2014 for the Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, and Community Involvement award category.*

*For more, see Page 3.*

To access any bill on this list, the League's position letter and sample letters, please go to [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch) and plug in the bill number into the search box.

The League's full [2015 Hot and Priority Bill list](#) is available online.

A full listing of Senate and Assembly hearings is available online. Hearing times are subject to change. Bill language and any available position letters on legislation can be found through the bill search function on the [League's website](#).

### Monday, June 29

Senate Appropriations, 10 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **HOT AB 448 (Brown) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1262 (Wood) Telecommunications: universal service: California Advanced Services fund.** *League position: Support.*

### Tuesday, June 30

Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 3191

- **AB 254 (Hernandez) Election dates.** *League position: Oppose Unless Amended.*

Senate Judiciary, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- **AB 1347 (Chiu) Public contracts: claims.** *League position: Oppose.*

Senate Public Safety, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **AB 1056 (Atkins) Second Chance program.** *League position: Support.*

Senate Transportation and Housing, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **AB 90 (Chau) Second Chance program.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 744 (Chau) Planning and zoning: density bonus.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 870 (Cooley) Homelessness: rapid rehousing.** *League position: Support.*

### Wednesday, July 1

Assembly Elections and Redistricting, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 444

- **HOT SB 493 (Cannella) Elections in cities: by or from districts.** *League position: Support.*

Assembly Local Government, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- **SB 485 (Hernandez) County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 533 (Pan) Cities and counties: sales and use tax agreements.** *League position: Support.*

Senate Governance and Finance, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- **HOT AB 35 (Chiu) Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increases.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 36 (Campos) Local Government: federal surplus property.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 88 (Gomez) Sales and use taxes: exemption: energy or water efficient homes.** *League position: Oppose Unless Amended.*
- **AB 428 (Nazarian) Income tax credits: seismic retrofits.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 718 (Chu) Local government: powers.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1403 (Maienschein) Housing: joint powers agreement.** *League position: Support.*

The city of Hermosa Beach and its approximately 20,000 residents faced significant civic issues earlier this decade while going through a turnover of the majority of its city council. To meet these challenges, the city created proactive community dialogue series called Hermosa Beach: A Community Moving Forward. This is an effort to engage all Hermosans in a transparent and equitable decision-making process to improve the quality of life for residents and support the city's core values.

Launching in 2013, the community dialogues bring together local residents and business owners to identify priorities and city values through a series of public forums and discussions. Participants are presented with major issues and challenges that will impact the community and may have the potential to significantly alter the character and tone for residents. Issues include: an highly contentious oil production project proposed in the heart of the urbanized 1.4 square mile city, which was ultimately decided on by the voters in November 2014; several high profile, large-scale private development projects; a series of downtown/civic center revitalization efforts; and the continued desire to lead in sustainability and carbon neutrality while accomplishing the council's new Strategic Plan, all while doing the first revision of the city's General/Coastal Land Use Plans since the 1980s.

These major issues coupled with a majority of newly elected city officials had the potential to break down the community and slow the city's ability to move forward in an efficient manner. The Hermosa Beach City Council, the new city manager and several engaged residents embarked on a first-time and intensive year-long experiment in civic-engagement. The plan included a series of citywide community dialogue meetings to bring together all community members in shaping the future of the community, civic engagement and decision-making.

Because of the long history surrounding oil-related development in Hermosa Beach, city leaders understood that this would be a divisive issue. The community dialogue allowed for participants to communicate guiding values and a future vision for the community. Discussions lead to developing tools for evaluating how these projects relate to important values, essentially weighing trade-offs associated with complex civic decisions.

The city reached out to the community through a variety of media methods in an effort to involve as many community members as possible. Through a series of public forums and town hall meetings, small group roundtables and workshops, online surveys, photography exercises, a community fair and countless hours of independent break-out sessions among community-organized working groups formed through the community dialogue, the central questions shaping the visioning process were: where does the community see itself in the future and what qualities are valuable to the community?

Hermosa Beach identified these objectives for the campaign:

- Provide a forum for civic dialogue where members of the community can openly share diverse views in a respectful environment;
- Assist the public in articulating current perceptions of the community, community values and long-term goals for Hermosa Beach;
- Assist the public in building a framework and process for decision making relative to a variety of community projects and activities, based on expressed values and goals;
- Create a culture of innovation so that our challenges become our opportunities, and our opportunities enhance our community brand;
- Ensure all the appropriate perspectives, facts, implications and alternatives are available to make the informed decisions; and
- Increase the transparency of decision making via the use of a locally relevant, consistent and structured process or tool.

In relation to the proposed oil production project, defined objectives included:

- Assist the community in tackling and distilling the complex project, the project's Environmental Impact Report and other studies, in ways that make the information useful in its decision making;

- Facilitate dialogue that examines trade-offs of the proposed project and how they compare to the community's core values;
- Create tools that provide structure and focus attention on facts and common values to reduce contention during public dialogue without compromising the diversity of viewpoints;
- Enable the community to discover that, despite a diversity of views, it can engage in a civil and productive dialogue that enriches and strengthens the fabric of the community and
- Avoid disruption or 'hijacking' of community engagement and civil public dialogue by any persons or organizations.

As the city neared the controversial proposed oil project vote, there was a hint of uncertainty and nervous anticipation of how the results would affect the usually laid-back "best little beach city." The community dialogue process however, provided a grounding and stable force.

The year-long community dialogue process provided the following results:

- Defined through a community led process the essential core quality of life values of the community that should be protected and enhanced, and the status of the city's financial resources to provide support.
- Created a Decision Making Tool that has been accepted by the city council as a means of weighing decisions and tradeoffs between community values and various projects and decisions. The tool provides a framework for decision-making and increases transparency in government.
- Produced a core group of residents that continue to be committed to involvement in the application and as necessary refinement of the decision tool so that it becomes part of the DNA of the community.
- Demonstrated the ability for persons with diverse background and viewpoints to coalesce around a common goal and through perseverance and innovation produce quality, tangible results.
- The process and Decision Making Tool helped update the city's General Plan, using the quality of life values statement and gathered information to form the structure and vision of the plan.
- The Decision Making Tool can be applied to many different types of decisions, not only by the city but by organizations and individuals.

The city of Hermosa Beach is proud of the commitment and innovation by the residents who worked hard to create this powerful tool for the benefit of the city, helping decision-making for future issues.

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## Local Control over Joint Powers Authorities at Risk with AB 1217

Legislation currently moving through the Senate could endanger the ability of local governments to determine for themselves the governance structure of joint powers authorities. AB 1217 (Daly) represents a very troubling precedent in using statewide legislation to alter the governance structure for a joint powers authority (JPA) that was established by participating local agencies. *For more, see Page 2.*



## Storm Water Strategic Initiative Stakeholder Meeting Scheduled for July 7

*Written Comments Due by July 24*

The State Water Resources Control Board Storm Water Program is holding a stakeholder meeting and providing an opportunity for public comment on the Storm Water Strategic Initiative Proposal to develop a Storm Water Program work plan and Implementation Strategy. *For more, see Page 2.*

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Under current law, local public agencies can enter into a JPA at any time to jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties for a mutually agreed upon purpose. These agreements are purely voluntary. The governance structure of a JPA is decided upon by the local agency participants at the time the JPA is formed. The very essence of such entities is local control.

If disputes subsequently arise about the governance structure or any other aspect of the voluntary agreement that created the JPA, mechanisms are provided under existing law to resolve them at the local level. Moreover, there are also clear provisions in this and other instances for any of the cooperating parties to withdraw from such voluntary agreements if they disagree with the governance or any other aspect of the JPA agreement.

With current law providing a mechanism to make any necessary changes to a JPA's governance or any other aspect of its operations, it begs the question why statewide legislation is necessary — particularly when that legislation is disturbingly precedent-setting in its interference in a matter that clearly falls within the scope of local control.

AB 1217 attempts to undermine existing law and unilaterally overrule a locally agreed upon governance structure that is part of the valid and voluntary formation agreement of a JPA — an entity that by definition has no relation to matters of statewide concern.

Local governments throughout California should be concerned about this measure, and strongly consider opposing it. Whatever the motivation for introducing this legislation, it is an attempt to intervene in a local matter that is best resolved at the local government level.

#### **Next steps**

AB 1217 will next be heard in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on July 8. Cities are encouraged to send letters of opposition. A sample letter, along with the League's opposition letter, is available on the League's [website](#).

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The web-based stakeholder meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7 at 2 p.m.

Written comments can be sent either via email or regular mail and are due by noon on Friday, July 24 to [Jeanine Townsend](#), the board clerk.

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The proposal is available [online](#).

Additional information is available on the Storm Water Strategic Initiative program [website](#).

For questions, please contact [Sarah Gatzke](#) at (916) 341-5517 or [Shuka Rastegarpour](#) at (916) 341-5576.

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