

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
September 15, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Scott C. Stiles, City Manager
Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

None.

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

- A.** A Public Hearing Notice from The Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Clerk of the Board, Laurena Weinert, announcing that the OCTA Board of Directors are considering a proposed set of changes to Orange County Transportation Authority's fare policy.
- B.** A notice from Southern California Edison Company (SCE) that they have filed for a General Rate Case (GRC) Application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting authority to increase base rate (non-fuel) revenues.
- C.** Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Cypress College Facilities Master Plan from Richard Williams, District Director, Facilities Planning and Construction for North Orange County Community College District.
- D.** Memorandum from Mr. Larry Dick and Mr. Wayne S. Osborne of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) outlining monthly water usage data figures, an estimate of Tier 2 volume for MWDOC, and selected water supply information.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

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



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager



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August 26, 2016

Public Hearing Notice

Dear Orange County City Clerks, City Mayors, City Managers, City Public Works Directors, and Colleges and Universities:

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors will conduct a Public Hearing to consider the Proposed Set of Changes to Orange County Transportation Authority's Fare Policy.

Monday, September 26, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.
Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters
550 South Main Street, Board Room,
Conference Rooms 07-08-09
Orange, California 92863

All persons having an interest in these matters are invited to attend the public hearing to address the Board of Directors with verbal or written comments/recommendations. If you wish to file a written comment, submit to:

Orange County Transportation Authority
Clerk of the Board
550 South Main Street
P.O. Box 14184
Orange, CA 92863-1584

or

boardofdirectors@octa.net

Please contact the Clerk of the Board with any questions regarding this hearing or request for special accommodations at boardofdirectors@octa.net or 714.560.5676.

Sincerely,

Laurena Weinert
Clerk of the Board

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Los usuarios con acceso al Internet podrán leer y descargar esta notificación en español en el sitio Web de SCE www.sce.com/avisos, o escribirla a la atención de las Comunicaciones Corporativas.

Southern California Edison Company
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue
Rosemead, CA 91770

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (SCE) NOTICE OF FILING OF GENERAL RATE CASE APPLICATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCE'S REQUESTED RATE INCREASE APPLICATION NO. (A.) 16-09-001

On September 1, 2016, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed a General Rate Case (GRC) Application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting authority to increase base rate (non-fuel) revenues. SCE is requesting to increase its revenue requirement for 2018 – 2020 as follows:

- **2018:** \$222 million (2.7% increase over presently authorized total rates)
- **2019:** Additional \$533 million (4.2%)
- **2020:** Additional \$570 million (5.2%)
- **TOTAL:** Cumulative \$1.325 billion (12.1%) revenue requirement increase over 3 years¹

At the request of the CPUC, SCE's request for 2018 includes approval of \$48 million in one-time costs recorded in several balancing and memorandum accounts.

Every three years, SCE is required to file a GRC application that starts a proceeding in which the CPUC sets annual revenue levels. Annual revenue is the total amount of money a utility collects through rates in a given year, for specific purposes. Base rate revenues pay for the costs of owning and operating electric distribution and generation facilities (excluding fuel and purchased power related costs).

¹ The percentage increases represent the average increase. Individual customers may see lower or higher bill increases due to their individual energy consumption.

THE KEY REASONS FOR SCE'S PROPOSED INCREASE

The primary reasons for the requested revenue increases are:

1. Keeping the electric grid safe for the public and for SCE workers;
2. Reinforcing grid reliability, and grid resiliency in case of an emergency;
3. Modernizing the electric grid to integrate distributed energy resources without compromising safety and reliability; and
4. Improving customer service and communication, and offering customers more choices to meet their needs.

WHAT THIS PROPOSED GRC APPLICATION MEANS TO YOU

If the CPUC approves the application, the impact on non-CARE residential customers who use the system-wide average of 600 kWh per month would be about \$3.75 a month in 2018. In 2019, the monthly increase would be about \$5.65 and in 2020, the monthly increase would be about \$7.29. The Table below shows the proposed rate increase by customer group, based on the most recent method approved by the CPUC:

Proposed Rate Increase by Customer Group²

<i>Customer Group</i>	System Revenues				Bundled (¢/kWh)			
	Current Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Revenue Increase	% Revenue Increase	Current Rates (¢/kWh)	Proposed Rates	Proposed Rate Increase	% Rate Increase
Residential	4,729,345	4,891,392	162,047	3.43%	17.15	17.73	0.58	3.38%
Lighting-Small and Medium Power	4,112,709	4,217,870	105,161	2.56%	15.59	15.97	0.38	2.44%
Large Power	1,804,479	1,838,691	34,212	1.90%	10.78	10.95	0.17	1.58%
Agricultural & Pumping	387,371	395,781	8,410	2.17%	11.86	12.11	0.25	2.11%
Street & Area Lighting	126,305	126,602	297	0.24%	17.04	17.08	0.04	0.23%
Standby	257,361	260,178	2,817	1.09%	8.97	9.04	0.07	0.78%
Total	11,417,570	11,730,515	312,945	2.74%	14.87	15.26	0.39	2.62%

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SCE'S APPLICATION

You may review a copy of SCE's application and related exhibits at SCE's corporate headquarters (2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770).

Customers with Internet access may view and download SCE's application and related exhibits on SCE's website. Please do the following:

- 1) Go to www.sce.com/applications;
- 2) Scroll down to "2018 GRC" and click on the link;
- 3) The 2018 GRC application and testimony are presented in Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format and can be viewed online, printed, or saved to your hard drive.

If you have technical issues accessing the documents through the website, please e-mail case.admin@sce.com for assistance (be sure to reference proceeding A.16-09-001 in your e-mail).

Anyone who would like to obtain more information about this application from SCE, please write to:

Southern California Edison Company
A.16-09-001 – SCE's 2018 GRC
P.O. Box 800
Rosemead, CA 91770
Attention: Shinjini Menon, Director, General Rate Case

² On average, 2018 bills will be at about the same level as 2014 if SCE's request is approved.

In addition, a copy of this application may be reviewed at the CPUC's Central Files Office, located in San Francisco, CA, by appointment. For more information, please contact them at aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 703-2045.

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. In addition, the CPUC may hold Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) on this application. PPHs are public forums where SCE customers can obtain additional information about this application and provide feedback on the application to CPUC and SCE representatives.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt SCE's application as proposed, 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) will review this application on behalf of SCE's ratepayers. 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. For more information about ORA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail ora@cpuc.ca.gov or visit ORA's website at www.ora.ca.gov/.

STAY INFORMED

If you would like to follow this proceeding, or any other issue before the CPUC, you may use the CPUC's free subscription service. Sign up at: <http://subscribecpuc.cpuc.ca.gov/>. If you would like to learn how you can participate in the proceeding, have informal comments about the application, or if you have questions about the CPUC processes, you may access the CPUC's Public Advisor Office (PAO) webpage at www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/. You may also contact the PAO as follows:

Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Write: Public Advisor's Office
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Call: 1-415-703-2074

Toll-free: 1-866-849-8390

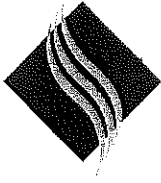
TTY: 1-415-703-5282

TTY toll free: 1-866-836-7825

Please reference Southern California Edison Application No. 16-09-001 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 be made available for review for the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.

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September 2, 2016

To: Distribution List

From: North Orange County Community College District
1830A West Romneya Drive
Anaheim, California 92801-1819

Subject: **Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Cypress College Facilities Master Plan**

North Orange County Community College District (District) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Cypress College Facilities Master Plan. The District is updating its Facilities Master Plan, which provides an analysis of the evolving student body and makes planning recommendations based on their education needs.

Project Description

Cypress College is generally bound by Lincoln Avenue to the north, Holder Street to the east, Orange Avenue to the south, and Valley View Street to the west. Approximately 138,000 assignable square feet (ASF) of new academic, auxiliary, and recreational uses would be constructed as part of the proposed project, which also includes the increase in square footage due to the expansion of existing buildings. The proposed project would involve the demolition of approximately 56,561 ASF of existing buildings and facilities. Approximately 1,100 net parking spaces would be created from construction of a new parking structure and reconfiguration of existing lots. Parking Lots 1 through 9 will be reconfigured with 90-degree parking stalls to increase efficiency; entries/exits for all parking lots will be reconfigured to improve visibility and traffic flow; pedestrian walkways, crosswalks, and connections for pedestrian safety will be incorporated; clear and directional wayfinding signage will be provided; and options for photovoltaic (PV) canopy-covered parking lots to increase shade and reduce heat island effect will be included. Chapter 3 of the Program EIR includes a detailed project description.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts

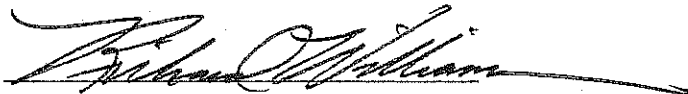
Based on analysis provided in the Draft Program EIR, it was determined that there would be no impacts or less-than-significant impacts related to agricultural and forestry resources, biological resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gases and climate change, land use and planning,

Notice of Availability

mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, and traffic and circulation. There would be less-than-significant impacts with mitigation related to aesthetics, air quality, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and utilities and service systems. The Draft Program EIR also determined that the proposed project would have significant and unavoidable environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance related to cultural resources (historic resources).

Public Comment Period

The Draft Program EIR is available through the District's website (<http://www.nocccd.edu/>) and the Cypress College website (<http://www.cypresscollege.edu/>) for a 45-day public comment period from September 2, 2016, through October 16, 2016. A copy of the Draft Program EIR is also available for public review at the Cypress City Library at 5331 Orange Avenue and at the Administrative Offices, North Orange County Community College District, Anaheim campus, located at the address above. Comments on the Draft Program EIR may be made in writing, and should be sent to Richard Williams at the address shown above. Note we will need a contact name. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but no later than 45 days after receipt of this notice.



Richard Williams

District Director, Facilities Planning and Construction



Memorandum

DATE: September 8, 2016
TO: Member Agencies – MWDOC Divisions Two & Three
FROM: Larry Dick, Director – Division Two
Wayne S. Osborne, Director – Division Three
SUBJECT: Monthly Water Usage Data, Tier 2 Projection & Water Supply Information

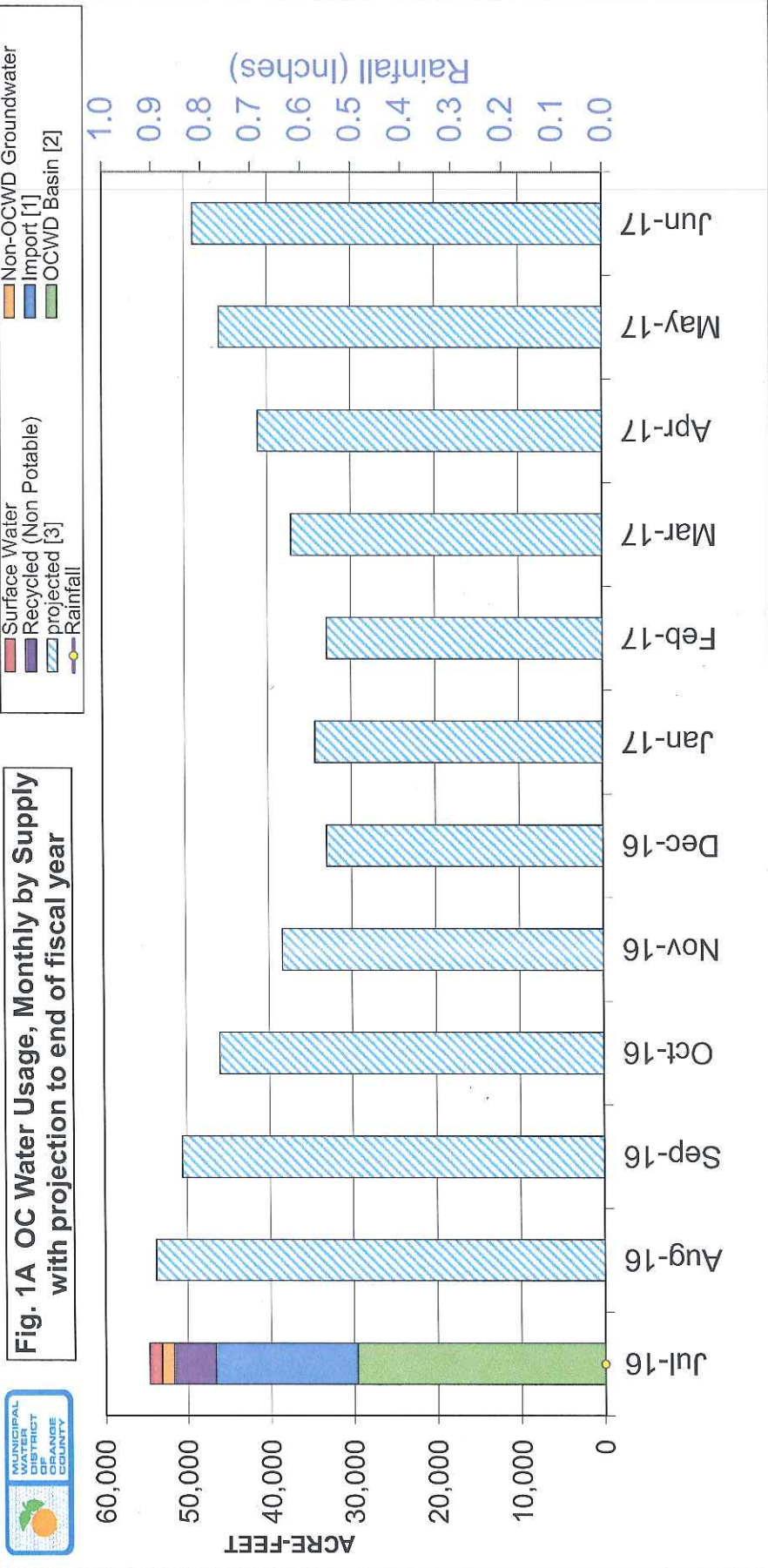
The attached figures show the recent trend of water consumption in Orange County (OC), an estimate of Tier 2 volume for MWDOC, and selected water supply information.

- Fig. 1 OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply OCWD Groundwater water was the main supply in July.
- Fig. 2 OC Water Usage, Monthly, Comparison to Previous Years Water usage in July 2016 was low compared to the last 5 years with the exception of July 2015. Lower usage is primarily due to strong conservation efforts and mandatory restrictions set by the Governor for the period of June 2015 to May 2016. In June 2016 all water conservation became voluntary for MWDOC agencies.
- Fig. 3 Historical OC Water Consumption OC water consumption is projected to be 517,000 AF in FY 2016-17 (*this includes ~15 TAF of agricultural usage and non-retail water agency usage*). This is about 22,000 AF more than FY 2015-16 and is about 55,000 AF less than FY 2014-15. Water usage per person is projected to be slightly higher than in FY 2015-16 for Orange County at 145 gallons per day (This includes recycled water). Although OC population has increased 20% over the past two decades, water usage has not increased, on average. A long-term decrease in per-capita water usage is attributed mostly to Water Use Efficiency (water conservation) efforts.
- Fig. 4 MWDOC "Firm" Water Purchases, 2016 "Firm" water above the Tier 1 limit will be charged at the higher Tier 2 rate. Our current projection of Tier 2 purchases is zero in 2016.

Water Supply Information Includes data on: Rainfall in OC; the OCWD Basin overdraft; Northern California and Colorado River Basin hydrologic data; the State Water Project (SWP) Allocation, and regional storage volumes. The data has implications for the

magnitude of supplies from the three watersheds that are the principal sources of water for OC. Note that a hydrologic year is Oct. 1st through Sept. 30th.

- Orange County's accumulated rainfall through August was well below average for this period. This continues the impact of the previous four hydrologic years' below-normal rainfall in reducing those local supplies that are derived from local runoff. El Nino conditions have diminished and NOAA is predicted a moderate chance of La Nina for next winter (La Nina is generally associated with cool dry winters in Southern California).
- Northern California accumulated precipitation in August was around 117% of normal for this period. The Northern California snowpack is 97% of normal as of April 1st. This follows three below-average hydrologic years. The State of California has been in a declared Drought Emergency since January 2014. The State Water Project Contractors Table A Allocation is at 60% as of the end of June.
- Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation in August was 96% average for this period. The Upper Colorado Basin snowpack was 85% of normal as of April 15th. This follows two below-average hydrologic years, the Colorado River Basin is in the recovery of a long term drought. Lake Mead and Lake Powell combined have about 61% of their average storage volume for this time of year. If Lake Mead's level falls below a "trigger" limit 1,075 ft. at the end of a calendar year, then a shortage will be declared by the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), impacting Colorado River water deliveries for the Lower Basin states. As of late August Lake Mead levels were slightly below the "trigger" limit but fortunately levels are expecting to increase due to water releases schedule at Lake Powell. The USBR predicts that the "trigger" level will not be hit by the end of 2016.



[1] Imported water for consumptive use. Includes "In-Lieu" deliveries and CUP water extraction. Excludes "Direct Replenishment" deliveries of spreading water, "Barrier Replenishment" deliveries, and deliveries into Irvine Lake.

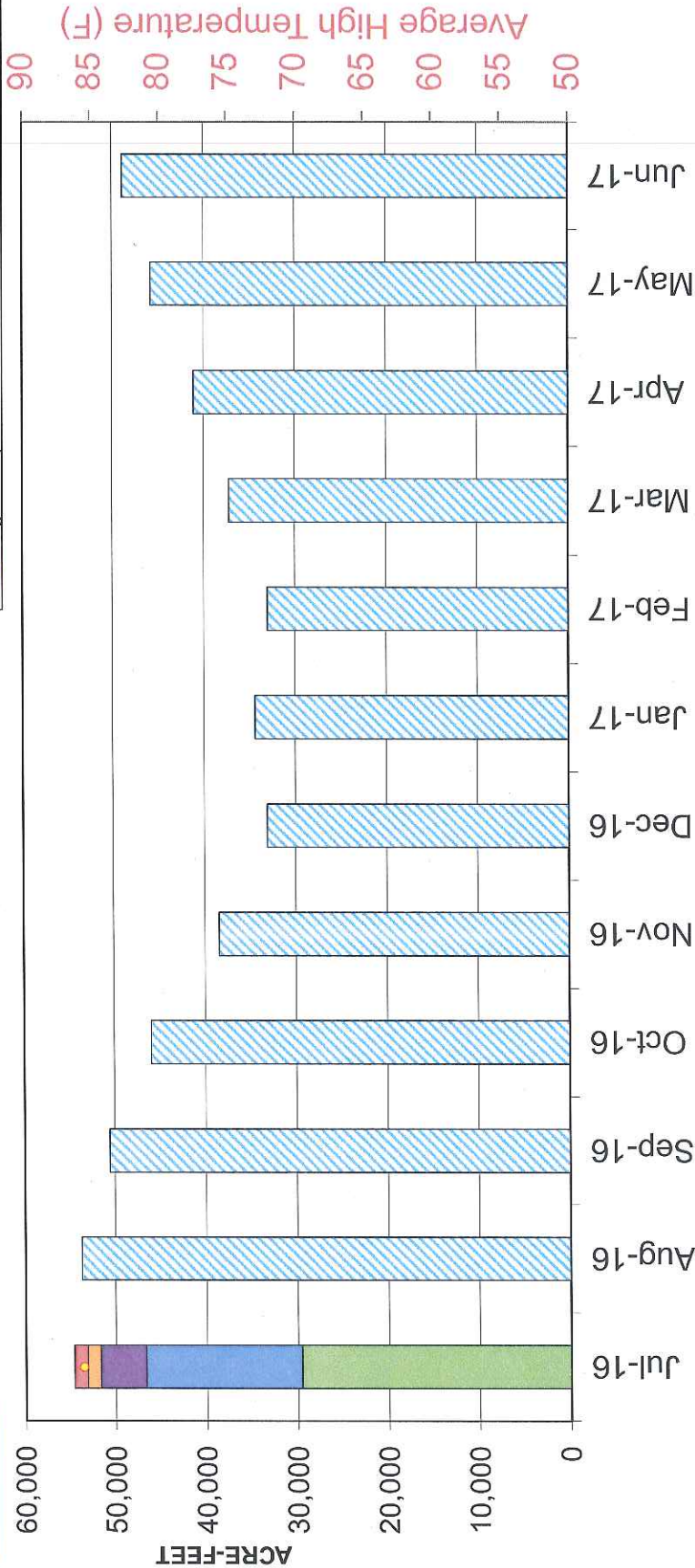
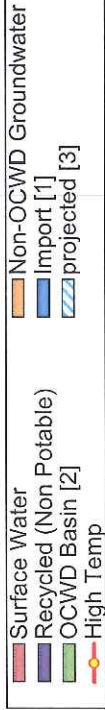
[2] GW for consumptive use only. Excludes In-Lieu water deliveries and CUP water extraction that are counted with Import. BPP in FY '15-16 is 75%.

[3] MWDOC's estimate of monthly demand is based on the projected FY 15-16 "Retail" water demand and historical monthly demand patterns.

[4] Total water usage includes IRWD groundwater agricultural use and usage by non-retail water agencies.



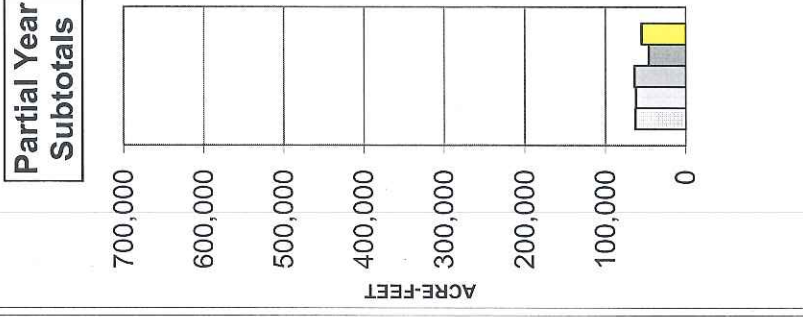
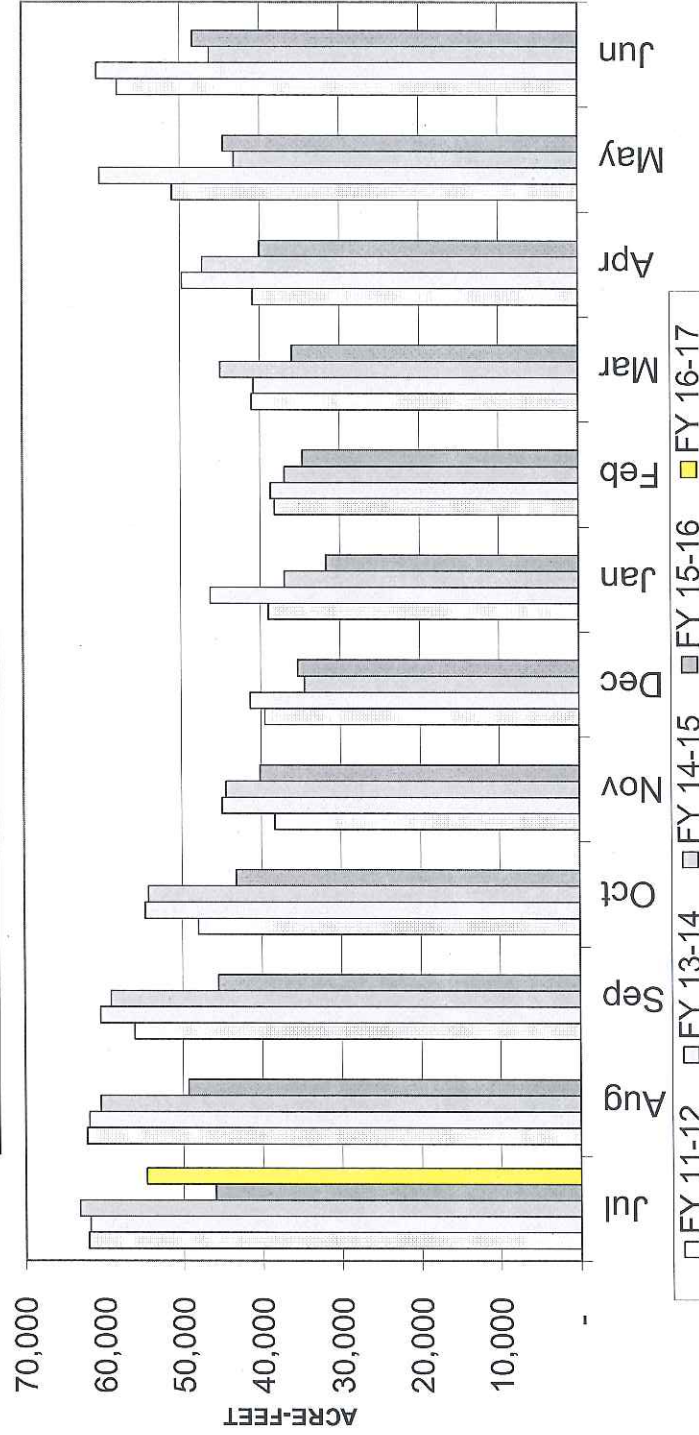
Fig. 1B OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply
with projection to end of fiscal year



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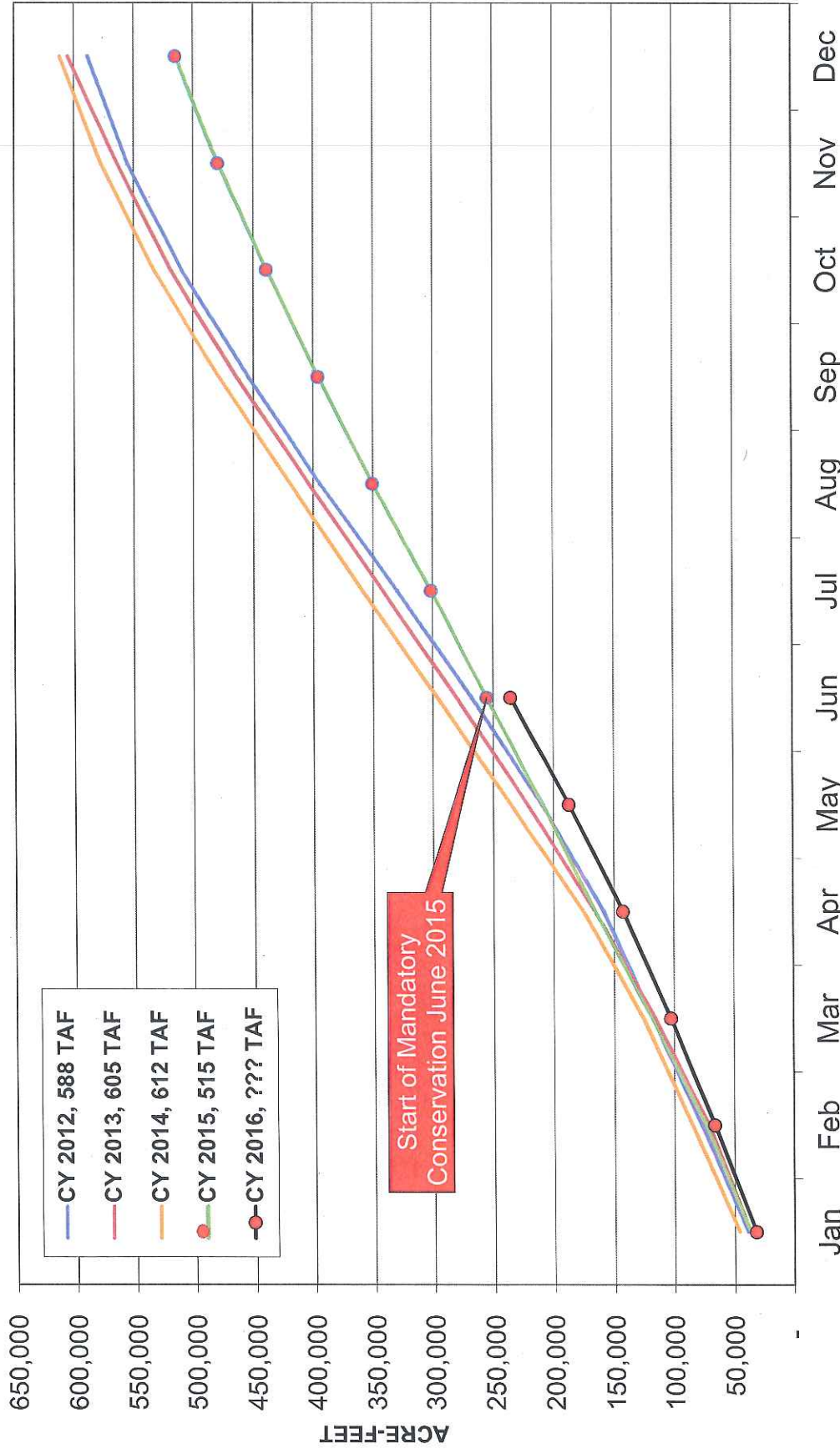
Fig. 2A OC Monthly Water Usage [1]: Comparison to Last 4 Fiscal Years



[1] Sum of Imported water for consumptive use (includes "In-Lieu" deliveries; excludes "Direct Replenishment" and "Barrier Replenishment") and Local water for consumptive use (includes recycled and non-potable water; excludes GWRS production, groundwater pumped to waste, and waste brine from water treatment projects.) Recent months numbers include some estimation.



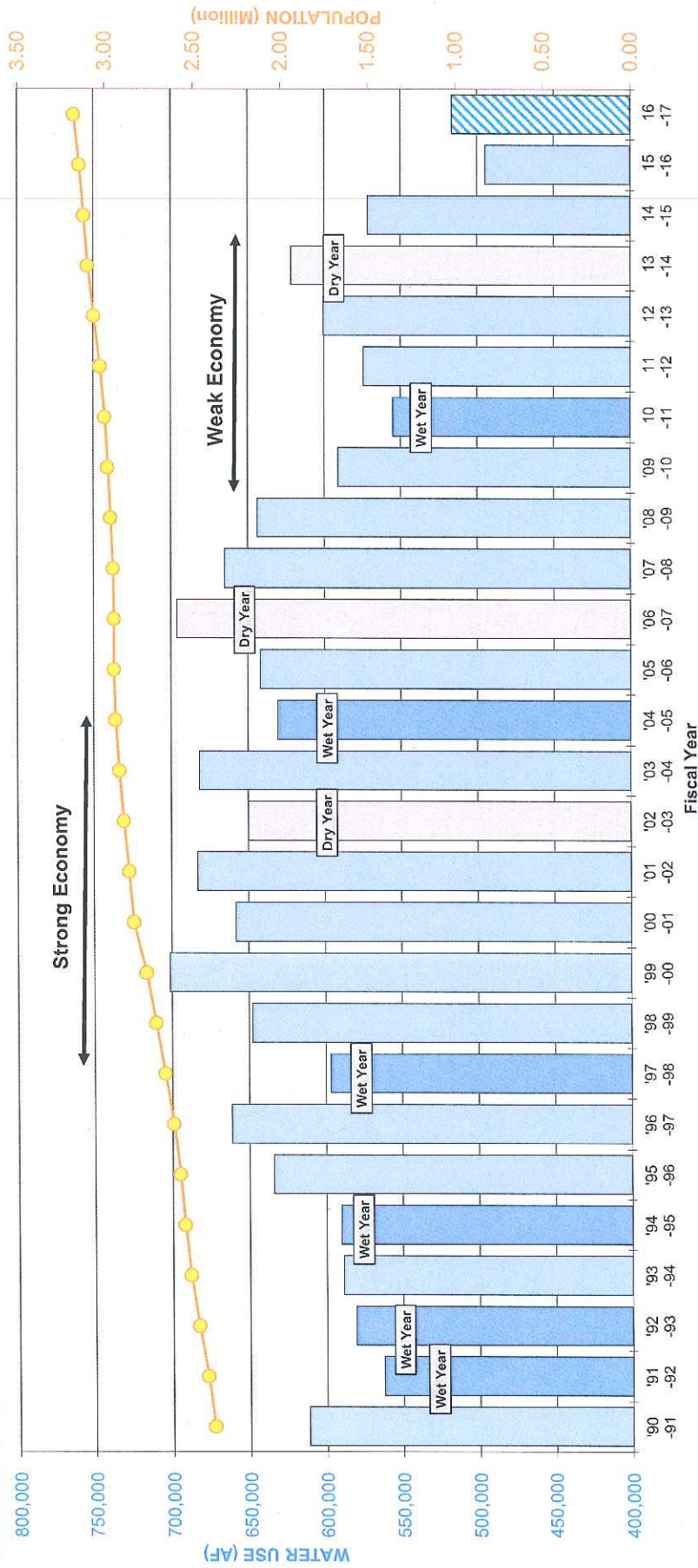
Fig. 2B Orange County Cumulative Monthly Consumptive Water Usage [1]:
 present year compared to last 4 calendar years



[1] Sum of imported water for consumptive use (includes "In-Lieu" deliveries; excludes "Direct Replenishment" and "Barrier Replenishment") and Local water for consumptive use (includes recycled and non-potable water; excludes GWRS production and waste brine from water quality pumping projects).



Fig. 3A HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND POPULATION[2] IN OC



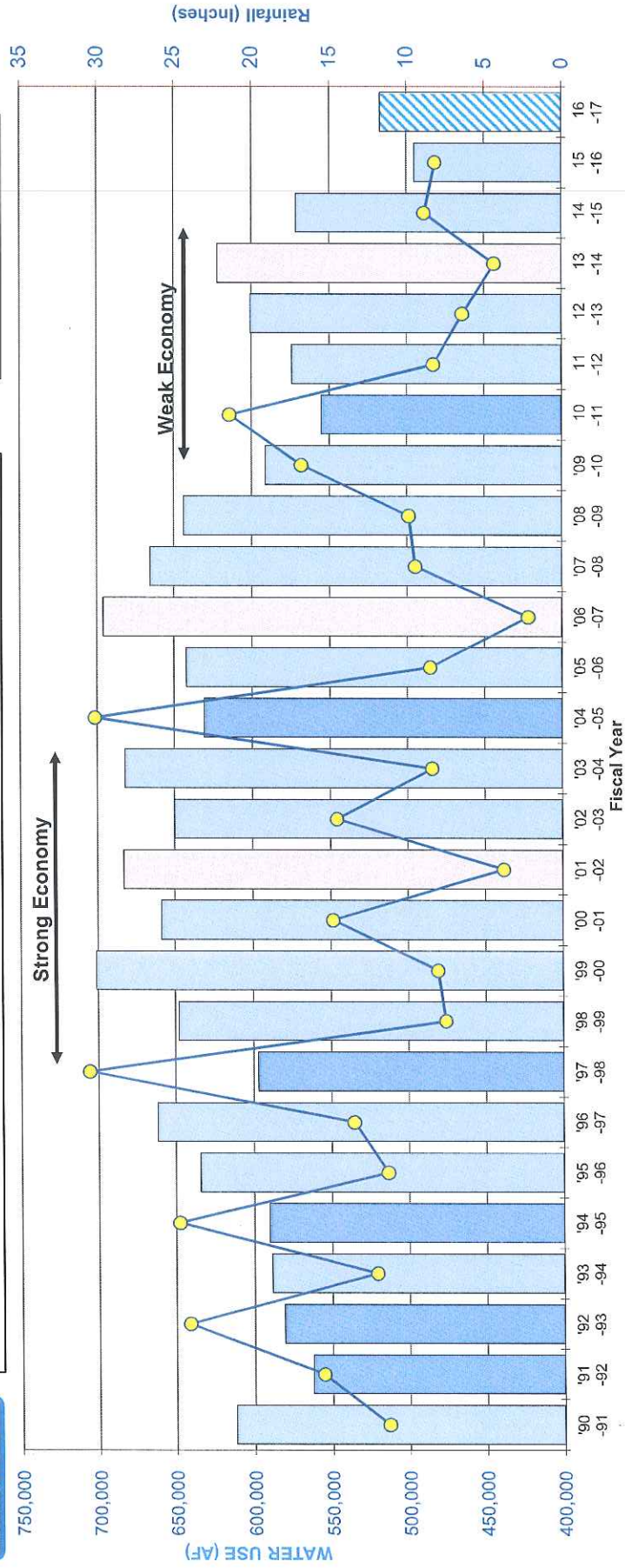
[1] Consumption includes potable, recycled and non-potable usage; excludes Barrier and Spreading water. The most recent data involve some estimation.

[2] Population estimates in the 2000s decade were revised by the State Dept. of Finance to reflect the 2010 Census counts.

[3] Projection of FY 15-16 water use estimated by MWDOC based on partial-year data.



Fig. 3B HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION^[1] AND Annual Rainfall^[2] IN OC

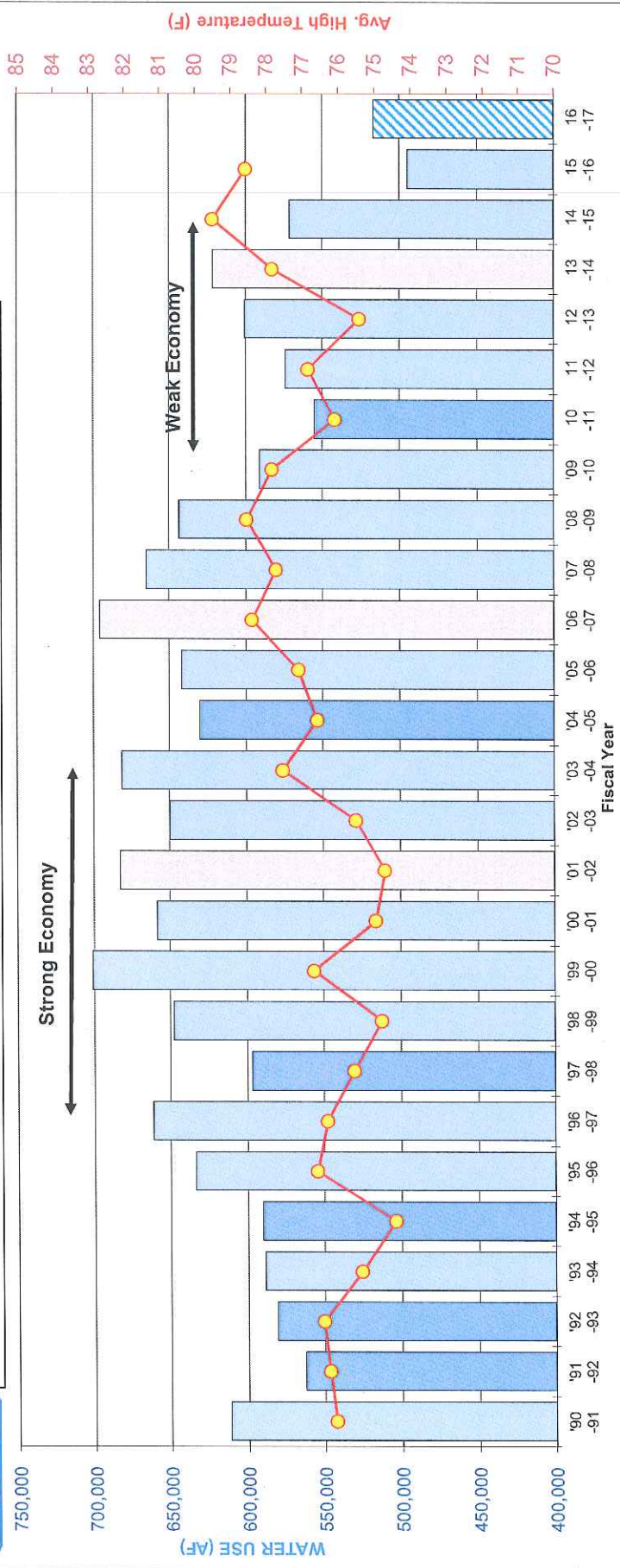


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[2] Rainfall data from Santa Ana Station #121



Fig. 3C HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION^[1] AND Annual Average High Temperature^[2] IN OC

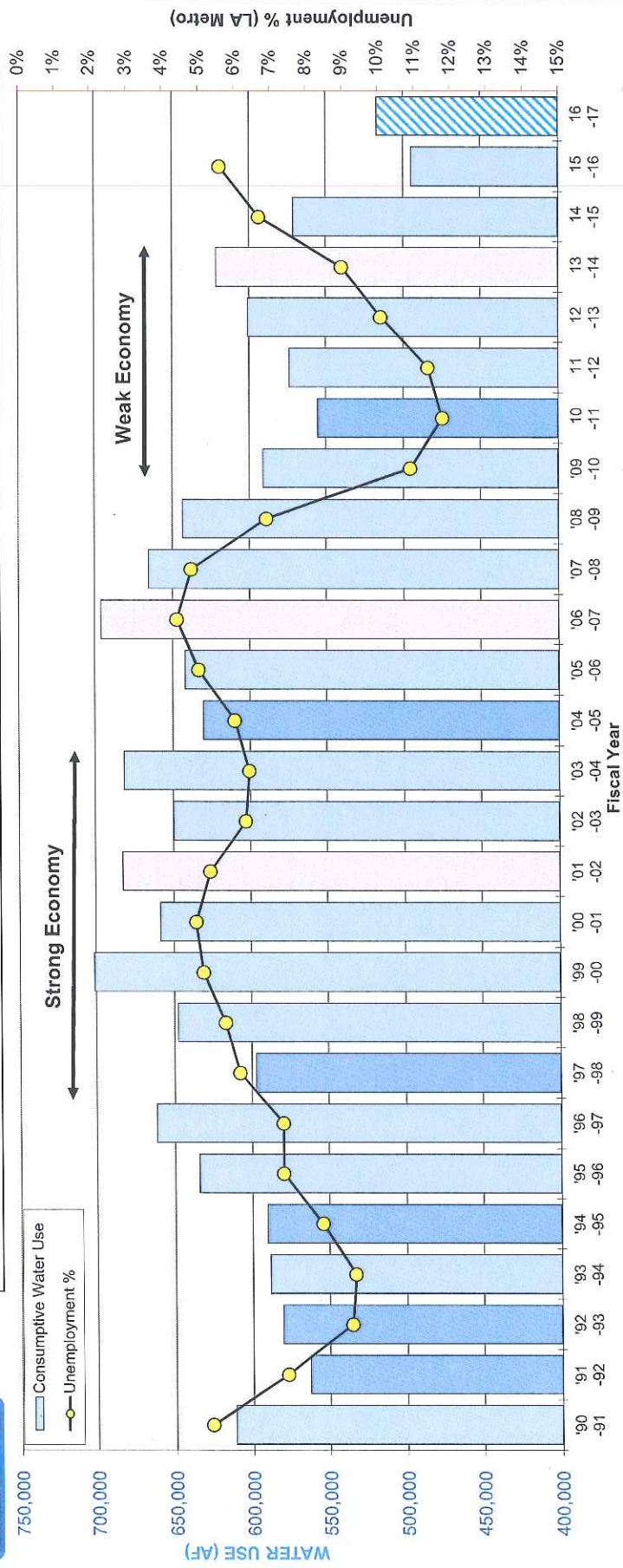


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[2] Temperature data is from Santa Ana Fire Station, elevation 135'



Fig. 3D HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND Average Unemployment[2] IN OC



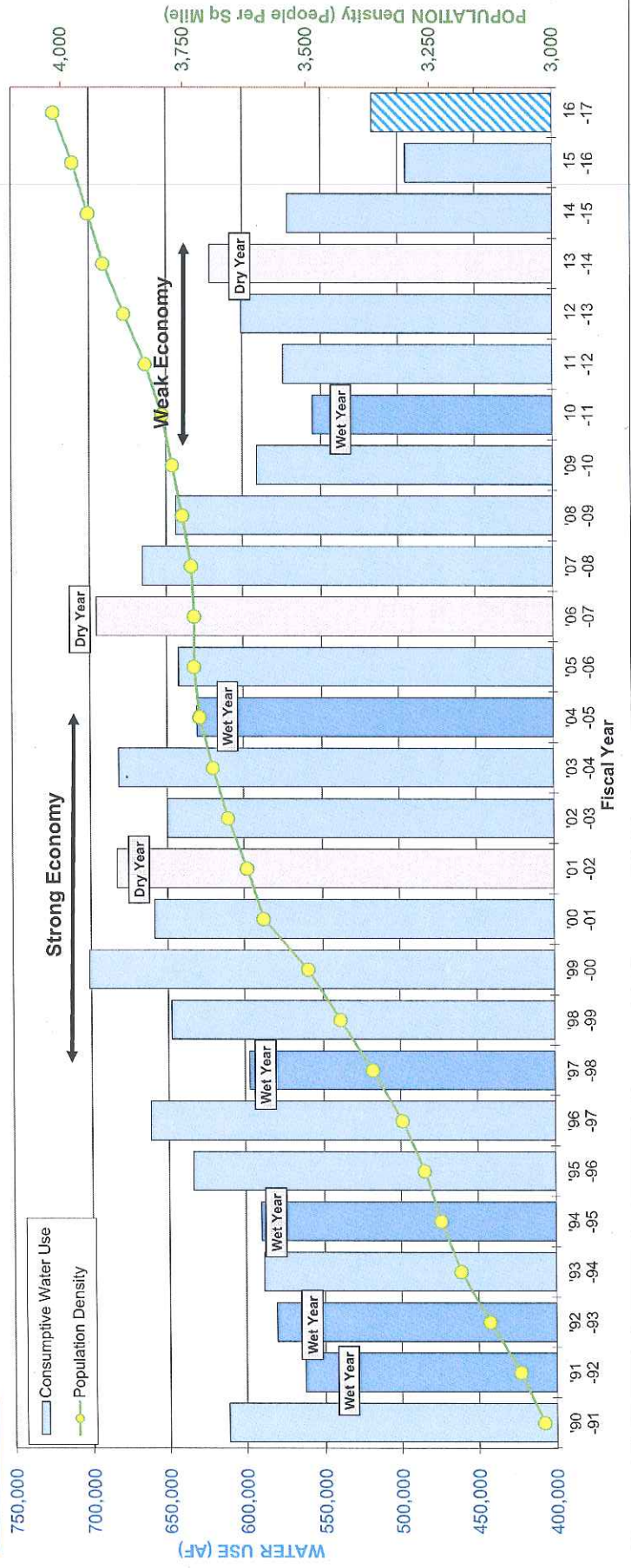
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[2] Employment Data source Bureau of Labor Statistic: for Long Beach-L.A.-Santa Ana Metro Area

<http://www.bls.gov/lau/>



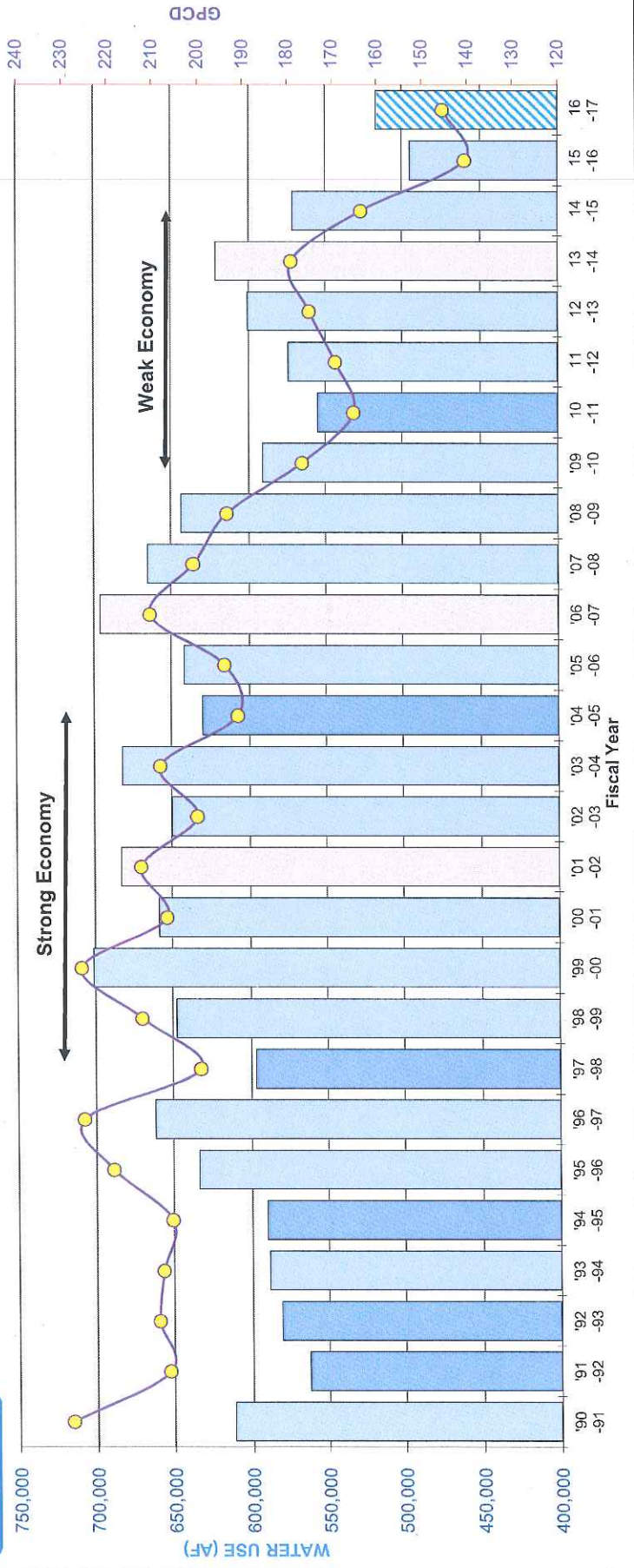
Fig. 3E HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION^[1] AND POPULATION DENSITY^[2] IN OC



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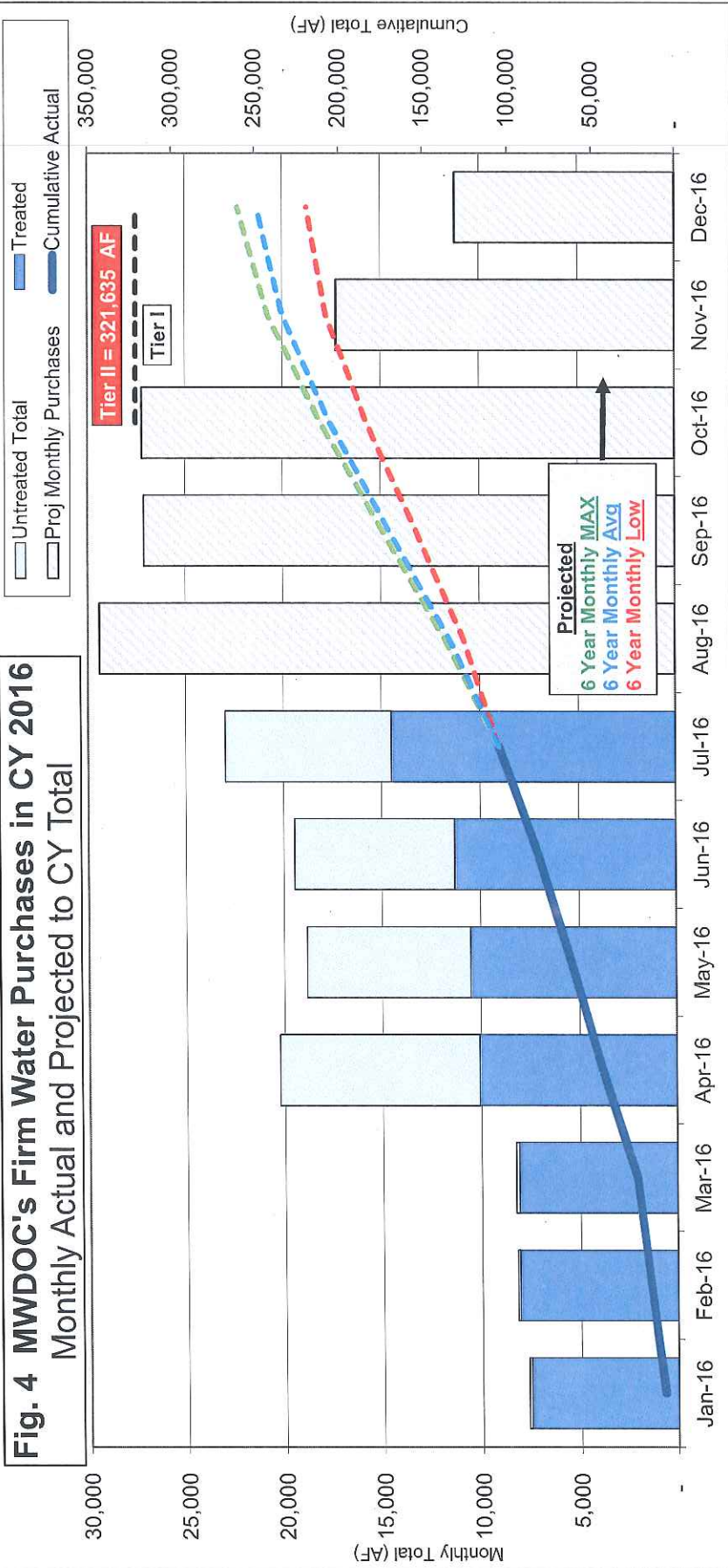


Fig. 3F HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND GPCD [2] IN OC



[1] Consumption includes potable, recycled and non-potable usage; excludes Barrier and Spreading water. The most recent data involve some estimation.
 [2] Gallon per Capita Daily (includes all types of water usage and all type of water users).

Fig. 4 MWDOC's Firm Water Purchases in CY 2016
 Monthly Actual and Projected to CY Total



Notes

1. "Firm" includes Full Service (both Treated and Untreated) and Barrier water.
2. Basin Pumping Percentage (BPP) is the percentage of a retail water agency's total water demand that they are limited to pump from the OCWD-managed groundwater basin. BPP pertains to Basin agencies only. For example, if a Basin agency's total demand is 10,000 AF/yr and OCWD sets the BPP at 72%, then the agency is limited to 7,200 AF of groundwater that year. There may be certain exceptions and/or adjustments to that simple calculation. OCWD sets the BPP for the Basin agencies, usually as of July 1st.



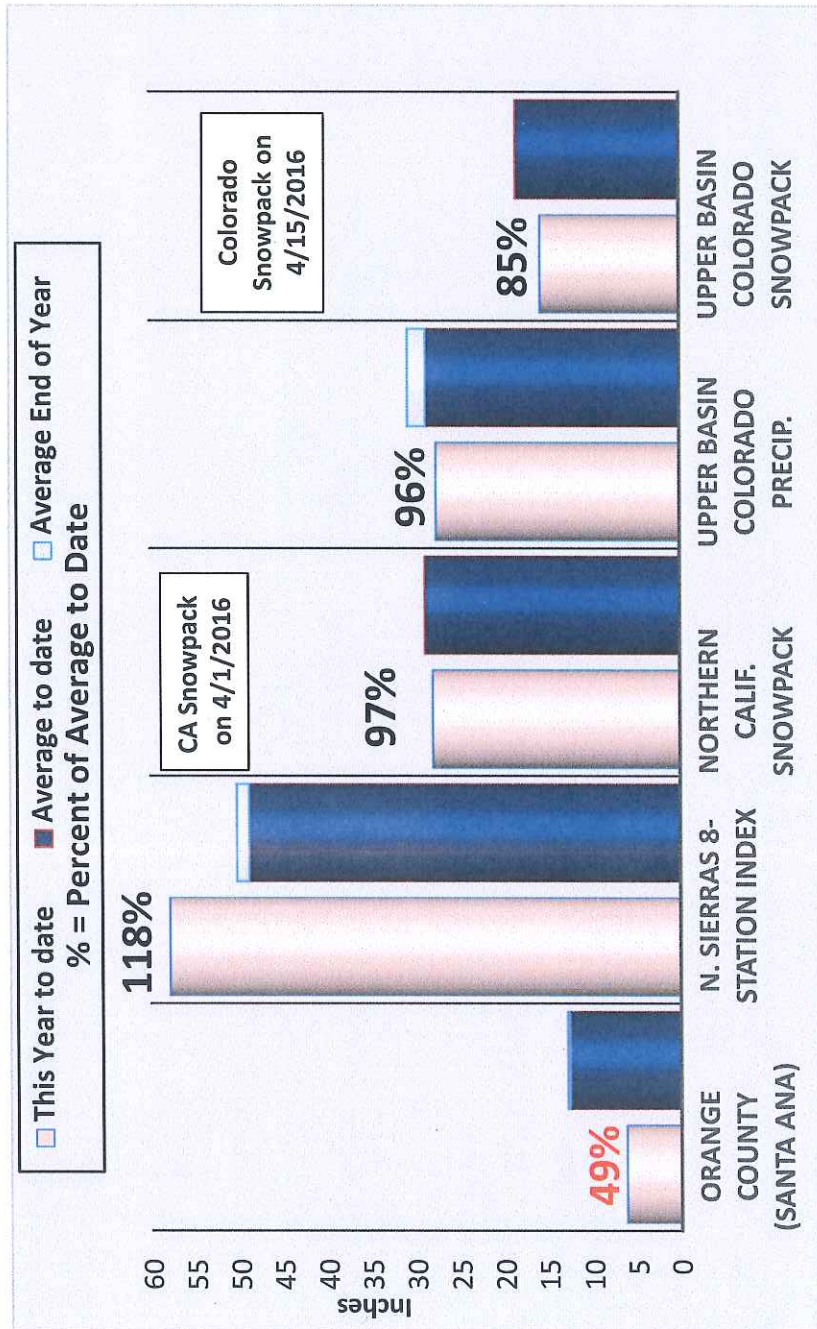
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Accumulated Precipitation

for the Oct.-Sep. water year, through late August 2016



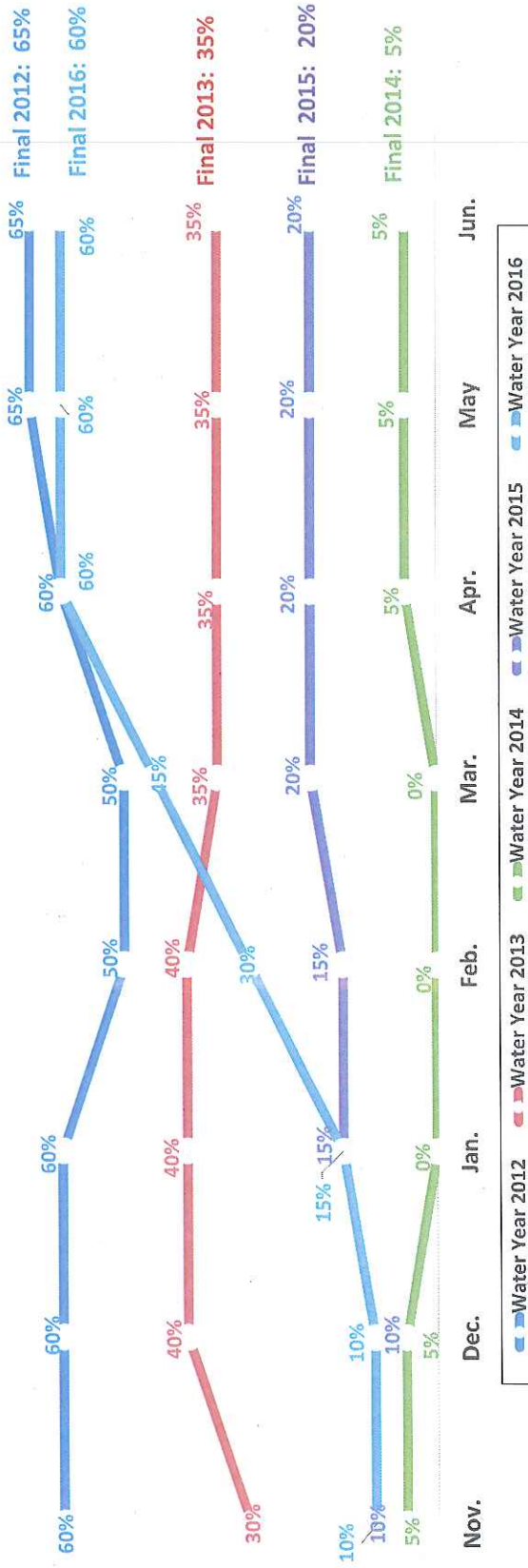
* The date of maximum snowpack accumulation (April 1st in Northern Calif., April 15th in the Upper Colorado Basin) is used for year to year comparison.





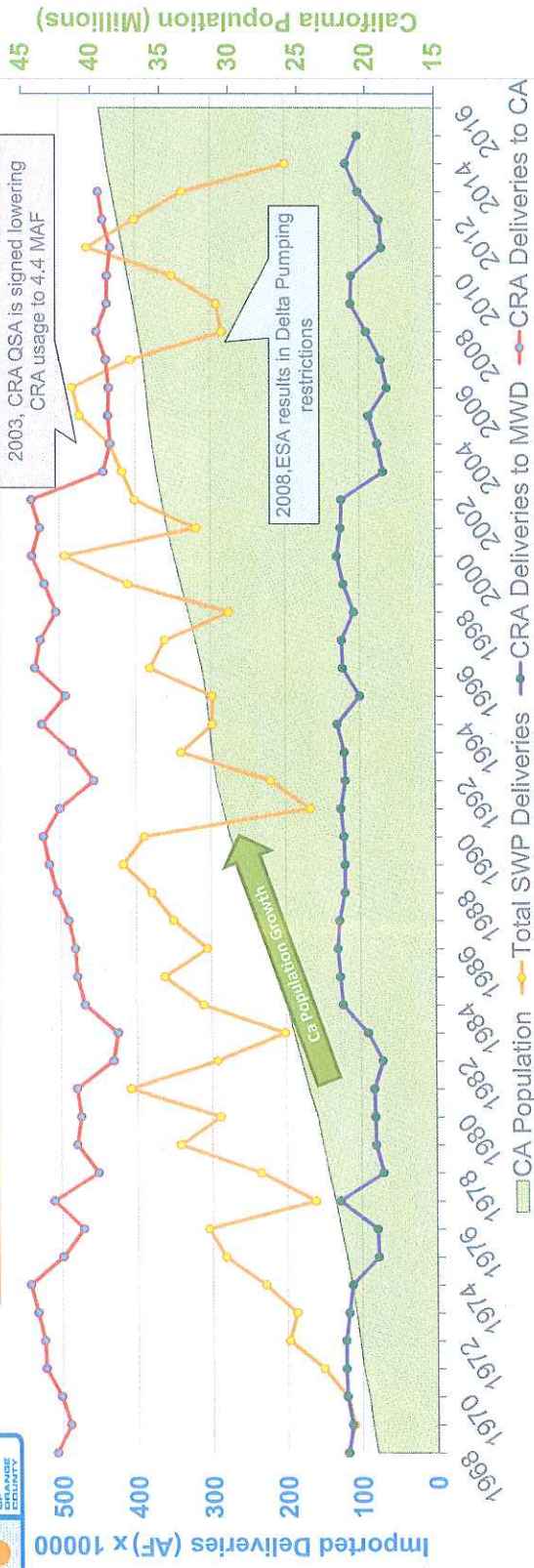
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FOR STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS

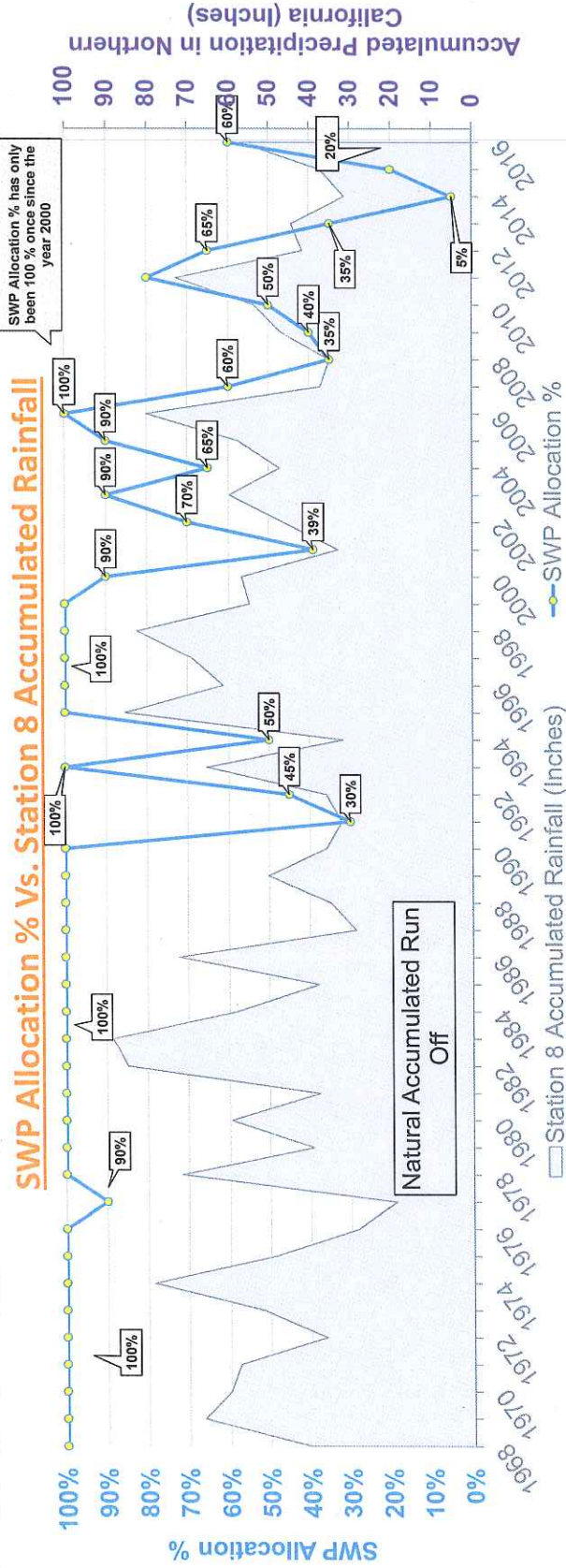


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Imported Water Deliveries Vs. California Population Growth

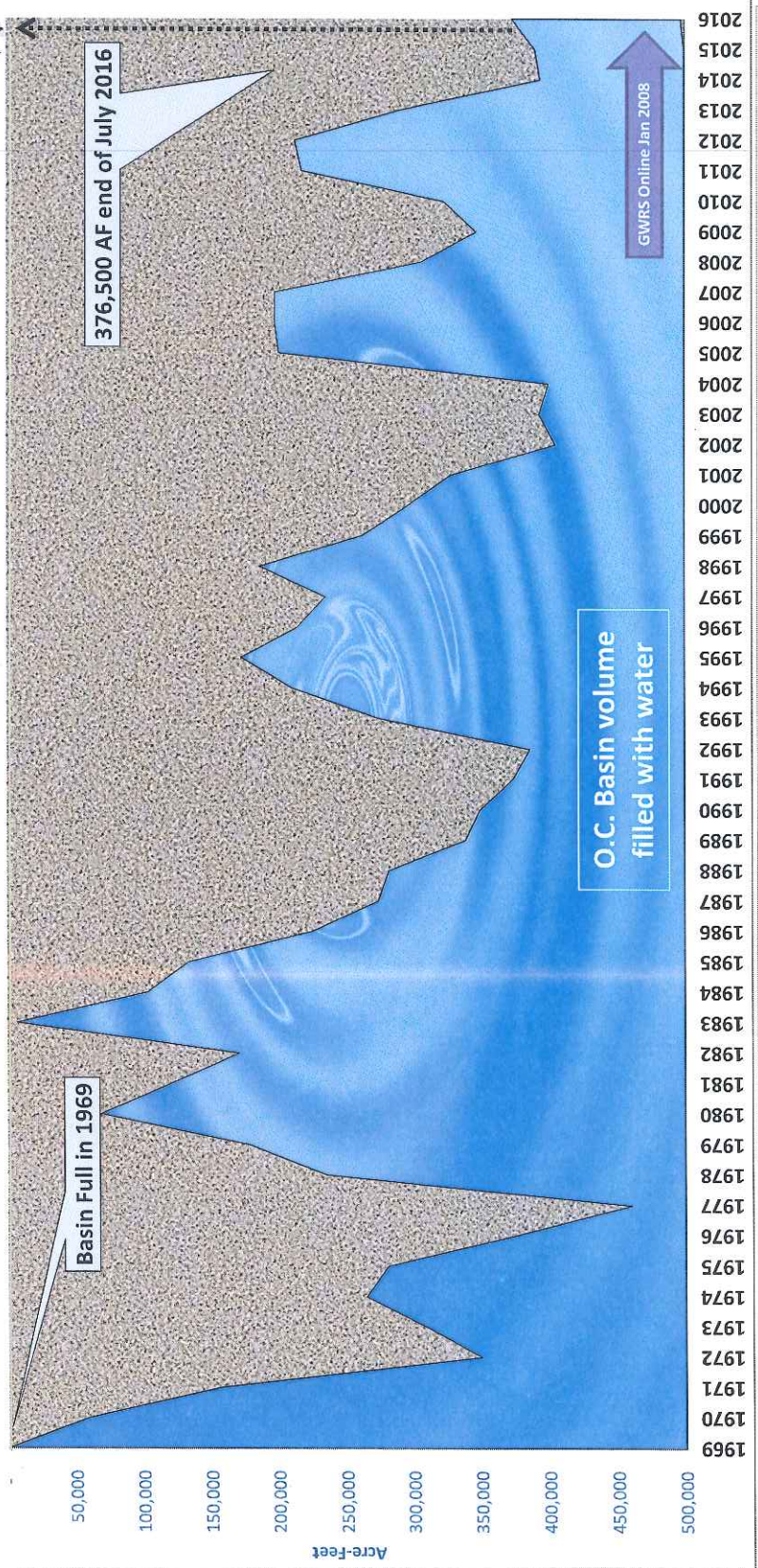


SWP Allocation % Vs. Station 8 Accumulated Rainfall



O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft

Annual, 1969 to Present



~ Accumulated Overdraft (dewatered volume) shown as white area, excluding the volume stored by Metropolitan. source: OCWD

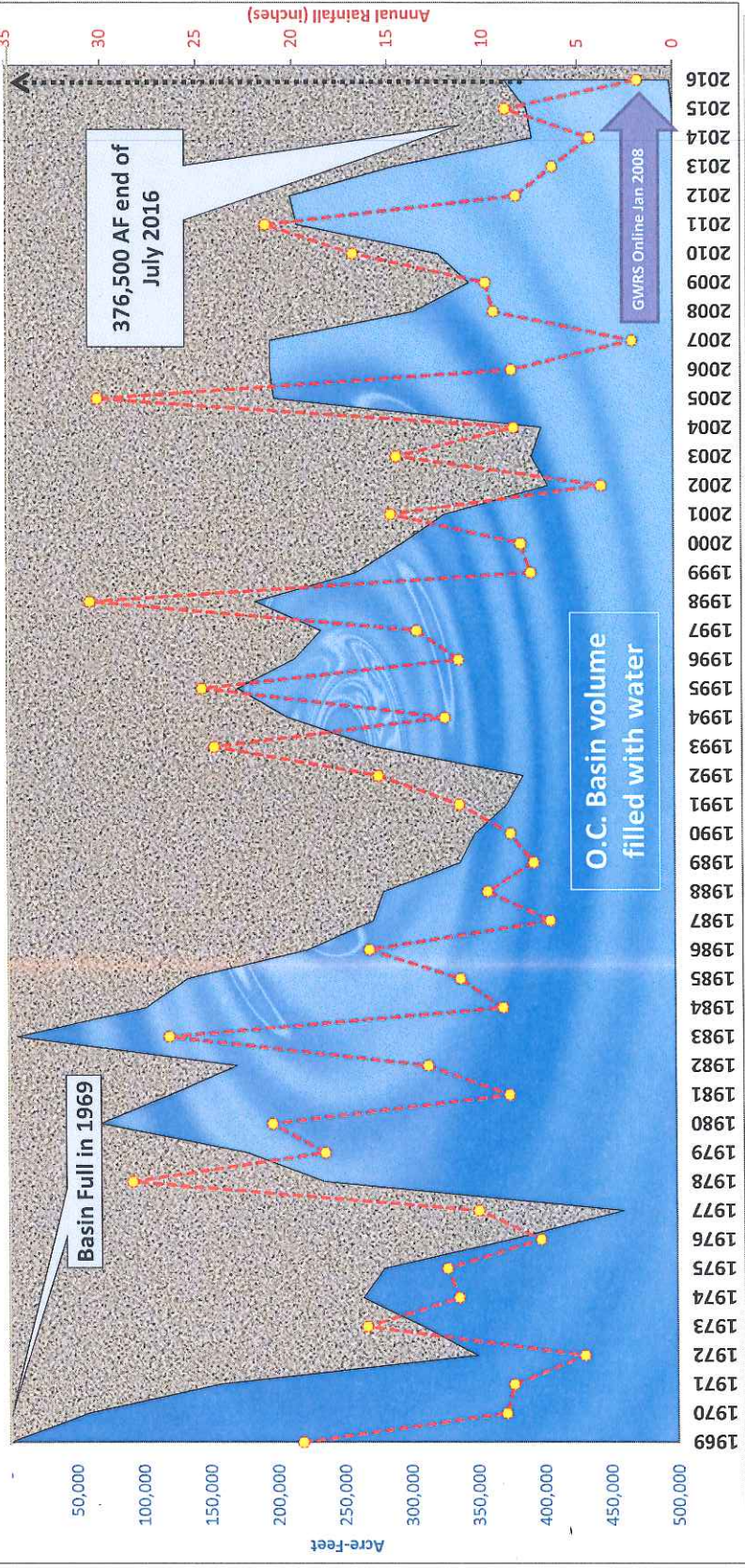


O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft Vs. Annual Rainfall

Annual, 1969 to Present



Stored Vol (AF)
 Dewatered Vol (AF)
 Annual Rainfall (Inches)

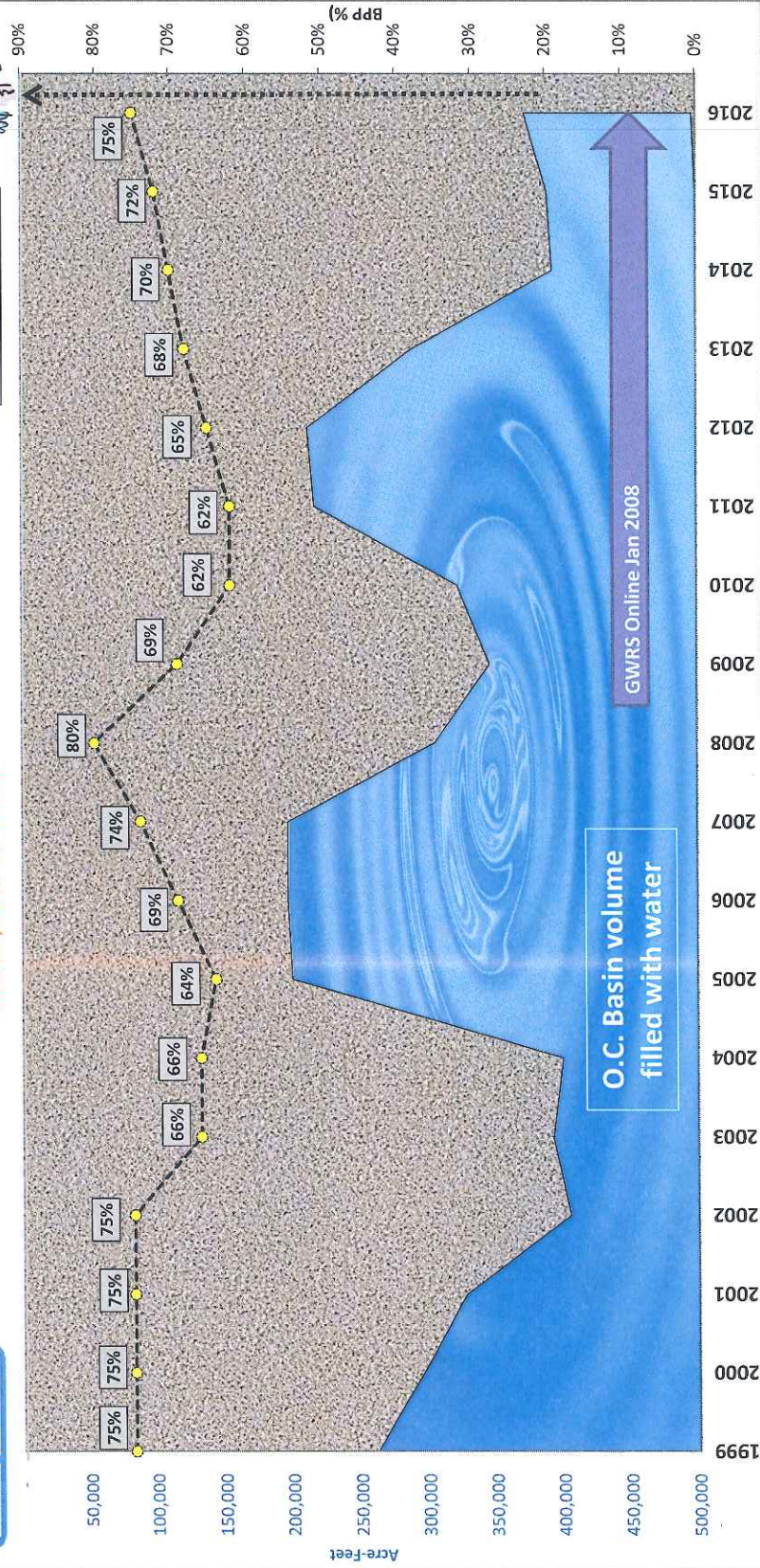
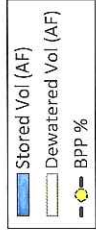


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O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft Vs. BPP %

Annual, 1999 to Present



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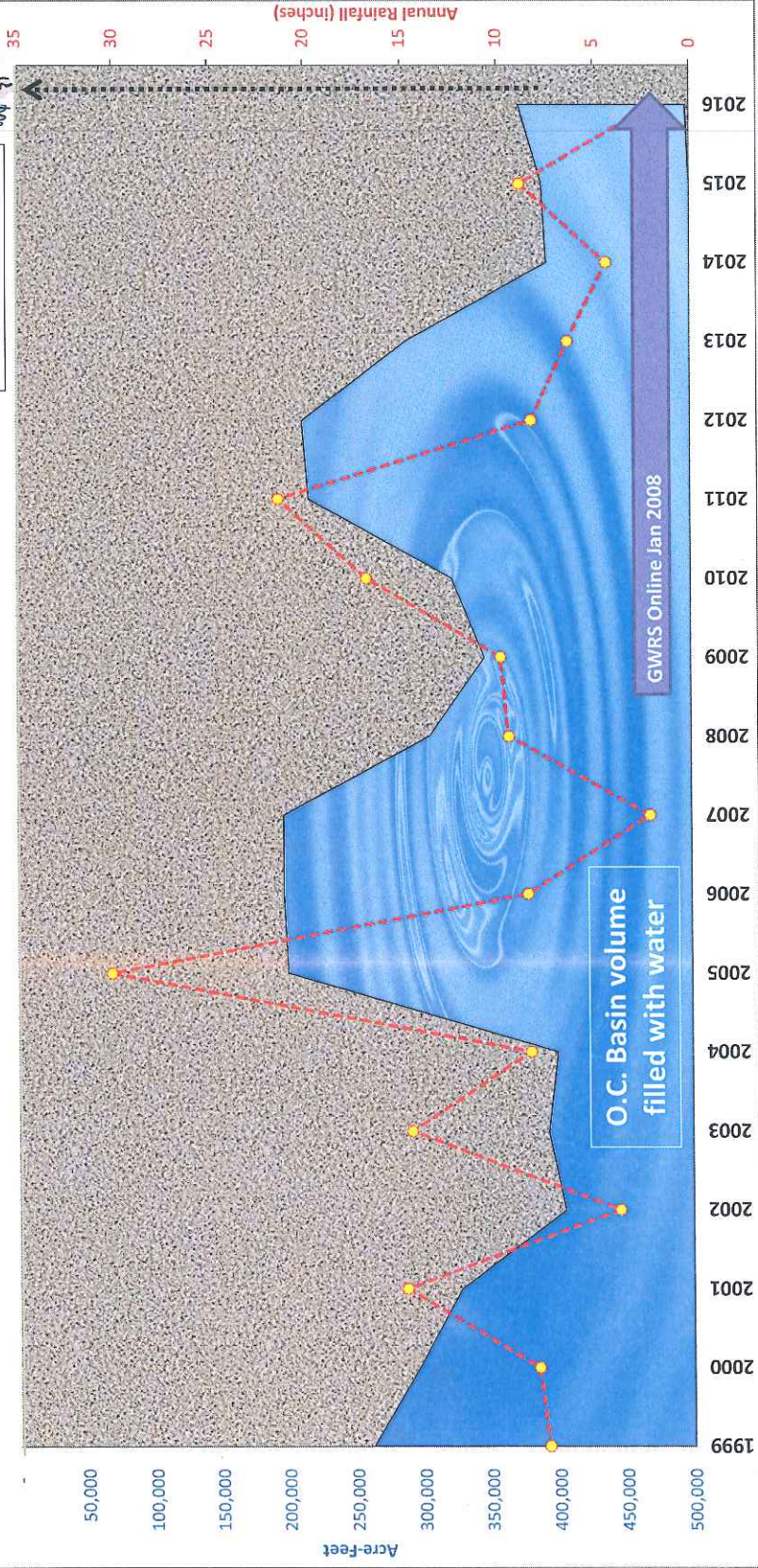
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O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft Vs. Annual Rainfall

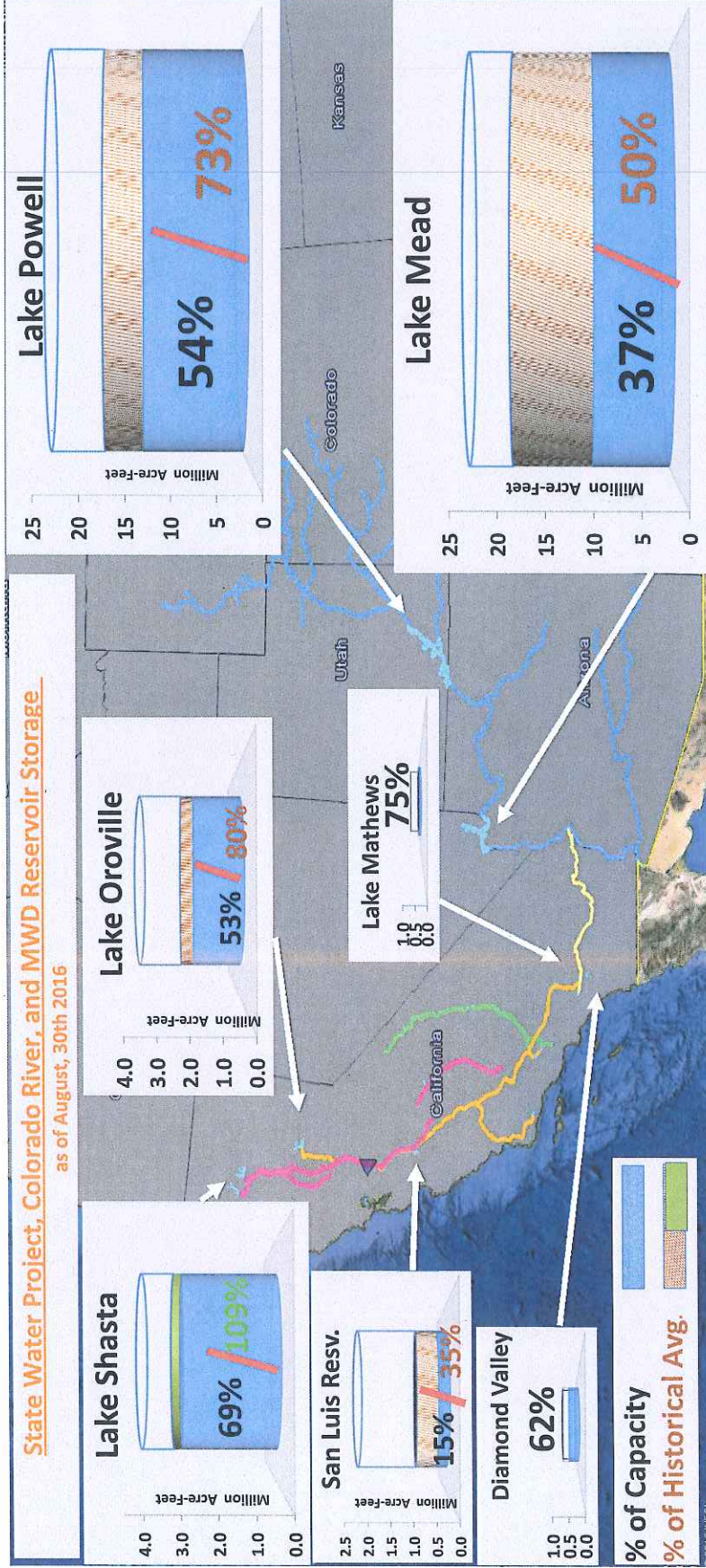
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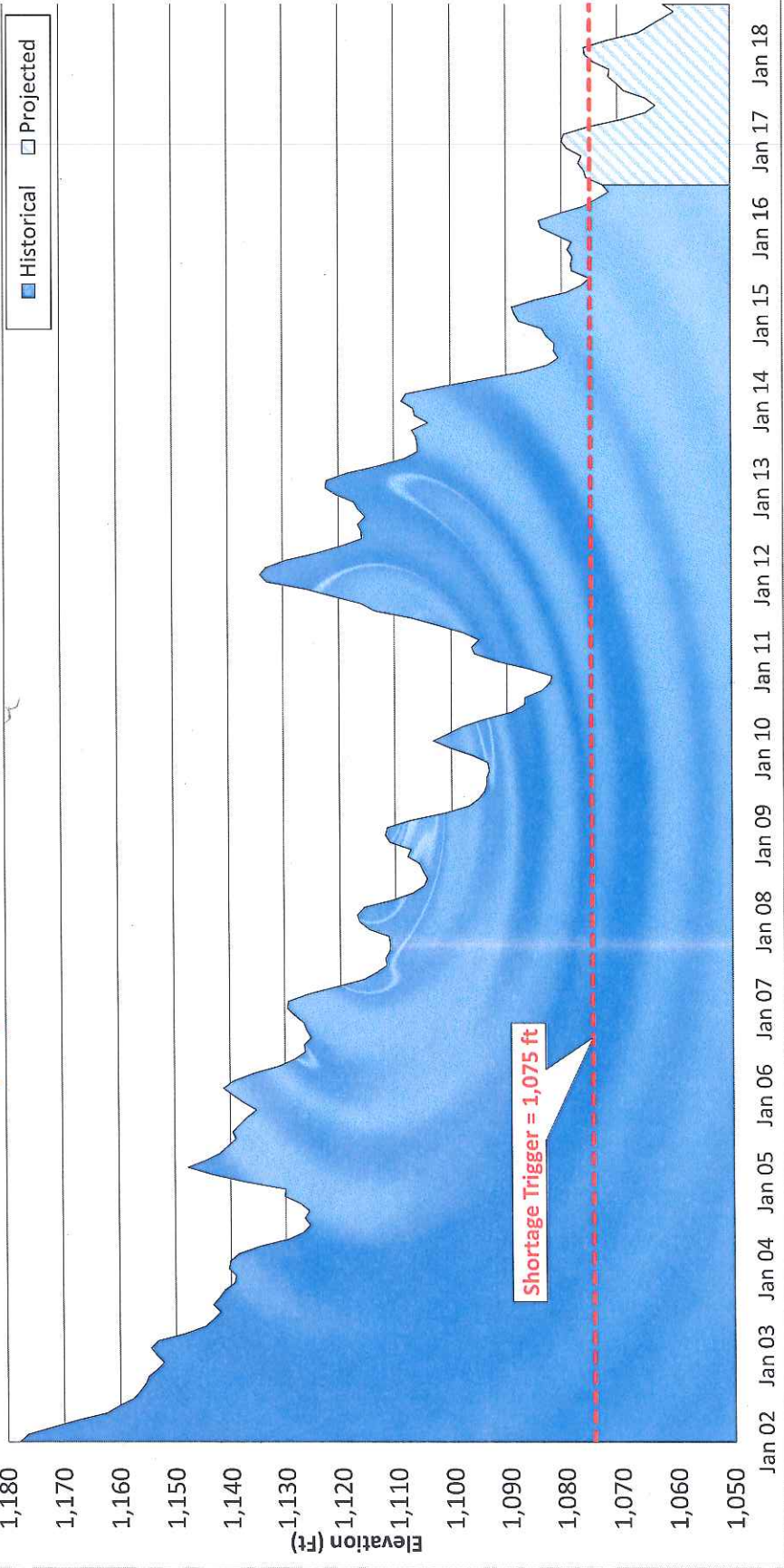


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Lake Mead Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study



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NEWS ARTICLES



PHOTOS: MATT MASIN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patti Widdicombe, owner of McDonald's on Valley View Street and Chapman Avenue in Garden Grove had two murals honoring local figures installed in a renovation of her restaurant, "This is a community restaurant," Widdicombe says, "and these murals are about community."

THERE IS NO WRONG PLACE TO HONOR THE FALLEN

A fast-food restaurant in Garden Grove features murals of hometown heroes.

By DAVID WHITING
STAFF COLUMNIST

Walking into a newly remodeled McDonald's in Garden Grove is both shock and awe.

On the wall is a mural, but this isn't the usual fast-food restaurant art or even the kind of visuals you see in *any* type of restaurant.

The mural is a tribute to Tibor Rubin, medal of honor recipient, Holocaust survivor and Korean War veteran credited with saving more than 40 American prisoners of war.

On another wall, the homage to hometown heroes continues. The second mural memorializes five Garden Grove police officers killed while on duty.

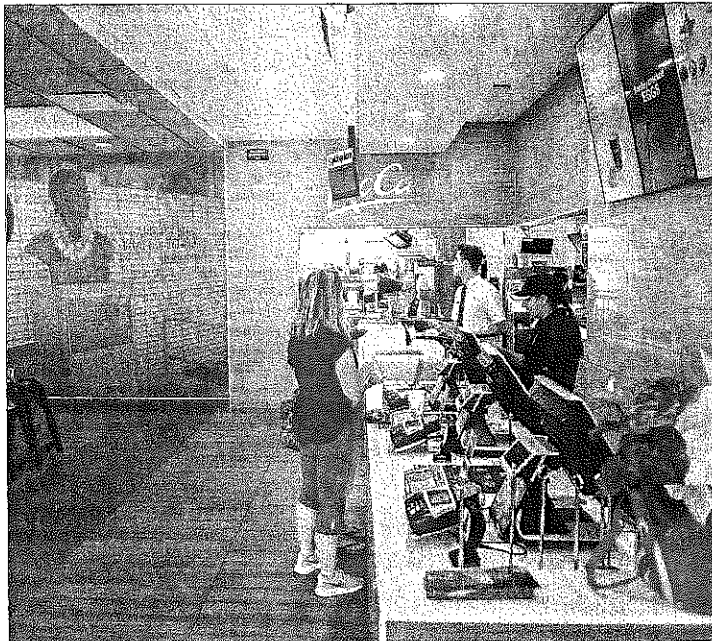
Some might consider such serious visuals bad business decisions. They might argue, who wants to think about reality while slurping an M&M McFlurry?

But these are bold and brave calls, with the remodeled restaurant that just recently reopened. There is no wrong place or incorrect time to honor those who risked all.

Born in Hungary in 1929, Rubin lived in Garden Grove and died Dec. 5. I was fortunate to spend many hours with Rubin on several occasions and know he would be pleased and proud about the murals.

Of course, this humble Army veteran also would say it wasn't necessary, that there are plenty of others who deserve the honor more.

Fortunately, Patti Widdicombe knows better.



Customers order at the McDonald's on Valley View Street and Chapman Avenue in Garden Grove. The franchise boasts two large murals inside. One, pictured, honors Tibor Rubin, a Medal of Honor recipient who was in a concentration camp in World War II and discriminated against when he was training in the military. The other honors local police killed in the line of duty.

WHITING

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Widdicombe is the daughter of a couple who more than a half-century ago sold their cattle farm in Canada, moved to Southern California and spotted an ad in the newspaper that asked, "Would you like to be your own boss?"

They ended up buying and building in Garden Grove the 11th McDonald's franchise in the world.

Eventually, the family built a small empire of five franchises, all in Orange County.

Things worked out OK. Today, there are about 100 McDonald's in Orange County and more than 35,000 on the planet.

FLOWERS FOR FALLEN

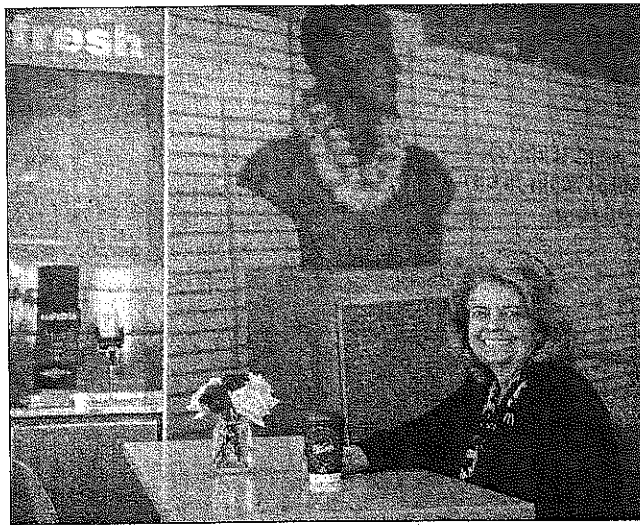
For many people, McDonald's is a vast, faceless corporation without heart, without personality. But walk into Widdicombe's most recently rebuilt McDonald's and you walk into a mom-and-pop operation.

Bob Woelfel is a special-needs guy and the restaurant's official hospitality person. He loves to chat, keeps the restaurant tidy and tells you about the old days when his father worked at a McDonald's and the owner helped the Woelfel family make ends meet by offering free food.

Woelfel's glasses are thick; one eye wanders. Still, his uniform is spotless and his enthusiasm for his job is as boundless as his pride. "I've worked here," he exclaims, "for 29 years."

It's lunch hour and restaurant manager Jeff Gaulrapp moves quickly past several dozen workers. French fries turn gold in crackling oil. Lettuce, sliced pickles, tomato, lettuce and special sauce are at the ready.

Soft drinks are programmed the moment they



MATT MASIN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patti Widdicombe is the daughter of a couple who bought and built a small empire of McDonald's franchises.

are ordered and a machine automatically fills plastic cups that march along a turnstile.

Hamburgers are allowed to warm for up to 15 minutes before they are tossed out. But most go almost directly from griddle to bun to bag to mouth.

Outside, a series of cars churns through the new facility's dual drive-through lanes. Three windows - one for money exchange, one for pickup, one for special orders - help the flow.

"Speed," Widdicombe says, "matters for busy people. We offer convenience and good-quality food."

Sure, it's a company line, and Widdicombe is a cheerleader for McDonald's. But dig deeper, and there's far more to this businesswoman.

I fall into a conversation with worker Margareli Ortiz. It turns out this 25-year-old has just earned her bachelor's degree from Cal State Fullerton. She worked her way through college with the help of McDonald's scholarships, the latest for \$700.

I poke my head in the industrial-size freezer and fridge. On a low shelf next to boxes of Chobani yogurt that will soon turn into parfaits is a bouquet of white roses.

Who bought the flowers? "I did," Widdicombe

says, glancing at the freezing concrete floor. "I sometimes get them for the memorial mural."

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Rubin was 13 years old when Nazis rounded up the Jews in his village and forced them into Mauthausen camp in Austria. Along with tens of thousands of others in the prison, his mother, father and sister were slaughtered.

The boy survived by staying out of sight, pulling clothes off dead bodies, eating garbage.

On May 5, 1945, American troops liberated the prison. Rubin was nothing but skin, bones and will. He vowed he would become "an American GI Joe."

Rubin made his way to New York. Speaking little English, he took four attempts to pass an Army test that allowed him to enlist. But, Rubin told me, training was tough. Every time his sergeant wanted something menial done, he called out, "Get me that (expletive) Jew."

In 1950, Rubin's unit, Company I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was overwhelmed by North Korean forces at the Pusan Perimeter. Rubin was left behind - alone - to defend a hill.

"During the ensuing battle," his Medal of Honor ci-

tation states, "overwhelming numbers of North Korean troops assaulted a hill defended solely by Corporal Rubin. He inflicted a staggering number of casualties on the attacking force during his personal 24-hour battle, singlehandedly slowing the enemy."

Three months later and after a brutal firefight, Chinese troops took Rubin and dozens of American soldiers prisoner. His captors offered his release, but Rubin refused, saying he would leave only if all his buddies were freed.

"Choosing to remain in the prison camp despite offers from the Chinese to return him to his native Hungary," the citation continues, "Corporal Rubin disregarded his own personal safety and immediately began sneaking out of the camp at night in search of food for his comrades.

"Breaking into enemy food storehouses and gardens, he risked certain torture or death if caught."

COURAGE, HONOR

Widdicombe gazes at the mural honoring Rubin. She never had the privilege of knowing the man. But she knew his record and that she and the community cared.

The city library is near this McDonald's. It is named "Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library."

"This is a community restaurant," Widdicombe says, "and these murals are about community."

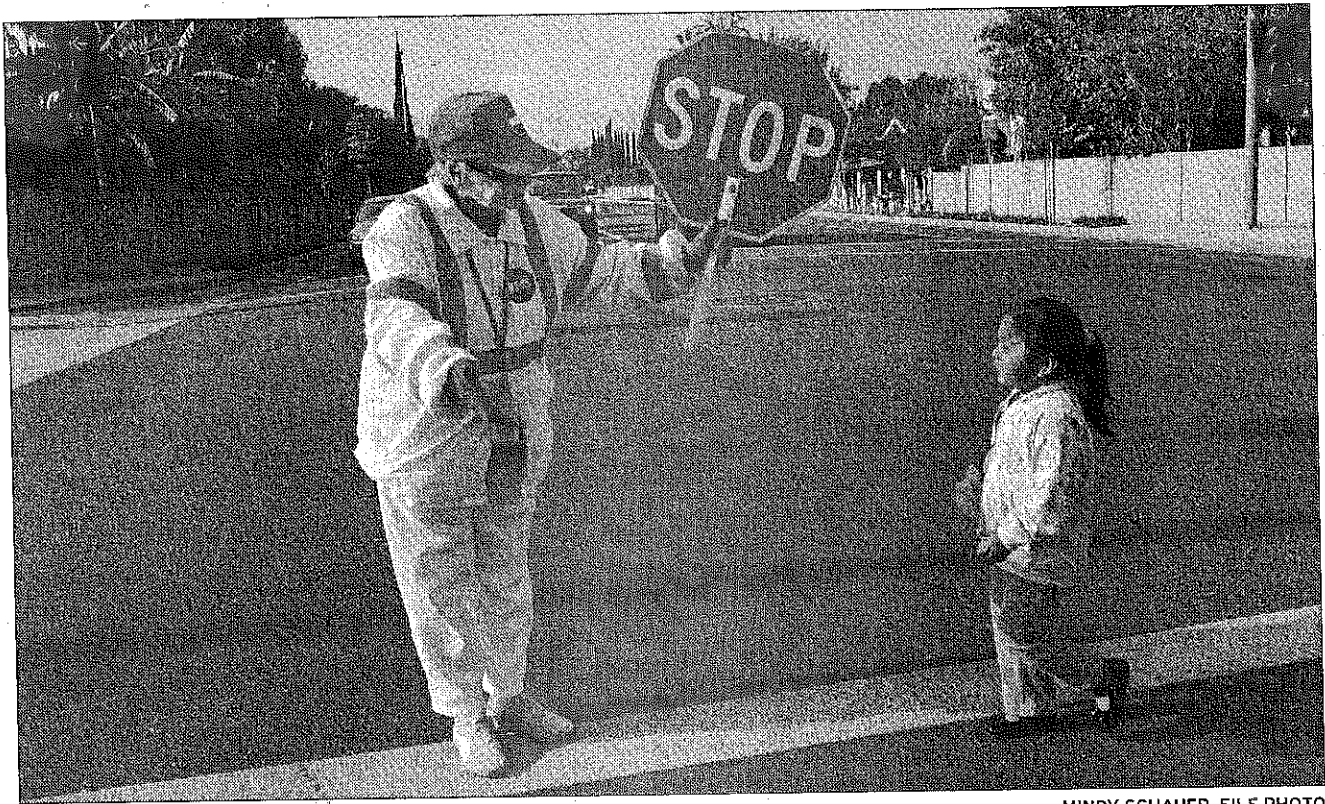
The police officer mural honors Sgt. Myron Trapp, shot in 1959; Reserve Officer Andy Reese, killed by a motorist in 1970; Officer Donald Reed, shot in 1980; Officer Michael Rainford, hit by a drunken driver in 1980; and Master Officer Howard Dallies Jr., shot in 1993.

Service of the highest. And, sure, I'll have fries with that.

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TIME TO SLOW DOWN

AND PAY ATTENTION



MINDY SCHAUER, FILE PHOTO

With schools back in session, the Westminster Police Department reminds motorists that it's important to slow down and pay attention near crossing guards and schoolkids as in this scene in 2013.

Let's take a spin around our cities, shall we?

First stop, Westminster, where back-to-school season means it's time to slow down again when driving near schools.

Actually, that advice applies no matter what city you're in, but Brainiac got to thinking about it after spotting a conversation on the Westminster Police Department's Facebook page.

"There are 14 crossing guard locations in Westminster," one post on the page began recently. "Please be mindful of the crossing guards and the children coming and going to school."

Officers will be out in Westminster and no doubt in Garden Grove, Stanton and Midway City, too, during these first weeks of school. Judging from the comments that followed the Westminster Police Department post, officers should find plenty of people not taking the care they should around the young'uns and their parents going to and from school.

"My 4-year-old and I were attempting to cross at the crosswalk at Willmore (Elementary School) on Thursday," commented **Jessica Padilla**. "We waited

as cars blew through the crosswalk without slowing or even looking. This was just a few minutes before the 2 p.m. pick-up time for kinder.

"That morning at drop-off an SUV barreled through the cones in front of the school and had them stuck in the tires."

Replied the Westminster PD: "Very frustrating, sorry you had to be part of that nonsense."

To which Padilla added: "People just need to slow down and pay attention. Those cones could have been children!"

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Garden Grove City Councilman **Phat Bui** asked the City Council this week to discuss a proposal for a Vietnam War memorial in Garden Grove Park. While the meeting took place after Brainiac's deadline, we can share a few of the proposed details with you from

the council agenda.

On one hand, it fits with the kind of war memorials one sees in many cities. The names of 44 Garden Grove residents who lost their lives in the Vietnam War would be listed on one part of the memorial, with the United States military units that served in the war

listed on the other side.

Flags of the United States and the Republic of Vietnam, as well as that of the Missing In Action campaign, would be stationed near it, too.

But there's one element that might strike some as particularly grim.

In addition to honoring veterans who fought for the Republic of Vietnam, the United States and other nations in the war, it would also honor five South Vietnamese generals who committed suicide on April 30, 1975, as their country was overrun by North Vietnamese forces at the fall of Saigon.

Brigadier Gens. Tran Van Hai, Le Nguyen Vy and Le Van Hung and Maj. Gens. Nguyen Khoa Nam and Pham Van Phu are likely little known to most Westerners, but in the the Vietnamese expatriate community they seem remembered still for choosing death over capture.

To Brainiac it seems an unusual thing to memorialize, but we don't pretend to have the cultural experience to comment on it. Still, it will be interesting to see what happens with the proposed memorial as conversations move forward.

GARDEN GROVE

Workshop: The city has First-Time Homebuyer Workshops scheduled for Sept. 24 and Dec. 3. Both are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. The workshop is for those interested in the city's program. Applicants must be able to qualify for a \$120,000 mortgage for a manufactured home. Information: 714-741-5789. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
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Road closures: The 40th anniversary celebration for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange will cause temporary road closures around Christ Cathedral on Sept. 18 and the evening before, especially along Chapman Avenue from Lewis Street to Willowbrook Lane, and north-south traffic at Chapman and Haster Street. Information: 714-741-5252
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chaire@scng.com

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Commemorative tees: The city is selling T-shirts to commemorate Garden Grove's 60th anniversary. The shirts are blue with the 60th anniversary logo on the left breast. They come in crew neck and V-neck. Regular sizes are \$10. Shirts bigger than extra large are \$12. To order, go to the city's website,
ci.garden-grove.ca.us.
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"Rusty skeleton": Garden Grove Seniors Community, a limited liability company, now controls the lease for the so-called rusty skeleton, the 90-foot structure that has sat dormant for more than a decade. Cathay Bank, the former lease holder that couldn't agree with property owner Hoag Foundation on how to develop the structure, sold the lease in August. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

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Bulky items: Republic Services, which does trash collection for the city, offers single-family households three bulky item pickups each year for free; households are limited to a maximum 10 items per pickup. Bulky items include mattresses, appliances and carpets. Information: 714-238-2444.
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Forum: The Garden Grove Neighborhood Association's first forum for City Council and mayoral candidates is at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St. Garden Grove is moving to by-district voting this November. You can submit questions to Maureen Blackmun at maureen.ggna@gmail.com or at 714-235-5360.
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The King lives!

Right here on Historic Main Street



Photo by Clover Hodgson

Elvis was in the house recently for the 17th annual Elvis Festival on Historic Main Street in Garden Grove.

Elvis Festival is held in Garden Grove for first time

By Loreen Berlin

The mood for the recent Elvis Festival on Historic Main Street?

Enthusiastic.

The verdict for the jam-packed event?

"You might say we had a massively, hugely, wildly successful event," said Azteca Restaurant Owner Jennifer Stewart. "We had many more people on Main Street than any of us as business owners expected and it was one rockin' party until we finally shut down at 6 p.m. as planned."

The 17th annual Elvis Festival was moved from its former location in Costa Mesa to Historic Main Street in Garden Grove this year.

"The promoter of the event

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was an awesome woman named Jill Lloyd," said Stewart. "She is the media and public relations event manager with Jill Lloyd and Associates."

The top three winning Elvis tribute artists were Martin Anthony (first place), Ken Elsner (second place) and Lloyd Aron Douglas (third place).

"Seriously, we are over-the-moon happy about the success of our... festival, and as you know, we have not had this event on Main Street before so we could not have not known what to expect as far as a crowd," said Stewart.

Stewart said one half-hour before her restaurant opened, there was a line of 30 people waiting to get in.

"And I heard from other restaurant owners on the street that they were extremely busy as well all day long; what a fun day!"

Historic Main Street in Garden Grove in conjunction with the Local Harvest Farmers Market, and presented by the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association, hosted the full-day tribute to the King of rock 'n' roll.

Making it all happen were the Azteca Restaurant and the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association, which organized and underwrote a plethora of events leading up to the Elvis Festival, bringing Historic Main Street alive with people from all around town and other communities.

There were Karaoke competi-

tions presented by the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association and Karaoke Scene Magazine and held in conjunction with the Local Harvest Farmers Market.

Then last month, competitions began with Karaoke-style Elvis singing competitions on Fridays in conjunction with the reportedly longest-running Friday Night Car Show, also held on Main Street.

The final Karaoke competition was called the "Crème de la King," said Stewart, about the Karaoke contestants singing on Main Street in an event that was likened to their own "Garden Grove's Got Talent," matching that of TV's America's Got Talent show with top-notch talent.

"The event attracted some of the best Elvis singers in the country and all right in Garden Grove on Historic Main Street," said Stewart.

Lloyd said as the Elvis Festival event producer, she deems the 17th annual Elvis Festival a success.

"Because of the cooperation and support of the city of Garden Grove, the Local Harvest Farmers Market, the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association members, the nearby colleges and several merchants and restaurants on Main Street and generous supporters it all came together smoothly in a very short period of time," said Lloyd.

Lloyd said relocating the Festival from the OC Fair and Event Center after 16 years was a challenge and that it took a lot of creative

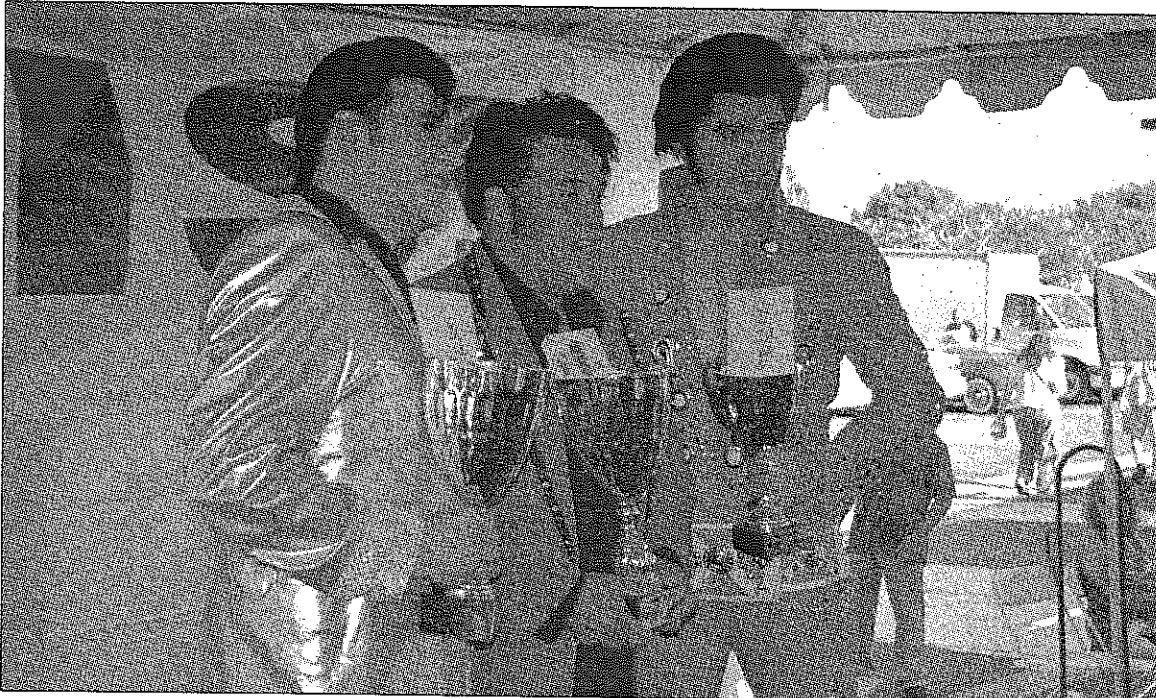


Photo by Clover Hodgson

Winners of the “Crème de la King” Elvis singing contest at the 17th annual Elvis Festival on Historic Main Street were, from left, Ken Elsner (second place), Martin Anthony (first place) and Lloyd Aron Douglas (third place).

“But it really fell into place nicely,” she said. “The Elvis fan community came out in force and that makes all the difference because they add so much to the event. This included the Jailhouse Rockers of California, the biggest Elvis fan club in the state. And, I also had so much help and the support of Larry Vance and Jennifer Stewart of Azteca Restaurant who were the ones I initially contacted when I was looking for a new festival location. It just seemed like a natural place to go with Azteca’s Elvis theme, reputation and notoriety in the community,” said Lloyd.

Azteca, which has been around

for decades, is known for its incredible decor — Elvis memorabilia is everywhere! It started with former owner J.J. Jauregia, who believes he’s got one of the biggest Elvis collections in the country.

When you walk into Azteca, it feels like Graceland.

Lloyd said the part she loved best about the festival was the hometown feel it had just by moving it to Main Street.

“It was like an old-fashioned community fair with people getting together to share a common interest, and in this case a love of the king of rock ‘n’ roll,” she said.

Other restaurants joining in and making a difference were Doug’s Downtown Grill, Louie’s, the Wharf and daKuppe.

Doug’s and da Kuppe joined in the spirit by decorating their window displays with — who else? — Elvis.

“I do think this is just the start of something bigger for the future and I look forward to having the 18th annual Elvis Festival on Main Street again. It will be the 40th anniversary of Elvis Presley’s death which will be a major milestone in the Elvis fan community and that would be a great foundation for next year’s Festival,” said Lloyd.

'A morning that changed all of our lives forever'

GG hosts ceremony remembering those who died in 9/11 attacks

By Loreen Berlin

Tributes to those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks 15 years ago were held throughout the United States Sunday, Sept. 11.

One of those tributes took place in the Shakespeare Orange County Bowl in Garden Grove, along Historic Main Street.

SOC Artistic Director John Walcutt hosted the evening, which featured "Orchestre Surreal," performing a range of music from patriotic to rock, pop, jazz and opera.

The most poignant moment of the evening was Walcutt's presentation of his own 9/11 spoken word rendition, "The Mythology of Me," which he performed in Los Angeles on the fifth anniversary of 9/11 and about which Emmy and Golden Globe Winner Jeffrey Tambor said, "It was one of the three most moving evenings I've ever spent in a theatre."

Literally, there was stone-silence as he spoke on a bare stage, except a desk and a chair.

Nearly 3,000 individuals lost their lives in those attacks of Sept. 11, 2001; they were mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and friends.

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Photo by Loreen Berlin

Shakespeare Orange County Artistic Director John Walcutt performs his 9/11 spoken word presentation in the SOC Bowl Sunday evening as part of a remembrance of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks 15 years ago.

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"A day we will never forget," said Walcutt. "A morning that changed all of our lives forever, and we fight to aspire what a privilege it is to be an American."

Walcutt walked the crowd through his life and their lives, causing deep thought and reflection, touching all within the range of his voice.

On a dimly-lit stage, Walcutt's performance began with an ABC News cast of the horrible attacks: "This is unbelievable. A second jet just crashed into the Twin Towers. We saw people jumping out of the windows. Everything

is chaos. The whole building is gone..."

"This country had been immobilized; the most powerful country in the world immobilized," said Walcutt.

"I'm filled with envy of my New York friends, for what they say and what they feel. They teach me about being open and expressive. I can learn something from them... My Jewish friends, I love; they cry and I love them for that and they have something to teach me about resilience. African-American lives matter - yes they do - and they are American and we are all equal and they teach that righting old wrongs is humanity and I want to be better. Police get up every day and put on

a badge to serve and I'm sorry it's so difficult. Asian Americans have families and they are immigrants who sent their kids to school to make parents proud and make America great; they teach the value of a free country and the value of hard work. I envy your voices..."

"Life is funny and God has a plan. Those are two phrases I grew up with, until 9/11 and that

was not funny. What is this plan?" Walcutt asked.

The evening ended with Orchestre Surreal playing, "America the Beautiful," as a sing-along.

Photo by Loreen Berlin
Tribute2:

"Orchestre Surreal" performs Sunday evening in the Shakespeare Orange County Bowl in Garden Grove as part of SOC's close of the season and special tribute on the 15th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.

Garden Grove firefighters save a life

Responders help elderly woman trapped in bedroom

The Garden Grove Fire Department responded to the 12500 block of Woodland Lane for a residential structure fire in the early morning last week.

The first-arriving crew reported heavy smoke and flames seen from a single story house.

Firefighters were able to force entry into the house, and knocked the fire down enough to get in and conduct a search. During the search, the initial crew found an elderly woman trapped in a bedroom. Fortu-

nately, the door was closed which kept the smoke at bay. The lady was rescued from the burning structure, and was treated for smoke inhalation.

A caregiver who lives in a back house on the property tried to get the lady out also took in smoke. Both women were treated by firefighter paramedics for smoke inhalation, and transported to UCI Medical Center in stable condition.

Garden Grove fire investigator determined the fire to be acci-

dental. Damage to the structure is estimated at \$100,000 and \$20,000 to the contents. Fire fighters found there were no working smoke detectors in the home. Metro Net fire communication center received multiple cell phone 911 calls that alerted the fire department. The Fire Department recommends that smoke detectors be checked every month, and the batteries changed twice a year. Changing the batteries when time change occurs is a good reminder.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Garden Grove on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

For Mayor:
Vote for One

Steven R. Jones

For Member of the City Council – District 2:
Vote for One

John R. O'Neill

For Member of the City Council – District 3:
Vote for One

Thu-Ha Nguyen
Clay Bock

For Member of the City Council – District 5:
Vote for One

Stephanie Klopfenstein
Demian Garcia-Monroy

For Member of the City Council – District 6:
Vote for One

Kim Nguyen
Rick Montoya

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC
City Clerk

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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1194-B

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to: Furnish all Materials, Equipment, Tools and Labor for the Installation of Poured-In-Place Rubber Surfacing and related work at Eastgate Park in Garden Grove per the bid specifications. 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 2:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at Eastgate Park, located at 12001 St. Mark Street, Garden Grove, CA. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Friday, October 7, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: September 7, 2016

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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1202

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide 22 New and Unused Sig Sauer Rifles and 22 New and Unused Sig Sauer Silencers per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m., local time, on Monday, October 10, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1201

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 Material, Tools, Equipment, Training, Labor, Programing and Commissioning of a New Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) and Soft Starter Bypass at Well 27 in 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 10:00 a.m., local time, on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at Wells 27 located at 11472 Magnolia Street, 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., local time, on Monday, October 10, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

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Community Services Department

Tuesday, September 12, 2016

SENIOR CENTER HOSTS FREE 'SMOOVIE' DAY

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a free 'Smoovie' Day (smoothie and a movie) on Thursday, September 22, 2016 starting at 9:45 a.m., in the Community Meeting Center, Room A, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Accompanying the 'Green Day' smoothie, flavored with kale, plain yogurt, and pineapple, will be the movie, "The Finest Hours," from Walt Disney Pictures. It's the story of the U.S. Coast Guard's mission after a pair of oil tankers are destroyed during a blizzard in 1952. It stars Chris Pine, Academy Award and Golden Globe nominee Casey Affleck, and Ben Foster.

The free event is sponsored by CareMore. For more information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Community Services Department

Friday, September 9, 2016

GARDEN GROVE SENIORS READY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE B-E-E

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be spellbinding contestants with their annual Senior Spelling Bee. The event takes place on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, starting at 10:00 a.m., in the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's dining room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The competition allows seniors to exercise their minds through cognitive thinking and promote mental fitness. Awards and prizes will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place spellers.

All participants must be 60 years of age or older and pre-register by Thursday, September 15, 2016.

For additional information and to register, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253.

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WEEKLY MEMO 9/15/16

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Garden Grove City Hall shared a link.

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City of Garden Grove on Twitter

"Scheduled water outage this morning, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on the following #GardenGrove streets: Frieda, Lampson, and Nutwood."

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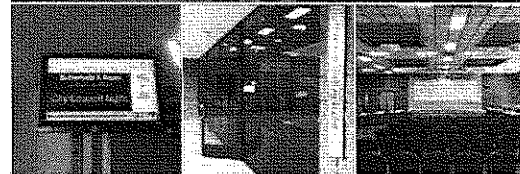
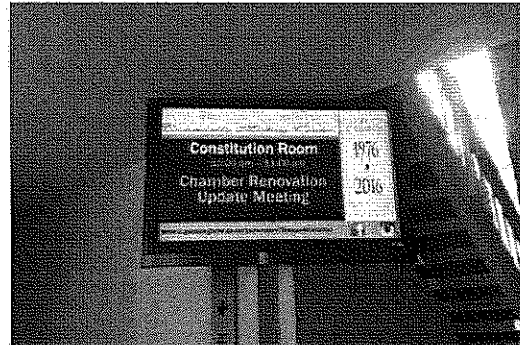
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Garden Grove City Hall added 4 new photos.

Published by Garden Grove PhotoFile (1) · September 15 at 4:03pm ·

The City Council Chamber is temporarily closed for construction. All City Council and City Commission meetings will be held at the Community Meeting Center, A or B Room until the end of the year.



569 people reached

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Phuong Nguyen, Stephanie Koopfenstein and Janet Pelayo

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item pickups per year and limited to up to 10 items per pickup. The service includes over-sized items that are too large to fit inside your collection containers, like home furnishings, mattresses, carpet, and appliances at no charge. You may even schedule a bulky item pickup online at <https://www.republicservices.com/residents/bu...> See More.



How to Dispose of Bulk Waste



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Geraldine Alvarino Kenneally, Marcy Eaton and 59 others

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Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove PhotoFile (1) · September 11 at 9:01am ·

On the 15th anniversary of September 11th, we commemorate those who we lost on this fateful day. To those who passed and the families they left behind...Garden Grove will never forget.

#GardenGrove



2,178 people reached

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Elizabeth Willage-Roberts, Sherree Carstadden and 51 others

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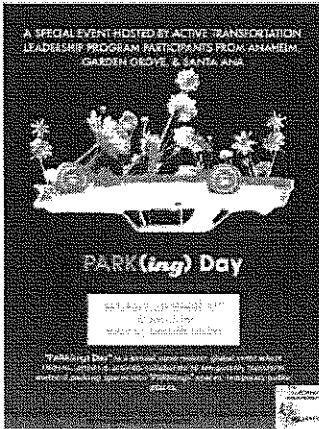
Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Missy Hernandez on September 17 at 11:37am

Join the community for PARK (ing) Day this Saturday, September 17, 2016 on Main Street!

This global event allows artists, citizens, and activists collaborate to temporarily transform metered parking spaces into "PARK (ing)" spaces: temporary public places.

#GardenGrove The California Endowment



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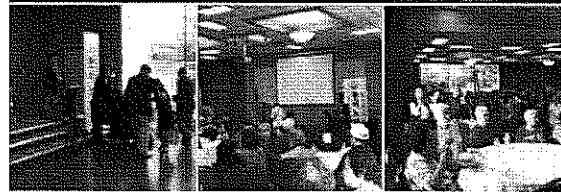
Susan Jonas Emen, Linda Middendorff and 17 others

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Grove Korean-American community on the 2016 celebration of the Harvest Festival – Chuseok.

Chuseok is a family-centered holiday that gives thanks for the wonderful abundance that exists in Korea and in the United States. The event took place earlier today at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center.



717 people reached

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Daisy Marquez-Lobato, Janet Pelayo and 3 others

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Street from Garden Grove Boulevard to Lampton Avenue. As a result of cement mixed into the blended base material, you may see less construction workers on-site. However, please note that the cement needs time to cure, and the contractor plans to construct the first layer of asphalt later next week.

Please be advised that traffic will still be... See more



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Johanna Bonaparte, Calissa Kahan and 18 others

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Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Missy Hernandez on September 9 at 12:20pm

#FlashbackFriday to 1914 looking down Ocean Avenue, now Garden Grove Boulevard!

(Photo courtesy of Orange County Archives - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ocarchives/16670004890/>) #GardenGrove



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Richard Cardenas, Anthony Espinoza and 69 others

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Anthony Espinoza, Richard Cardenas

Like Reply Message September 10 at 10:07pm



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Starting tonight, September 8, OCTA in partnership with Caltrans District 12 will begin a pavement rehabilitation project, branded the 91 weekend shift, along the 91 Express Lanes in Orange County.

The paving will be conducted over ten weekends. For more information, please click the link provided.... See More

91 Weekend Shift
September 8 at 9:30am · 2k

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Beginning Friday night, Sept. 9, 2016, OCTA in partnership with Caltrans District 12 will begin a pavement rehabilitation project, branded the 91 Weekend Shift...

See More

Weekend Closures of 91 Express Lane and #1 General Purpose Lane TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Eastbound Direction (From 55 Freeway to County Line)	Westbound Direction (From County Line to 55 Freeway)
1. Friday, 9/9 thru Monday, 9/13	6. Friday, 10/14 thru Monday, 10/17
2. Friday, 9/16 thru Monday, 9/19	7. Friday, 10/21 thru Monday, 10/24
3. Friday, 9/23 thru Monday, 9/26	8. Friday, 10/28 thru Monday, 10/31
4. Friday, 9/30 thru Monday, 10/3	9. Friday, 11/4 thru Monday, 11/7
5. Friday, 10/7 thru Monday, 10/10	10. Friday, 11/18 thru Monday, 11/21

Orange County Transportation Authority

During The 91 Weekend Shift project weekend closures, motorists are strongly encouraged to avoid the 91 freeway between State Route 55 and State Route 71 in the direction of the construction and repaving work.

OCTA.NET

1,238 people reached

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Adriana Angulo (Jan) and Becky Wilson

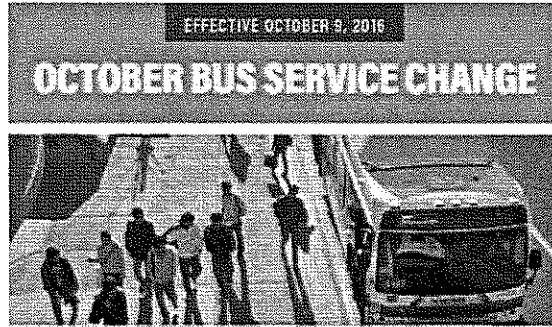


Garden Grove City Hall

Published in Garden Grove FloodWatch 107 · September 8 at 5:00pm

Changes are coming your way ...

As part of #OC Bus 360* - a plan to improve bus service from all angles - OCTA will launch one of the most significant service changes in its history: Changes include improved bus routes, reduced prices, discontinued routes, and Day Pass discounts. For full details on how you can get around using public transportation, visit <http://octa.net/Bus/October-2016-Service-Change>.



1,524 people reached

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Marimar Vega, Stephanie Lopez and 6 others

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Happy Thursday, #GardenGrove! Today will reach a high of 79°F & a low of 61°F.



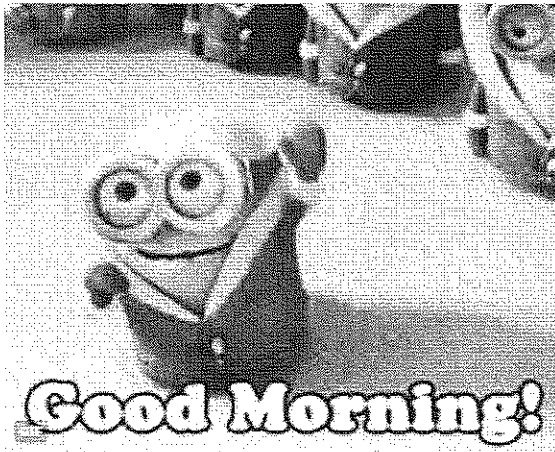
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Scheduled water outage this morning, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on the following #GardenGrove streets: Frieda, Lampson, and Nutwood.



City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · 24h

Good Morning, #GG! Here with another daily weather update. Today will reach a high of 78°F & a low of 59°F.



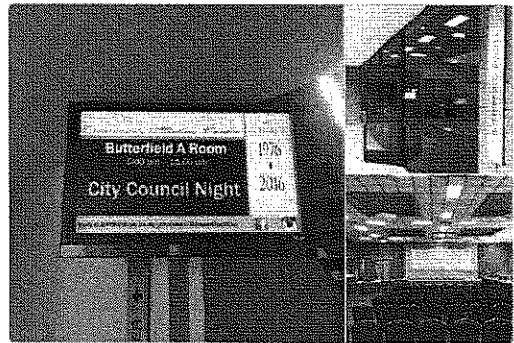
City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 13

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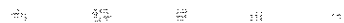
City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 13

The City Council Chamber is temporarily closed. All meetings will be held in the A or B Room at the CMC.



City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 13

Today will reach a high of 73°F & a low of 60°F. Stay warm, #GardenGrove!





City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 11
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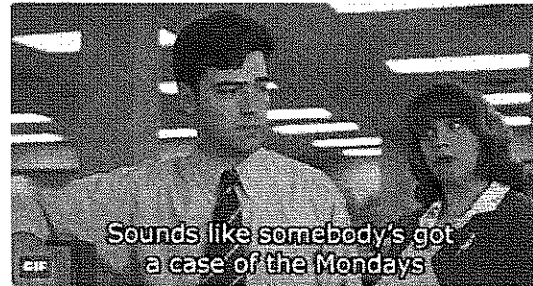
City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 12
 Be sure to come out this Saturday!
 #GardenGrove



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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 12
 It's Monday, #GardenGrove! So make it a great one! Today's weather will reach a high of 73°F & a low of 63°F.



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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 9
 #FBF to 1914 looking down Ocean Avenue, now Garden Grove Boulevard! #GG



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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 8
 The @1WeekendShift starts tonight! #GardenGrove



SR91Project @SR91Project
 Attention.

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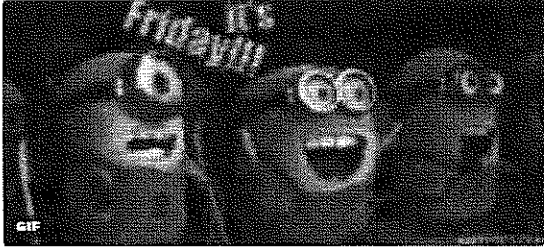
City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 9
 "Update on Knott and Valley View Street Improvement Project" #GardenGrove ow.ly/N2MA3044DmY

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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 5

TGI-F, #GardenGrove! Today's weather will reach a high of 83°F & a low of 63°F.



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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 5

Be sure to stop by the City of #GardenGrove booth!



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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

September 15, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission (NICC) minutes for the Monday, June 6, 2016 meeting.
3. Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency (SARFPA) Executive Committee agenda for the Thursday, September 22, 2016 meeting, as well as the minutes of the Thursday, July 28, 2016 meeting.
4. Notice of Cancellation for the September 22, 2016 Zoning Administrator meeting.
5. Thank you letter from Ms. Tina Altman of the Jailhouse Rockers of California extending her organization's appreciation to the City of Garden Grove for hosting "Elvisfest" on Main Street.
6. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated September 9 and 15, 2016.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 15, 2016 – September 27, 2016

	September		City of Garden Grove Food Drive Donation Box Locations: City Hall (1 st Floor) Fire and Police Departments Municipal Service Center and Senior Center
Thursday	September 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC B Room
Friday	September 16		City Hall Closed
Saturday	September 17	10:00 a.m.- Noon	"PARK(ing) Day" transferring parking spaces into temporary parklets, Historic Main Street
		11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Candidate Forum sponsored by the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Strawberry Productions presents "Desperardo" Tribute to Eagles, Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	September 20	10:00 a.m.- Noon	H. Louis Lake Senior Center Spelling Bee Senior Center
Thursday	September 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
		9:45 a.m.- Noon	H. Louis Lake Senior Center "Smoovie Day" – movie and a smoothie, CMC A Room
Saturday	September 24	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
		8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	First-Time Home Buyer Workshop H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Sunday	September 25	3:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	City of Garden Grove Employee Family Day at the Great Wolf Lodge, 12681 Harbor Blvd.
Tuesday	September 27	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, CMC A Room
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, CMC A Room
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, CMC A Room
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, CMC A Room

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center Council Chamber
11300 Stanford Avenue

Monday, June 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIR BRIETIGAM
VICE CHAIR MCINTOSH
COMMISSIONER BLACKMUN
COMMISSIONER CONSTANTINO
COMMISSIONER MUNETON
COMMISSIONER PHAM
COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ

Absent: Muneton, Ramirez

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Mills, Neighborhood Improvement Manager; Nida Watkins, Project Manager; Alana Cheng, Senior Administrative Analyst; Jimmy Nguyen, Program Specialist; Danny Huynh, Housing Authority Division Manager; Thyana Phi, Senior Housing Specialist; Judy Moore, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Constantino.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

MINUTES: It was moved by Chair Brietigam and seconded by Commissioner Blackmun, to receive and file the Minutes from the March 7, 2016 Meeting. The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Blackmun, Brietigam, Constantino, McIntosh, Pham
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Muneton, Ramirez

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Danny Huynh and Thyana Phi from the City's Housing Authority, presented an overview of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS). Staff and Commissioners discussed and received input on the subject.

To participate in the FSS program, families must be Section 8 participants of the Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA) in order to benefit from programs such as credit counseling, job search, job training, home ownership, family counseling, and child care and transportation; that participation was voluntary with the requirement to seek employment and a desire to become self-sufficient; that families would start by completing an application then develop short and long-term goals for the

next five years; that they would sign a participation contract and receive case management and referral as needed to achieve the goals; that families would meet with the coordinator at least annually to discuss progress and any additional services needed; that once goals were completed they could apply to graduate from the program; that the incentive to join was a unique savings opportunity known as the Escrow Account maintained by the GGHA; that at enrollment, a baseline was established according to current income; that the escrow deposit was generated when the family reported a wage increase that exceeded the baseline; that the participant, or head of household, must achieve all the goals, be employed, have all family free from any cash welfare system for twelve consecutive months prior, and be in good standing with the GGHA in order to receive the escrow funds.

Current statistics include 124 families that had completed the FSS contract; 55 were self-sufficient from housing assistance; eight have purchased homes; and more than one-million dollars had been paid out in escrow money, and that average escrow funds received per family was approximately \$11,000.

Vice Chair McIntosh asked when the program began and how many families were currently in the program. Staff replied the early or mid-1990's and that there were 42 participants.

Commissioner Constantino asked if the 124 number was the total from the 1990's. Staff replied yes, that the contracts were five years, however, some families could take up to seven years to achieve the goals.

Vice Chair McIntosh asked where the courses were and how were they advertised. Staff responded that participants designed their own education plan for a college or training school that they pay for; that each case was unique; that what stops them from achieving their goals may be that they need an AA (Associate of Arts) degree or college, or better English; that the program was exclusive to existing Section 8 participants only, not walk-ins, and that those that qualified were briefed as a group and encouraged to join, though joining was not a requirement; that flyers, pamphlets and booklets were distributed; and that those on the waiting list did not qualify.

Commissioner Blackmun asked what the participants would receive upon graduation. Staff described that 'regular' housing tenant's rent was based on their income and as the income would go up, the rent would go up; that on FSS, the tenant would pay the increased rent, however, the increase portion would be set aside in an escrow account; that after the fifth year and if goals were completed, a check would be issued to the cost of approximately \$10,000 or more and be tax free; that long ago, families could use that amount for a down payment on a home, however, in today's market that would not be sufficient.

Commissioner Constantino asked what the graduation rate would be. Staff stated approximately fifty percent.

Commissioner Pham asked staff for the ethnicity of the families. Staff responded that similar statistics of GGHA participants were approximately sixty-percent Asian, twenty-five Hispanic, with the remainder being others.

Commissioner Pham wondered who taught the workshops for the educational opportunities as he had a resource, Recovery Education Institute, which provided courses in financial incentives, financial literacy, educational workshops, and ESL (English as a Second Language) for free, and offered students, who want an AA degree, to go through Community Coastline College for free.

Staff was happy to take the information and stated that every quarter, staff meets with community partners and shares the needs of the FSS participants. They also refer them to organizations such as One Stop, 211, Work Center and UPS office at a community college, and added that most get assistance with financial aid to pay for the courses, as the GGHA did not have the funds for tuition assistance.

Vice Chair McIntosh asked if detailed information on the program was available on a website, along with the escrow budget numbers. Staff replied that the escrow numbers would come from the Finance Department and would require a records request to obtain, and that the program details would be in the Housing Authority Admin Plan.

Commissioner Blackmun asked where the funding comes from. Staff replied that the HUD (Housing and Urban Development) escrow funding was Federal funding.

Commissioner Pham asked if there were demographics on client's mental health or substance usage. Staff replied no.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair McIntosh asked to agendaize a request to meet with the Police Department's Homeless Task Force. He noted that Officer Hatfield had assembled four officers dedicated to homeless issues and that he had participated in a similar meeting with the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association.

It was moved by Vice Chair McIntosh and seconded by Commissioner Constantino, to agendaize a presentation by the Police Department's Homeless Liaison and Task Force. The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Blackmun, Brietigam, Constantino, McIntosh, Pham
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Muneton, Ramirez

Vice Chair McIntosh referenced the GGHA's sale of the Civic Center properties to a commercial developer in order to create the 'cottage' properties, which were former HUD housing locations, and asked for clarification on how the GGHA became a realtor, who they answer to, and what were the noticing obligations for properties. He also noted the rapid sale, and that immediate residents were against the project, however, other residents favored the project. He also had concern for the Main Street west parking lot, now under the jurisdiction of the GGHA, but formerly

under the Parking Commission, which was dissolved in 2013. In addition, he inquired as to how the GGHA could acquire and sell properties, and wondered what would happen to the current families in the cottage project homes. Staff responded that in regard to the Main Street parking lot, other properties, and the families, he would need to contact the City Attorney's office as these subjects were beyond the scope of the Neighborhood Improvement Commission, and that a records request to the City Clerk's office was required for a list of GGHA owned properties.

Vice Chair McIntosh then mentioned an Orange County Register article of May 31st called 'Looming HUD Funding Cut Could Affect Homeless Women and Children' by Theresa Walker, and stated that money would be taken away from transitional programs. Staff responded that HUD had shifted focus regarding the ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant); that a cap would be placed on the amount of ESG funding for the shelter services component; that the program was not cut; that the City would get the maximum amount of funds that they could spend on shelter; and, that essential services would be funded such as street outreaches and supportive services.

Vice Chair McIntosh asked for an update on the Tri-City collaboration. Staff replied that a follow up was reported out during the Action Plan; that the recommendations that came from the meeting, with input from Commissioner Pham and staff, were incorporated and approved at the last meeting; and, that the contract would be effective on July 1st, 2016.

Vice Chair McIntosh then mentioned that several other Orange County cities have a 'Giving Wall', located in their downtown, at which items of clothing could be donated for the homeless, and that what was not picked up was given to charitable organizations. He wondered if the City could implement such an activity. Staff responded that the request should be addressed at the City Council level.

Vice Chair McIntosh then added that the hotel outreach idea was not mentioned in the Minutes. Staff replied that the issue was beyond the Commission's purview.

Chair Brietigam asked staff to prepare an informational sheet that would clarify the discussion topics allowed under the Commission's purview, and the limitations, so as to not violate law during the Matter from Commissioners portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission to be held on Monday, September 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community Meeting Center, Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Judith Moore
RECORDING SECRETARY

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

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Herbert I. Nakasone

September 9, 2016

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To: SARFPA Members

From: Herb Nakasone, Executive Director

Subject: September 22, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting.

SARFPA's Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at the Orange County Water District located at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA.

Enclosed for the meeting are the following:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes of July 28, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting

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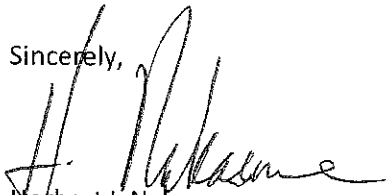
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Website

[www.ocflood.com/
SARFPA.aspx](http://www.ocflood.com/SARFPA.aspx)

While this is an Executive Committee meeting, all SARFPA members are invited to attend.

Sincerely,



Herbert I. Nakasone
Executive Director

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

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Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

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Date/Time: Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
Location: Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

1. Call to Order – Chairman
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman or designee
3. Approve Minutes of June 23, 2016 Full Agency Meeting – Chairman
4. Report from Washington Advocate Jim McConnell – Chairman
5. Presentation on the status of the Santa Ana River Mainstem and Westminster Watershed Study - OC Public Works representatives
6. Report from Executive Director
7. Public and Representative comments
8. Adjournment

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Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

Executive Director

Herbert I. Nakasone

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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July 28, 2016 at 4:00p.m.
Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
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Attendees:

John Collins, Chairman, SARFPA/Councilman, City of Fountain Valley
Phil Anthony, Director, Orange County Water District
Stacy Berry, Councilwoman, City of Cypress
Jordan Brandman, Councilman, City of Anaheim/Director OCWD
Barbara Delgleize, Councilwoman, City of Huntington Beach
Rudy Emami, Director Public Works, City of Anaheim
Jim Ferryman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District
Jan Flory, Councilwoman, City of Fullerton/Director OCWD
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Tom Lindsey, Councilman, City of Yorba Linda
Dina Nguyen, Director, Orange County Water District
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
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Todd Broussard, Engineer, City of Huntington Beach
Steve Sherwood, Engineer, City of Irvine
Jim McConnell, SARFPA Washington DC Advocate
Ed Demesa, Los Angeles District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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1. Call to Order

Meeting was Call To Order by Chairman John Collins at 4:06 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by City of Cypress Councilwoman Stacy Berry.

3. Approval Of June 23, 2016 Full Agency Meeting

Minutes of June 23 Full Agency Meeting approved on Motion by Costa Mesa Sanitary District Director Art Perry and Second by City of Cypress Councilwoman Stacy Berry.

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

4. Report from Washington DC Advocate Jim McConnell

Jim McConnell, having flown in from Washington for a meeting with the County of Orange Board of Supervisor, was in attendance to hear the report on the Westminster Watershed Study and to also provided his report in person to SARFPA as follows:

- a. Appropriations Bills for FY 2017, which begins on Oct. 1, 2016, will not be acted upon by Congress in time to meet the Oct. 1st deadline thereby resulting in Continuing Resolutions to authorize the Federal Government i.e. the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue operating on the previous fiscal year's appropriation. Jim reported he expects this year's Continuing Resolution to be extended to mid December and will include \$37 million for the Santa Ana River Mainstem. Jim believes Congress will attempt to pass Appropriation Bills to replace the Continuing Resolutions after the elections in November.
- b. Jim also reported that the Continuing Resolution process by Congress, which ended earmarks by individual Representatives, has benefited Orange County since the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is authorized to determine where the appropriations are to be spend and since the USACE considers the Santa Ana River Mainstem project a high priority, it continues to receive the needed funding.
- c. Jim indicated he and one of the County Board of Supervisor will be in Washington DC during the first week of February 2017 working on the remaining FY 17 Work Plan with the USACE and providing input to the Office of Management and Budget on the USACE funding requirement for FY 18.

5. Los Angeles District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers(USACE) Westminster Watershed Study

The USACE presentation was led by Planning Division Chief Ed DeMesa with support from Kathy Anderson, Raina Marie Fulton and Larry Walsh. Larry Walsh used a Power Point presentation to outline the purpose of the Study, described the alternative flood protection channel improvements under consideration and the actions to be taken by the USACE in selecting an alternative and completing what is titled the Chief's Report. The USACE and the Orange County Board of Supervisors will be seeking SARFPA's support for a selected alternative and will be requesting input from SARFPA throughout the selection process. A copy of the Power Point presentation was distributed to the attendees. Larry's presentation can be summarized as follows:

- a. Study Purpose is to reduce flood hazards, including risk to life safety and damages to private and public infrastructure. The study also proposes to reduce flood impacts in the vicinity of Outer Bolsa Bay, including flooding along Pacific Coast Highway.
- b. The USACE undertook floodplain analysis in the watershed of the 1% (100 year) and .0.2% (500 year) flood events.

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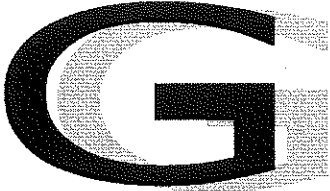
- c. The floodplain analysis was accomplished on the Bolsa Chica, Westminster, East Garden Grove Wintersberg and Ocean View drainage channels.
- d. The USACE initially considered the following five alternatives:
 - Alternative 1: No Action
 - Alternative 2: Channel Improvements
 - Alternative 3: Channel improvements and Mile Square Park Detention Basin
 - Alternative 4: Channel Improvements and new Ocean Outlet at Outer Bolsa Bay
 - Alternative 5: Channel improvements, Mile Square Park Detention, and new Ocean Outlet
- e. Upon further analysis, the USACE determine initial Alternatives 4 and 5 were infeasible or impractical and is recommending the current alternatives as listed below:
 - Alternative 1. No Action
 - Alternative 2. Minimum Channel Improvements (\$264 million)
 - Alternative 3. OCPW Channel Improvements (\$1,477 million)
 - Alternative 4. Maximum Channel Improvements (\$1,379 million)
 - Alternative 5. Minimum Channel Improvements and Detention Basin in Mile Square Park (\$428 million)The above cost do not include lands and right-of way.
- f. Alternatives 3 and 4 provides 100-year level of protection while alternatives 2 and 5 do not. Alternative 3 and 4 also will require modifications to 50 highway culverts or bridges.
- g. The USACE is considering Alternative 3 as its recommended Plan for the Westminster Watershed Study. Benefit/Cost ratio not yet available.
- h. Future milestone for the review, public meeting and approval of the Study are as follows:

Tentative Selected Plan (TSP) Milestone-----	October 2016
Public and Agency Review-----	December 2016
Agency Decision Milestone-----	April 2017
Civil Works Review Board (CWRB)-----	February 2018
Chief's Report-----	May 2018

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Attachment: USACE Handout



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: September 15, 2016

KARL HILL
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



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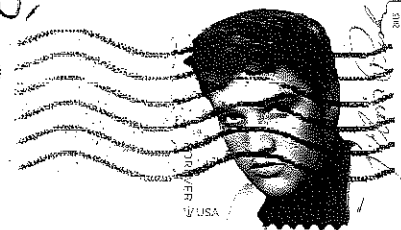
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JUDITH MOORE
SECRETARY

To The City of Garden Grove
I want to say Thank You to all who
took a chance on having Elvisfest on
main street in Garden Grove. It was a
great success! Thank You for letting
The Jailhouse Rockers of California be a
part of this great event. I hope that we
will be able to do again next August.
Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank
you again. Also Thank You to Ageton's Larry
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Sincerely Tina Altman and Rockers of Ca.

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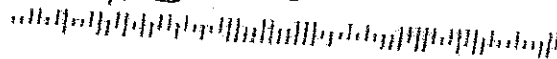


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League to Host Health Benefits Marketplace ACA Compliance Webinar on Wednesday, Sept. 14

The League conducted a survey following its Aug. 11 Health Benefits Marketplace (HBM) webinar and found that 80 percent of survey respondents indicated that Affordable Care Act (ACA) Compliance is a challenge for their city. Through a partnership with Accord Systems, the League's HBM provides optional ACA compliance and reporting services as a tool available to cities to help mitigate this challenge. Please join the League for a free one-hour webinar on ACA New Reporting Codes for 2016 on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. *For more, see Page 2.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$39.7 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing Apartments in Rancho Mission Viejo

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA). *For more, see Page 2.*



Learn about NLC's Federal Advocacy Committees *City Officials Invited to Participate in Sept. 13 informational Webinar*

The National League of Cities (NLC) will be hosting a webinar for local elected officials to learn more about NLC's Federal Advocacy Committees and the application process. The webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. *For more, see Page 3.*

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The ACA New Reporting Codes for 2016 webinar will examine the new 2016 IRS 1095-C reporting requirements and how to manage them on your year-end IRS filings. Ryan Moulder, chief compliance and legal officer for Accord Systems, will provide insight on these new reporting requirements and answer questions that you may have. Participants will also learn about the automated ACA solution provided on the Health Benefits Marketplace by Accord Systems and how it can help your city meet ACA compliance and reporting requirements with ease.

Register [online](#).

About Acord Systems

Accord Systems is a leading provider of ACA services in the marketplace. Located in Alpharetta, Ga., Accord has been at the forefront of ACA since the legislation's implementation. Its award winning ACA application was built around the concepts of ease of use, information at a glance and pro-active data verification services.

Accord Systems offers two ACA solutions to meet the needs and capabilities of the marketplace. The first is full service ACA, which provides tracking and measurement of full-time equivalent employees throughout the year along with year-end 1094/1095 fulfillment and IRS e-filing services. The second service is forms only ACA, which provides year-end 1094/1095 fulfillment and IRS e-filing services.

Watch this [short video](#) for a brief introduction to Accord Systems' services.

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This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued \$39,700,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Sendero Bluffs and Esencia Norte Apartments in Rancho Mission Viejo.

About Sendero Bluffs Apartments

Sendero Bluffs Apartments is the new construction of 107 affordable housing units by Western National Group (WNG). The benefits of the project for the Orange County include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income senior tenants;
- The project will bring new economic vibrancy to the area; and
- The project consists of 87 one-bedroom units, 19 two-bedroom units, and one manager's unit.

CSCDA and WNG partnered with Citibank to provide \$17,700,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income senior tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

About Esencia Norte Apartments

Esencia Norte Apartments is the new construction of 112 affordable housing units by WNG. The benefits of the project for Orange County include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income tenants;
- The project will bring new economic vibrancy to the area; and
- The project features 20 one-bedroom units, 57 two-bedroom units, 34 three-bedroom units, and one manager's unit.

CSCDA and WNG partnered with Citibank to provide \$22,000,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit CSCDA's website for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

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Serving on one of NLC's seven federal advocacy committees is one of the most rewarding ways for you as a local leader to bring your expertise to the service of cities and towns at the national level. By representing your city or town and contributing your voice, you have the opportunity to shape NLC's efforts to proactively drive federal policy on issues that matter the most to cities.

The informational webinar will feature Mayor Pro Tem Sheri Capehart, Arlington, Texas, who serves as chair of NLC's Information Technology and Communications Committee as well as Commissioner Gil Ziffer, Tallahassee, Fla., who serves on NLC's Human Development Committee.

Details

Sept. 13 at 11 a.m.

Register online.

For questions please contact Ashley Smith.

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League of California Cities® Commends Legislative Leadership and Governor for Providing Funding to Help House Chronically Homeless
Governor Signed Final Piece of Proposal on Wednesday

The League of California Cities® on Thursday commended the bipartisan leadership of legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown for their support of the No Place Like Home initiative. Governor Brown signed AB 1628 on Sept. 13 to help implement the bond financing of the proposal, contained in AB 1618 approved as part of the budget, that provides \$2 billion in funding to help mentally ill homeless men, women and children secure needed housing and services. *For more, see Page 2.*



Governor Signs More Climate Change Bills and \$900 Million Cap-and-Trade Expenditure Plan

In an effort to assist communities most impacted by pollution and climate change, Gov. Jerry Brown on Sept. 14 signed additional bills to implement and allocate \$900 million in Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds. This is the first meaningful discretionary spending of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds in nearly two years. *For more, see Page 2.*



Learn about the League's Health Benefits Marketplace Wellness Program
Thursday, Sept. 22

Second Chance to View Health Benefits Marketplace Active Employee and Retiree Solution Webinars Sept. 20 and 21

Please join the League of California Cities® for three informative Health Benefits Marketplace™ (HBM) webinars. Participants will learn about the benefits of implementing a wellness program for your city's employees and have a second chance to view the HBM active employee and retiree solution basics webinars. *For more, see Page 3.*

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The estimated 10,000 units created by the measure will help many individuals get off the streets. Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) put forward the proposal earlier in 2016, which was then became part of the FY 2016-17 budget. The No Place Like Home program marks the state's first effort to reinvest dollars into housing for the homeless in recent history.

Cities are struggling to identify resources and need flexible funding to implement best practices and innovative solutions that meet the needs of the homeless people in their communities. There are about 116,000 homeless people in California, accounting for 21 percent of the nation's homeless population, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The state saw the second-largest increase in homelessness between 2014 and 2015. Resources to assist California's cities and counties house the homeless have been reduced by cuts in federal and state funding for affordable housing, the loss of local redevelopment agencies and other key programs.

League President and Rancho Cucamonga Mayor L. Dennis Michael commended the leadership that led to the creation of this new housing program: "We appreciate that Senate President pro Tem de León put forward this innovative solution that received bipartisan support and the Governor's signature. This is a step in the right direction and offers the flexibility and funding we at the local level need to effectively work with our local agency colleagues and the nonprofit community to help those who so desperately need shelter. California cities are at the forefront of this crisis, so these resources will be very helpful," said Michael. "The League was a strong supporter of this proposal since February and we are glad to see it come together."

AB 1628, which the Governor signed this week, outlines the bond financing and mechanics of how it will be taken from Proposition 63 revenues. This measure facilitates and authorizes the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) to issue bonds for the purposes of establishing a loan program for counties to develop and administer permanent supported housing for homeless. It also establishes a framework for the provision of housing through authorized service contract, address loans to be made by CHFFA for supportive housing, specifies the use for funds for projects across the state, and provides administrative structure for the program. AB 1628 provides for direct funding from this program for the few cities that currently provide mental health services and are already eligible for Prop. 63 funding.

The League has prepared an [analysis of the No Place Like Home](#) program to provide cities with details on the funding and what will be available.

'Climate Change' Continued from Page 1...

"These cap-and-trade investments will help spur innovation of all kinds to curb carbon pollution," said Governor Brown at a signing ceremony in Fresno. "With these bills, we also will help communities hard hit by pollution and climate change."

The Governor signed [AB 2722](#) (Burke), a measure that establishes the programmatic framework for the new Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCCP) that received \$140 million from the Cap-and-Trade expenditure plan. The TCCP is very similar to a program that the League, the California State Association of Counties, the Local Government Commission, and other have sought the last three years. Its purpose is to provide funding to develop and implement neighborhood-level climate community plans that include multiple, coordinated GHG emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities.

[AB 1550](#) (Gomez) was also signed by the Governor, increasing the amount of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds that must be spent in disadvantaged or low-income communities to 35 percent.

Specific Cap-and Trade expenditure plan allocations include the following:

- \$135 million for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capitol Program to fund essential local capital projects for bus and commuter rail;

- \$10 million for the Active Transportation Program to fund bicycle and pedestrian programs;
- \$133 million for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program to assist with the purchase of clean vehicles;
- \$150 million for the Heavy Duty and Off-Road Investments to help develop and pilot cleaner industrial vehicles;
- \$80 million for the Enhanced Vehicle Fleet Modernization program to provide low income families help replacing old vehicles with new, cleaner vehicles;
- \$140 million for the Transformative Climate Communities Program to fund a community-wide approach for disadvantage communities to implement an integrated transportation, housing, and green space development plan to reduce pollution, GHG emissions, and improve local communities;
- \$80 million for the Urban Greening Program to fund green spaces and parks in local communities;
- \$40 million to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for waste diversion and greenhouse gas reduction financial assistance;
- \$15 million for the Urban Forestry Program to assist disadvantaged communities with tree planting and care; and
- \$2 million for the Strategic Growth Council to assist disadvantage communities and local governments with developing climate.

Next Steps

There is likely to be significant activity this fall related to the Cap-and-Trade program and implementation of the newly adopted climate change legislation. In particular, the outcome of the pending court challenge to the legality of the Cap-and-Trade program should be determined in the coming weeks.

The November 2016 election will also add to the dynamics of the situation. It is possible that the Democrats in the Assembly and the Senate could win enough seats to regain a two-thirds super majority. If this happens, it is much more likely that the Legislature will resolve the uncertainty around the Cap-and-Trade program by approving it with a two-thirds vote, making it a tax, instead of a fee.

League staff will also closely monitor and update cities on developments associated with the California Air Resources Board's actions as they relate to implementation of the new GHG emission reduction targets contained in SB 32.

Finally, in the next few weeks, League staff will update its website and the Cap-and-Trade Guide to reflect the FY 2016-17 Cap-and-Trade expenditure plan. These resource materials are meant to assist cities with accessing Cap-and-Trade funds.

'HBM' Continued from Page 1...

HBM Wellness Program for Active Employees Thursday, Sept. 22, 2–3 p.m.

A healthy team is a happy one. Through the League's Health Benefits Marketplace WellRight wellness program, cities can provide active employees an online solution to encourage positive habit formation in all areas of well-being, and potentially reduce healthcare costs and boost productivity. During this one-hour webinar participants will learn:

- Why employers are quickly adopting wellness programs
- WellRight's approach to engaging a workforce and improving a population's health
- Elements of a solid wellness program
- Positive Habit formation and holistic wellness (it's much more than physical fitness)
- How the WellRight wellness program will be deployed for each League Member

A question and answer session will follow the webinar. Register [online](#).

Did you miss the Health Benefits Marketplace Active Employee and Retiree Solution Basics for HR webinars in August? The League will be repeating both webinars next week on Tuesday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 10 to 11 a.m.

**HBM Retiree Solution Basics for HR Directors
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 10–11 a.m.**

Discover the HBM's retiree solution and how it can leverage more cost efficient products from the individual market. This one-hour webinar will cover the following topics:

- How to determine if the individual product market for Medicare, Rx, Dental and Vision coverage is more cost efficient than your incumbent group plan(s);
- Operational review of the retiree exchange solution, including employer subsidy management;
- Implementation and timeline for cities and retirees;
- Communications and change management strategy for implementation;
- Ongoing advocacy and retiree service model.

A question and answer session will follow the webinar. Register [online](#).

**HBM Active Employee Solution Basics for HR Directors
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 10–11 a.m.**

This one-hour webinar will focus on how the HBM can help human resource departments and active employees manage healthcare selections and costs. During this webinar, you will:

- Learn how the HBM platform gives cities more choice in carriers and plans to offer employees, without increasing the administrative burden on the HR team;
- See the decision support technology and shopping experience that allow employees to choose the best benefits to fit their needs;
- View the robust reporting functionality available to the HR team;
- Understand the timeline for bringing the platform to your city's employees.

A question and answer session will follow the webinar. Register [online](#).

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Registration Now Open for Multiple League Educational Conferences

The League of California Cities® has several important events currently open for registration. These conferences will be happening this fall and in early 2017.

Annual Conference & Expo: Oct. 5 – 7, Long Beach

Online registration is now closed but on-site registration will be available in Long Beach.

Municipal Finance Institute: Nov. 30 – Dec.1, Monterey

With content designed for finance officers, treasurers, managers and all staff who assist these professionals in their stewardship of public resources. This institute may meet the qualification for continuing education for Certified Public Accountants.

Nov. 8 is the deadline to register. Registration includes:

- Two days of important educational sessions which includes general sessions and breakouts;
- One breakfast, two lunches, and a Wednesday evening reception; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar: Nov. 30 – Dec.1, Monterey

Back after a six-year hiatus, the League will hold the Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar as a two day seminar geared for fire chiefs, chief officers, union leadership, and other fire services leaders. Presenters and topics have been selected to deliver challenging leadership topics such as succession planning, labor relations, emergency response, late breaking changes in EMS and more.

Nov. 8 is the deadline to register. Registration for the full conference includes:

- Two days of educational sessions;
- One lunch, one breakfast, and a Monday evening reception; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

City Clerks New Law & Elections Seminar: Nov. 30 – Dec 2, Monterey

This conference emphasizes new laws affecting elections, in addition to many other facets of the city clerk's roles and responsibilities such as the Fair Political Practices Commission, the Brown Act and the Public Records Act. MMC Advanced Education/Professional & Social Contribution Points and CMC Education/Experience points will be available.

Oct. 31 is the registration deadline. Registration includes:

- Two and a half days of important educational sessions;
- One breakfast, two lunches, and a Wednesday evening reception; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

City Managers Department Meeting: Feb. 8 – 10, Monterey

The League is gearing up for the 2017 City Managers Department Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Monterey. This meeting allows city managers, assistant managers, and county chief administrative officers the opportunity to network and keep current on the wide range of issues. This is the largest gathering of managers that the League facilitates.

Jan. 10 is the registration deadline. Registration includes:

- Two and a half days of educational sessions;
- Wednesday reception, Thursday lunch, Friday breakfast; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

\$5 Million in CDBG Grant Funding Available to Address Effects of California Drought

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of approximately \$5 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding for direct relief and mitigation of the effects of the California drought disaster.

This special notice of funding availability (NOFA) applies to non-entitlement jurisdictions for CDBG-eligible installation of water lateral connections to new or existing public water systems as part of the Housing Rehabilitation activity (HUD Matrix Code 14A). Funding will be on first come, first served basis, until all available funds are exhausted.

The [2016 Drought Lateral NOFA](#) is currently available online.

City Strategies to Reach the Remaining Uninsured Webcast Will be Held Sept. 20

Over the last three years, the National League of Cities' (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families has been working with eight cities to develop and implement successful outreach and enrollment campaigns to connect uninsured children and families to much-needed health insurance coverage. NLC is hosting an interactive discussion on Sept. 20 with national and local experts from across the country to discuss the important role cities can play in reaching the remaining uninsured.

Register today to watch the live webcast.

For questions about this event please contact Dawn Schluckebier from NLC at (202) 626-3040.
