

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO

March 26, 2020

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A.** Executive Order extending the local emergency through April 17, 2020.

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

- A.** Press release from the Orange County Tax Collector regarding information on penalty relief for taxpayers.
- B.** Memorandum from Mr. Larry Dick and Mr. Bob McVicker 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

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



Scott C. Stiles
City Manager



GARDEN GROVE

**CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

EXECUTIVE ORDER

March 26, 2020

Whereas, on February 26, 2020 the County of Orange declared a local emergency and a local health emergency due to the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in California due to COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, United State President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency due to COVID-19; and

Whereas, on March 16, 2020 effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020 the Garden Grove Director of Emergency Services did proclaim the existence of a local emergency due to COVID-19; and

Whereas, on March 24, 2020 the Garden Grove City Council ratified the proclamation of the local emergency in the City due to COVID-19 and confirmed the imposition of the various local orders applicable in the City during the existence of the local emergency, including the activation of the Emergency Operation Center, closure of various City facilities and cancellation of programs thereon, suspension of street sweeping citation, suspension of water shut-offs, suspension of the limitations in the Garden Grove Municipal Code on the hours of operation of, and deliveries to, businesses and establishments engaged in essential activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott C. Stiles, City Manager of the City of Garden Grove, acting as the Director of Emergency Services do hereby issue the following orders to become effective immediately:

1. The orders issued pursuant to the proclamation of the local emergency scheduled to expire on March 31, 2020 are hereby extended through Friday, April 17, 2020.
2. Late payments for water bills will be accepted without penalty if paid by May 1, 2020.

Executed this 26th day of March, 2020

Scott C. Stiles
Director of Emergency Services and
City Manager

Attest:

Teresa Pomeroy
City Clerk



Memorandum

DATE: March 23, 2020
TO: Member Agencies – MWD OC Divisions Two & Three
FROM: Larry Dick, Director – Division Two
Bob McVicker, 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 Imported Water Sales for MWD OC, and selected water supply information.

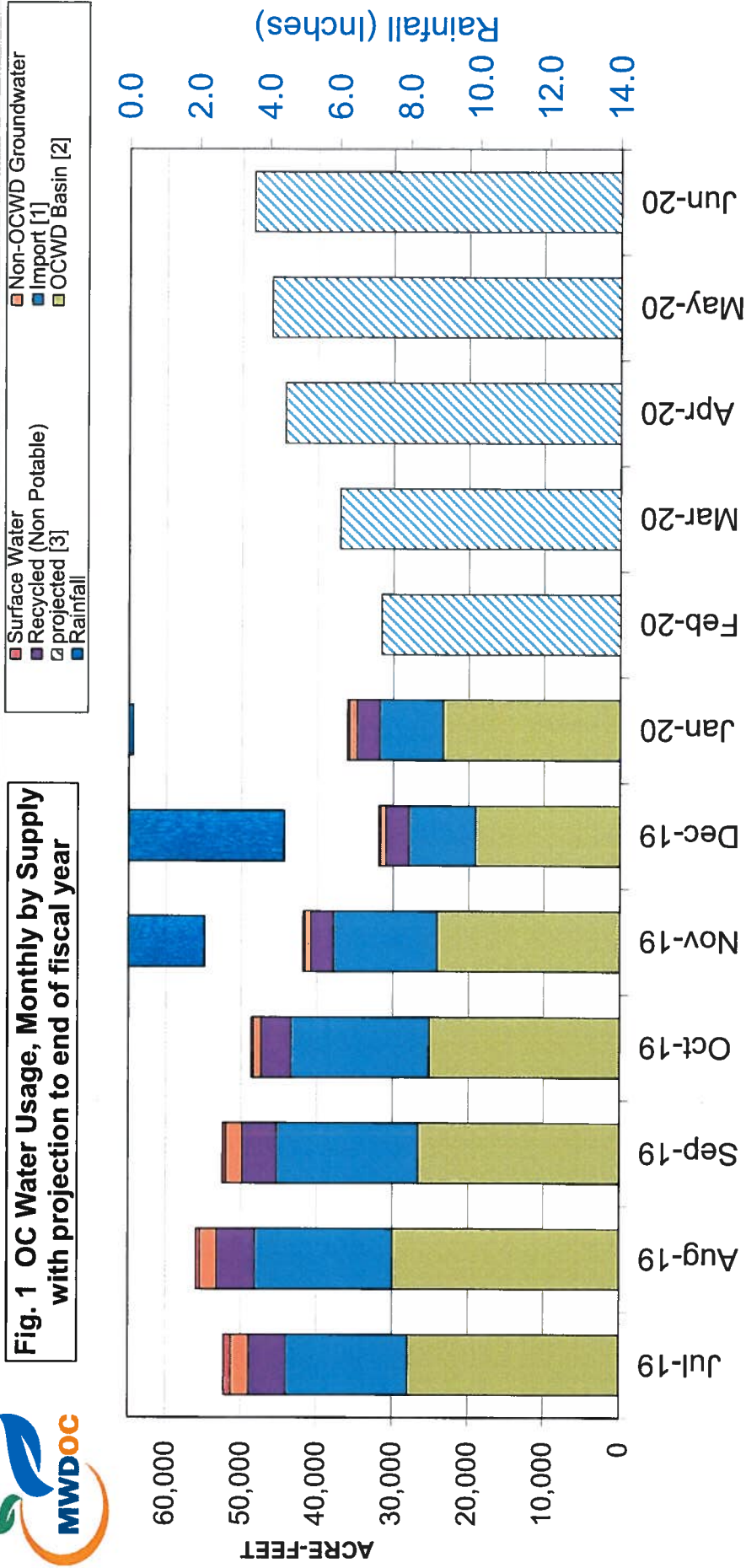
- OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply **OCWD Groundwater was the main supply in January.**
- OC Water Usage, Monthly, Comparison to Previous Years Water usage in **January 2020 was above average compared to the last 5 years.** We are projecting a slight increase in overall water usage compared to FY 2018-19. It has been 34 months since all mandatory water restrictions were lifted by the California State Water Resources Control Board.
- Historical OC Water Consumption Orange County M & I water consumption is estimated to be **527,000 AF in FY 2019-20** (this includes ~15 TAF of agricultural usage and non-retail water agency usage). This is about **11,000 AF more than FY 2018-19** and is about **14,000 AF less than FY 2017-18**. Water usage per person is projected to be slightly higher in **FY 2019-20 for Orange County at 144 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. **O.C. Water Usage for the last four Fiscal Years is the lowest since the 1982-83 Fiscal Year** (FY 1982-83 was the third wettest year on record).

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 have 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 precipitation through **early March** was average for this period. Water year to date rainfall in Orange County is **6.75 inches**, which is **70% of normal**.
- Northern California accumulated precipitation through **early March** was **50% of normal for this period**. Water Year 2019 was 137% of normal while water year 2018 was 82% of normal. The **Northern California snowpack** was **48% of normal** as of March 2nd. **As of late February, 23.34%** of California is experiencing **moderate drought conditions** while 69.74% of the state is experiencing abnormally dry conditions. The State Water Project Contractors Table A Allocation was increased to 15% in January 2020.
- Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation through **late February** was **92% of normal** for this period. The **Upper Colorado Basin snowpack** was **109% of normal** as of February 24th. **Lake Mead and Lake Powell** combined have about **68% of their average storage volume** for this time of year and are at **46.8% of their total capacity**. 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 to the Lower Basin states. As of early March, Lake Mead levels were **21.38' above the "trigger" limit**. The USBR predicts that the start of 2020 will not hit the "trigger" level but there is **a 4% chance that the trigger level will be hit in 2021 and a 24% chance in 2022**.



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



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

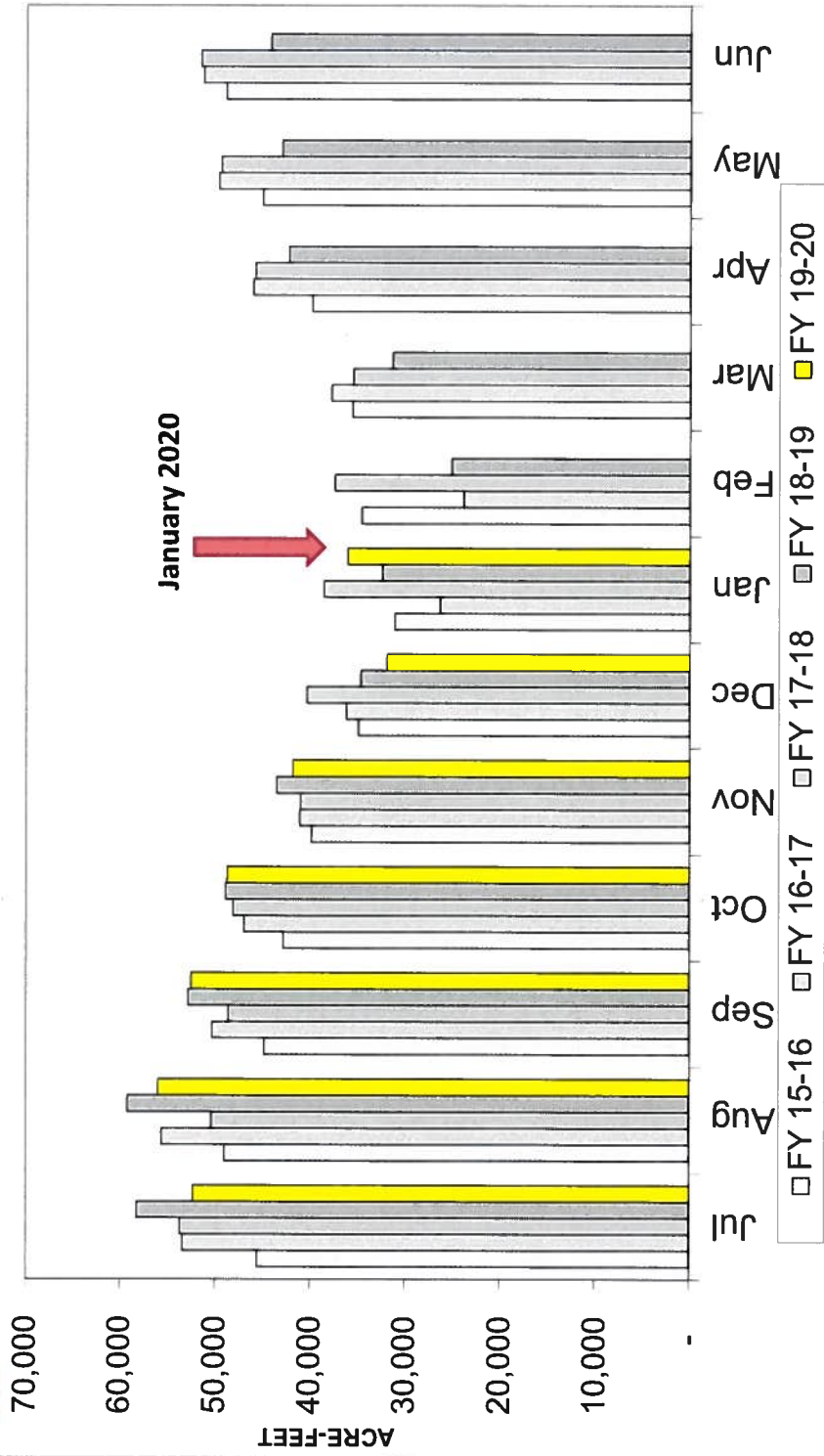
[2] GW for consumptive use only. Excludes In-Lieu water deliveries and CUP water extraction that are counted with Import. BPP in FY '19-20 is 77%.

[3] MWD OC's estimate of monthly demand is based on the projected 5 Year historical retail water demand and historical monthly demand patterns.

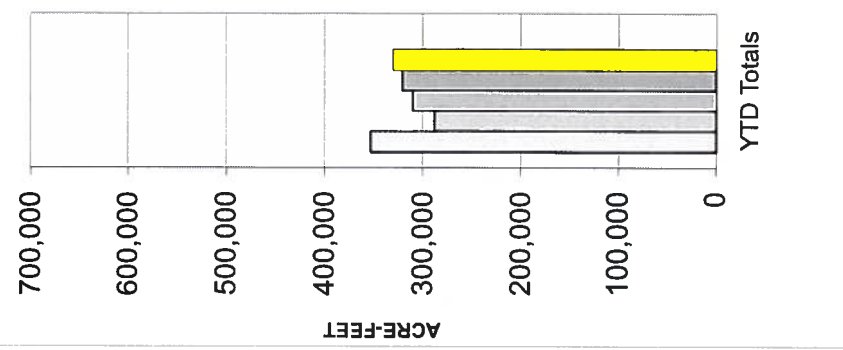
[4] Total water usage includes IRWD groundwater agricultural use and usage by non-retail water agencies.



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



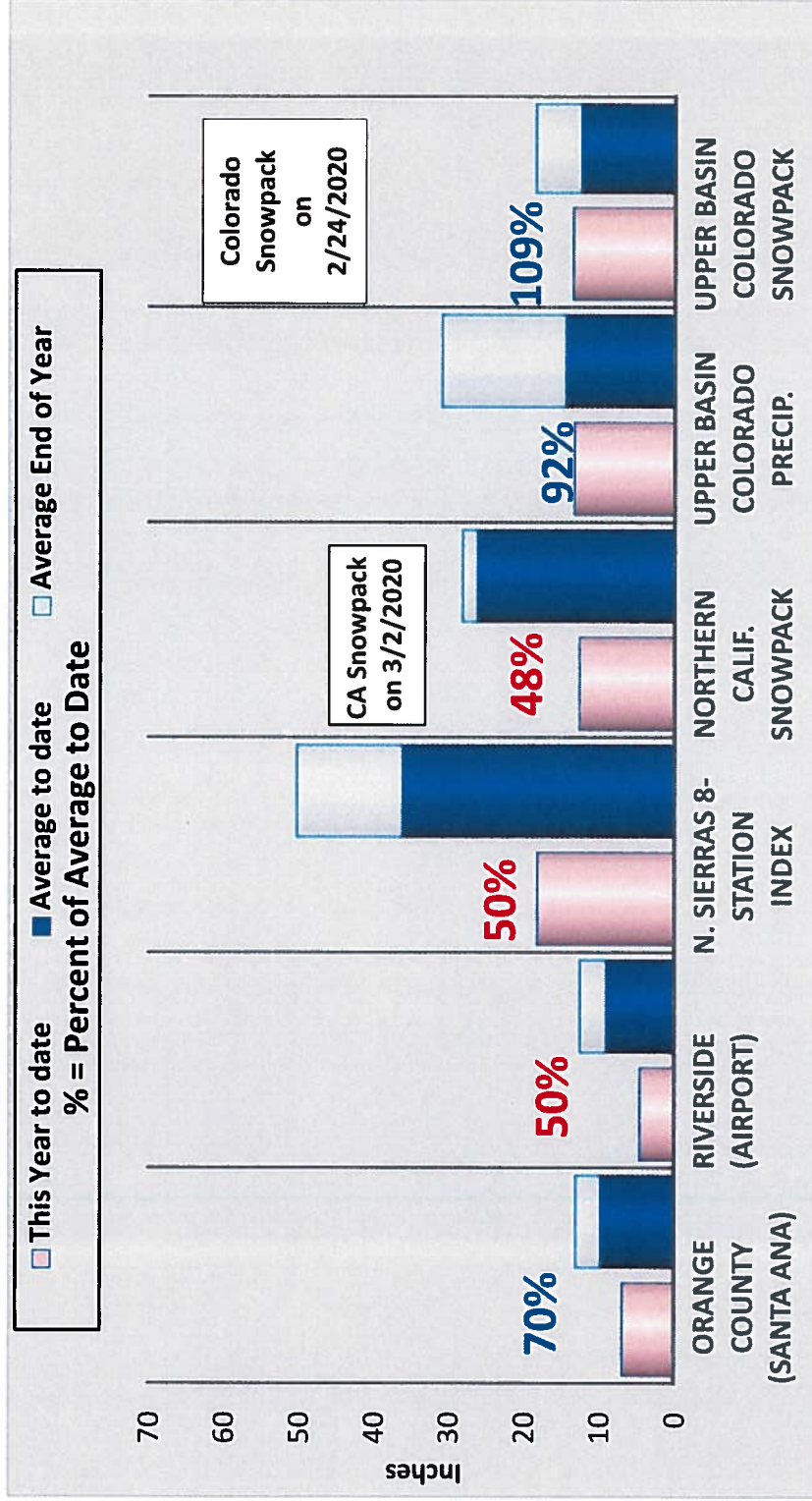
Partial Year Subtotals



[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 and excludes GWRS production) Recent months numbers include some estimation.

Accumulated Precipitation

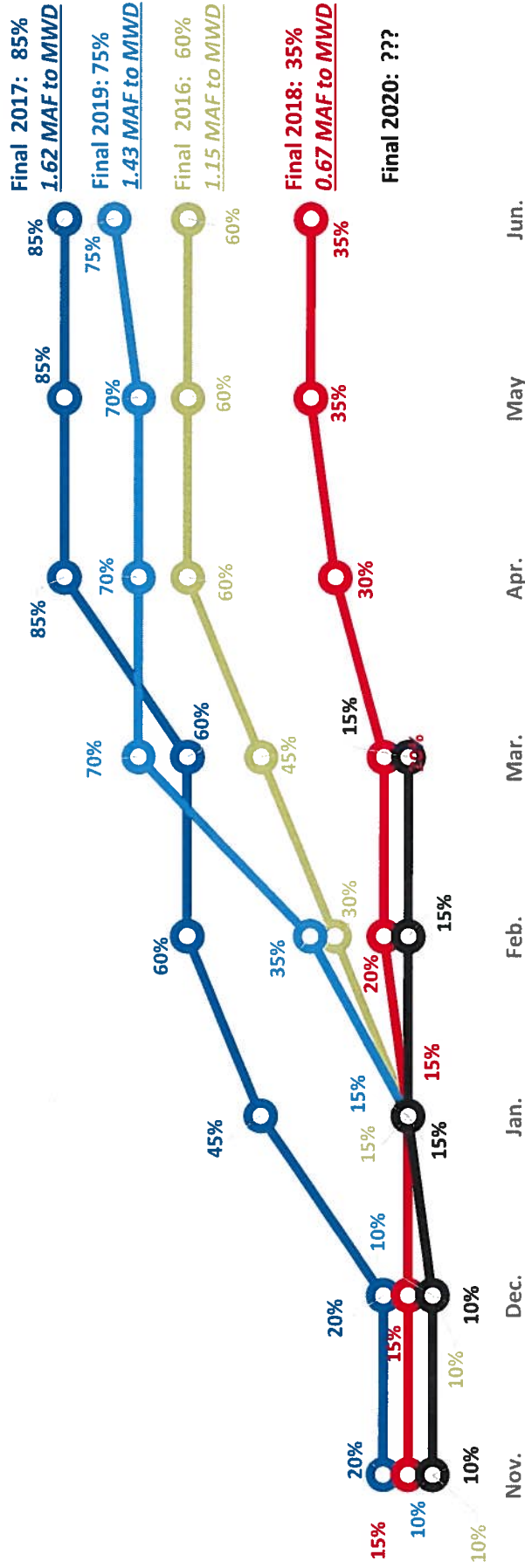
for the Oct.-Sep. water year, early March 2020



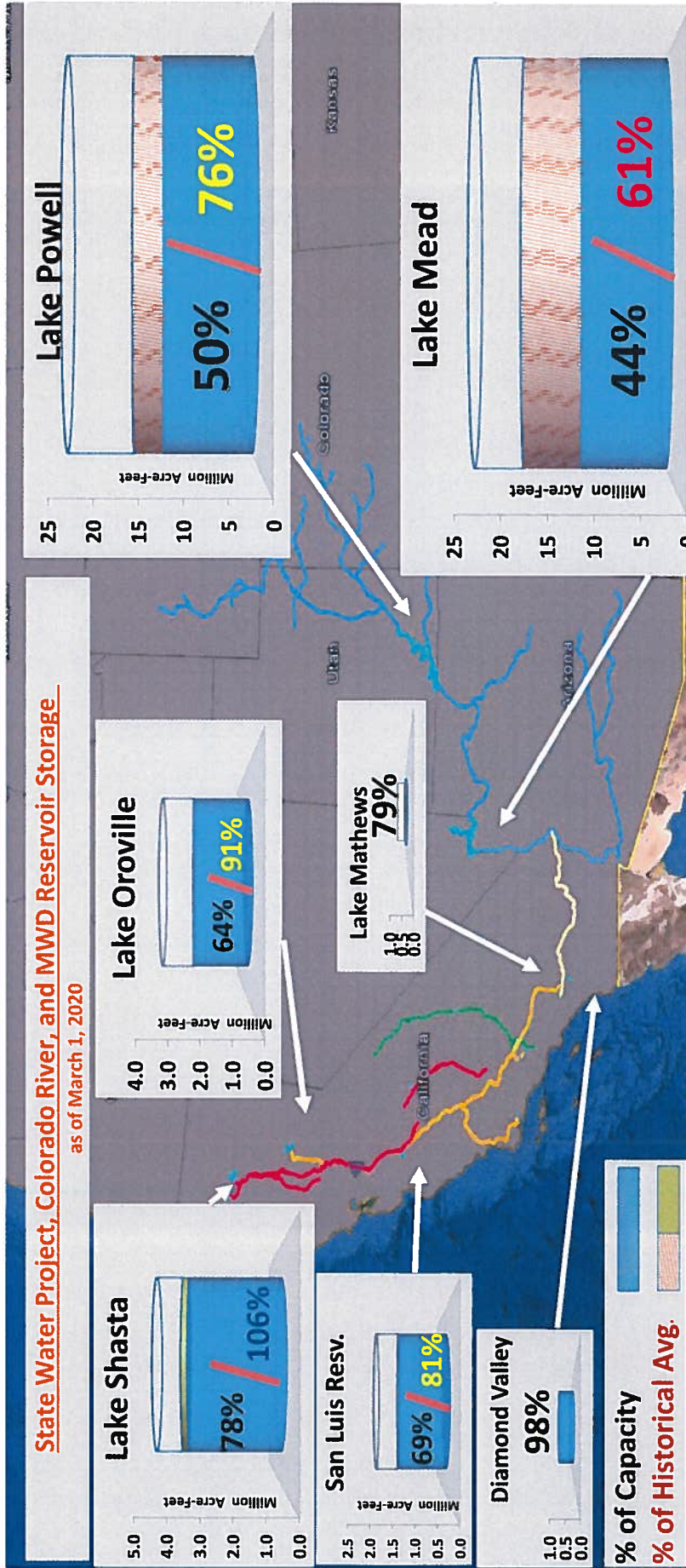
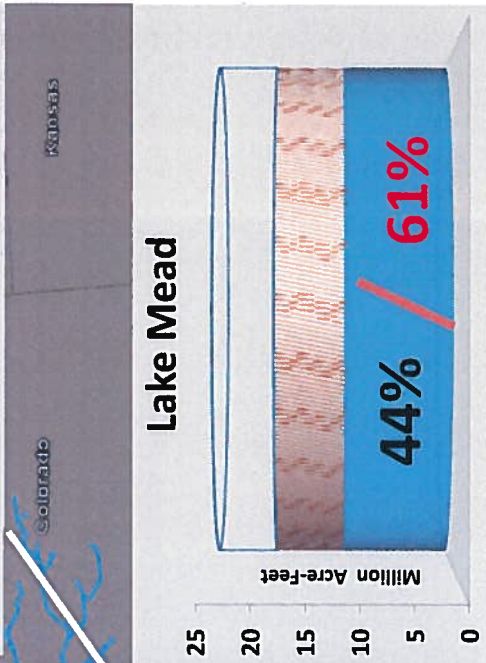
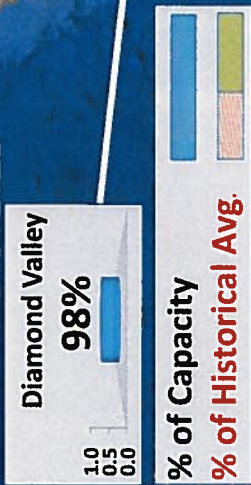
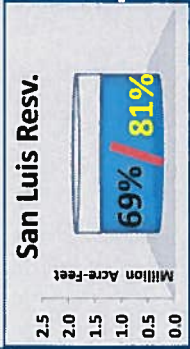
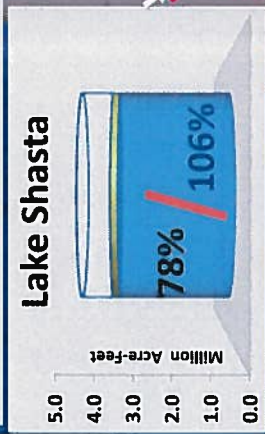
* The date of maximum snowpack accumulation (April 1st in Northern Calif. , April 15th in the Upper Colorado Basin) is used for year to year comparison.

SWP TABLE A ALLOCATION

FOR STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS

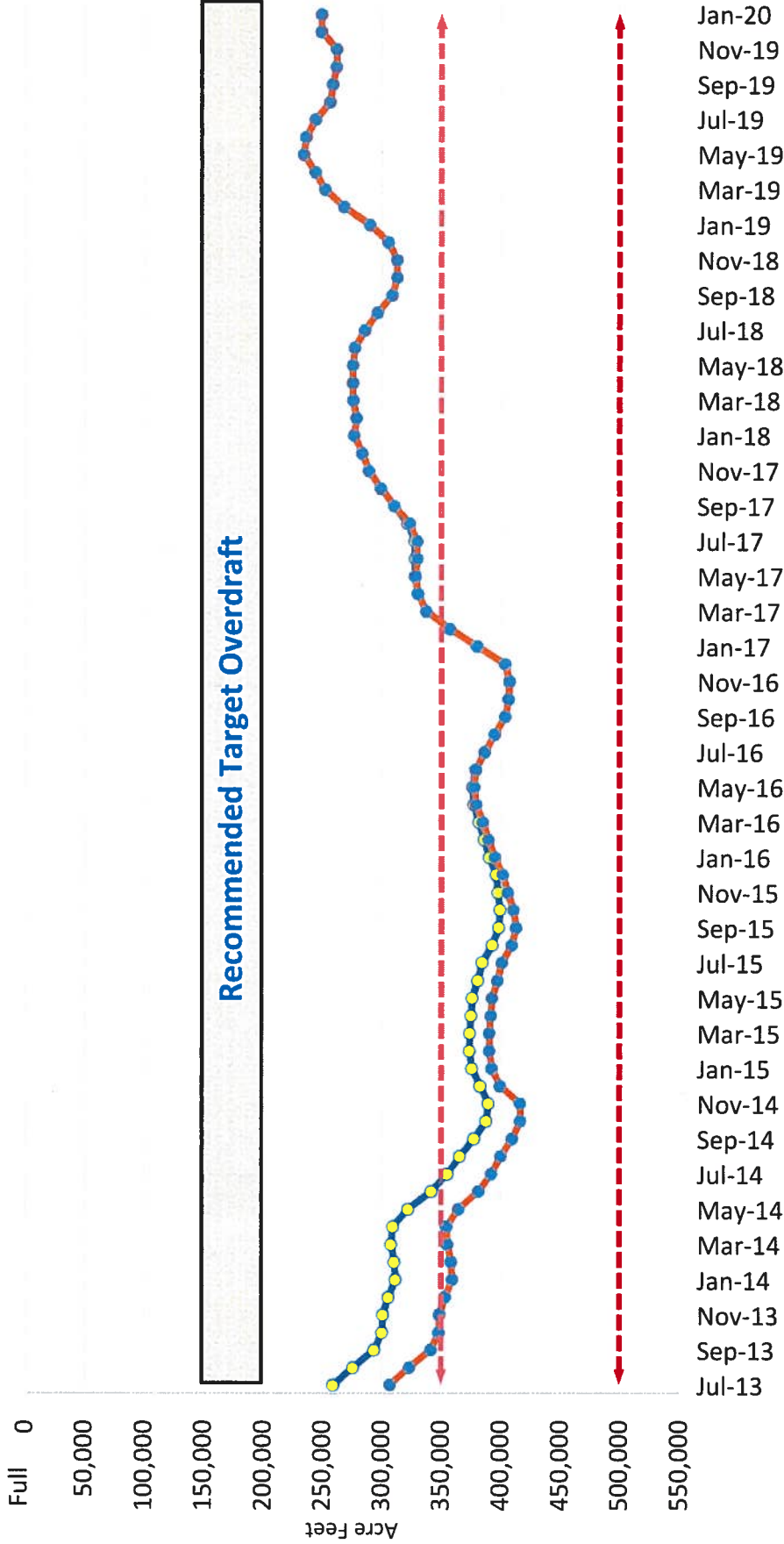


State Water Project, Colorado River, and MWD Reservoir Storage
as of March 1, 2020



Prepared by the Municipal Water District of Orange County
Number of Reservoirs (10)

Accumulated Overdraft of the OCWD Groundwater Basin as of January 2020

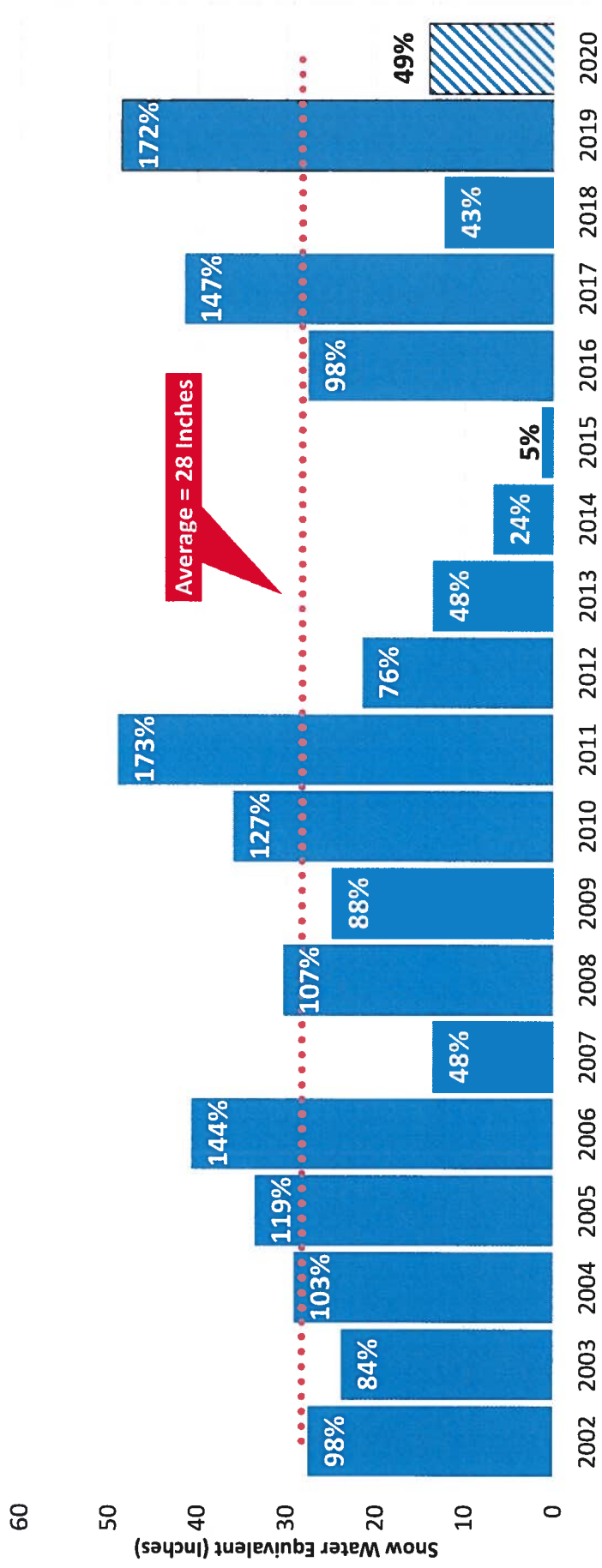


	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
AO (AF)	285,494	296,106	308,748	312,758	312,782	305,367	289,860	267,879	251,876	243,604	234,048	236,005
AO w/CUP removed (AF)	285,494	296,106	308,748	312,758	312,782	305,367	289,860	267,879	251,876	243,604	234,048	236,005
AO (AF)	244,057	256,239	258,445	261,464	261,645	248,909	249,051					
AO w/CUP removed (AF)	244,057	256,239	258,446	261,464	261,645	248,909	249,051					

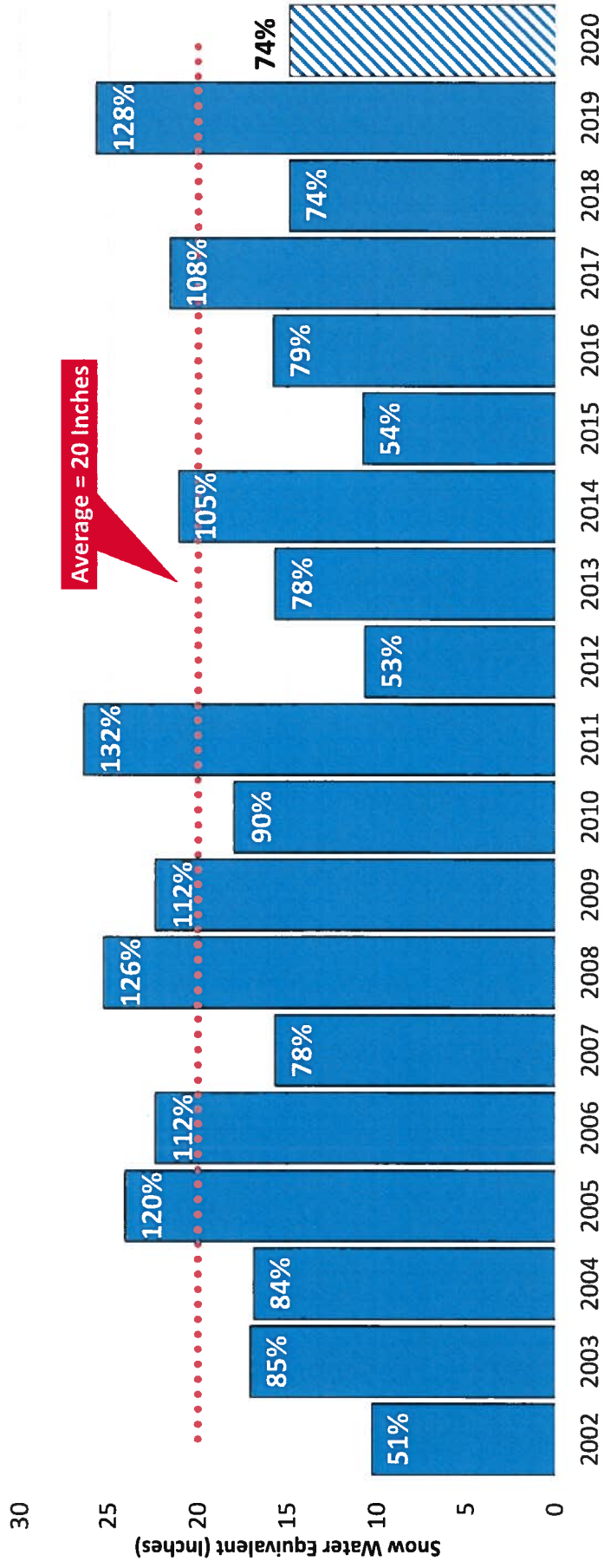
* Source ~ OCWD Monthly Board of Directors Packet



Historical Northern California April 1st Peak Snow Water Equivalent



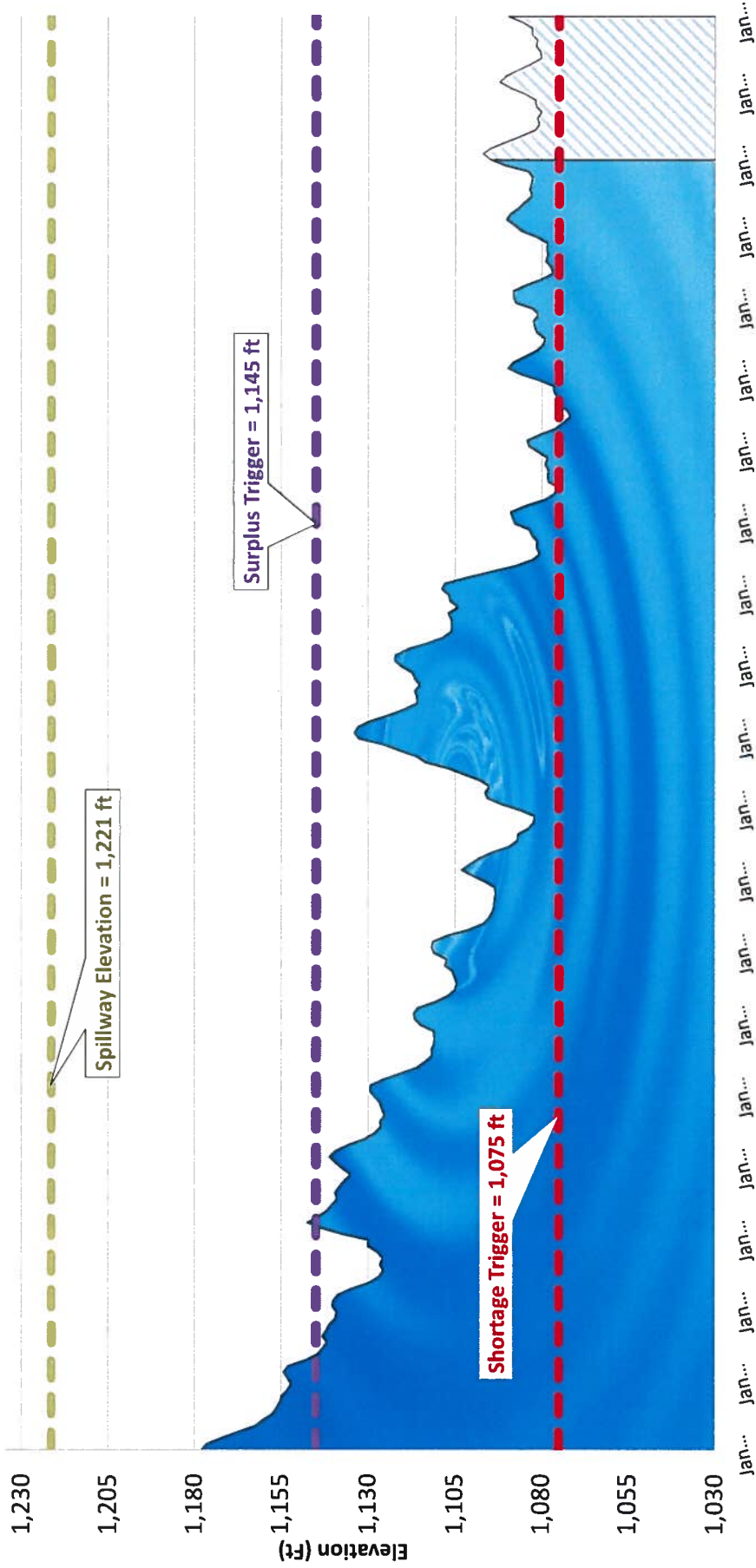
Historical Colorado Basin April 15th Peak Snow Water Equivalent





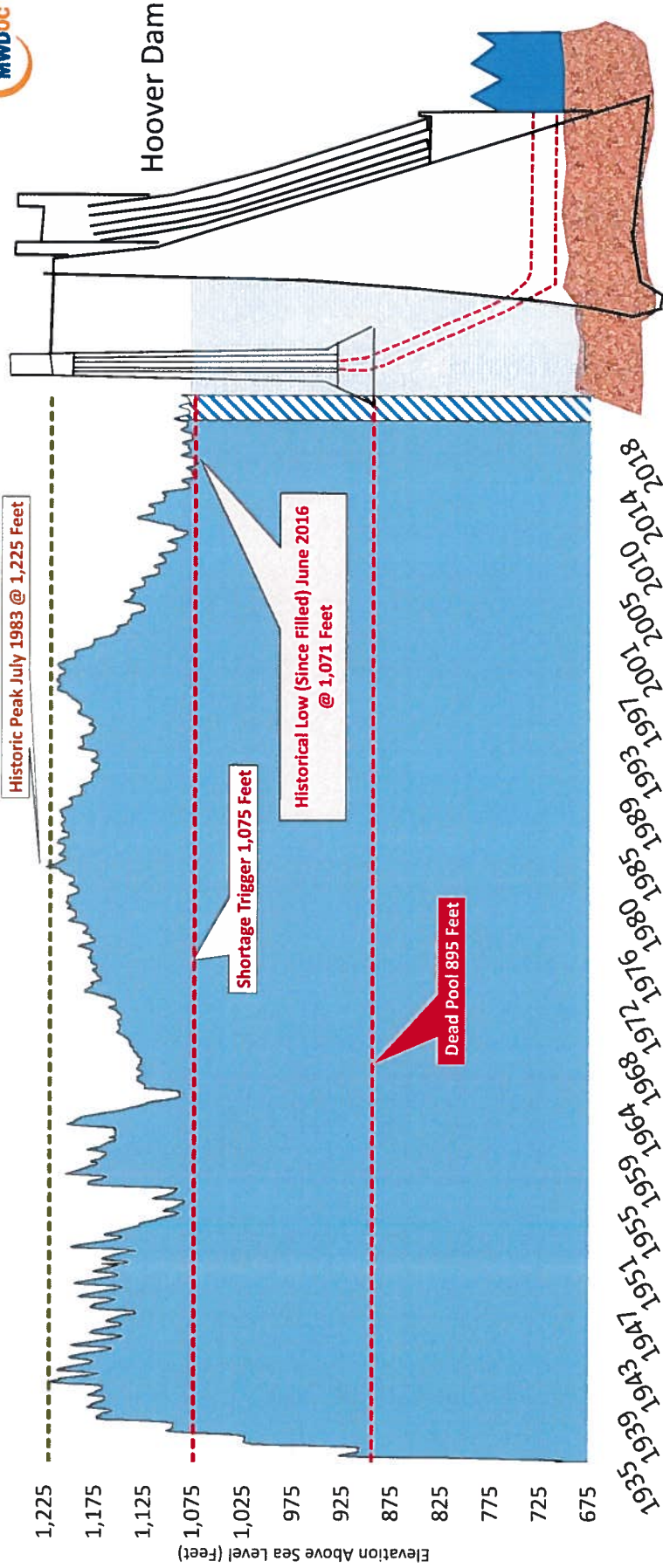
Lake Mead Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study

■ Historical □ Projected





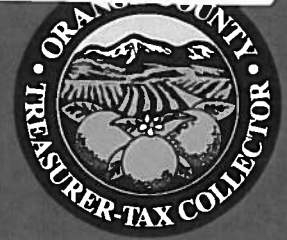
Lake Mead Historical Water Elevation Level





PRESS RELEASE

TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR
SHARI L. FREIDENRICH
CPA, CCMT, CPFA, ACPFIM



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DATE: March 25, 2020

Contact: Shari L. Freidenrich
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Treasurer@ttc.ocgov.com

Treasurer-Tax Collector Freidenrich Will Grant Penalty Relief for Taxpayers As Allowed by Existing State Law

SANTA ANA – Treasurer-Tax Collector Freidenrich announces her full support for waiver of penalties, costs or other charges as allowed by existing state law for taxpayers that fail to make a timely payment. The impact of the COVID-19 has been financially devastating for many Orange County taxpayers.

The last timely payment date remains at April 10, as neither the County nor the Treasurer-Tax Collector has the legal authority under the statute to change or extend this date. The April 10 date is set by state law, which can only be amended by the legislature.

We understand that the Federal and State governments have granted extensions for both the Federal and State Income Tax deadlines and as noted above, the County has no authority to change state law. If the State were to extend the deadline, it would have a significantly impact on local governments and K-12 School and Community College Districts (Schools) revenues, who have only received just over half of the annual property tax for this year.

In many local governments, property taxes represent one of the largest single annual revenue sources and pay for the public safety and other local government services you receive daily during the year. In addition, Schools are the largest recipient of property taxes here in Orange County (Where Your Property Tax Goes). For Secured property taxes, the bills are mailed in September and have a due date of November 1 and February 1 (with grace periods to December 10 and April 10, respectively), just two payments in a year. These local agencies would bear the brunt of any delay in the receipt of these vitally important property taxes that they need to provide local services.

“COVID-19, and the State’s order for all non-essential businesses to close, has had a significant impact on our taxpayers” Treasurer Freidenrich said. “I plan to grant waivers on penalties to taxpayers as allowed by existing law to assist them during these challenging times.”

For taxpayers that do not make payment of property taxes due to COVID-19 by April 10, we expect them to submit a Penalty Cancellation Request Form and documentation to support the cancellation of penalties as allowed in limited circumstances under current state law. The existing state law, which Treasurer Freidenrich will follow, allows for waiver of penalties, costs and other charges when failure to make a timely payment is due to reasonable cause and circumstances beyond the taxpayer’s control, and occurred notwithstanding the exercise of ordinary care in the absence of willful neglect.

In closing, we appreciate those taxpayers that can pay by the April 10 date as these dollars will be allocated in April to the local agencies that provide day-to-day services to taxpayers. We appreciate your assistance during this very challenging time for all of us in the County of Orange. Please email us at ttcinfo@ttc.ocgov.com if you have property tax payment questions, sign up for our property tax information subscription list at ocgov.com/octaxreminder by text or email and “Stay Home and Pay Online” at ocgov.com/octaxbill. Please stay safe.

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Mission: Ensure safe and timely receipt, deposit, collection and investment of public funds.

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**SOCIAL MEDIA
HIGHLIGHTS**















Post Performance for **Garden Grove City Hall**

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	 <p>Wed 3/25/2020 3:57 pm PDT #GardenGrove's Bracken's Kitchen Responds to Hunger Crisis, Seeks Help from the Community Bracken's</p> <p> Post</p>	367	348	6%	22	4	0	0
	 <p>Wed 3/25/2020 1:41 pm PDT County of Orange Press Conference - #OCCOVID19 Update (03/25/20)</p> <p> Post</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	 <p>Wed 3/25/2020 12:38 pm PDT The County of Orange will begin to livestream their bi-weekly press conferences starting today, at 1</p> <p> Post</p>	1,208	1,091	5.5%	66	5	0	5
	 <p>Wed 3/25/2020 10:01 am PDT The Orange County District Attorney's Office has established a hotline to report individuals or businesses.</p> <p> Post</p>	5,754	5,269	6%	348	83	6	46













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	 <p>Tue 3/24/2020 5:22 pm PDT STAY CONNECTED The community is encouraged to download the City's app, available on iOS and Andr</p> <p> Post</p>	1,155	1,090	5.6%	65	8	0	2
	 <p>Tue 3/24/2020 2:32 pm PDT The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association Board of Directors has made the difficult decision</p> <p> Post</p>	2,565	2,411	12.1%	311	80	15	12
	 <p>Tue 3/24/2020 10:23 am PDT SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL RESTAURANTS BY ORDERING OUT TODAY Help support our</p> <p> Post</p>	2,249	1,995	6.9%	155	34	1	13
	 <p>Mon 3/23/2020 6:01 pm PDT A MESSAGE FROM GGPD: The men and women of #GardenGrovePD are committed to the safety of our</p> <p> Post</p>	2,227	2,038	9.1%	202	37	1	3











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	 <p>Mon 3/23/2020 3:43 pm PDT Starting today (3/23), all regular OCTA bus routes will temporarily begin operating on a Sunday service</p> <p> Post</p>	1,091	993	3%	33	8	1	1
	 <p>Sun 3/22/2020 3:46 pm PDT Garden Grove Police Department #GG1956 #GardenGrove</p> <p> Post</p>	1,971	1,833	15.2%	299	32	0	14
	 <p>Sat 3/21/2020 2:27 pm PDT A message from Garden Grove Police Department's Chief of Police Tom DaRé... For more information, v...</p> <p> Post</p>	1,775	1,533	21.2%	376	12	0	6
	 <p>Fri 3/20/2020 5:12 pm PDT Municipal Water District of... An important message from the Municipal Water District of Orange</p> <p> Post</p>	1,755	1,610	7%	122	11	0	2







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	 ATTENTION ARKUSER Fri 3/20/2020 2:56 pm PDT Effective as of today, local park amenities, including restrooms, playgrounds, outdoor fitness	7,390	6,687	8.7%	642	150	8	51
	 Post  Fri 3/20/2020 12:15 pm PDT Resources for Employees of... SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19, LOOK HERE join tod.	1,292	1,115	4.8%	62	9	0	13
	 Post  Thu 3/19/2020 6:09 pm PDT The City has added new information to the Coronavirus Webpage, at ggcity.org/coronavirus. For a lis	2,419	2,135	12.3%	297	54	16	20
	 Post  Thu 3/19/2020 12:30 pm PDT It has never been easier to respond on your own. Shape your future at my2020census.gov #GG1956	1,256	1,112	2.4%	30	5	1	1

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	 <p>Thu 3/19/2020 10:24 am PDT Effective immediately, all #GardenGrove City Hall services will convert exclusively to online, o</p> <p> Post</p>	4,345	3,726	6%	260	37	2	18
	 <p>Thu 3/19/2020 8:41 am PDT APPLY FOR A PART-TIME JOB WITH THE CITY The deadline to apply for a part-time summer position with the</p> <p> Post</p>	967	844	2.3%	22	2	4	1



















Post Performance for **Garden Grove Police Department**

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	  <p>Wed 3/25/2020 4:00 pm PDT On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in California.</p>	1,882	1,779	14.4%	271	57	1	26
	 <p>Post</p>							
	  <p>Tue 3/24/2020 3:01 pm PDT Orange County and #GardenGrove residents can now sign up to receive text message updates related t</p>	3,676	3,482	5%	183	51	7	15
	 <p>Post</p>							
	  <p>Mon 3/23/2020 6:00 pm PDT The men and women of #GardenGrovePD are committed to the safety of our residents, visi</p>	8,653	7,871	13.3%	1,148	196	29	40
	 <p>Post</p>							
	  <p>Sun 3/22/2020 2:30 pm PDT We've been receiving a lot of inquiries and questions about curfews and enforcement of the #StayAtH</p>	51,629	46,102	16.7%	8,602	1,287	212	377
	 <p>Post</p>							

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	  <p>Sat 3/21/2020 2:01 pm PDT Recently there have been some posts and rumors circulating that #MartialLaw may be enacted</p> <p> Post</p>	31,753	26,629	23.4%	7,420	483	124	173
	  <p>Fri 3/20/2020 6:00 pm PDT Yesterday, Governor Gavin Newsome issued a statewide, mandatory stay-at-home order. It will remain in</p> <p> Post</p>	20,964	18,569	14.1%	2,948	456	69	153















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	 <p>Wed 3/25/2020 10:05 am PDT The Orange County District Attorney's Office has established a hotline to report individuals or businesses: (714) 624-345</p>	286	3,469	N/A	3.5%	10	4	0
	 Tweet							
	 <p>Tue 3/24/2020 5:34 pm PDT STAY CONNECTED -- The community is encouraged to download the City's app, available on iOS and Andr</p>	754	3,463	N/A	7.3%	55	1	0
	 Tweet							
	 <p>Tue 3/24/2020 10:41 am PDT SUPPORT LOCAL RESTAURANTS. ORDER OUT TODAY Help support #GardenGrove restaurants by</p>	846	3,467	N/A	2.6%	22	1	0
	 Tweet							
	 <p>Mon 3/23/2020 6:01 pm PDT GGPD is committed to the safety of GG. The fully staffed dept. is conducting extra patrols & resf</p>	1,279	3,505	N/A	3.5%	45	2	0
	 Tweet by Ana P.							













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	 <p>Mon 3/23/2020 3:57 pm PDT All @goOCTA bus routes will temporarily shift to the Sunday service schedule, seven days a</p> <p> Tweet</p>	1,083	3,454	N/A	1.8%	19	0	0
	 <p>Mon 3/23/2020 2:30 pm PDT The 3/24 City Council meeting will take place as planned. Councilmembers will be</p> <p> Tweet</p>	1,172	3,454	N/A	1.5%	18	1	0
	 <p>Mon 3/23/2020 11:44 am PDT The 3/24 City Council meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford, at 6:30</p> <p> Tweet</p>	N/A	3,575	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<p>Sat 3/21/2020 2:27 pm PDT A message from @GardenGrovePD's Chief of Police Tom DaRé... For more information, visit ggcity.org/news/letter-pu... #GG1956</p> <p> Retweet with Comment</p>	2,458	3,698	N/A	1.9%	46	3	0









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	 <p>Fri 3/20/2020 5:15 pm PDT An important message from the @MWDOC: Municipal Water District of Orange County has been closely monitoring events & public health</p> <p> Tweet</p>	2,142	3,444	N/A	1.5%	33	1	0
	 <p>Fri 3/20/2020 2:59 pm PDT Effective as of today, local park amenities, including restrooms, playgrounds, outdoor fitness</p> <p> Tweet</p>	2,958	5,236	N/A	4.5%	132	5	0
	 <p>Fri 3/20/2020 12:21 pm PDT SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19, LOOK HERE Join today's free webinar, covering updates and resources for small businesses impacted</p> <p> Tweet</p>	2,380	18,234	N/A	0.9%	22	1	0
	 <p>Thu 3/19/2020 6:34 pm PDT The City has added new information to the Coronavirus Webpage, at gcity.org/coronavirus. For e</p> <p> Tweet</p>	2,527	4,756	N/A	5.2%	131	7	2

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	 <p>Thu 3/19/2020 11:37 am PDT It has never been easier to respond on your own. Shape your future at my2020census.gov #GG195</p>   Tweet	2,494	3,435	N/A	0.9%	23	0	0
	 <p>Thu 3/19/2020 10:25 am PDT Effective immediately, all #GardenGrove City Hall services will convert exclusively to online, o</p>   Tweet	2,903	4,793	N/A	2.5%	72	2	0

WEEKLY MEMO 3-26-2020

NEWS ARTICLES

CORONAVIRUS

Garden Grove cancels Strawberry Festival

By Roxana Kopetman

rkopetman@scng.com

@roxanakopetman on Twitter

Looking to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus, the 62nd annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival is canceled for this Memorial Day weekend.

The four-day festival each year includes a parade, carnival rides, performances and the biggest strawberry shortcake in the world. This year's event was scheduled for May 22-25.

But following recommendations from local and state entities, as well as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association decided to cancel the 2020 edition. The next festival is now scheduled for May 28-31, 2021.

"Our highest priority

now is to protect the lives and health of all our festival vendors, staff, volunteers and the hundreds of thousands of dedicated festivalgoers who turn out annually to support our free festival," Christine Ball, the association's president, said in a news release on March 19.

Also cancelled is an annual 5K run, scheduled for May 23, that's put on by the Sister City Association of Garden Grove.

Meanwhile, the festival association has already awarded \$100,000 to non-profits this year, according to the news release.

Major events across Southern California and the country are being cancelled or postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic, while businesses, malls and others shut down and many workers turn to working from home.

On Tuesday, the Orange County Health Care Agency issued an order prohibiting public and private gatherings, with numerous exceptions, through March 31.

All Orange County public schools have shut down for at least two weeks. California Gov. Gavin Newsom indicated Wednesday that schools may have to remain closed through the end of the academic year.

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Trump OKs help for California

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS PROVIDES
CHILD CARE TO FIRST RESPONDERS
IN CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**

Empty facilities, hotels may be used to isolate the very sick

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COMMUNITY

With schools closed by the coronavirus, chef is finding new ways to feed the kids

As pandemic spreads, try to find ways to stay calm

Ralphs, Food 4 Less workers get a bonus

COVID-19: 'We went through it, and we made it,' SoCal couple says

Surviving uncertainty means changing focus

Senate OKs \$2.2T rescue bill

STATUS UPDATE

Social Services in OC expands options during the coronavirus crisis

The Orange County's Social Services Agency is expanding its online application services and call center hours to help those affected by the state's stay-at-home order issued by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

SSA's service center has extended its hours of operation to:

- 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. weekdays

- 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays

- Call center operators will be available at 800-281-9799.

Those wishing to apply for general relief benefits can enroll online through mybenefitscalwin.org. They also can apply or check existing case information by calling the agency's service center at 800-281-9799 or by faxing an application to 714-825-3155.

Previously, only Medi-Cal, CalFresh and CalWORKs benefits were accessible on mybenefitscalwin.org.

For additional information on SSA programs, go to ssa.ocgov.com

Bank offers assistance

Bank of America is offering support for its 66 million clients in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

Working on a case-by-case basis, BofA's coronavirus assistance includes:

- Consumer and small-business deposit account clients can request refunds including overdraft fees, nonsufficient funds fees and monthly maintenance fees.

- Small business and consumer clients can request to defer payments and get refunds on late fees on credit cards.

- Small-business clients can request to defer loan payments and get refunds on late fees.

- Auto loan clients can request to defer payments, with payments added to the end of the loan.

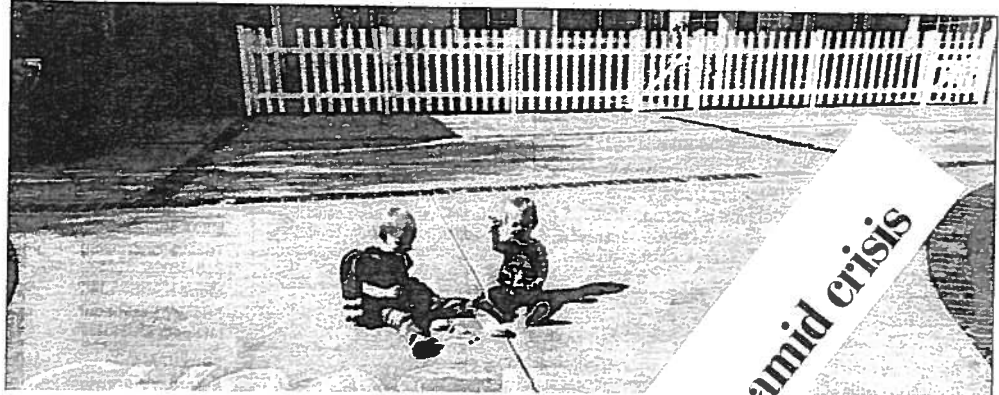
- Mortgages and home equity clients can request to defer payments, with payments added to the end of the loan.

The bank said there will be no negative credit bureau reporting for its up-to-date clients.

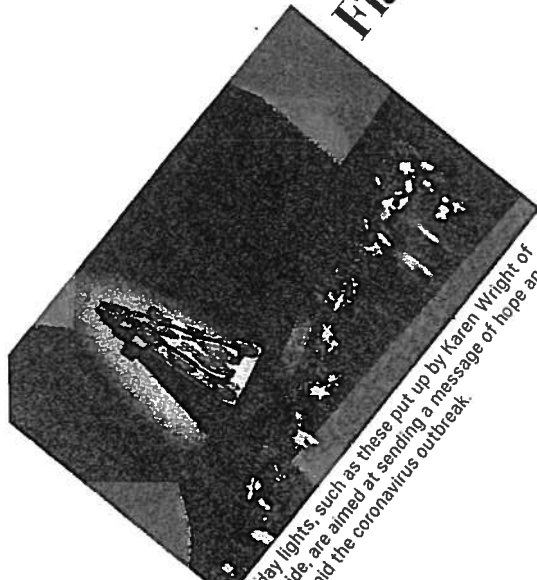
Bank of America said it also paused foreclosure sales, evictions and repossessions.

COMMUNITY

Chalking it up to hope



CORONAVIRUS
Flags, holiday lights spread cheer amid crisis



Holiday lights, such as these put up by Karen Wright of Riverside are aimed at sending a message of hope and cheer amid the coronavirus outbreak.

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Police take action

Although there are currently no known coronavirus cases in Garden Grove, out of an abundance of caution and following the measures set forth by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention and local health, the Garden Grove Police Department will be implementing the following preventative protocols to minimize exposure to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19):

- * The police department front lobby and service counters will be closed.

- * Vehicle releases will be done by appointment only.

- * All registrant and fingerprinting will be suspended.

- * All programs within Juvenile Justice Center are suspended.

- * Officers will continue to respond to emergency call for service, but will be limiting citizen contacts.

- * Citizens who require non-emergency assistance may contact the department at 714-741-5704 or use the "Red Phone" in front of our department to have questions answered or a report taken over the phone.

"The health and safety of our diverse community, visitors and employees is our top priority," a statement from the department read. "These protocols will remain in effect for two weeks and will continue to be re-evaluated. We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented occurrence and hope to resume normal operations as soon as possible."

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Storm insurance

During the rainy season, the City of Garden Grove, in conjunction with the Orange County Fire Authority, provides up to 10 free sandbags to residents.

Fire stations provide sandbags to be filled by the residents. Residents are asked to bring their own shovels. Residents are responsible for transporting as well as disposing of filled sandbags. Proof of residency is required.

Sandbags are provided at the following fire station locations:

- OCFA Station #82, 11805 Gilbert St
- OCFA Station #83, 12132 Trask Ave.
- OCFA Station #84, 12191 Valley View St.

For more information, contact the Orange County Fire Authority at 714-638-6344.

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A sign of the times



Courtesy photo

Main Street, Garden Grove is a sign of the times. Because of the coronavirus, and an order from Governor Gavin Newsom that all "non-essential" businesses close their doors, most merchants on Main Street have either closed their doors or limited their hours of in-person service.

City Hall at your service — remotely

GG converts all city services to online, phone, email, snail mail

Garden Grove's City Hall services have converted exclusively to online, telephone, email, and mail.

Water bill payments can be made online at ggcity.org/water, over the phone at 888-867-2992, mailed to Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway,

Garden Grove 92840, or non-cash payments may be placed in the drop-off box located in front of Garden Grove City Hall.

Walk-in appointments for other City Hall services will no longer be available. For a listing of City Hall services

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available by phone, online, or email, please visit ggcity.org/modified-services, access the city's coronavirus page at ggcity.org, or call City Hall's main number at 714-741-5000.

These measures are in line with the latest health orders issued by the County of Orange. For more information, visit the

Orange County Health Care Agency website at ohealth.com.

From now through March 31, the city will not be shutting-off water service due to non-payment. Late water service payments will be accepted without penalty if paid by April 15, 2020.

For regularly updated city information, visit the city's coronavirus webpage at ggcity.org/coronavirus or social media channels.

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Driver dies in car crash

Authorities say they believe alcohol was involved

Garden Grove Police Department officers responded to a single vehicle traffic collision near the intersection of Euclid Street and Main Street last week. The driver of the vehicle died at the scene.

A witness reported a vehicle collided with the center divider and a tree with the occupant trapped in the vehicle. Upon arrival, officers discovered the driver (solo occupant) was trapped in the vehicle and unresponsive. Orange County Fire Authority paramedics responded and pronounced the driver deceased at the scene.

Motor officers from the Neighborhood Traffic Unit responded to the collision scene to conduct a fatal traffic collision investiga-

tion. During the investigation, it was determined the vehicle was driving southbound on Euclid Street and failed to negotiate the curve in the road at the intersection of Main Street. The vehicle collided with the curb line, city street sign, multiple trees and a concrete fixture.

The scene was processed and photographed by the Orange County Crime Lab and the scene was diagrammed by the Police Department's Traffic Unit using a Leica total station.

The Orange County Coroner responded to the collision scene and will conduct an autopsy later in the week to determine the cause of death. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the collision.

Strawberry Festival finished... for now

Biggest event of the year cancelled before it got a start

Christine Ball, president of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, has announced that the 2020 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will be cancelled for this year, saying: "Due to the current worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, it is with great regret the board of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association has made a unprecedented decision to cancel this year's 2020 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, which was slated to happen in Garden Grove on Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25."

"It is our social responsibility and duty to comply with the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and our elected political officials to prevent the spread of the coronavirus," she added. "Our highest priority now is to protect the lives and health of all our festival vendors, staff, volunteers and the hundreds of thousands of dedicated Festival-goers who turn out annually to support our FREE Festival."

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File photo by Dave Smithson

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival — which includes running competitions — will resume in 2021.

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"Our festival's mission will always be to support our community of Garden Grove. This year the festival awarded \$100,000 to non-profit organizations, which serve the citizens of Garden Grove, and we will continue to serve our community moving forward. We apologize for this little unexpected bump in the road which none of us were anticipating. But rest assured, we will be back next year in full force to

present our rescheduled 62nd annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival on Memorial Day weekend, May 28-31, 2021, so please save the dates!"

"It is our social responsibility and duty to comply with the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and our elected political officials to prevent the spread of the coronavirus" — Christine Ball, president of the Festival Association

More information about next year's Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will be announced soon. For updates, visit the website,

www.strawberryfestival.org.

Additionally, the Sister City Association of Garden Grove has announced its seventh annual Strawberry Stomp 5K, originally scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2020, will be cancelled. The Sister City Association of Garden Grove is a local non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the knowledge and understanding between the people of Garden Grove and Anyang, South Korea.

For updates on whether the race will take place at a later date, visit www.ggsistercity.org.

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March 25, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

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* THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., APRIL 16, 2020

This meeting will be held telephonically and recorded. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing planning@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record and will be uploaded to the City's website. In light of health risks associated with COVID 19, members of the public are asked to consider very carefully before attending this meeting in person and to maintain a six foot distance from others. Please do not attend this meeting if you have traveled internationally, particularly to China, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and/or have had direct contact with someone who has travelled to those places or tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19), or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or other flu-like symptoms.

SITE PLAN NO. SP-061-2020
TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. TT-18181
(RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 19, 2020)

A request for Site Plan and Tentative Tract Map approval to subdivide an existing 47,286 square foot lot, improved with a single-family home, into four (4) residential lots that will be served by a private street designed as a cul-de-sac (Lot 5). Lot 1 will be 10,031 square feet, Lot 2 will be 8,312 square feet, Lot 3 will be 10,520 square feet, and Lot 4 will be 7,783 square feet. The existing single-family home will be reconfigured to fit within the developable area of Lot 1, and will include the construction of a new second-story addition. Lots 2, 3, and 4 will each be improved with a new two-story, single-family home. Also, a minor land deviation to allow the front yard fence for Lot 1, located along Lampson Avenue, to be constructed at a height of six feet. The site is at 11712 Lampson Avenue in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15333 – Infill Development Projects.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-339-11 (REV. 2020)
(RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL 2, 2020)

A request to modify the approved plans and Conditions of Approval, under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 339 11 (REV. 2014), for an existing indoor sports facility, MAP Sports Facility, to expand the hours of operation allowing daytime weekday business hours and activities and to expand the existing parking lot to provide additional parking spaces. The site is at 12552 Western Avenue in the M-P (Industrial Park) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on **April 16, 2020**. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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LOCAL SENIORS RECEIVED FREE BAGS OF RICE FROM FORMER STATE SENATOR JANET NGUYEN

On Saturday afternoon, March 21, former state Senator Janet Nguyen and other local elected officials helped distribute complimentary bags of rice to seniors who are unable to get them at grocery stores.

On one side of the parking lot on Garden Grove's Main Street, across from Costco, bags of rice were stacked up. "I have here a total of 6,000 pounds," said Janet Nguyen. "There are 600 bags, 10 pounds each."

People were directed to pull into the parking lot. Ms. Janet Nguyen and other volunteers, including Mr. Patrick Phat Bui - Garden Grove council member; Mr. Tai Do - Westminster City council member, and Mr. Jamison Power, a candidate for Westminster City Council, were all on hand.

Local seniors were surprised to find themselves actually getting a 10-pound bag of white rice. In order to comply with the COVID-19 spread prevention regulations, Senator Janet Nguyen and the volunteers placed each bag of rice into the back of cars.

The rice distribution event actually started at 1:00 p.m., but local seniors were excitedly waiting around the site around 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Jamison Power said, "I am very proud to be a part of this much-needed rice distribution for local seniors. I think this is a duty as an elected official. "

Ms. Janet Nguyen shared with the Nguoi-Viet daily newspaper: "I am very happy to be able to hold a rice distribution event today. In order to do this, I had to ask many places to contribute and donate. These sponsors are Coast Surgery Center,

Garden Grove Police Association, Santa Ana Police Association and some local markets. "

She added: "In the midst of this, I am aware that a large number of Vietnamese seniors cannot afford to buy rice. Therefore, I have asked many places, with help from others, to buy some rice and distribute them free."

Mr. Phat Bui expressed, "My wife and I are very busy with family matters, but this is a very meaningful event organized by former Senator Janet Nguyen, so we put all aside to join with her."

Ms. Janet Nguyen, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Phat Bui, Mr. Tai Do and Mr. Jamison Power, along with all the other volunteers, had a busy but meaningful event for the community. Seniors were very appreciative of the kindness and generosity during this time.

**CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**A NATIONALLY
ACCREDITED LAW
ENFORCEMENTTOM DARÉ
CHIEF OF POLICE

Ngày 21 tháng Ba, 2020

Kính gửi cộng đồng Garden Grove,

Thống đốc Newsom đã ban hành lệnh hạn chế ra đường để giúp giảm sự lây lan của coronavirus. Tôi muốn chia sẻ với cộng đồng những nhân viên của Sở Cảnh sát Garden Grove đều làm việc hết mình để giữ an toàn và tiếp tục cung cấp những phục vụ cần thiết cho cộng đồng.

Chúng tôi đã tăng cấp độ nhân viên tuần tra và đang triển khai các nguồn lực cho các nhà bán lẻ lớn để đảm bảo tất cả quý vị cư dân có thể mua sắm an toàn và có trật tự. Đại sảnh (front lobby) của chúng tôi đã đóng, việc trả xe lại (vehicle releases) sẽ được làm theo lịch hẹn. Chúng tôi sẽ hoàn thành các báo cáo qua điện thoại cho các sự kiện không khẩn cấp để đảm bảo tài liệu được hoàn thành đồng thời cố gắng giảm thiểu khả năng lây lan của coronavirus. Đội tài nguyên đặc biệt (Special Resource Team) của Sở cảnh sát sẽ làm việc với những người vô gia cư để đảm bảo cung cấp dịch vụ cần thiết và an toàn đến cho cộng đồng. Cộng đồng sẽ thấy nhân viên cảnh vụ tuần tra thường xuyên, với nỗ lực của chúng tôi là cung cấp một môi trường an toàn cho cư dân và những doanh nghiệp trong cộng đồng.

Thống đốc Newsom đã ra lệnh Quân đội Quốc gia (National Guard) để giúp lo việc hậu thuẫn. Họ không phải là quân võ lực (Martial Law). Chỉ có 150 nhân viên Quân đội Quốc gia đã nhận được lệnh để hỗ trợ các ngân hàng thực phẩm phục vụ cư dân trên toàn tiểu bang mà nhu cầu của họ không được đáp ứng trong đại dịch coronavirus. Các ngân hàng thực phẩm trên khắp California hầu như đều bị ảnh hưởng bởi thiếu tình nguyện viên (volunteer). Lực lượng Quân đội Quốc gia California sẽ đóng vai trò tạm thời tại các địa điểm này cho đến khi nhận được hỗ trợ từ các hội đoàn phục vụ cộng đồng.

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Tôi muốn cảm ơn tất cả mọi người vì đã tiếp tục hỗ trợ và hiểu rằng mọi nhân viên tại Sở Cảnh sát Garden Grove sẽ làm hết sức trong khả năng của chúng tôi để đảm bảo an toàn cho cộng đồng chúng ta. Chúng tôi biết đây là giai đoạn khó khăn, nhưng cộng đồng Garden Grove của chúng ta sẽ vững mạnh nhờ vào sự hợp tác và tin tưởng mà chúng tôi đã nuôi dưỡng và giữ vững bao lâu nay. Hãy gọi cho chúng tôi theo số (714) 741-5704 nếu quý vị cần bất cứ điều gì và đừng ngại gọi nếu thấy bất cứ điều gì đáng nghi ngờ xảy ra.

Thomas DaRé,
Cảnh sát trưởng



Thông Điệp Từ Cảnh Sát Trường Garden Grove

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Sở cảnh sát Garden Grove

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- Mùa Lễ Cuối Năm: 91.9 Triệu Dân Du Hành
- Giá Thuê Nhà Tăng Vọt: SF Thứ 2 Mỹ, Tăng Giá 13.2%
- Rwanda Tuyệt Giao Với Pháp



Garden Grove Thông Báo Mọi Phục Vụ Tại Tòa Thị Chính

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Từ nay đến ngày 31 tháng Ba, 2020. Thành phố sẽ không cúp nước những hộ không thanh toán hoặc trả trễ hóa đơn nước. Các khoản thanh toán hóa đơn tiền nước trễ sẽ được hoãn lại mà không bị phạt nếu được trả vào Thứ Tư, ngày 15 tháng Tư, 2020

Những dịch vụ cần sự tiếp xúc giữa người với người, các cuộc hẹn (walk-in appointment) sẽ tạm ngưng, và có thể được thực hiện qua điện thoại, trực tuyến (on-line), hoặc qua email dành cho một số vấn đề như: Giấy phép xây nhà, Giấy phép kinh doanh, Trả tiền nước, Khiếu nại về sự thiệt hại, Cơ quan Garden Grove Housing Authority (chỉ nhận drop-off giấy tờ) Để biết các dịch vụ của City Hall, vui lòng truy cập ggcity.org/coronavirus/modified-public-counter-services, hoặc truy cập trang coronavirus của City tại ggcity.org, hoặc gọi số chính của City Hall tại (714) 741-5000.

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Thông tin về Thành phố được cập nhật thường xuyên, vui lòng truy cập trang web tại ggcity.org hoặc các kênh truyền thông xã hội hoặc truy cập trang web coronavirus của Thành phố tại ggcity.org/coronavirus

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Thứ Hai, 23 tháng Ba, 2020

GARDEN GROVE THÔNG BÁO HOÃN BIÊN PHẠT STREET SWEEPING VÀ KHÔNG CÚP NƯỚC NẾU THANH TOÁN TRỄ

Nhằm hỗ trợ cho cộng đồng khi đối mặt với sự bùng phát của dịch coronavirus, Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ ngay lập tức hoãn các giấy biên phạt đậu xe khi quét đường (street sweeping) và Thành phố sẽ không cúp nước những hộ không thanh toán hoặc trả trễ hóa đơn nước. Các khoản thanh toán hóa đơn tiền nước trễ sẽ được hoãn lại mà không bị phạt nếu được trả vào Thứ Tư, ngày 15 tháng Tư, 2020.

Thị trưởng Garden Grove ông Steve Jones chia sẻ, "Garden Grove muốn làm những gì tốt nhất cho cộng đồng của chúng ta, giúp mọi người một tay khi chúng tôi có thể. Thành phố và cộng đồng cùng nhau làm việc và chúng ta sẽ vượt qua giai đoạn khó khăn này."

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Translated from Nguoi-Viet Online Daily news article, dated March 21, 2020.

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LOCAL SENIORS RECEIVED FREE BAGS OF RICE FROM FORMER STATE SENATOR JANET NGUYEN

On Saturday afternoon, March 21, former state Senator Janet Nguyen and other local elected officials helped distribute complimentary bags of rice to seniors who are unable to get them at grocery stores.

On one side of the parking lot on Garden Grove's Main Street, across from Costco, bags of rice were stacked up. "I have here a total of 6,000 pounds," said Janet Nguyen. "There are 600 bags, 10 pounds each."

People were directed to pull into the parking lot. Ms. Janet Nguyen and other volunteers, including Mr. Patrick Phat Bui - Garden Grove council member; Mr. Tai Do - Westminster City council member, and Mr. Jamison Power, a candidate for Westminster City Council, were all on hand.

Local seniors were surprised to find themselves actually getting a 10-pound bag of white rice. In order to comply with the COVID-19 spread prevention regulations, Senator Janet Nguyen and the volunteers placed each bag of rice into the back of cars.

The rice distribution event actually started at 1:00 p.m., but local seniors were excitedly waiting around the site around 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Jamison Power said, "I am very proud to be a part of this much-needed rice distribution for local seniors. I think this is a duty as an elected official. "

Ms. Janet Nguyen shared with the Nguoi-Viet daily newspaper: "I am very happy to be able to hold a rice distribution event today. In order to do this, I had to ask many places to contribute and donate. These sponsors are Coast Surgery Center,

Garden Grove Police Association, Santa Ana Police Association and some local markets. "

She added: "In the midst of this, I am aware that a large number of Vietnamese seniors cannot afford to buy rice. Therefore, I have asked many places, with help from others, to buy some rice and distribute them free."

Mr. Phat Bui expressed, "My wife and I are very busy with family matters, but this is a very meaningful event organized by former Senator Janet Nguyen, so we put all aside to join with her."

Ms. Janet Nguyen, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Phat Bui, Mr. Tai Do and Mr. Jamison Power, along with all the other volunteers, had a busy but meaningful event for the community. Seniors were very appreciative of the kindness and generosity during this time.

Người cao niên nhận gạo miễn phí từ tay cụ TNS Janet Nguyễn

Mar 21, 2020

cập nhật lần cuối Mar 23, 2020



Cụ TNS Janet Nguyễn và con trai chuẩn bị phát gạo cho người cao niên. (Hình: Đăng-Giao/Người Việt)

Đăng-Giao/Người Việt

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – “Cám ơn cô Janet Nguyễn,” “Cám ơn ông Phát Bùi,” “Cám ơn ông Tài Đỗ.” Tiếng cảm ơn ríu rít vang ra từ trong những chiếc xe vừa nhận được bao gạo miễn phí, nêu tên từng người, trước khi phải lái đi, nhường chỗ cho người kế tiếp.

Đó là khung cảnh buổi phát gạo miễn phí tại Garden Grove cho người cao niên do cụ Thượng Nghị Sĩ Janet Nguyễn tổ chức trưa Thứ Bảy, 21 Tháng Ba.

Bên lề bãi đậu xe trên đường Main, ngang Costco, là một đồng gạo, với từng bao nhỏ. “Tổng số gạo tôi có ở đây là 6,000 pound,” bà Janet Nguyễn nói. “Có 600 bao, mỗi bao nặng 10 pound.”

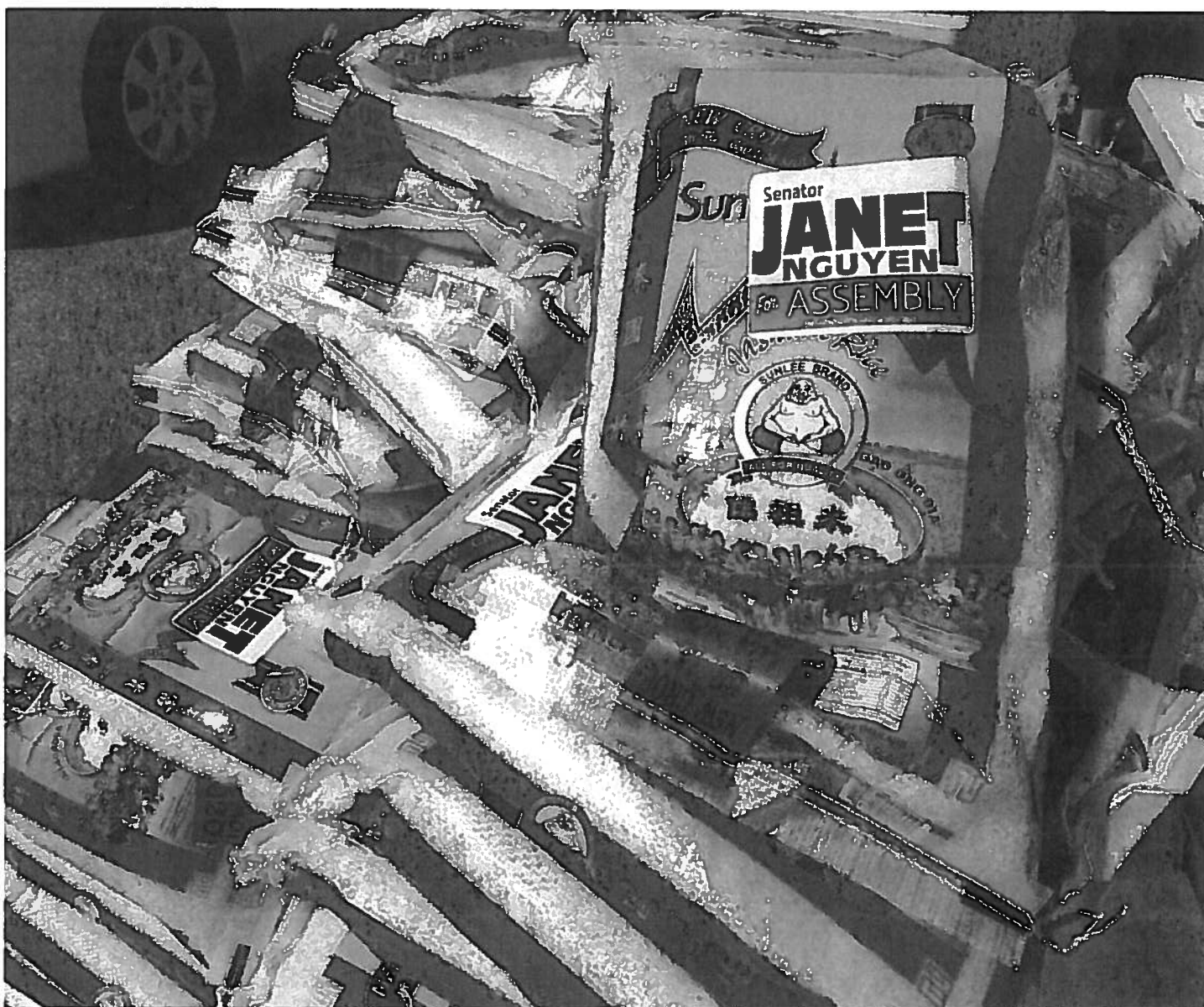
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Rất đông người tuân tự lái xe vào bãi đậu xe theo sự hướng dẫn của bà Janet Nguyen và đông đảo thiện nguyện viên, trong đó có ông Phát Bùi – nghị viên Garden Grove, ông Tài Đỗ – nghị viên Westminster, và ông Jamison Power – ứng cử viên vào Hội Đồng Thành Phố Westminster.

Có nhiều khuôn mặt lộ nét ngạc nhiên khi thấy mình thực sự nhận được bao gạo 10 pound sau xe. Nhiều người vừa lái đi, vừa râm ran mừng vui bàn tán với người cùng xe.

Để tuân theo các quy định phòng ngừa lây lan COVID-19, dù mệt mỏi, bà Janet và những thiện nguyện viên vẫn

thoãn thoát bỏ gạo vào sau xe cho từng xe.



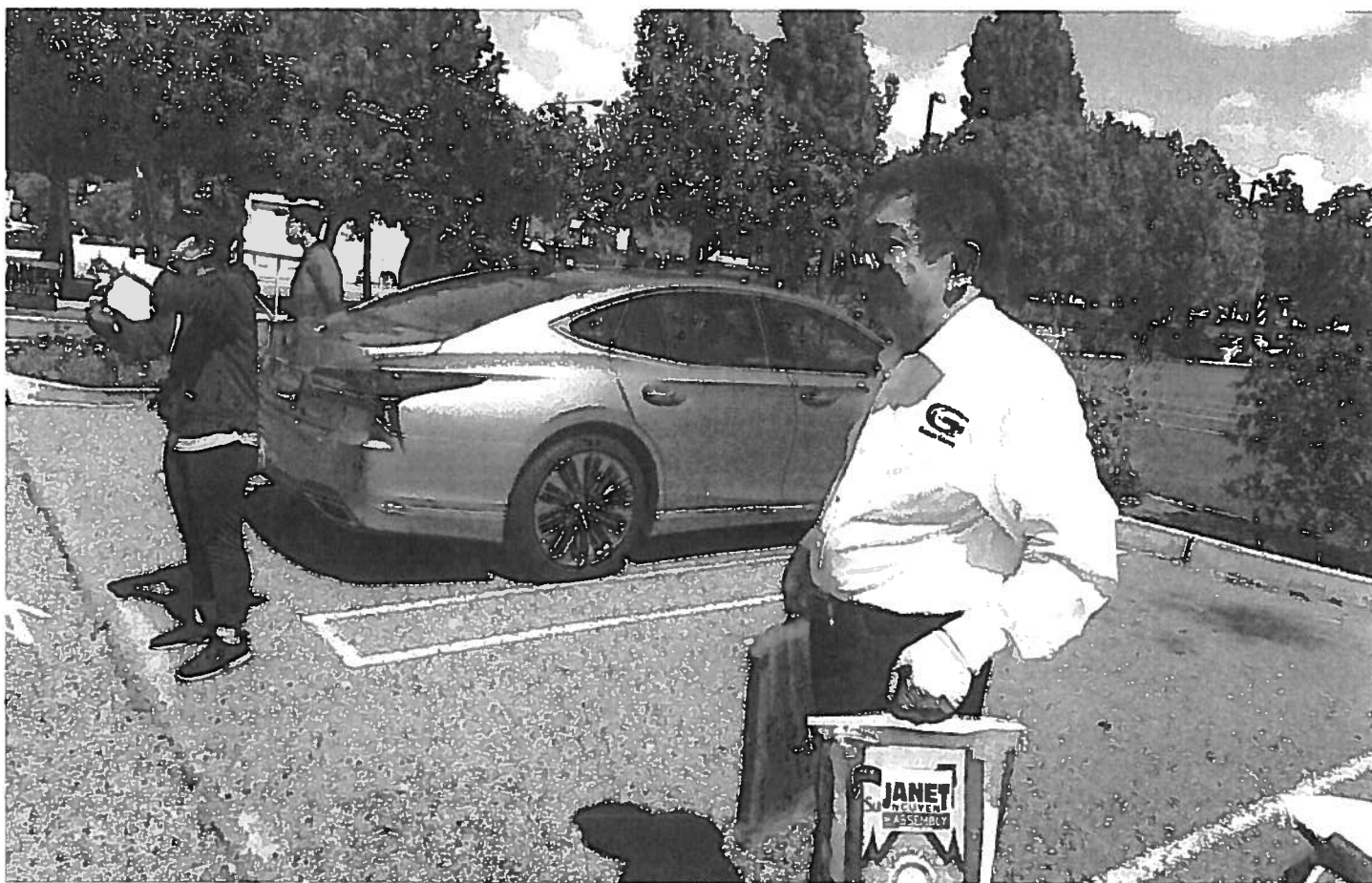
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Trước đó, dù văn phòng cựu Thượng Nghị Sĩ Janet Nguyễn thông báo là 1 giờ trưa mới bắt đầu, nhưng mới 12 giờ, nhiều vị cao niên đã nô nức chờ đợi quanh địa điểm bà phát gạo ở Garden Grove.

Ở bãi đậu xe gần nơi phát, nhiều người ngồi trong xe lộ vẻ bồn chồn.

Ông Nguyễn Văn Bích, ở Garden Grove, cười: "Bây giờ có bán gạo cho tôi, tôi cũng cảm ơn rất nhiều chứ đừng nói là cho không. Đây không phải chuyện nhỏ đâu."

Bà Lưu Thị Hồng Quế, ở Westminster, nói: "Giữa lúc củi quế gạo châu mà có người nghĩ đến chúng tôi và phát gạo miễn phí như thế này, thật là quý hóa."



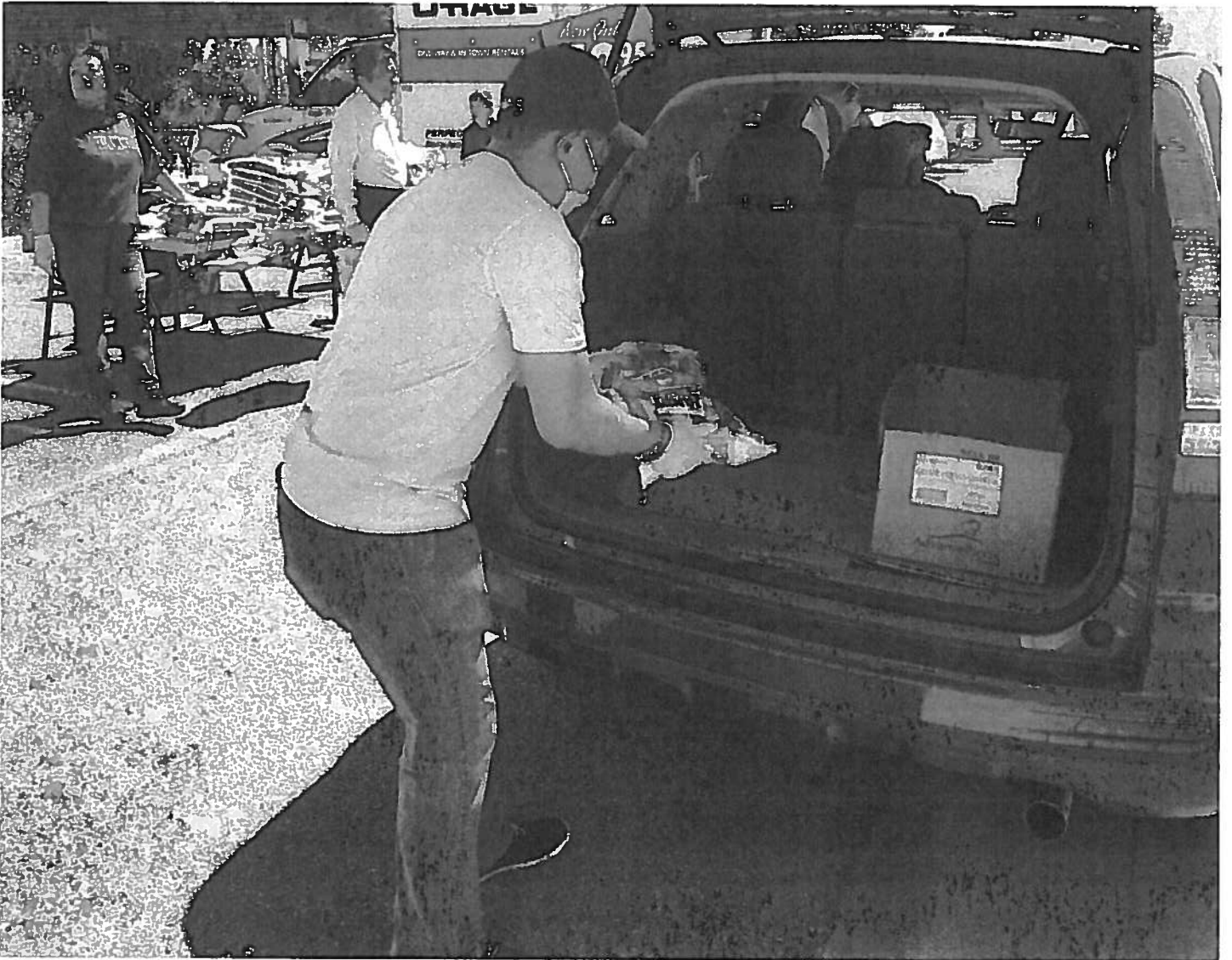
Ngị Viên Phát Bù của Garden Grove hăng say làm việc. (Hình: Đăng-Giao/Người Việt)

Tại buổi phát gạo, dừng tay một chút, bà Janet nói với phóng viên nhật báo Người Việt: "Tôi rất vui mừng khi có thể tổ chức buổi phát gạo hôm nay. Để làm được chuyện này, tôi phải nhờ rất nhiều nơi đóng góp. Những nơi đó là Coast Surgery Center, Hiệp Hội Cảnh Sát Garden Grove, Hiệp Hội Cảnh Sát Santa Ana và một số chợ."

Bà thêm: "Giữa lúc này, tôi biết rằng rất đông người cao niên gốc Việt không mua được gạo. Vì thế, tôi phải ráng vận động với nhiều nơi, với nhiều người để mua một số gạo để cung cấp miễn phí cho các vị này."

"Hôm nay, chúng tôi phát cho mỗi gia đình một bao gạo nặng 10 pound để họ ăn dần," bà cười. "Nếu dịch COVID-19 này còn kéo dài, tôi sẽ tiếp tục tổ chức những buổi phát miễn phí như bữa nay nữa."

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Nghị Viên Tài Đỡ của Westminster giao gạo tận xe. (Hình: Đăng-Giao/Người Việt)

Ông Phát Bùi nói: “Vợ chồng tôi rất bận chuyện gia đình, nhưng đây là một việc làm rất có ý nghĩa của bà Janet nên chúng tôi dẹp tất cả qua một bên để cùng chung tay phụ với bà.”

“Vừa giúp họ có chút gạo, vừa thể hiện tình đồng hương giữa lúc dịch COVID-19 đang bước vào cao điểm,” ông thêm.

Ông Tài Đỡ chia sẻ: “Buổi phát gạo này rất cần thiết đối với người lớn tuổi. Họ có tiền cũng mua không được.”

“Ở Westminster cũng có chương trình ‘Meal On Wheels,’ chuyên phát thức ăn nấu sẵn cho người lớn tuổi năm ngày một tuần. Tôi thắc mắc còn hai ngày còn lại thì sao, mà đến giờ tôi vẫn chưa có câu trả lời,” ông thở dài.

“Tôi muốn có một buổi phát gạo hay thức khác miễn phí tại Westminster tương tự như ở đây, nhưng tôi phải đưa chuyện này ra Hội Đồng Thành Phố trước,” ông Tài Đỡ nói.

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Ông Jamison Power vừa thở vừa nói: "Tôi rất hạnh diện được đóng góp một phần trong buổi phát gạo rất cần thiết này cho người cao niên. Tôi nghĩ đây là bổn phận của mọi dân cử."

Tất cả mọi người, từ bà Janet Nguyễn đến vợ chồng ông Phát Bùi, ông Tài Đỗ và ông Power cũng như mọi thiện nguyện viên khác đều bận luôn tay đến mức phải vừa lảng xảng phân phát, vừa tranh thủ ăn uống chứ không dám ngừng tay.

Nét cảm kích lộ rõ trên mặt những người vừa nhận gạo. Họ vừa chứng kiến một nghĩa cử cao đẹp rực sáng đầu tiên trong nạn dịch COVID-19 u ám. (**Đăng-Giao**)

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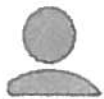
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March 26, 2020

1. Calendar of Events
2. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocate," dated March 20, 2020 to March 26, 2020; including information regarding COVID-19.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 26, 2020 – May 12, 2020

Thursday	March 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
Friday	March 27		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	April 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	April 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission Meeting Council Chamber
Friday	April 10		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	April 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	April 23	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Friday	April 24		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 28	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority, Council Chamber Sanitary District Board, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Tuesday	May 5	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Friday	May 8		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	May 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber

Property Tax Retention Deadline Fight - Sample Letter Attached

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Property Tax Retention Deadline – Advocacy Needed from Cities

Orange County Division Members,

There is a still an effort in the Capitol to delay the payment of property taxes from the set deadline of April 10. With cities' sale tax bases being impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, it is very important to maintain the current property tax deadline.

Attached are the League's coalition letter and a sample letter your city may utilize. Please get your letters into your State Legislators as well as to the Governor's Office as soon as possible, and let me know if you have any questions.



LEAGUE
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association of california
school administrators

March 21, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Retaining the April 10 Property Tax Deadline

Dear Governor Newsom,

California's local agencies are working diligently to maintain essential services and infrastructure during this unprecedented public health emergency related to the Coronavirus and the disease it causes, COVID-19. Our organizations, representing all levels of local government in the state, are urging you to retain the April 10 deadline for property tax payments and allow local officials to forgive penalties for property owners who are unable to pay by that date due to the pandemic, as authorized by law.

Local Agencies Rely on the Timing of Payments

Unlike nearly every other tax, including the income tax and sales tax, property tax revenues are not distributed throughout the fiscal year. Instead, nearly all funds—over \$140 billion—are received in the days before the two payment deadlines of December 10 and April 10. Extending the deadline by 60 or 90 days would have a dramatic impact on local funding, as almost all local agencies rely on the property tax for the majority of their general funds.

Local agencies are on the front lines responding to the pandemic. From county public health departments to public hospitals and health systems to the sharp pivot school districts are making to deliver food and distance learning to homebound students, the local agencies our organizations represent are in need of at least the usual level of funding. Delaying such a large infusion of general funds for two to three months would have a serious impact on their ability to provide these services.

Furthermore, because both the timing and amount of the property tax is highly predictable, schools, counties, cities, and special districts structure their borrowing for TRANS and bonds accordingly. Extending the deadline would put repayment of those debts at risk. As you know, even one agency defaulting could negatively impact bond ratings and interest rates for all agencies for years to come. With the municipal bond market in turmoil and many planned deals being postponed indefinitely, it is exactly the wrong time to roil the situation further.

Many Property Owners Have Already Paid Their Banks

For mortgagors whose property tax payments are escrowed as part of their monthly housing payment, extending the deadline would provide them no relief. Instead, it would simply benefit the handful of companies that hold this money until the last minute before the deadline.

While these companies provide a service that many mortgagers appreciate by breaking their property tax payments into manageable monthly amounts, there is no public benefit to allowing them to hold the money for an additional 60 or 90 days. While the amount varies by county, payments from these companies represent roughly half of all expected revenue.

Current Law Allows Local Officials to Waive Penalties

While we must retain the April 10 deadline for property tax payments, local officials are already authorized to waive penalties, costs, and other charges resulting from tax delinquency due to reasonable cause and circumstances related to this crisis. This includes scenarios where a taxpayer cannot physically pay their taxes on April 10 due to quarantine, illness, or closure of the tax collector's office as a result of COVID-19. In such cases, the tax collector will utilize their authority pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 2619 and 4985.2 to waive interest or penalties that would otherwise be imposed or collected with respect to a delinquent second installment of property taxes levied for the 2019-2020 fiscal year on residential real property.

We appreciate the close partnership we have had with you and your Administration throughout this crisis. Together, for all Californians, we are meeting this moment to protect our communities.

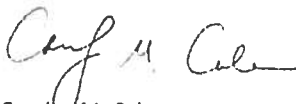
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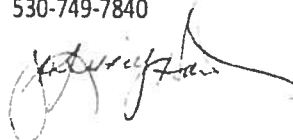
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Tips for Teleworking for City Employees Providing Services Virtually

March 25, 2020

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There are many strategies that can be used to continue to provide residents with the essential services and maintain a strong presence to support their communities while working away from the office and fellow co-workers. The League has assembled a list of tips shared by sources such as [Governing](#) magazine, during this ever changing work environment.

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- Schedule breaks and take them – get up, move around, have a chat.
- Have a plan – know what you need to get done and when.
- Show up to meetings virtually and be heard.
- Make sure to communicate more often than when you are in the office.
- Take sick days – when you are not well, take the sick time you need (this applies to you or your child).
- Make sure you pay attention to your schedule and wrap up at your regular time.
- Socialize with colleagues virtually – loneliness, disconnect, and isolation are common problems in remote work life, especially for extroverts.

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Cities Continue to Serve Residents and League Continues to Serve Cities Through Coronavirus Pandemic

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Throughout the month of March, the global health pandemic of COVID-19 has completely altered Californians' way of life, and has created unprecedented challenges for cities.

Despite these challenges, local leaders across the state continue to rise to the occasion, and are developing new, innovative ways to continue to provide residents with the vital services they need most, especially in this moment.

The City of El Monte launched a "[virtual city hall](#)" to continue to provide services to residents during the coronavirus pandemic. The virtual city hall provides real-time services to residents, and allows them to schedule meetings, access city services, and speak with city staff.

"During times of crisis, our government needs to retool itself to address community needs, perform with compassion, professionalism and excellence," El Monte Mayor Andre Quintero [said in a recent news story](#). "Emergencies, like the crisis we are in, can bring out the best in human capacity and creativity."

In Riverside County, the City of [Calimesa](#) knew that their senior residents relied on the meals they received through the Senior Nutrition Program at the city's senior center. Due to health and safety recommendations, the city closed its senior center, but continues to provide weekly meal packages consisting of five frozen meals, milk, bread, and fruit to its senior population. The City of [Newport Beach](#) is also maintaining critical services for the city's senior community, including meal delivery and transportation services.

The City of Pismo Beach is posting [daily video updates](#) from city council and city staff on social media to help residents stay informed on new ordinances, public health recommendations, and ways to support the city's small businesses.

"We know that you may feel uneasy or scared, but know that your city government is prepared, and we're working for you," said Pismo Beach City Manager Jim Lewis.

The City of Sacramento has joined a broad coalition of public, private, nonprofit, labor and philanthropic partners to launch a fundraising effort to help those hurt economically by the COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign, called [Donate4Sacramento](#), leverages and deepens support

for families, small businesses and their employees, unhoused residents, and nonprofits.

“Every donation helps, no matter how large or small. With this fund, we can demonstrate our commitment to leave nobody in Sacramento behind. We’re strongest when we stand together,” said Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg.

Newport Beach, Pasadena, Santa Monica, San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles are just a few of the cities implementing temporary modifications to their parking policies in an effort to reduce the financial burden on residents and local businesses.

City leaders are also grappling with how to protect those that are experiencing homelessness in their communities during the pandemic. This week, San Diego is converting its convention center to a homeless shelter.

“The San Diego Convention Center is a centerpiece of San Diego’s economy, and during this pandemic, it will be a centerpiece in our fight against the coronavirus,” Mayor Kevin Faulconer said at a Monday press conference.

This is just a brief snapshot of the countless actions taken throughout the state — and across the country — by local leaders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The National League of Cities and Bloomberg Philanthropies have teamed up to collect and share these efforts, and has created a Local Action Tracker. Their goal is to ensure mayors, city leaders, and other local decision makers have the information they need to lead their communities through this crisis.

The League coronavirus resource and response webpage is a resource for city staff, with daily updates on COVID-19 news, resources, and guidance specifically geared toward local leaders to help navigate the current situation and is updated as new developments occur.

The League remains in direct communication with the Governor’s Office, the California Office of Emergency Services, as well as federal agencies, and updates are going out to city leaders regularly to provide them with the information needed to protect their communities and operations. The League is providing daily updates to city leaders, through electronic communication and phone calls.

The League has sent a letter to the Governor, requesting that he take immediate action to pause certain statutory requirements so cities can devote the resources necessary to protect the health and safety of all Californians. The League also signed on to a coalition letter urging the Governor to retain the April 10 deadline for property tax payments and allow local officials to forgive penalties for property owners who are unable to pay by that date due to the pandemic, as authorized by law. These dollars provide essential services to residents and a delay would harm

delivery of services to cities.

Additionally, as a member of the National League of Cities (NLC), NLC has sent multiple letters on behalf of its members to Congress asking for the consideration of a number of proposals to support local government intervention in the cascading set of social and economic challenges resulting from the coronavirus disease. The League will continue to advocate, at both the federal and state level, on behalf of California cities to ensure they have the resources needed and are in the best position to respond to this crisis.

Cities that would like to share the actions they have taken in response to coronavirus can contact the communications team at communications@cacities.org. If you have questions related to COVID-19, please send them to covid-19@cacities.org.

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Despite the challenges we are facing during this public health epidemic, cities are persevering to provide residents with the essential services and still have a strong presence to support their communities. Some examples of how cities are going virtual include [City of El Monte's](#) virtual city hall, and [City of Lancaster's](#) virtual town hall meetings and modified hybrid schedule.

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- Overcommunicate
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- End at a regular time, and turn it off
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Message from League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman on Coronavirus Response

March 20, 2020

Dear California city leaders,

During this unprecedented public health crisis, I want to update you on actions the League is taking to support you and to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The League is partnering with the Governor's Office, the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and other state and federal agencies and partners to get real time information to help you make decisions for your communities. Updates are being sent directly to mayors, council members, city managers, and division presidents for further dissemination. We also continue to advocate for resources for cities and executive action to ensure the continuity of local government operations during this crisis.

The League launched a [dedicated COVID-19 response webpage with resources for cities](#). You will find updates on the latest news, resources, and guidance from public health officials, the state, and the federal government specifically curated to help local leaders navigate the current situation and serve their residents. This resource is updated daily. If you have questions related to COVID-19, please send them to covid-19@cacities.org.

The League has canceled, modified or postponed in-person events through the end of April and is assessing all others. Our goal in making these changes is to reduce the risk to our members and staff of contracting the virus or inadvertently contributing to the spread of it. We also understand the importance of city leaders being visible and present in their communities during a crisis. Currently, all other scheduled League events and conferences are moving forward as planned but may be canceled, modified, or postponed depending on updated guidance and in consultation with local health officials. We will notify you if there are further changes. For the status of division meetings or events, please contact your [Regional Public Affairs Manager](#).

Earlier this week, the League implemented teleworking organization-wide and closed the office building. We made this decision out of an abundance of caution for the health of our League family and to embrace social distancing. While the way we serve you may be different, you can be certain that we will continue to be a resource to you. Please continue to contact us by email or phone and we'll respond quickly.

More than ever, your residents, and state and federal governments, are looking to cities to lead in navigating through this crisis, and with your leadership, cities will get the job done. In the coming days, please be on the lookout for additional resources designed to support you in making informed decisions for your communities. Thank you for your leadership and for guiding our communities safely and responsibly. Please take good care of yourselves and each other.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Coleman
Executive Director
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