

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**January 19, 2017**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. \$613,000 GRANT AWARD FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Scott Stiles shares news that the Public Works Department secured \$613,000 in grant funding through the Southern California Association of Governments for traffic safety needs.

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

**A.** The Municipal Water District of Orange County memo and the attached figures show the recent trend of water consumption in Orange County, an estimate of Tier 2 volume for MWDOC, and selected water supply information.

**B.** Dave Simpson from Orange County Transportation Authority provides information and links on the "Next 10" plan, which outlines ten deliverables that will help improve mobility in Orange County.

**• 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





## Memorandum

**DATE:** January 13, 2017  
**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

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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 November.
- Fig. 2 OC Water Usage, Monthly, Comparison to Previous Years Water usage in November 2016 was just below average compared to the last 5 years. Lower usage is primarily due to strong conservation efforts that were a result of the 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 523,000 AF in FY 2016-17 (*this includes ~15 TAF of agricultural usage and non-retail water agency usage*). This is about 23,000 AF more than FY 2015-16 and is about 50,000 AF less than FY 2014-15. Water usage per person is projected to be slightly higher than in FY 2016-17 for Orange County at 147 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. Tier 2 purchases are zero in 2016.

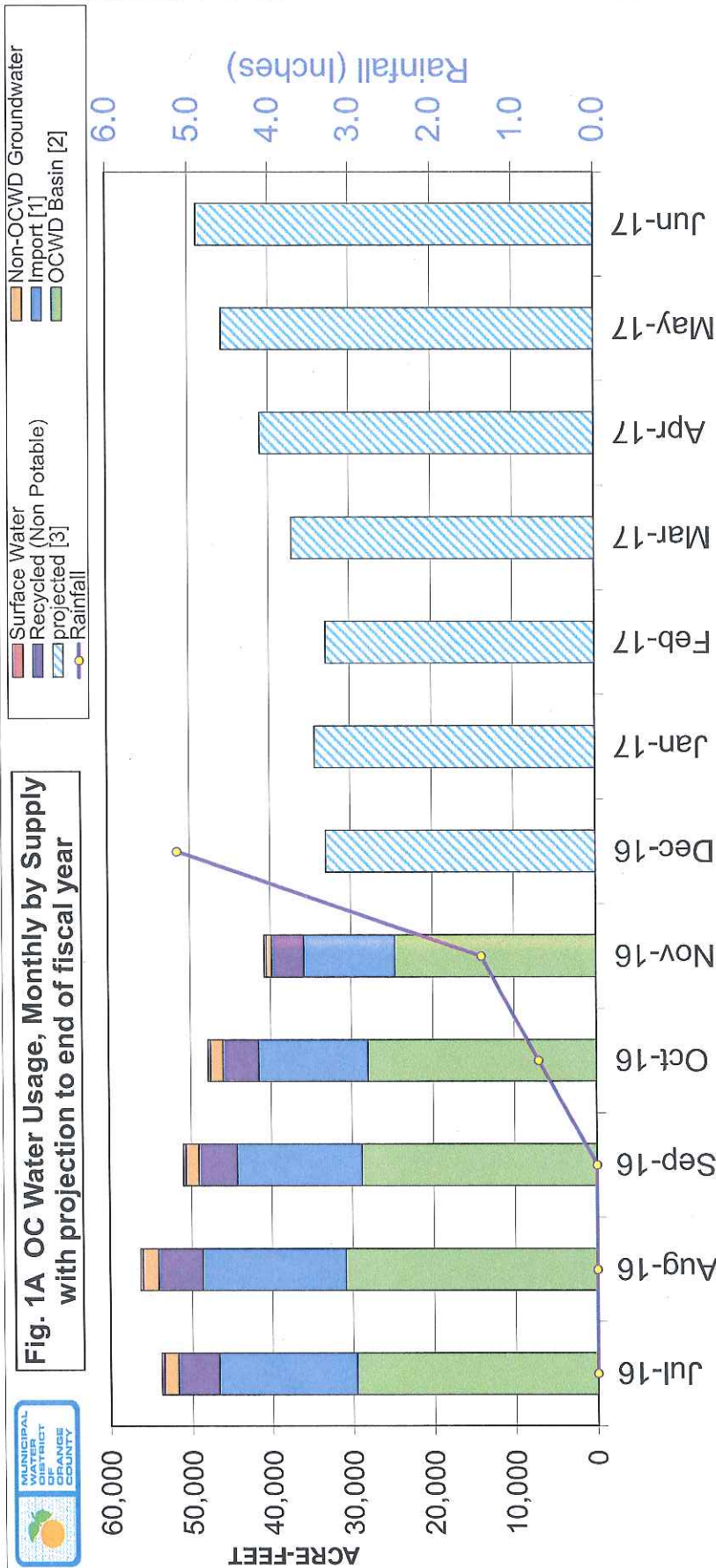
Water Supply Information Includes data on: Rainfall in OC; the OCWD Basin overdraft; Northern California and Colorado River Basin hydrologic data; the State Water Project (SWP) Allocation, and regional storage volumes. The data has implications for the

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

- Orange County's accumulated rainfall through December was above average for this period. Orange County has had below average rainfall for the past 5 hydrologic years. La Nina conditions are present and La Nina is slightly favored to persist through out the 2016-17 winter (La Nina is generally associated with cool dry winters in Southern California). It has been reported that the large ridge of High pressure, which has been blocking storms for the past few years, has dissipated and we are seeing wet weather increasing this winter in California.
- Northern California accumulated precipitation through December was around 174% of normal for this period. December 2016 rainfall was above the historical average for that month. The Northern California snowpack is 88% of normal as of January 5<sup>th</sup>. The State of California has been in a declared Drought Emergency since January 2014. As of early January 81% of California is still suffering from some level of drought. The State Water Project Contractors initial Table A Allocation is at 45% as of the end of December.
- Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation through December was 109% average for this period. The Upper Colorado Basin snowpack was 123% of normal as of January 4<sup>th</sup>. This follows five 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 November Lake Mead levels were hovering right at the "trigger" limit but fortunately levels have increased due to water releases at Lake Powell. The USBR predicts that the "trigger" level will not be hit by the end of 2017.



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



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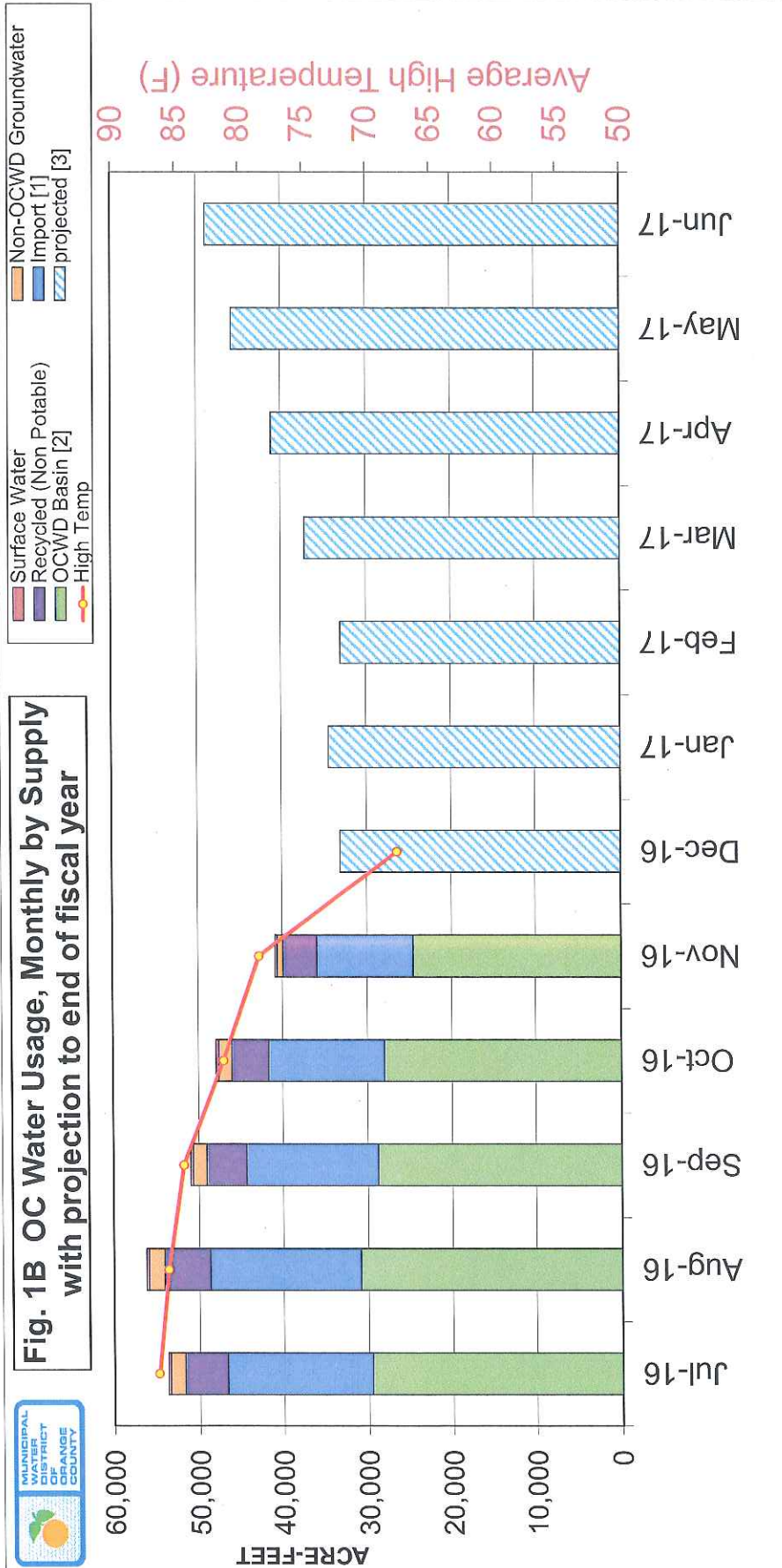
[2] GW for consumptive use only. Excludes In-Lieu water deliveries and CUP water extraction that are counted with Import. BPP in FY '15-16 is 75%.

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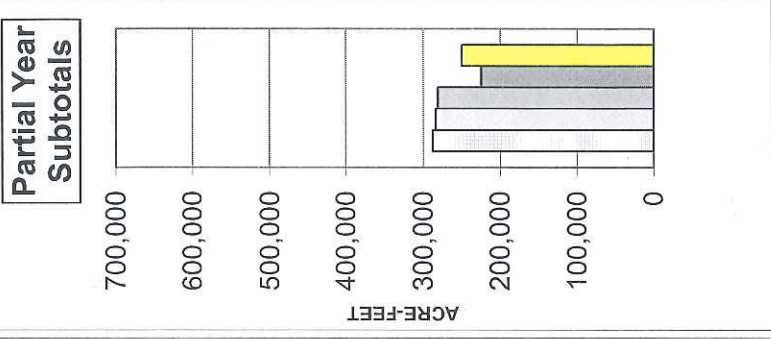
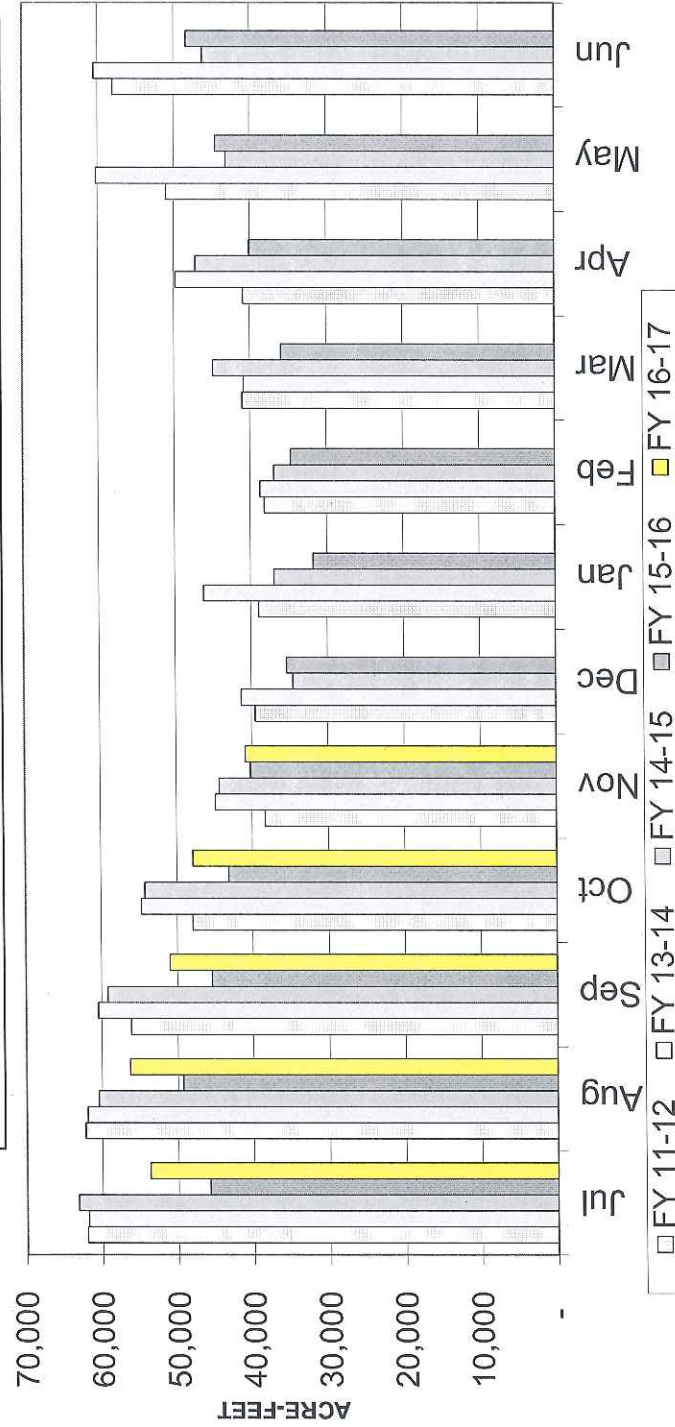
**Fig. 1B OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply  
with projection to end of fiscal year**



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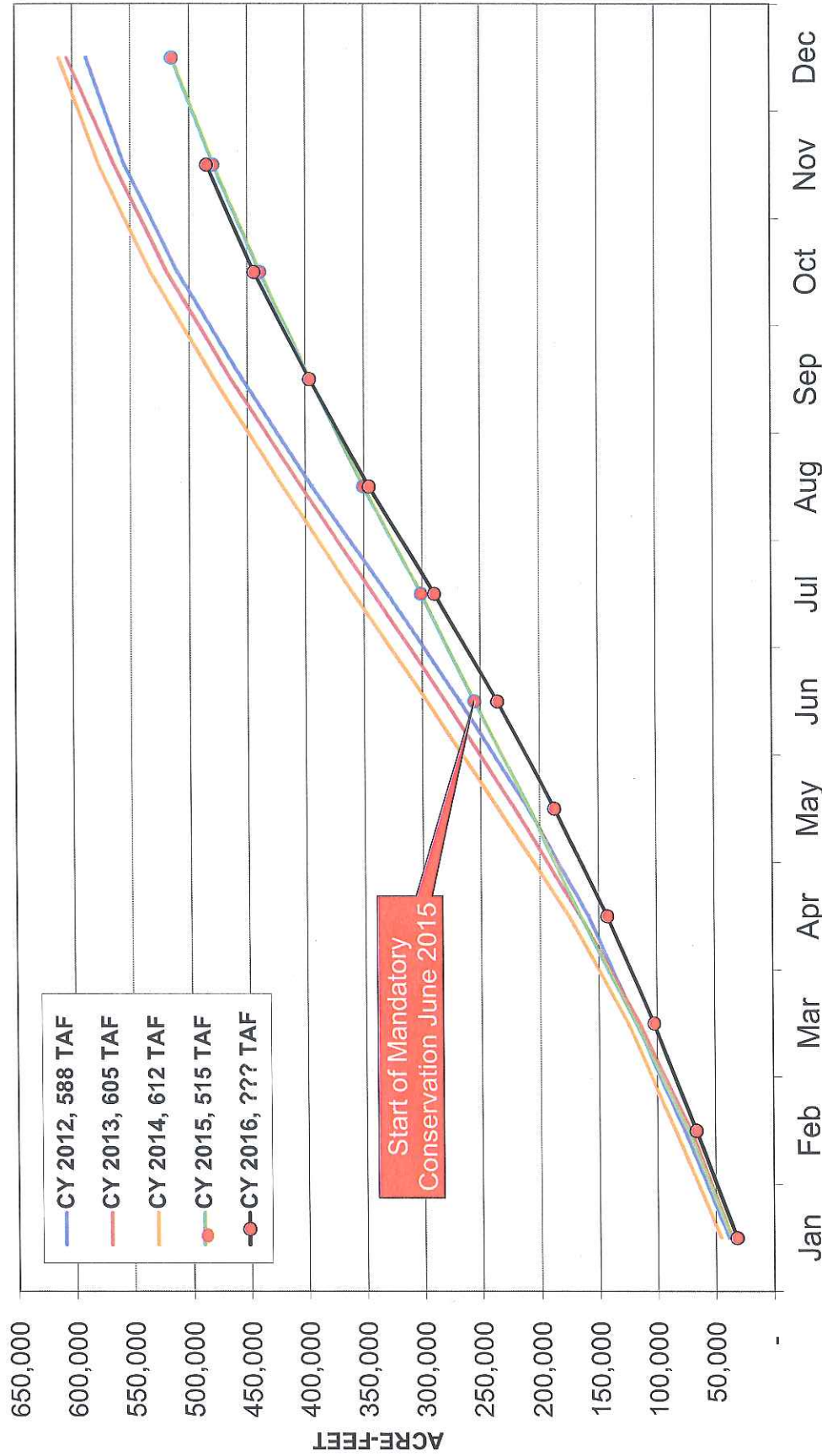
**Fig. 2A OC Monthly Water Usage [1]: Comparison to Last 4 Fiscal Years**



[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

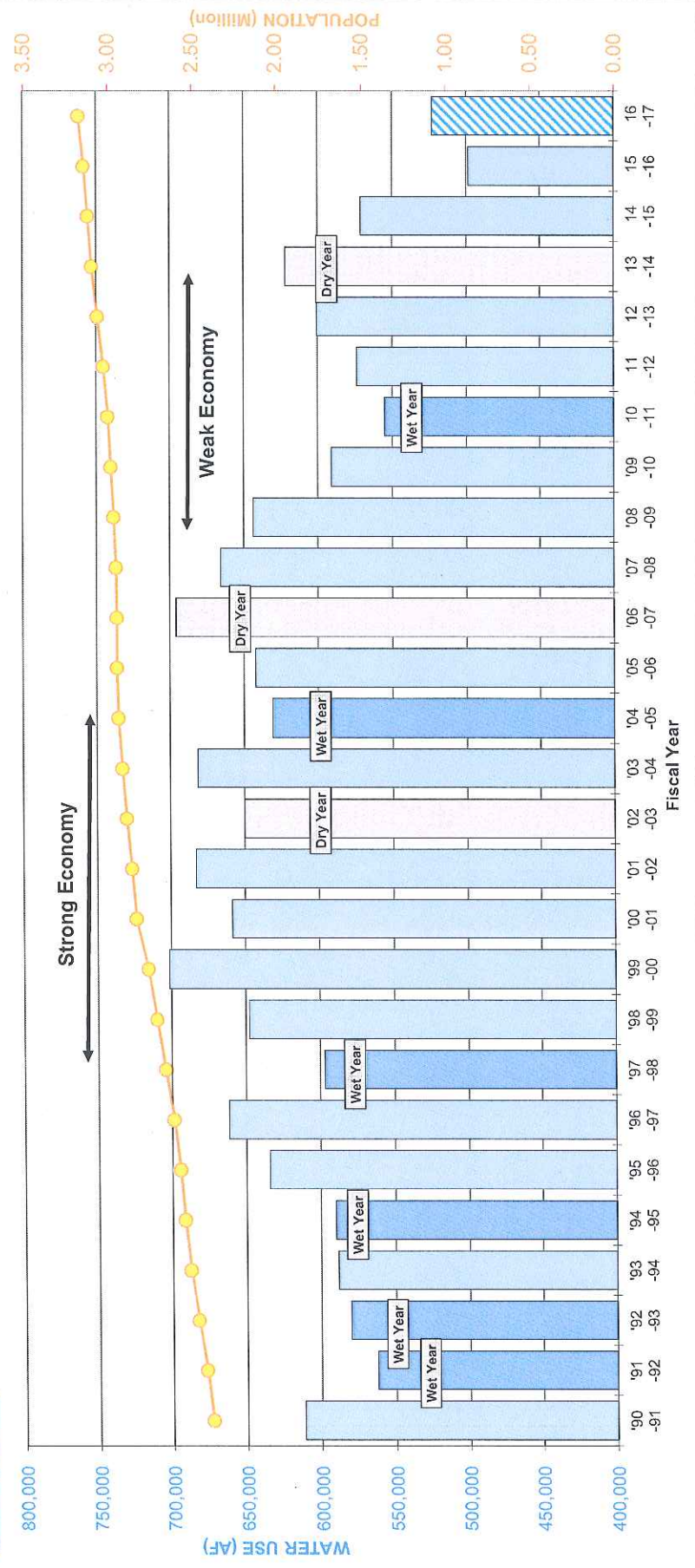


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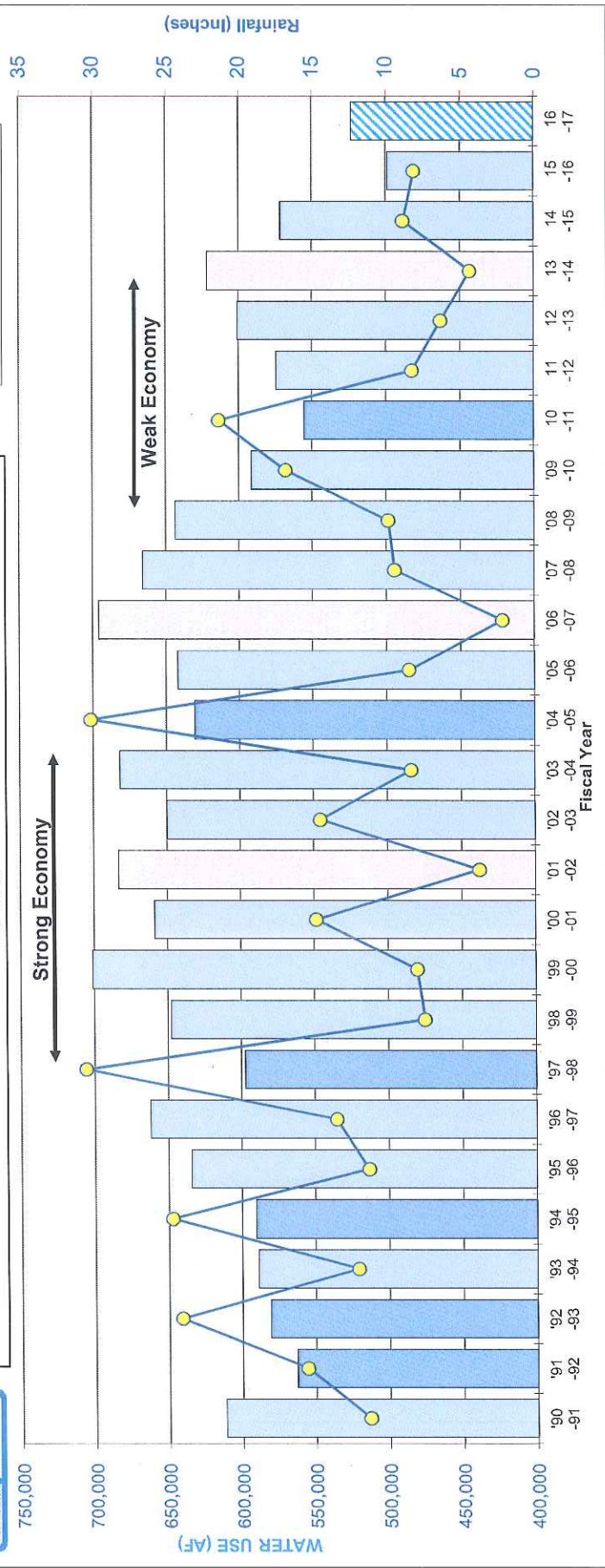
**Fig. 3A HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND POPULATION[2] IN OC**



[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 MWD OC based on partial-year data.



**Fig. 3B HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION<sup>[1]</sup> AND Annual Rainfall<sup>[2]</sup> IN OC**

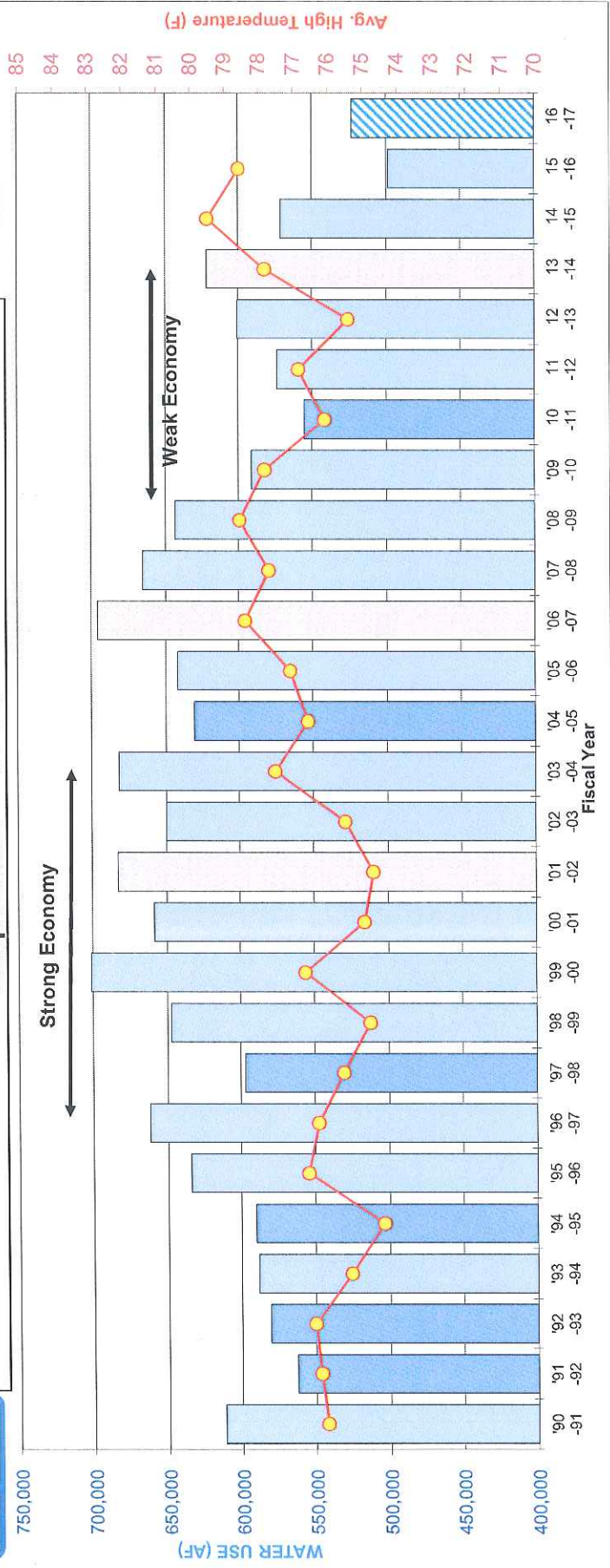


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[2] Rainfall data from Santa Ana Station #121



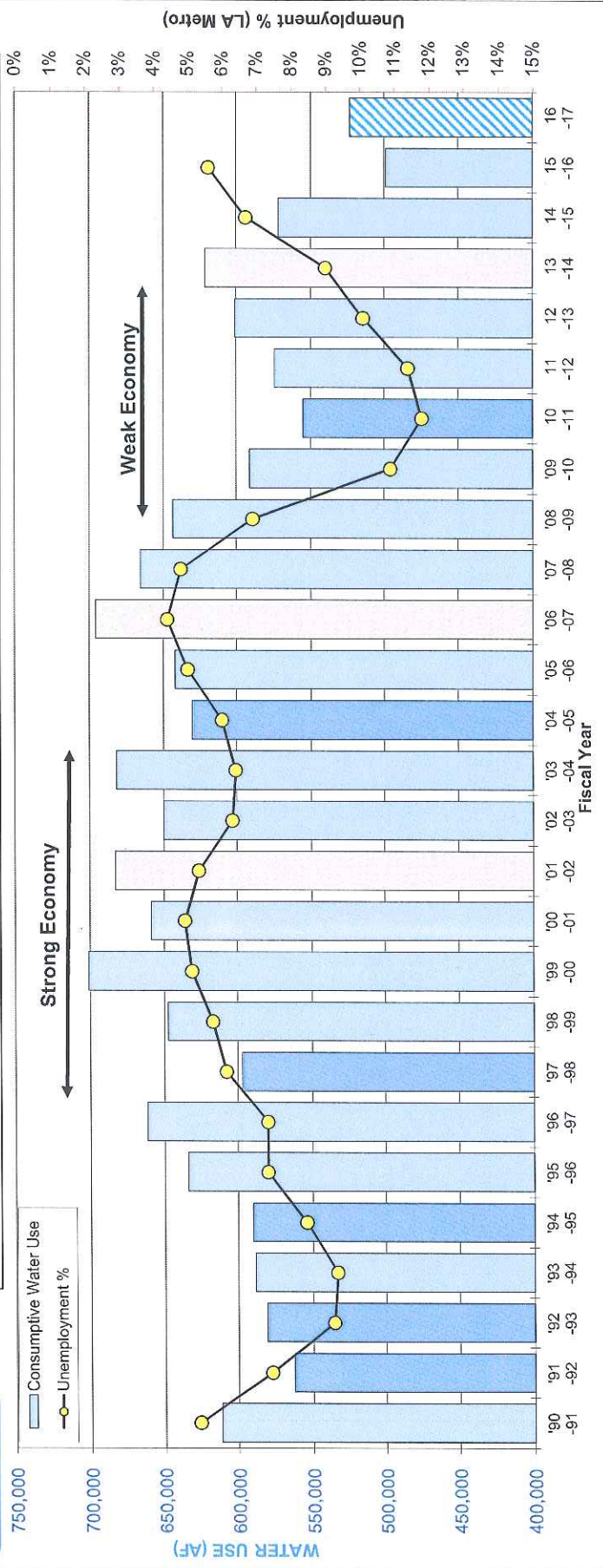
**Fig. 3C HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION<sup>[1]</sup> AND Annual Average High Temperature<sup>[2]</sup> IN OC**



[1] Consumption includes potable, recycled and non-potable usage; excludes Barrier and Spreading water. The most recent data involve some estimation.  
 [2] Temperature data is from Santa Ana Fire Station, elevation 135'



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

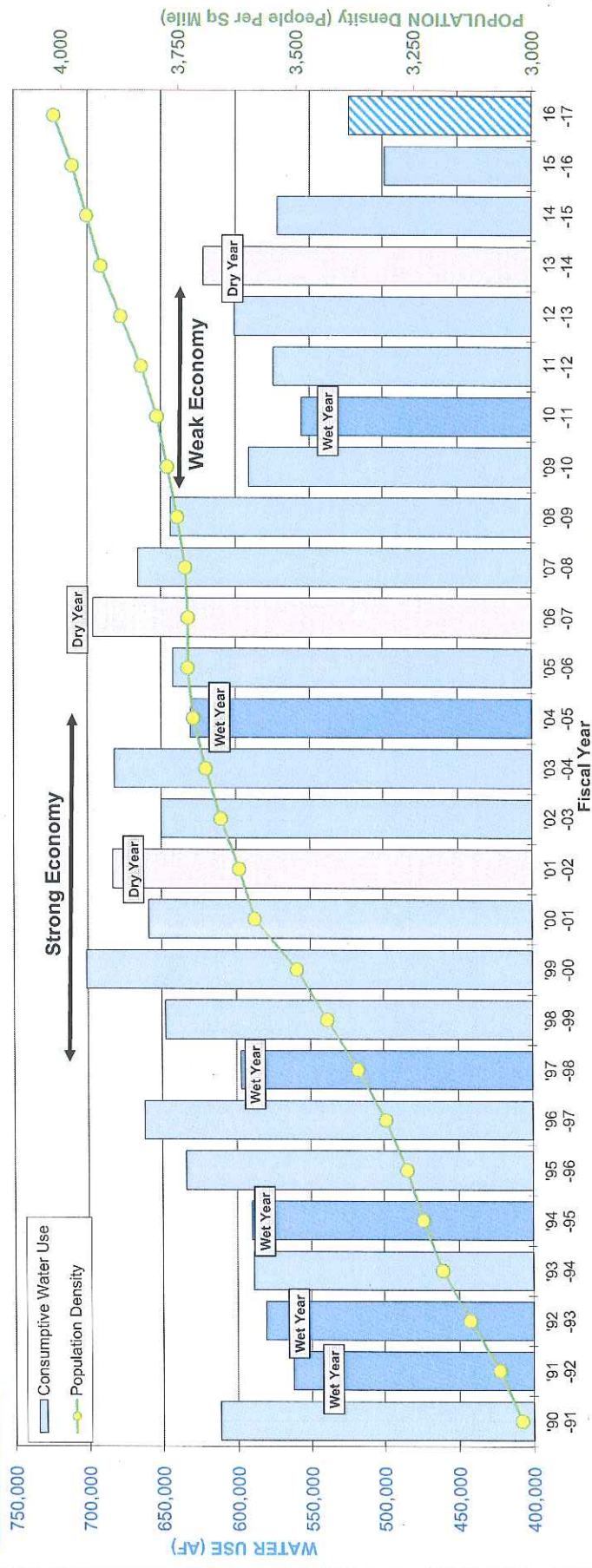


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[2] Employment Data source Bureau of Labor Statistic for Long Beach-L.A.-Santa Ana Metro Area  
<http://www.bls.gov/lau/>



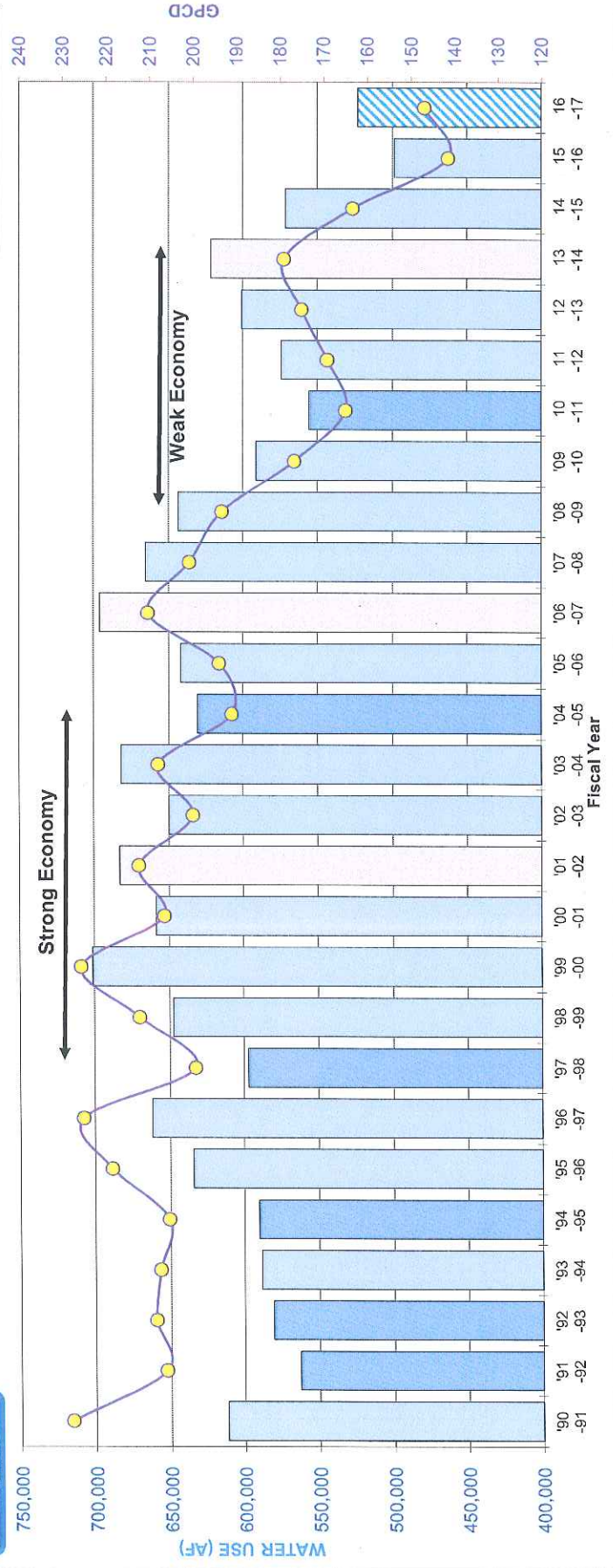
**Fig. 3E HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION<sup>[1]</sup> AND POPULATION DENSITY<sup>[2]</sup> IN OC**



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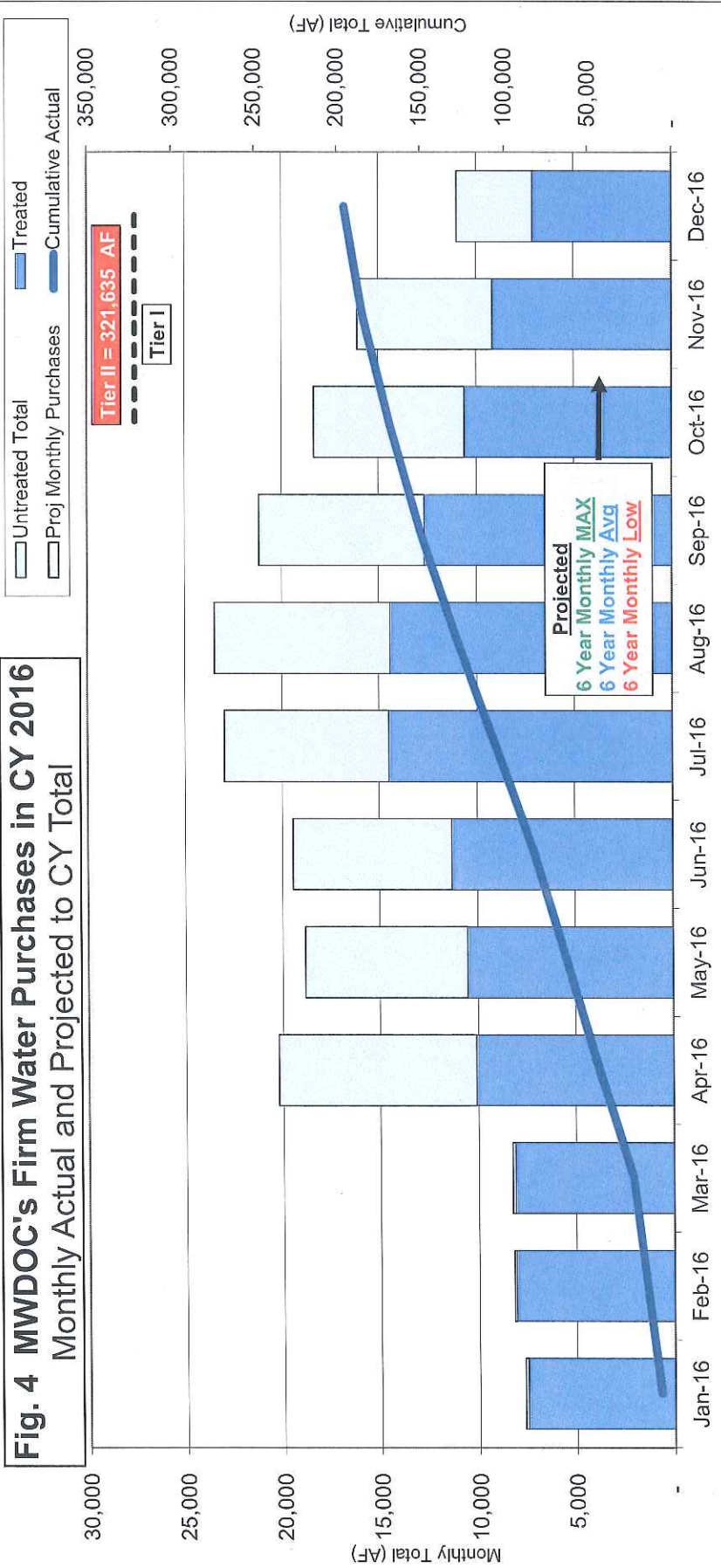


**Fig. 3F HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND GPCD [2] IN OC**



[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



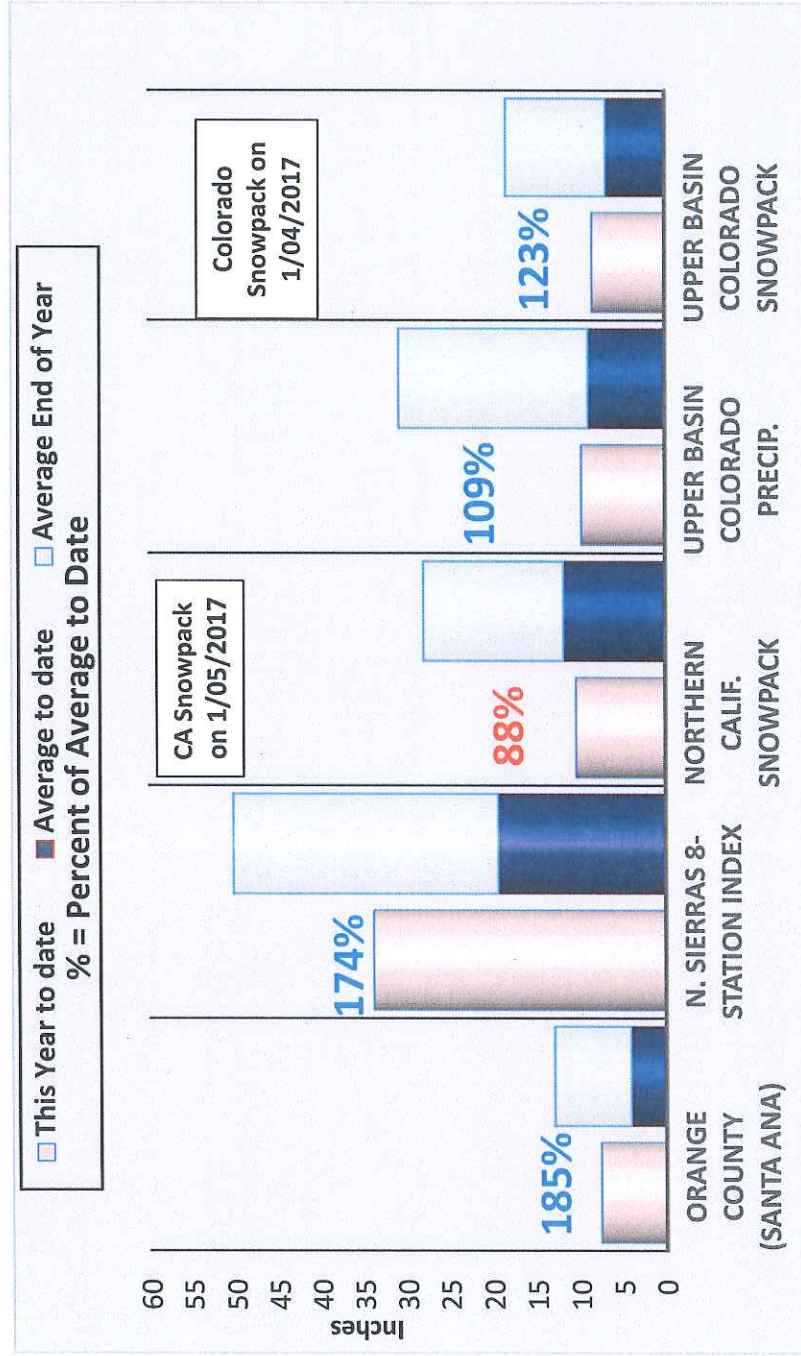
Notes  
 1. "Firm" includes Full Service (both Treated and Untreated) and Barrier water.

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.



prepared by the Municipal Water District of Orange County  
 \*numbers are subject to change

# Accumulated Precipitation for the Oct.-Sep. water year, through Early January 2017



\* 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.

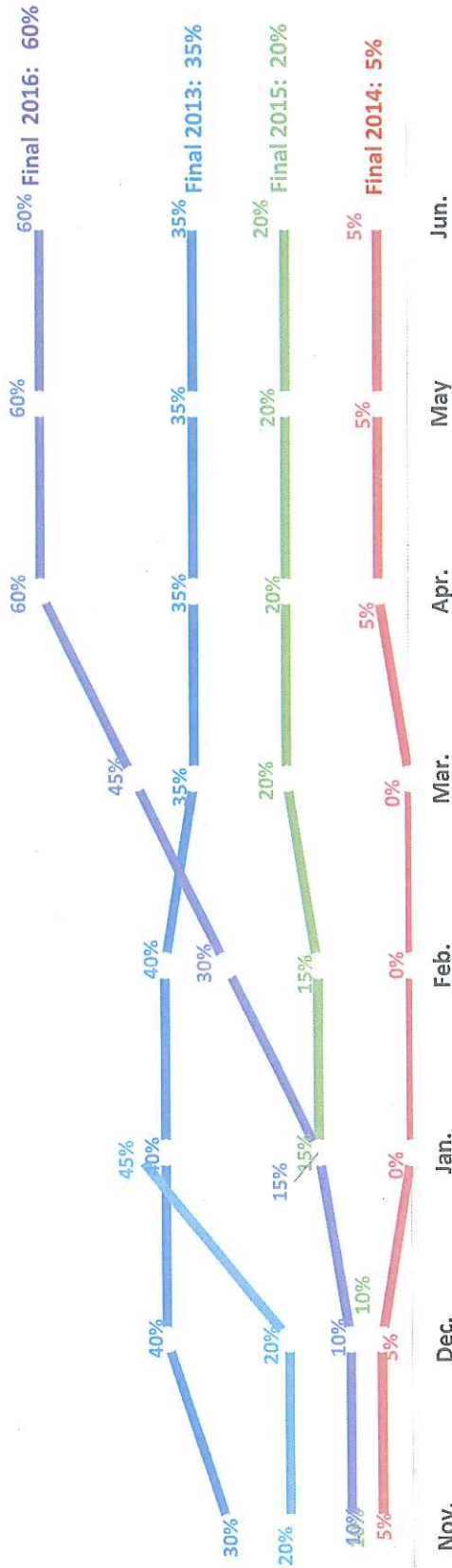






# SWP TABLE A ALLOCATION

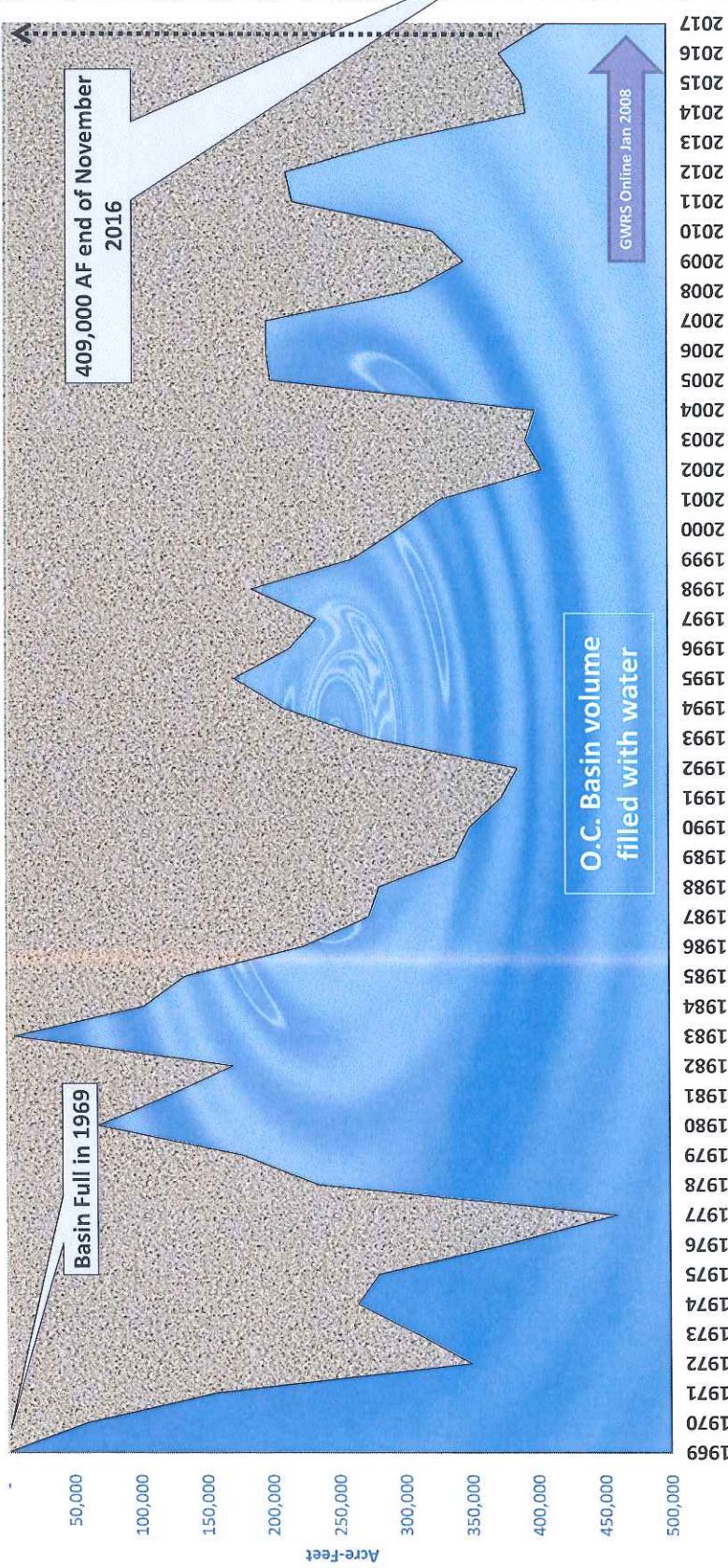
FOR STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS



■ Water Year 2013  
 ■ Water Year 2014  
 ■ Water Year 2015  
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# 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

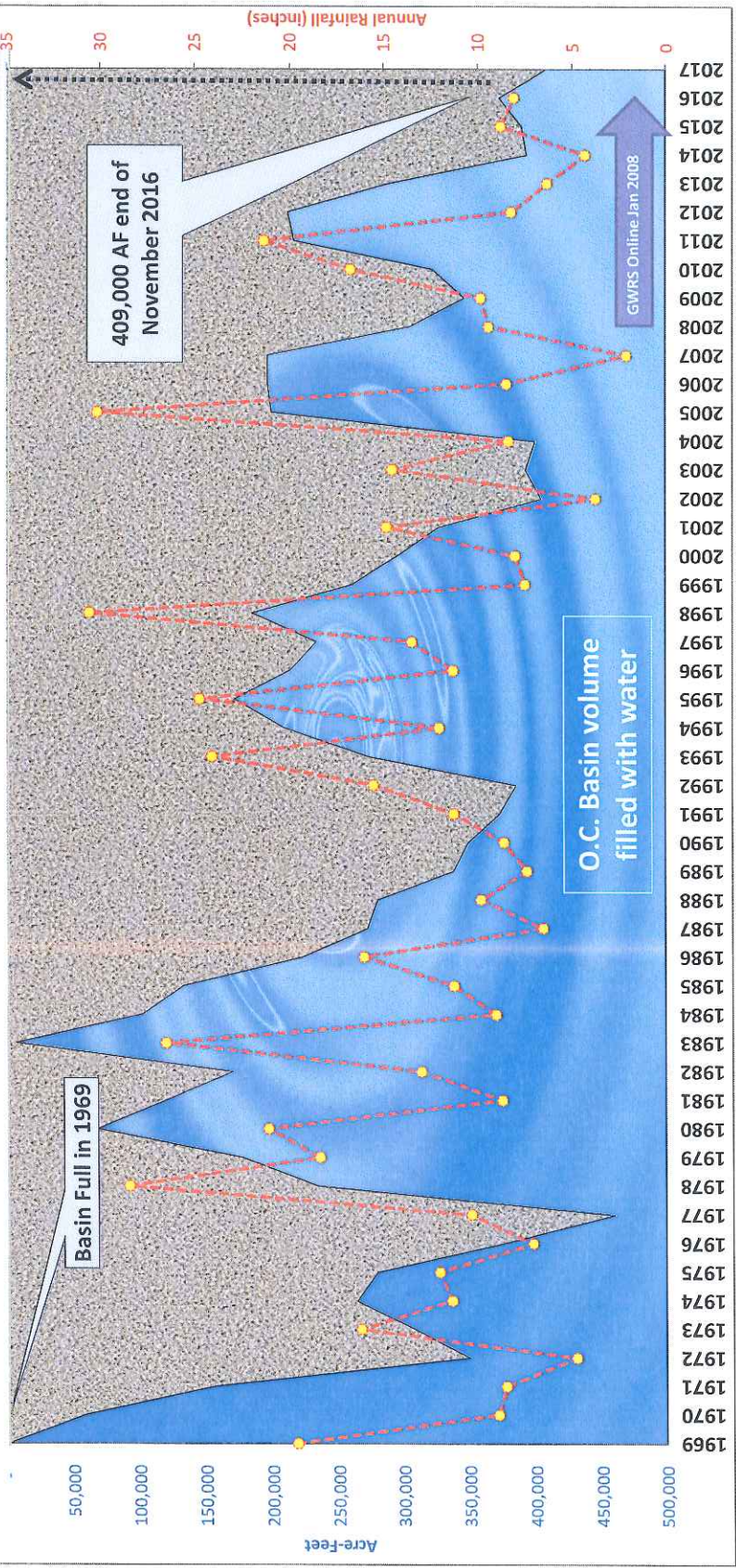


# O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft Vs. Annual Rainfall

Annual, 1969 to Present



■ Stored Vol (AF)  
 ■ Dewatered Vol (AF)  
 -●- Annual Rainfall (Inches)

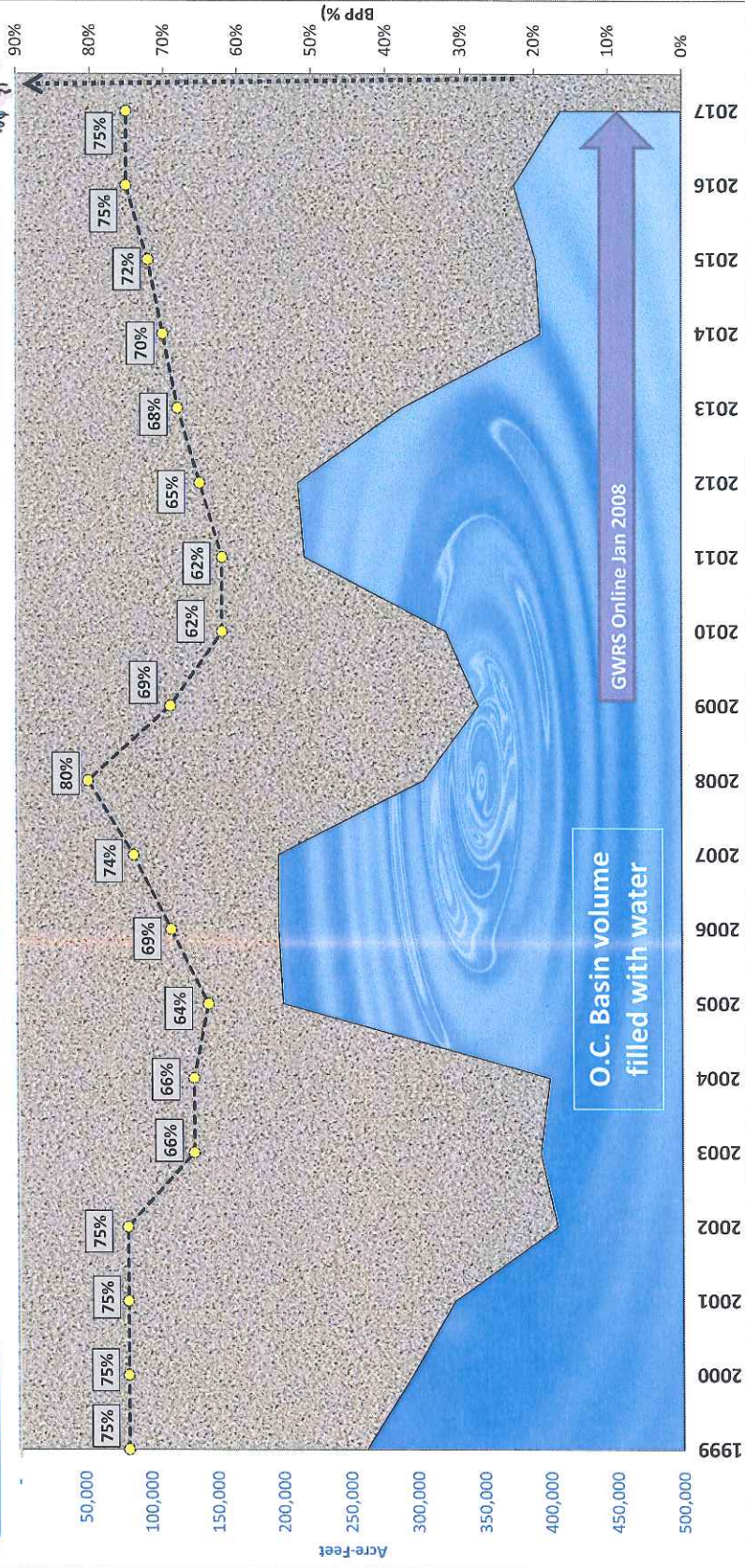


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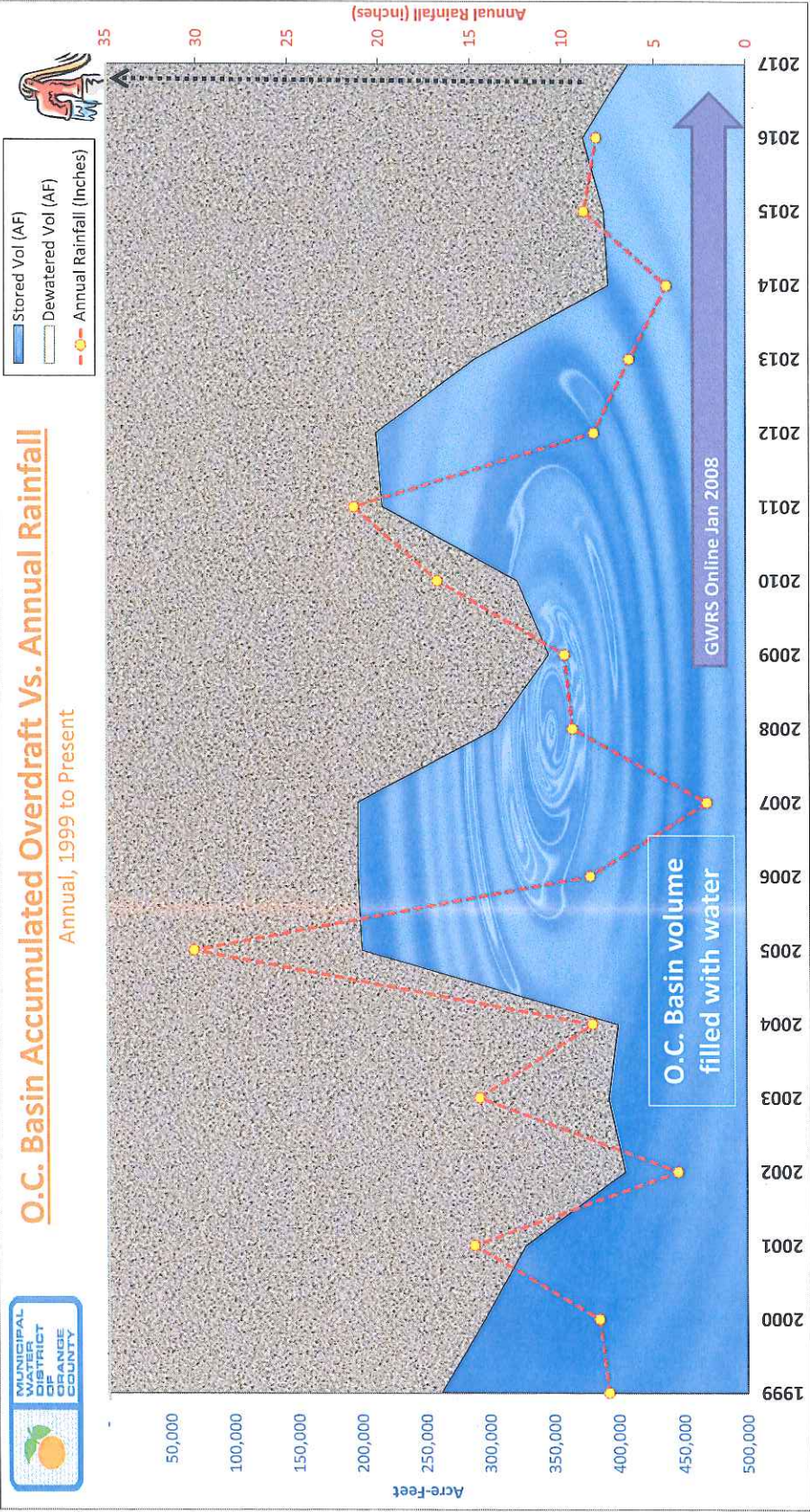


# O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft Vs. BPP %

Annual, 1999 to Present

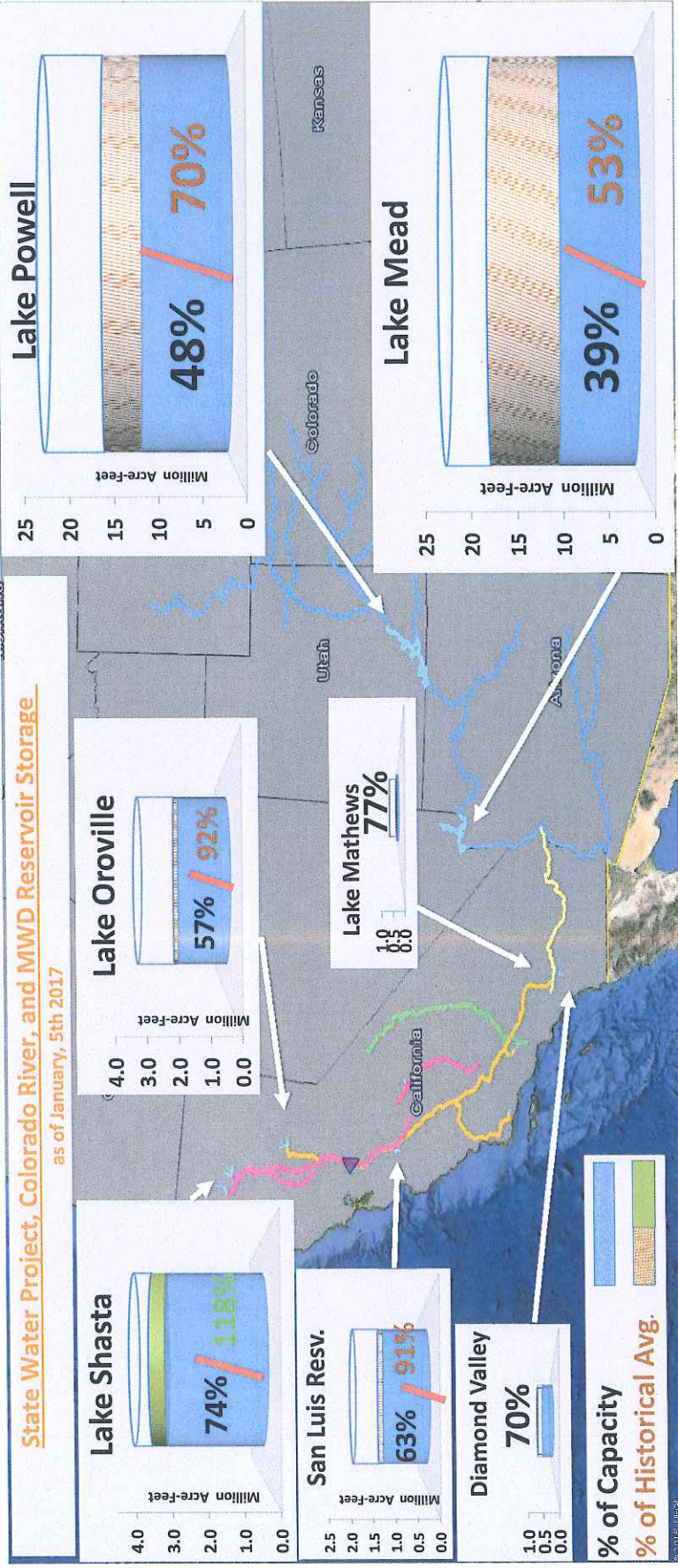


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**State Water Project, Colorado River, and MWD Reservoir Storage**  
as of January, 5th 2017

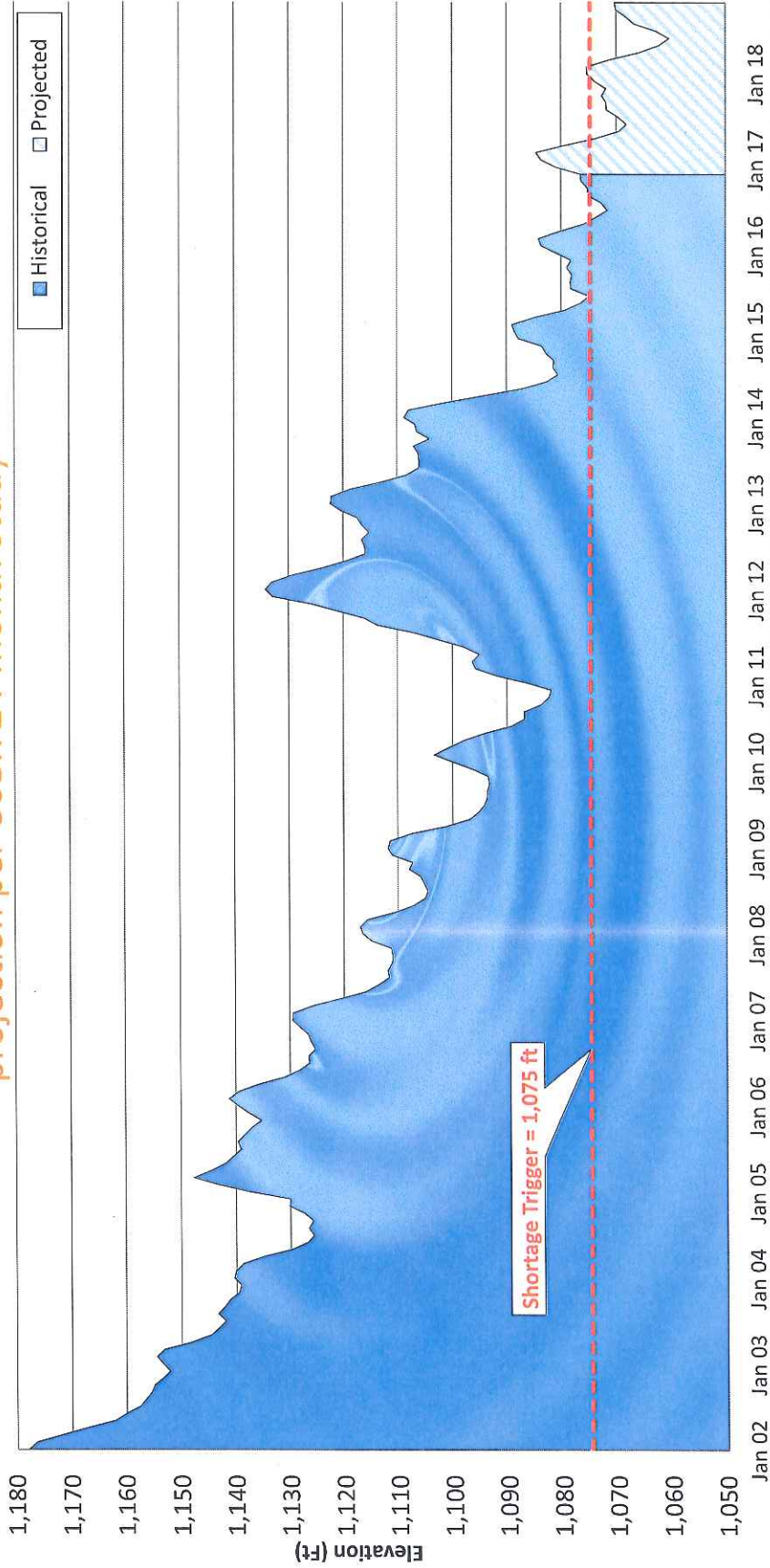


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## Lake Mead Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study



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**Fwd: Measure M -- Next 10 Plan**

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**From :** Meena Yoo <meenay@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>

Thu, Jan 19, 2017 02:00 PM

**Subject :** Fwd: Measure M -- Next 10 Plan**From:** David Simpson <dsimpson@octa.net>**Date:** January 13, 2017 at 2:16:05 PM PST**To:** David Simpson <dsimpson@octa.net>**Subject: Measure M -- Next 10 Plan**

Dear City Manager/County CEO:

In the Fall of last year we alerted you to some challenges with the Measure M program and a proposed plan to continue forward. That plan, focusing on the next ten years, was adopted by the OCTA Board so that transportation investments, as promised by Measure M, can continue to be delivered despite changing economic impacts and revenue shortfalls. The "Next 10" plan takes into account current cash flow forecasts, project information and schedules, and outlines 10 key deliverables in the next 10 years.

During the Next 10 time period, more than \$6 billion in transportation improvements promised to the voters in M2 are planned to be completed or under way by 2026. The following is a summary of the deliverables that will help improve mobility in Orange County:

- Deliver \$4.2 billion in freeway projects
- Allocate approximately \$1 billion of funding for local jurisdiction streets and roads improvements
- Invest up to \$1.4 billion to enhance access to rail and transit including delivery of the OC Streetcar
- Ensure ongoing preservation of open space preserves and provide \$40 million in water quality grants

Please feel free to review and share the following materials:

- Next 10 Plan webpage: [www.octa.net/Next10](http://www.octa.net/Next10)
- [Next 10 Plan Report](#)
- [Next 10 Plan Fact Sheet](#)

Thank you for taking interest in Measure M. It is because of active involvement of cities and your Public Works staff that Orange County has been successful in the overall delivery of the Measure M2 Investment Plan.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions. (714) 560-5570 or [Dsimpson@octa.net](mailto:Dsimpson@octa.net).

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OCTA Government Relations



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# **NEWS ARTICLES**

# Latino students unite.

## The subject: success

More than 300 intermediate and high school students from Garden Grove Unified School District participated in the district's fourth annual Latinos Unidos (LU) Leadership Conference at California State University, Fullerton on Saturday.

The conference is organized by district-level Latinos Unidos student board members to provide leadership training and help students prepare for academic, personal and lifelong success.

"This event has become a powerful training ground for the next generation of Latino leaders," said district Board of Education trustee Teri Rocco. "The energy at the event is palpable and students arrive eager to plan for the future, make an impact in their community and tackle important issues facing our nation."

During the leadership conference, students attended a networking fair and exchanged

business cards with area professionals, learned about community resources and Latino organizations and were introduced to potential part-time job opportunities after high school.

A tour of the college campus was provided by students from CSUF's Hermanos and Hermanas Unidos. Additionally, students attended workshops led by Latinos Unidos alumni on topics like cultural consciousness, leadership in the 21st century, public speaking, club representation in the community, navigating the path to college, finances, budgeting, financial aid and scholarships.

The event is sponsored by the Orange County United Way, one of the district's longtime supporters of Latinos Unidos.

Dr. Alejandro José Gradilla, associate professor of Chicana/o Studies at CSU, Fullerton provided a keynote speech, sharing his

own story as a first-generation college student and his studies of Mexican origin, education policy related to Latino success and closing the equity gap. Sergio Contreras with the Orange County United Way, Dr. Melba Castro with CSUF and Superintendent Dr. Gabriela Mafi also presented.

The Latinos Unidos program was launched to provide a unique system of supports to district Latino students through tutoring, mentorship, community service, college preparation and cultural events. More than 50 percent of district students are

service; Karina Valenzuela, vice president of public relations; Luis Zamora, secretary; Fernando Villasenor, treasurer; and Yazmin Felipe, historian.

With help from a club advisor, each of the district's eight high schools has visible, active Latinos Unidos clubs. The club helps embrace and honor students' rich cultural heritage and provide them with a framework to achieve success.

Students are planning a Latinos Unidos Cultural Night with food, activities and performances at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10 at Los Amigos High School.

Hispanic/Latino, more than 75 percent are socioeconomically disadvantaged and more than 80 percent have a second language background.

Students are elected by their peers to serve on the district-level LU Board. The 2016 board included Henry Ayala, president; Maria Dominguez, vice president of community service; Brianna Jimenez, vice president of public relations; Victor Luna, secretary; and Jair Fabian, treasurer.

The new 2017 board was elected and includes Maria Dominguez, president; José Zamora, vice president of community

# Service with a smile at first-ever Taste of Garden Grove

Local restaurants offer delicious delights through Jan. 22

**By Loreen Berlin**

Restaurants in Garden Grove are participating in the first "Taste of Garden Grove," which is part of the annual California Restaurant Month.

VisitCalifornia invited the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and City of Garden Grove to participate in the event.

This is a great opportunity to try great foods from six diverse Garden Grove restaurants, through Sunday, Jan. 22.

And, there's a rare opportunity to "Cook with the Chef," offered by Executive Chef Hany Ali at Great Wolf Lodge — Southern California in the Lodge's "Wood-fired Grill."

There's an open kitchen at the Lodge, where guests can see the beautifully-displayed foods being prepared. The Lodge's restaurants are not only open to registered Lodge guests, they are open to local residents who may call and make reservations in the different restaurants inside Great

Wolf Lodge.

Executive Chef Ali's staff prepared their Backyard BBQ Platter, as an example from the regular menu, which is made with an assortment of meats including hickory-smoked St. Louis ribs, hardwood smoked brisket and smoked sausage. The platter also includes macaroni and cheese, lodge-made pickles and cole slaw, served with warm cornbread.

"This is a mouth-watering combination of great flavors for the meat-lover, with a glass of wine," said Ali.

If your pallet leans more to vegetarian, they have that too, with roasted wild-mushroom risotto, crimini, portabello and shitake mushrooms, asparagus, roasted tomatoes and mushroom juice — all gluten-free.

"We're known for our allergy-free program," Ali said. "We focus on all-natural produce that is locally-grown and we have no hormones in any of our chickens; it's all natural."

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On Historic Main Street, "Elvis is in the building" at Azteca Restaurant and Lounge, where great traditional Mexican food can be found while viewing Elvis memorabilia and hearing him croon.

Azteca also features karaoke.

On Jan. 15, the Taste of Garden Grove began, and Azteca was packed with two large groups of people enjoying the cuisine while holding a birthday party and a celebration of life.

Azteca offers a great "Special Three-Course Meal" that includes soup/salad, entree and dessert as part of the week-long Taste of Garden Grove, along with a great variety of foods from the regular menu.

"This is our first time to participate," said Manager Alex Olea. "It's a good program and it's right for the business."

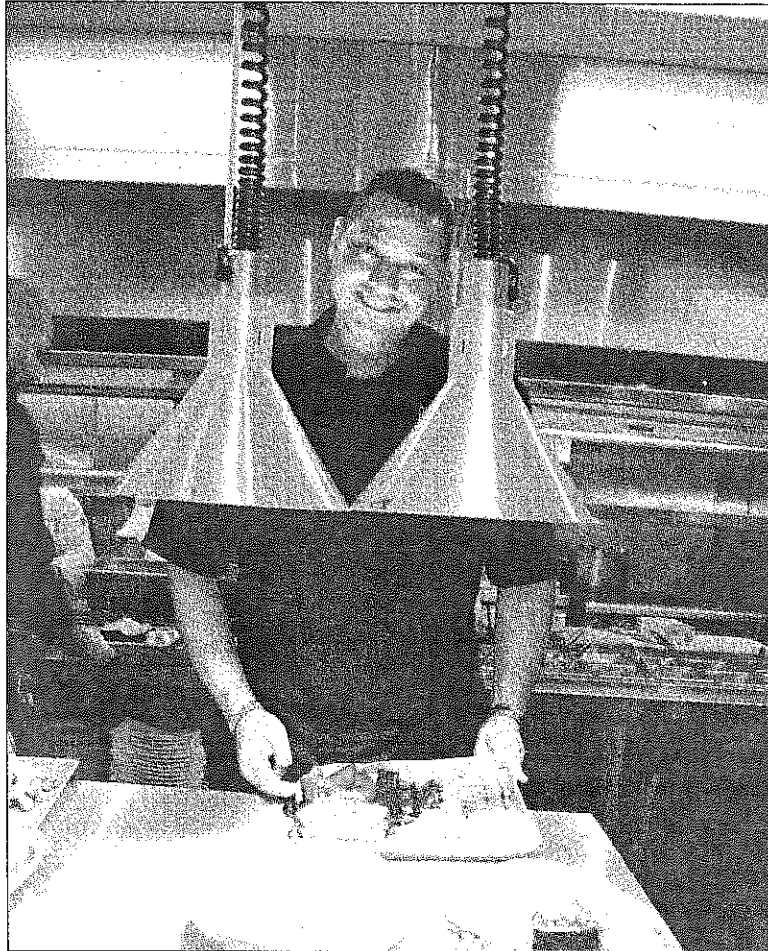
Doug's Downtown Grill, also on Historic Main Street, is a popular eatery serving traditional American food in a warm and friendly atmosphere that includes booths for seating and a sports bar, along with a patio area.

Carolina's Italian Restaurant has been in Garden Grove for 40 years and is participating in the Taste of Garden Grove. Owner Tim Ibrahim is a board member of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and said he likes the idea of the Taste of Garden Grove.

"I think this is a great idea; people need to hear about the event and then it will grow each year and become a real success," he said. "We serve strictly Italian food at Carolina's and have two

large dining areas in our Garden

Other restaurants participating



Great Wolf Lodge Executive Chef Hany Ali gets ready to serve with a smile during Taste of Garden Grove.

Grove restaurant and a larger Carolina's in Anaheim."

"We also have two kitchens in the Garden Grove facility," he added, "one for our dine-in patrons and one for take-out customers... We have a wide-selection of 400 wines for our customers to choose from..."

in the Taste of Garden Grove are: Garlic and Chives, the SunSpot Restaurant, The Smoking Ribs, The Wharf and the Wild Crab.

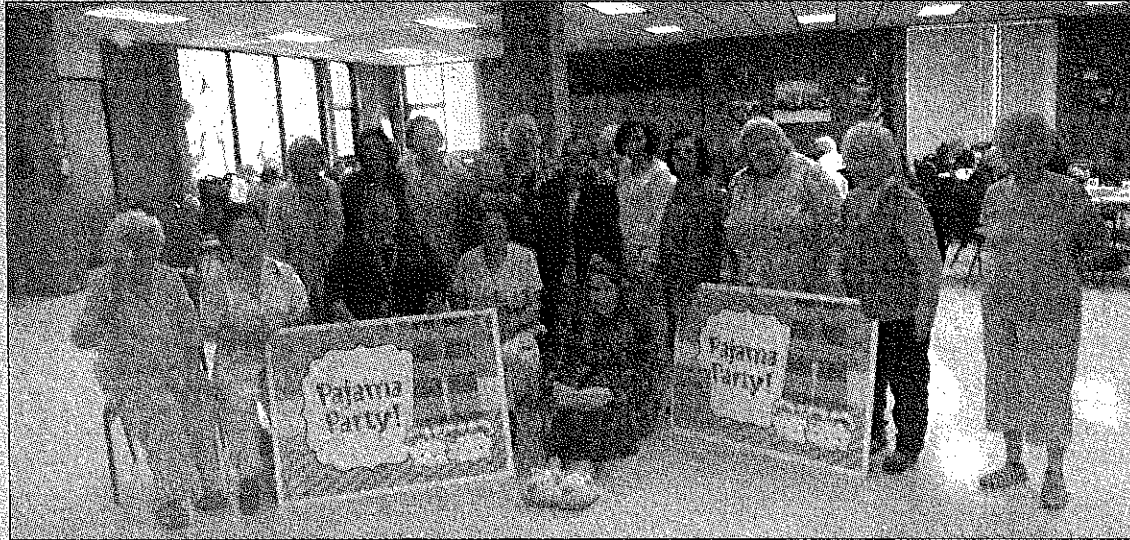
For more information about Taste of Garden Grove, visit [www.ci.garden-grove,ca.us/restaurant-week](http://www.ci.garden-grove,ca.us/restaurant-week).

**Bon Appetite mon ami!**



Patrons of Azteca Restaurant and Lounge gather as part of the first-ever Taste of Garden Grove. Photos by Loreen Berlin

# Seniors to don jammies for party



Courtesy photo

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a "PJ Party" Thursday, Jan. 19, starting at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center Dining Room, 11300 Stanford Ave. Seniors are invited to wear their favorite pajamas for a day at the annual party packed with fun, food and activities. The free event is sponsored by CareMore. For more information, call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at 714-741-5253 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Shown here are seniors at last year's PJ Party.

## Education leader named one of 5 'Women of the Year'

Lorena Luna Sanchez earns prestigious honor

Lorena Luna Sanchez, Garden Grove Unified School District executive director of K-12 educational services, is one of five women who were honored as "Orange County Women of the Year" by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Santa Ana Council #147.

Dr. Sanchez was recently recognized at the organization's annual awards banquet at The Ebell Club in Santa Ana.

The event was held in recognition of exemplary Hispanic women in Orange County. Recipients are selected based on their accomplishments, community volunteerism, and participation in civic affairs.

Dr. Sanchez oversees the Of-

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fice of K-12 Educational Services, which is responsible for providing assistance to schools while overseeing federal and state supplemental programs.

"Dr. Sanchez is well deserving of this honor. Her work at GGUSD has a significant impact on ensuring that our schools and students have access to the resources they need to excel," said Teri Rocco, vice president of the GGUSD Board of Education.

The Office of K-12 Educational Services includes the Assessment and Registration Center (ARC), English Learner Programs, Evaluation and Research, Gifted and Talented Education, Parent and Community Outreach and Visual and Performing Arts.

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# GG resident's nutcracker collection

nears 150

By Loreen Berlin

German stories shared through generations of time and passed down by word of mouth say nutcrackers were given as keepsakes to bring good luck and protect family and home, representing power and strength as a trusted watchdog looking after the family.

"A fierce protector, the nutcracker bares its teeth to evil spirits and serves as a traditional messenger of good luck and good will... don't be afraid; my beard is long, my head large and my look grim, but I won't bite....in spite of my large mouth and grim appearance, I look with my heart for your happiness."

If this is so, then Garden Grove resident Merilee Hall, who has a growing-collection of wooden "Nutcrackers," must be totally safe with her collection nearing 150.

Recently, Hall shared her collection with neighbors and friends throughout the holiday, which she does each year before retreating to the local mountains for soft billowy snow and a much-deserved rest after carefully setting each nutcracker in its designated place.

There are 33 on top of the piano - two are musical soldier nutcrackers - and the other 31 are regular soldier nutcrackers, making the top of her piano, as she says, "A parade-ground for my soldier/nutcrackers."

Some nutcrackers have advent calendars and are clustered around a small wood-burning stove and others are near the fireplace and on various pieces of furniture throughout the living room.

"I used to visit a lady, Thelma Richards, in the 1970s who got me started collecting nutcrackers; I liked them at her home and began collecting myself," said Hall. "Every year I add to the collection but now I'm more selective."

Hall said she purchased many of them at the former Sav-On Drug store at Brookhurst Street and Chapman Avenue. "They used to sell for \$1 each after the Christmas clearance, when I started collecting back in the 70s," Hall said.

Her collection ranges from musical nutcrackers to advent calendars and

character nutcrackers; some are actually from Germany that she purchased on a trip there with her husband, Terry.

She also purchased some at Walmart and Home Depot and they can also be ordered online.

"I mark on the bottom of each one, the date I received them and who gave them to me," she said.

And because her grandson likes the one that has a tool belt with a screwdriver on it and plays with that particular one when he visits, it has his name on it for when it's time to pass it down through the family.

Today, many nutcrackers range in price from the mid-\$20-dollar range to \$60, \$70, \$80, \$100 and a Father Time nutcracker is \$300 and some even extend to the \$1,000-dollar range and up.

Since the 1870s, wooden nutcrackers have been made in Germany and the northwest part of the Czech Republic border along the Erzgebirge mountain range that extends 95 miles along that area.

Nutcrackers are made to resemble kings, soldiers, French policemen, Santa Claus of course, different professions, horsemen on rocking horses and various animals.

Does she have a favorite type of nutcracker? Yes, the gingerbread baker nutcrackers are her favorite because they remind her of the gingerbread houses she bakes and gives away each year.

Along with the nutcrackers, for the past 20 years, Hall has made gingerbread houses to give to friends during the holidays; this year it was 17 but in the past it has been many more.

"That started when I was a Cub Scout den leader, and my friend, Jackie Taylor, in the Scouts with me, showed me how. We then taught the cubs how to decorate the gingerbread houses with frosting after we had assembled them," she said.

When the festivities are over and it's time to return the assemblage to their storage containers, which have been carefully marked and numbered so they are safely stored for another 365 days, that takes team effort by both of the Halls.

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Photos by Loreen Berlin

Merilee Hall holds one of her two musical nutcrackers displayed on the piano in her Garden Grove home. Merilee and husband Terry have collected nearly 150 nutcrackers.



Terry Hall shows off some Santa Claus nutcrackers displayed in his Garden Grove home. He and wife Merilee have a collection of nearly 150 nutcrackers.

# Ten facts about Tet celebration

*Editor's note: The celebration of the lunar new year, the biggest event of the year in Vietnamese culture, begins on Jan. 26. Thousands of Vietnamese-Americans in Garden Grove and Westminster will be participating.*

- Tet —the Vietnamese New Year— is an abbreviation for Tey Hhat, meaning the first day of spring. Officially a three day holiday but usually celebrated for a week, it symbolizes new beginnings, with various rituals added by different religions, and celebrates the lunar new year by welcoming back the spirit of the hearth. In Vietnam, Tet has traditionally been a time to pay debts, forgive others, improve oneself and make friends out of adversaries.
- The full name of Tet is Tet Nguyen Dan. It falls between Jan. 20 and Feb. 20 on the solar

calendar. The holiday begins on the last day of the last lunar month and lasts through the first three days of the first lunar month. Tet is comparable to having Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's combined.

- To many Vietnamese Tet is the opportunity to renew the communion of the dead with those of the future through the veneration offered by those presently living. It is a renewing of spirit and body, a settling of old accounts, financial and spiritual. Tet is the time when families want to be together much as do Americans at Christmas. The longtime Chinese occupation planted the belief that at this time the "God" or "Spirit" of the hearth must go and render account of the family to the Heavenly Emperor in the Jade Palace.

- Celebrations end on the evening of the third day when all ancestral souls who have returned to the family for the occasion, must depart for their world. It is then that artificial silver and gold paper money is burned by the family. This allows the departing "ghosts" to hire sampans to transport them across the river that divides "spirit heaven" from the world of the living.

- At midnight on the eve of the festival millions, maybe even billions, of fireworks are set off all across Vietnam. And throughout Westminster, for that fact.

- There are various customs practiced during Tet such as ancestral worshipping, visiting a person's house on the first day of the new year, wishing Tet wishes, giving lucky money to young children and old people, wishing longevity to the oldest people.

- Homes are decorated with trees and flowers; caged birds are set free; children set off strings of firecrackers to drive off bad spirits even though fireworks were banned in Westminster in 1995; street vendors sell glow sticks, noisemakers and carved pineapple on a stick; people light incense and joss sticks at temples. Some Buddhist altars are situated outside in front of the house. After Tet, chicken feet are hung from the front of the house to ward off evil spirits. If the feet turn black it means a year of bad luck is ahead.

- The first visitor of the new year is vitally important to Vietnamese as is the urgent necessity to avoid anything unpleasant or sick for fear that such will be repeated throughout the year.

- Traditional Tet foods include

bahn chung (rice and pork fat boiled in a banana leaf), mang (an aromatic dish made with boiled bamboo shoots, and fried pork marinated in fish sauce), cakes and sweetbreads made with dried fruit, chicken and other meat dishes, pickles, rice and vermicelli soup. Rice wine is the traditional Tet drink. In urban areas, many people these days drink whisky, beer and cognac.

- Four dishes indispensable in the feast of Tet are giò, nem (spring roll), ninh (stew dishes) and moc. At this time, the feast for offering ancestors includes sticky rice, boiled chicken, Vietnamese rice wine, and other preferred foods by ancestors in the past. Gifts are given before guests leave the feast.

*Compiled by Brady Rhoades*

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# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

**Overachievers, check this out**  
Chamber holds Friday meetings  
The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Orange County Emergency Pet Clinic, 12750 Garden Grove Blvd. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

### Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age.  
The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove.  
For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

### Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at Christ Cathedral, 12141 Lewis

St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

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

### Eco-friendly storytime

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

### Cartoonist lessons offered

Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

### School Board to meet

The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

### GG Kiwanis to meet

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

### Rotary Club to meet

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

## State of City

The new year brings a fresh start for Garden Grove as Mayor Steven Jones delivers his first official address at the State of the City luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 2.

The event, hosted by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, 12681 Harbor Blvd.

Mayor Jones will discuss the city's recent accomplishments, as well as the vision for the coming year. Jones will address his goals relating to the role of local government, community engagement, business partnerships and economic growth, among others. Jones will inform attendees of upcoming events, major developments and other areas of progress in the city.

A complete transcript of the mayor's speech will be available on the City of Garden Grove website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us) following the event.

For tickets and information, or for sponsorship opportunities, contact the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at 714-638-7950, or visit [www.gardengrovechamber.com](http://www.gardengrovechamber.com).

## Business workshop

Openings are available for potential business owners to attend the "Doing Business with the State of California" workshop.

The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St.

The workshop will provide information on how to get certified using the state's database to get solicitations; becoming a California Multiple Award Schedule contractor; and how to market your business to multiple state agencies. The workshop is hosted by the City of Garden Grove in partnership with the Orange County Small Business Development Center.

To sign up for the workshop, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/doing-business-with-the-state-of-california-tickets-30931379589>. Call 657-278-3672.

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Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1207

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92842 To Provide Twenty-Seven (27) New and Unused Multi-Function Digital Copiers and related Supplies, Maintenance and Support Services for various departments for the City of Garden Grove. Contractors interested in submitting a proposal for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-proposal meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, in the 3rd Floor Training Room located in Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92842. A copy of the RFP document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website by registering as a vendor. Questions can be directed in writing to Sandy Segawa at sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. Proposals received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: January 11, 2017

Sandy Segawa  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1211

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 Provide 180 HP ProDesk 600 G2 SFF computers per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. 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, February 13, 2017. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: January 11, 2017

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2877

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES FEES AND CITYWIDE PARK FEES, INCLUDING REVISIONS TO TITLES 9 AND 10 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.44 TO CODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKLAND DEDICATION AND FEES FOR NEW SUBDIVISIONS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 10.110 TO PROVIDE FOR UPDATES TO TRAFFIC MITIGATION FEES PURSUANT TO DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE STUDIES

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance enacts regulations for the payment of drainage facilities fees and citywide park fees for new development projects. The park fees are only applicable to new residential projects. The Ordinance further codifies more specific requirements for the dedication of parkland and/or the payment of an in-lieu fee applicable to new residential subdivisions and adds a provision to the traffic impact mitigation fee regulations allowing the fee to be adjusted pursuant to development impact fee studies. The ordinance does not set the amount of each fee. The regulations being codified by this Ordinance require that the City Council set the amount of the fees by Resolution.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 10th day of January 2017.

ATTEST: /s/ STEVEN R. JONES  
MAYOR

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
CITY CLERK

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

I, TERESA POMEROY, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on December 13, 2016, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 7 )  
BEARD, O'NEILL, NGUYEN T., BUI,  
KLOPFENSTEIN, NGUYEN K.,  
JONES

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

and was passed on January 10, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 7 )  
BEARD, O'NEILL, NGUYEN T., BUI,  
KLOPFENSTEIN, NGUYEN K.,  
JONES

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
CITY CLERK

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Violent crime increased in Santa Ana, Orange, Costa Mesa and Irvine during the first half of 2016, according to newly released FBI data.

But it dropped in Anaheim, Huntington Beach and Garden Grove.

The report, which looked at cities with populations of 100,000 or more, shows that nationally violent crime increased 5.3 percent in the first six months of 2016 compared with the same period in 2015.

Each of the offenses in the violent crime category – including murder, rape and robbery – experienced increases. Robberies were

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# VIOLENT CRIME UP, DOWN

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FBI data looks  
at O.C. cities  
of 100,000-plus  
population.

By SCOTT SCHWEBKE  
STAFF WRITER

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up 3.2 percent, while murders jumped 5.2 percent.

In Santa Ana, Orange County's second-largest city in regard to population, there were 868 reported violent crimes for the first six months of 2016, compared to 773 the year before. Murders more than doubled to 13.

Much of the rise in crime in Santa Ana and other cities across the state is likely because of Proposition 47, a ballot initiative passed by California voters in November 2014 that reduced some drug-possession felonies to misdemeanors, said Cpl. Anthony Bertagna, a spokesman for the Santa Ana Police Department.

The measure also reduced sentencing for certain offenses of petty theft, receiving stolen property and forging checks.

"Anytime there is an increase in crime it is concerning," Bertagna said. "We are and will continue to work with our commu-

**Crime rate in Orange County's largest cities**

City	Population	Violent crime	Murder	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Arson	
Anaheim	2015	349,471	628	10	211	342	724	822	20
	2016		620	4	183	363	759	715	17
Costa Mesa	2015	113,477	188	1	67	94	336	233	8
	2016		199	0	72	100	413	302	19
Garden Grove	2015	176,041	267	1	81	162	380	327	10
	2016		252	1	80	154	448	352	4
Huntington Beach	2015	203,233	178	0	52	105	360	190	14
	2016		170	0	32	114	317	206	7
Irvine	2015	258,198	59	1	21	24	248	101	4
	2016		74	1	27	25	313	82	4
Orange	2015	140,572	96	2	31	57	287	173	4
	2016		104	0	27	64	227	184	6
Santa Ana	2015	337,304	773	6	259	439	392	939	22
	2016		868	13	267	511	557	948	18

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

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ity to prevent and reduce crime."

In Orange, there were 104 violent crimes and no homicides during the 2016 reporting period, compared to 96 violent crimes and two murders the previous year.

Costa Mesa's violent crimes totaled 199 in the first half of 2016, compared to 188 for the same period in 2015. There were no murders in the city during last year's reporting period and only one the previous year.

In Irvine, which bills itself as the safest city in the

nation, there were 74 violent crimes during the first six months of 2016 compared to 59 the previous year, the FBI report indicates. There was one murder in the city during each reporting period.

Kim Mohr, spokeswoman for the Irvine Police Department, said the jump in violent crime is "incredibly small" when the increase of 9,000 residents is considered.

"It's important to remember that we are still the safest city of our size (in the United States) for violent crime, according to

FBI statistics," she said. "We're considered a big city now, with a population over 258,000. However, the Irvine Police Department takes any increase in crime very seriously and is working diligently to safeguard the city."

In Anaheim, the county's most-populous city, there were 620 violent crimes, compared to 628 in 2015. Of those, four were murders in the first half of last year, compared to 10 during the same period in 2015.

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## Popular eatery re-opens after fire

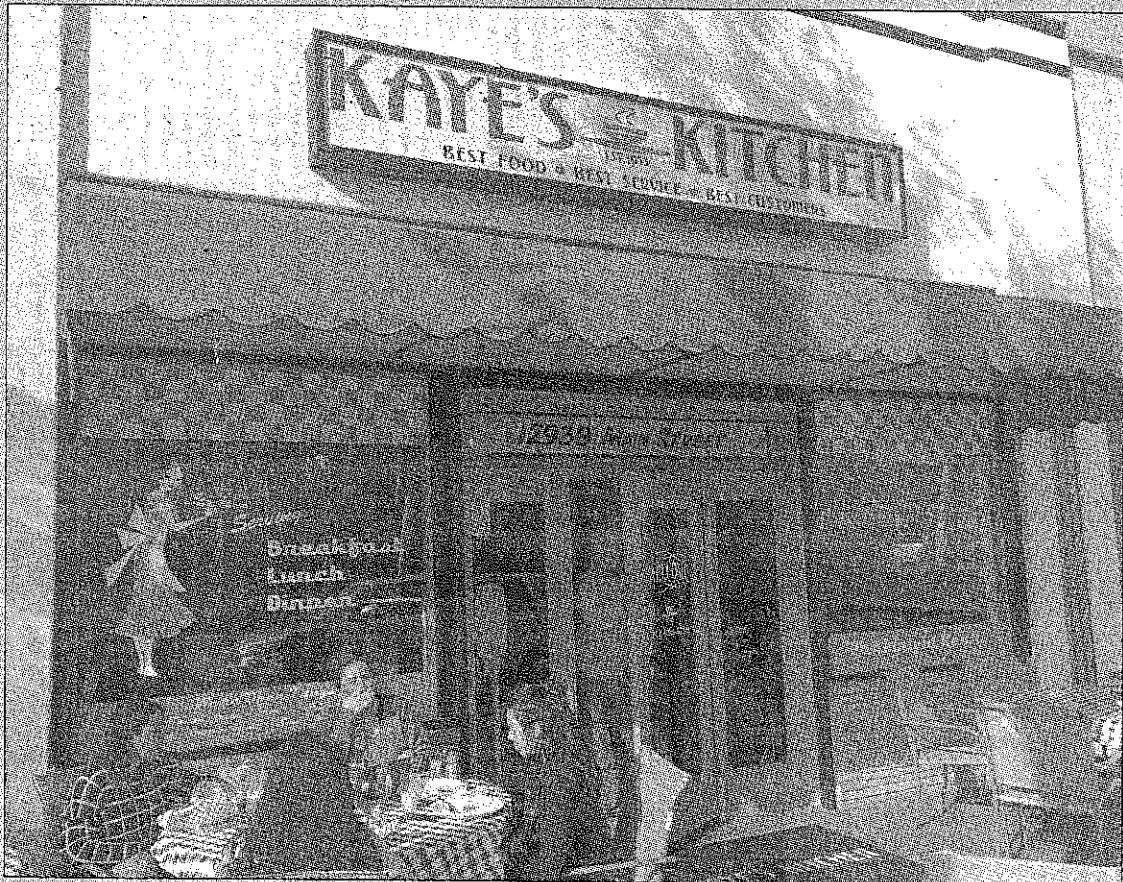


Photo by Brady Rhoades

Kaye's Kitchen, a favorite of locals, is back in business. The restaurant — best loved for its delicious breakfasts — held a soft opening on Dec. 28 after being closed for 15 months after a fire damaged the kitchen. The fire occurred on Sept. 28, 2015. The menu is the same and no structural changes were made. "We have been real busy thanks to our loyal and patient customers," said owner Jim Schierberl. Kaye's is at 12939 Main St. in Garden Grove.

## Sister City

It's a sister kind of thing.

The Sister City Association of Garden Grove is pleased to welcome 10 high school students representing Anyang, Republic of Korea as part of the 28th annual Sister City Exchange Program.

The students arrived on Jan. 7 to begin a 10-day tour of Garden Grove and Los Angeles with local host families.

Scheduled activities include meeting Garden Grove's mayor and City Council, touring city facilities, spending time at local high schools, a day at Knott's Berry Farm, enjoying a bonfire in Huntington Beach, sight-seeing at Los Angeles areas of interest, and visiting the University of Southern California.

The students were recognized by the Garden Grove City Council during a reception on Jan. 10, followed by a Community Spotlight at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Meeting Center.

High school students from the Garden Grove Unified School District will be visiting Anyang on April 6. For more information about the Sister City Association, call Kevin Voeller at 714-514-1499.

## Restaurant Week!

Hungry?

This might be the event for you. The Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and City of Garden Grove are excited to be invited by VisitCalifornia to participate in "California Restaurant Month," which takes place this month.

This is an annual event that has taken place for six years that has about 50 cities involved. Garden Grove will hold "Garden Grove Restaurant Week" on Jan. 15-22. Visit [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek) for more information.

If you are a Garden Grove restaurant owner and want to participate, contact Cindy Spindle at the Garden Grove Chamber at [ceo@gardengrovechamber.com](mailto:ceo@gardengrovechamber.com).

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Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1206

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92842 Provide Ambulance Transportation and Billing Services for the City of Garden Grove. Those companies interested in submitting a proposal for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-proposal meeting scheduled at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, Founders Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA. A copy of the RFP document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website by registering as a vendor. Questions can be directed in writing to Sandy Segawa at [sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us). Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, on Monday, February 6, 2017. Proposals received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: January 6, 2017

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

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LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017, AT 6:30 P.M., OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS IT MAY BE HEARD, TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE MATTER DESCRIBED BELOW:

SITE PLAN NO. SP-031-2016  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-004-2016

A request for Site Plan Approval to construct a 10-unit, two-story apartment complex with a 20% affordable housing density bonus for "low-income" families. Pursuant to State Density Bonus Law, the applicant requests three (3) waivers from the R-2 Zone development standards – (1) residential units within ten (10) feet of a drive aisle; (2) residential units within fifteen (15) feet of guest parking areas; and (3) minimum distance between main buildings. A Development Agreement is also proposed. The site is at 9691 Bixby Avenue in the R-2 (Limited Multiple-Family Residential) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15332 – In-Fill Development Projects.

The Planning Commission could not approve or recommend approval of the application by a failed vote pursuant to a tie at the Planning Commission meeting held on December 1, 2016, with Commissioners Kanzler, Parades, and Zamora voting yes, and Commissioners Barker, Nguyen, and O'Neill voting no, and Commissioner Margolin absent.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the City Council Public Hearing, or write a letter, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the project as outlined above. If you challenge the project in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the hearing will be given to the City Council prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the City Council at the time of the meeting. Further information on the above matter may be obtained from the Planning Division of the Community and Economic Development Department, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, or by telephone at (714) 741-5312.

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California 92840.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS to provide citizens, public agencies and other interested parties an opportunity to provide input for the Garden Grove Housing Authority Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Public Hearing and express opinions related to the Annual Plan.

The Annual Plan for the Garden Grove Housing Authority will be available for public view by February 28, 2017 at:

Garden Grove Housing Authority  
12966 Euclid Street, Suite 150  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

The Garden Grove Housing Authority's business hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The office is closed every other Friday with business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the open Friday.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Tuesday, March 28, 2017  
at 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Community  
Meeting Center 11300 Stanford  
Avenue Garden Grove,  
California 92840

Any person or organization may file written testimony on the Annual Plan with the City Clerk's office, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
Secretary

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Workshop:** The city will host a "doing business with the state of California" workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 24 at the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St. Business owners will learn how to get certified by the state, market their companies to different state agencies and more. The workshop is free; you must register via [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Information: 657-278-3672. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979 [chaire@scng.com](mailto:chaire@scng.com)

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Eat local:** Sunday kicks off Garden Grove Restaurant Week. Participating restaurants are offering three-course meals to showcase their signature recipes. See who is participating through Jan. 22 at [ci.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek](http://ci.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek). Chris Haire, 714-796-6979 [chaire@scng.com](mailto:chaire@scng.com)

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## GARDEN GROVE

**New bishop:** The new auxiliary bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange will be ordained during a ceremony at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Columban Church, 10801 Stanford Ave. Bishop-elect Timothy Freyer is a Huntington Beach native who has spent his entire career within the Orange County diocese. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979 [chaire@scng.com](mailto:chaire@scng.com)

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Commission meeting:** The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday evening has been canceled. The next commission meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 2 in council chambers at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. The commission typically meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979 [chaire@scng.com](mailto:chaire@scng.com)

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Home repairs:** Seniors are eligible for up to \$5,000 to repair code violations and substandard living conditions through the city's Senior Home Improvement Grant. To qualify, you must be at least 62, have a gross annual income that is 80 percent or below Orange County's median household income, which is \$62,400 for a family of two. Information: 714-41-5206.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
[chaire@scng.com](mailto:chaire@scng.com)

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## GARDEN GROVE

**New deadline:** The city has extended the deadline to apply for appointment to one of six commissions, including the Planning, Traffic and Main Street commissions. The new deadline is Jan. 31. Appointments are scheduled to occur during the Feb. 14 City Council meeting. To apply, go to the city's website for City Hall. Information: 714-741-5040. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979 [chaire@scng.com](mailto:chaire@scng.com)

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

**CONTACT:**

Janet Pelayo (714) 741-5200  
Manager, Community Services Department

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

### **HEAVY TRAFFIC DURING GARDEN GROVE TET FESTIVAL 2017**

Beginning Saturday, February 4 through Sunday, February 5, Tet Festival 2017 will take place in Garden Grove Park, located at 9301 Westminster Avenue. During the two-day festival, limited road access, and additional pedestrian and car traffic is anticipated in the immediate area. Motorists are asked to plan accordingly to avoid delays.

Parking for Tet Festival 2017 will be limited. Tet Festival organizers have arranged a complimentary shuttle pick up and drop off throughout the duration of the event. Guests are encouraged to use the complimentary shuttle by parking at Westminster City Hall, located at 8200 Westminster Avenue. From there, the shuttle will transport attendees to Garden Grove Park, free of charge. The shuttle will run from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, and from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 5.

This year's Tet Festival is organized by A Plus Education Organization, a non-profit dedicated to promoting culture and heritage of the Vietnamese Community in Southern California.

For more information about Tet Festival 2017, visit [www.2017TetFestival.com](http://www.2017TetFestival.com) or call (714) 270-4515.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact:  
Teresa Pomeroy (714) 741-5035  
City Clerk

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR CITY COMMISSIONS EXTENDED**

The City of Garden Grove is extending the application deadline for City commission candidates to serve as non-compensated commissioners. Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, January 31, 2017, by 5:30 p.m., and may be submitted online at [www.garden-grove.org/citymanager/commissions](http://www.garden-grove.org/citymanager/commissions).

Commissioner appointments are scheduled to take place at the February 14, 2017 regular City Council meeting.

Applicants must be Garden Grove residents and registered voters, be able to serve a two-year term of office, and be available to attend regularly scheduled meetings. Commissioners serve as advisors to the City Council, providing recommendations that become part of the City's decision-making process.

The following briefly describes each of the City's six commissions:

Administrative Board of Appeals (5 members) – Conducts hearings, on an on-call basis, on the suitability of building and construction materials; interprets building codes and ordinances.

Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission (7 members) – Recommends programs to improve and preserve neighborhoods through zoning enforcement, housing rehabilitation, street improvement, Community Development Block Grant, and other programs.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR CITY COMMISSIONS EXTENDED  
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Main Street Commission (7 members) – Oversees Historic Main Street Garden Grove. Six commissioners must own or lease property on Main Street; the seventh member is appointed at-large.

Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission (7 members) – Reviews and makes recommendations on the status of City parks and recreation programs, capital improvement plans, propose amendments to the General Plan Parks and Recreation Element, and existing and potential City arts programs.

Planning Commission (7 members) – Studies proposed development projects that may impact community's growth and environment.

Traffic Commission (7 members) – Reviews requests for traffic safety devices, investigates unsafe and/or malfunctioning traffic conditions, conducts public hearings, and assists in transportation planning.

Applicants may also visit the City Clerk's Office, located on the second floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, or call (714) 741-5040.

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CONTACT: Juan Medina (714) 741-5253  
Community Services Coordinator

Friday, January 13, 2017

**GARDEN GROVE'S SENIOR CENTER  
HOSTS "PJ PARTY"**

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a "PJ Party" on Thursday, January 19, 2017 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center Dining Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Seniors are invited to wear their favorite pajamas for a day at the annual party packed with fun, food, and activities. 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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Liên lạc cộng đồng

Thứ Ba, 17/1/2017

**TUẦN LỄ 'RESTAURANT WEEK' ĐỂ THƯỜNG THỨC MÓN NGON  
Ở CÁC NHÀ HÀNG TẠI GARDEN GROVE**

Tuần lễ "Restaurant Week" tại Garden Grove đã bắt đầu, kéo dài trong vòng một tuần. Bắt đầu từ Chủ Nhật, ngày 15 đến hết ngày 22 tháng Giêng, các nhà hàng lân cận trong Garden Grove, từ khu cộng đồng Việt Nam, trên đường Historic Main Street đến khu Grove District- Anaheim Resort sẽ cho mọi người trải nghiệm những ẩm thực phong phú, độc đáo ở mức giá đặc biệt.

Các nhà hàng tham gia đã tạo ra một bữa ăn đặc biệt, gồm 3 món ăn/phần để đưa những món đặc trưng của tiệm họ đến với những người sành ăn. Ví dụ như món Bò Filet Mignon lúc lắc hoặc món Cá seabass nướng bơ tỏi từ nhà hàng Garlic and Chives, tọa lạc trong khu Little Saigon thuộc Thành phố Garden Grove, địa chỉ là 9892 Westminster Avenue, Ste. # 311.

Khác "hương vị" khác trong tuần lễ Restaurant Week bao gồm cơ hội để nấu với đầu bếp Hany Ali đến từ Lodge Wood Fired Grill, nằm trong khách sạn Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, tọa lạc ở địa chỉ 12681 Harbor Boulevard.

Để xem danh sách đầy đủ các nhà hàng, menu, và giá cả, xin coi tại trang nhà [www.garden-grove.org/restaurantweek](http://www.garden-grove.org/restaurantweek). Hoặc cũng có thể theo dõi Thành phố Garden Grove trên Facebook và Twitter để cập nhật về chương trình Garden Grove Restaurant Week.

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Thư ký Thành Phố

Thứ Tư, 18/1/2017

## **GARDEN GROVE GIA HẠN NỘP ĐƠN CHO CÁC CHỨC VỤ ỦY VIÊN BAN HỘI ĐỒNG THÀNH PHỐ (CITY COMMISSION)**

Thành Phố Garden Grove sẽ gia hạn nộp đơn cho các công việc Ủy viên Ban hội đồng (City Commission). Các ứng cử viên có thể lên trang mạng của Thành phố [www.garden-grove.org/citymanager/commissions](http://www.garden-grove.org/citymanager/commissions) để điền đơn online. Hoặc các ứng cử viên cũng có thể tới lấy đơn tại văn phòng Thư ký của Thành phố, lầu 2 trong City Hall, địa chỉ 11222 Acacia Parkway, hoặc gọi về số (714) 741-5040. Thời hạn nhận đơn bắt đầu từ bây giờ đến 5:30 chiều ngày Thứ Ba, 31 tháng Giêng, 2017.

Đây là công việc thiện nguyện, những người ứng cử viên phải là cư dân sống trong Thành phố Garden Grove. Người Ủy viên sẽ phục vụ nhiệm kì trong hai năm, thường xuyên phải tham dự các cuộc họp. Thị Trưởng sẽ uỷ nhiệm người Ủy viên, và được bổ nhiệm làm người cố vấn cho Hội Đồng Thành Phố, đóng góp ý kiến cho Thành phố.

Sau đây là 6 chức vụ ủy viên mà Thành phố đang cần:

- Hội đồng cứu xét khiếu nại (Administrative Board of Appeals – 5 thành viên) - Tham dự các buổi họp về xây cất những building và vật liệu xây dựng, giải mã các mật mã, bố cục của các building.

- Ủy ban phát triển và duy trì khu phố (Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation - 7 thành viên) - Đề nghị những chương trình để cải tiến các khu vực lân cận trong thành phố, cũng như cải thiện gia cư, đường sá, các chương trình quỹ (Block Grant Funding) của chính phủ, và những chương trình khác.
- Ủy ban đặc trách khu trung tâm (Main Street Commission - 7 thành viên) - Phụ trách kiểm tra hệ thống bãi đậu xe ở downtown đường Main Street.
- Ủy ban công viên, giải trí và nghệ thuật (Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission - 7 thành viên) - Xem xét và cố vấn về các điều kiện của những công viên trong thành phố, các kế hoạch cải thiện cho các công viên và khu vui chơi.
- Ủy ban quy hoạch (Planning Commission - 7 thành viên) - Tìm hiểu những công trình, kế hoạch có liên quan đến môi trường, sử dụng đất đai và phát triển của Thành phố.
- Ủy ban về lưu thông (Traffic Commission - 7 thành viên) - Vị ủy viên sẽ phải xét duyệt những yêu cầu liên quan đến máy thử nghiệm an toàn về giao thông, có hiểu biết về thiết bị của những máy này, thu thập ý kiến đóng góp trong cộng đồng và giúp thêm trong vấn đề vận chuyển lưu thông.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng gọi cho Văn phòng Thư ký Thành Phố tại số (714) 741-5040.

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# THÔNG TIN

## Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

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

Liên lạc: Monica Covarrubias (714) 741-5144  
Ban Phát triển Cộng Đồng

Thứ Năm, 12/1/2017

### THÀNH PHỐ MỜI CÁC DOANH NGHIỆP ĐẾN THAM DỰ BUỔI HỘI THẢO

#### "DOING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA"

Các doanh nghiệp địa phương có cơ hội để tham dự buổi hội thảo

"Kinh doanh với tiểu bang California" (Doing Business with the State of California).

Buổi hội thảo sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày Thứ Ba, ngày 24 Tháng Giêng, từ 9:00 giờ sáng đến 12:00 giờ trưa, tại Garden Grove Courtyard Center, tọa lạc tại 12732 Main Street.

Hội thảo sẽ cung cấp thông tin về làm thế nào để được chứng nhận, sử dụng cơ sở dữ liệu của tiểu bang để được trở thành nhà thầu California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS), cũng như làm thế nào để kinh doanh doanh nghiệp của quý vị đến nhiều cơ quan nhà nước. Hội thảo được điều hành bởi Thành Phố Garden Grove với sự hợp tác với Trung tâm Phát triển Doanh nghiệp nhỏ Orange County (Orange County Small Business Development Center.)

Để đăng ký hội thảo, xin đăng ký tại

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/doing-business-with-the-state-of-california-tickets-30931379589>. Để biết thêm thông tin, xin vui lòng gọi (657) 278-3672.

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VIETBAO

Garden Grove Gia Hạn Nộp Đơn Cho Các Chức Vụ Ủy Viên, Hạn Chót Vào 5:30 Chiều, Thứ Ba, Ngày 31 Tháng 1 Năm 2017

19/01/2017 00:00:00



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## Garden Grove Mời Các Hãng Đến Dự Hội Thảo Kinh Doanh

12/01/2017 00:00:00



GARDEN GROVE -- Các doanh nghiệp địa phương có cơ hội để tham dự buổi hội thảo

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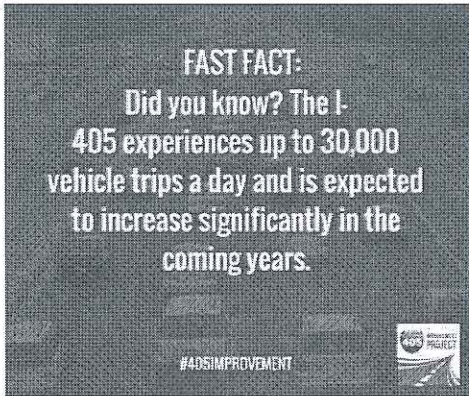
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WEEKLY MEMO 1/19/17

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

OCTA, in cooperation with Caltrans HQ (California Department of Transportation), is widening the San Diego Freeway (I-405) between SR-78 and the I-605. The project includes adding one regular lane in each direction from Euclid Street to I-605 and making improvements to freeway entrances, exits and bridges. It also will construct the 405 Express Lanes, two lanes in each direction from SR-78 to I-605.

Learn how these improvements will affect you. Visit <http://www.octa.net/> ... /San-Diego/Fr... /I-405-(SR-78-to-I-605)... #GardenGrove #405Improvement



405 Improvement Project  
January 9 at 11:00am

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Fast Fact: Did you know? The I-405 experiences up to 30,000 vehicle trips a day and is expected to increase significantly in the coming years. #405IMPROVEMENT

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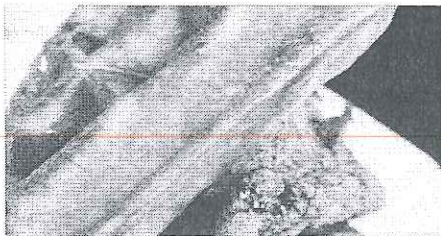
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LOVE WHAT YOU EAT!

SunSpot Restaurant, located in the Anaheim Marriott Suites #GardenGrove, serves up fresh and delicious food during Garden Grove Restaurant Week. Their specialty menu offers a signature flatbread dish - prosciutto, arugula goat cheese, with a balsamic drizzle, chicken and waffles, and so much more! Dine their three-course meal for just \$25 until January 22. <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek>

Think #BIGEat #GGRW #DreamEats #FoodLovers Visit California Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Grove District - Anaheim Resort



Garden Grove Restaurant Week | City of Garden Grove

During California Restaurant Month in January, the City of Garden Grove will feature delicious tastes of our prized Vietnamese specialty cuisine. Other "taste of events" throughout the month will include the acclaimed Garlic & Chives, Garden... #GARDENWISPOVECAUS

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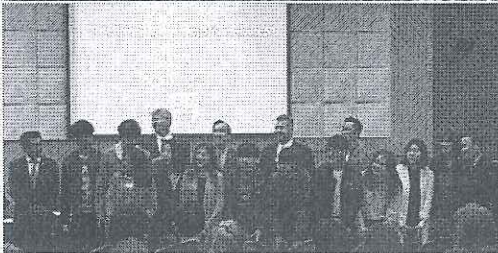
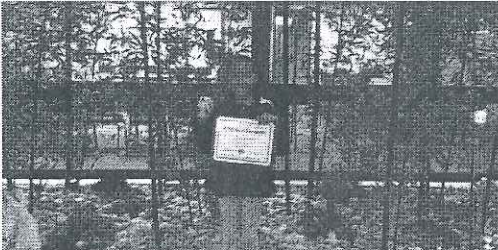


**Garden Grove City Hall** added 2 new photos.  
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Last week, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized two community spotlights- Alyssa Castillo and ten high school students representing Anyang, Republic of Korea!

Alyssa created a campaign called 'I AM' to eliminate hate and discrimination based on skin color. 'I AM' is a form of expression that builds self-awareness and self-esteem. Its mission is to eliminate negativity, racism, and bullying, while learning how to spread love. Alyssa believes everyone is created equal and 'I AM' reminds us that it's important to love ourselves and others.

The City welcomed ten high school students representing Anyang Republic of Korea as part of the 28th annual Sister City Exchange Program. They met with Garden Grove's Mayor and City Council, toured City facilities, spent time at local high schools, visited Knott's Berry Farm, and much more.



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Thinking about starting a business?

Openings are available for potential business owners to attend the "Doing Business with the State of California" workshop! The workshop takes place on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center, located at 12732 Main Street.

To sign up for the workshop, go to [EventBrite.com](#)... See More

City Invites Potential Business Owners to State of California Workshop | City of Garden Grove

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Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove, California on January 17 at 7:00pm

Violent crimes are down in Garden Grove for the year 2016

A huge thank you to Garden Grove Police Department and community partners for continuously improving the quality of life in the community and providing a sense of safety and security in the city. #CommunityEfforts #GardenGrove #Partnerships



### Violent crime increased in 4 of Orange County's largest cities and dropped in 3 others

Violent crime increased in Santa Ana, Orange, Costa Mesa, and Irvine during the first half of 2016, according to newly released FBI data.

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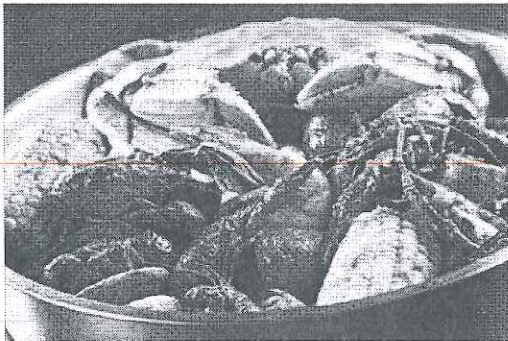
Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove, California on January 17 at 5:00pm

Looking for the freshest seafood in #GardenGrove?

Wild Crab is the place to be! Get a taste of the undersea during Garden Grove Restaurant Week, where you can pair any two pounds of shrimp, crawfish, clams, or mussels with delectable corn, potatoes, and sausages for only \$25. Complimentary house special of Malasada and ice cream for dessert! <https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek>

Think #BIGG -- Buy in #GardenGrove! #GGRV #DreamEats #FoodLovers  
Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Visit California



Get More Likes, Comments and Shares  
Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people.

1,700 people reached

Boost Post

LaRayne Castle, Sylvia Khimoch, and 10 others

1 Comment 1 Share

Like Comment Share

1,756 People Reached

19 Likes, Comments & Shares

12 Likes	12 On Post	0 On Shares
1 Comments	1 On Post	0 On Shares
6 Shares	3 On Post	3 On Shares
73 Post Clicks		
11 Photo Views	10 Link Clicks	52 Open Cards

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### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove República (R) January 17 at 2:00pm

Thanks to another textile manufacturer buying American Apparel's Garden Grove facility, most of the workers will keep their jobs, good news for #GardenGrove and #SouthernCalifornia!



### American Apparel's Garden Grove factory sold to Compton textile firm

American Apparel has found a buyer for its Garden Grove manufacturing facility — potentially preserving the jobs of at least a portion of the 330 employees there...

ARTIST: JIMMY LEE

Get More Likes, Comments and Shares  
Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people.

4,324 people reached

Boost Post

Claudio Gallegos, Rudi Rukia and 75 others · 2 Comments · 1 Share

Like Comment Share

4,324 People Reached

99 Reactions, Comments & Shares

85 Like 74 On Post 11 On Shares

2 Love 0 On Post 2 On Shares

3 Views 3 On Post 0 On Shares

4 Comments 2 On Post 2 On Shares

5 Shares 1 On Post 4 On Shares

362 Post Checks

0 Photo Views 199 Link Clicks 163 Other Clicks

NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove República (R) January 17 at 2:08pm

### SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR CITY COMMISSIONS

The City of #GardenGrove is looking for civic-minded individuals who are dedicated to serving the community through responsible leadership. Apply to become a City Commissioner today!

<https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/.../seeking-commissioners-e...>



### Application Deadline for City Commissions Extended | City of Garden Grove

The City of Garden Grove is extending the application deadline for City commission candidates to serve as non-compensated commissioners...

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Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people.

3,434 people reached

Boost Post

John Edgar Nguyen, Jason Bino and 17 others · 3 Comments · 14 Shares

Like Comment Share

3,434 People Reached

55 Reactions, Comments & Shares

29 Like 19 On Post 10 On Shares

1 Love 0 On Post 1 On Shares

9 Comments 7 On Post 2 On Shares

16 Shares 14 On Post 2 On Shares

376 Post Checks

0 Photo Views 156 Link Clicks 218 Other Clicks

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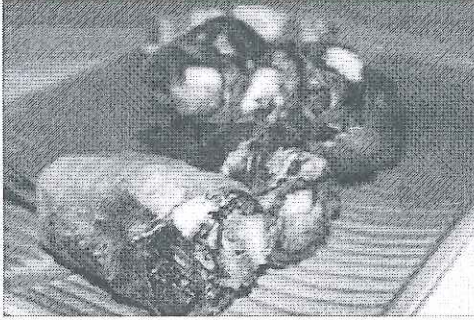


**Garden Grove City Hall** shared Visit California's photo  
Published by Garden Grove Public on January 18 at 1:53pm

Thanks for the shout out, Visit California!

During Garden Grove Restaurant Week, we'd like to invite all of you to try our Vietnamese cuisine from several participating restaurants, like the acclaimed Garlic and Chives. <https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek>

Think #SiGG - Buy in #GardenGrove! #GGRW #FoodLovers Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce



Visit California

January 15 at 11:00pm

Like Page

The Orange County town of Garden Grove City Hall is home to a thriving Little Saigon and its Vietnamese cuisine, like that found at Garlic and Chives. Stop by during restaurant week, happening now until January 22. #DreamEats  
Photo: KayKayL on Yelp  
<http://bit.ly/2j4XAD>

Get More Likes, Comments and Shares  
Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people.

997 people reached

Boost Post

Lady Tanager, Adriana Angulo-Cook and 10 others

3 Comments

866 People Reached

15 Likes, Comments & Shares

12 Likes	12 On Post	0 On Shares
5 Comments	3 On Post	0 On Shares
0 Shares	0 On Post	0 On Shares

86 Post Clips

4 Photo Views	6 Link Clicks	76 Open Graphs
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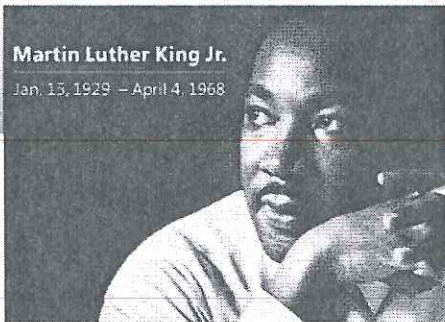


**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Published by Jeffrey M Hernandez on January 18 at 2:00pm

Today, we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

He is remembered as one of the most lauded African-American leaders in history. His dream lives on as we celebrate this holiday of remembrance, service, and equality.

OC Food Bank is hosting "Take A Day On/ Not A Day Off" in honor of Dr. King's life-long commitment to community service today!... See More



Get More Likes, Comments and Shares  
Boost the post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people.

1,000 people reached

Boost Post

John Tadmor, Diana Magquez and 11 others

1 Share

Like Comment Share

1,686 People Reached

18 Likes, Comments & Shares

15 Likes	13 On Post	2 On Shares
0 Comments	0 On Post	0 On Shares
3 Shares	1 On Post	2 On Shares

23 Post Clips

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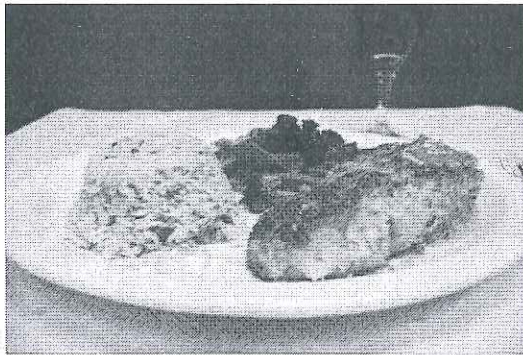


### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove Public Works on January 15 at 11:58pm

Bring your appetite to Doug's Downtown Grill for a culinary experience that will leave you coming back for more! During Garden Grove Restaurant Week, Doug's offers a three-course meal with an entree choice of macadamia nut crusted halibut or full rack roasted baby back ribs. #DineDowntown #DreamEats #FoodLovers #GGRW <https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek>

Think #BIGG - Buy in #GardenGrove! Visit California Historic Main Street Garden Grove, CA Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce



Get More Likes, Comments and Shares  
Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people

2,616 people reached

Boost Post

2 Comments

4 Shares

Like Comment Share

2,616 People Reached

60 Reactions, Comments & Shares

46 Likes On Post 10 On Shares

2 Loves On Post 0 On Shares

4 Comments On Post 2 On Shares

9 Shares On Post 5 On Shares

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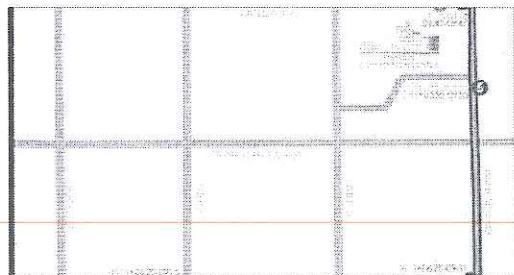


### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Library of Identifiers on January 15 at 10:58am

Today is the day, #GardenGrove!

Streets will be affected between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Please share this information with anyone who might be affected by the temporary road closures. Thank you!



### Temporary Road Closures for Star Wars Half Marathon | City of Garden Grove

The 2017 Star Wars Half Marathon takes place on Sunday, January 15, 2017, rain or shine. Thousands of runners, joggers, and walkers are expected to participate...

CI GARDEN GROVE, CA

Get More Likes, Comments and Shares  
Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people

222 people reached

Boost Post

Jennifer Anne Wevanberg

1 Comment

Like Comment Share

222 People Reached

4 Likes, Comments & Shares

1 Like On Post 0 On Shares

2 Comments On Post 0 On Shares

1 Share On Post 1 On Shares

17 Post Clicks

0 Photo Views 12 Link Clicks 5 Other Clicks

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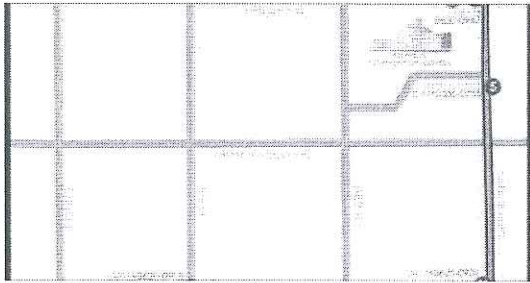
### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Missy M. Mendez on January 14 at 9:00am

#### Tomorrow is the Star Wars Half Marathon!

Streets will be affected between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Please share this information with anyone who might be affected by the temporary road closures. Thank you!

#GardenGrove



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Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people.

1,797 people reached

Boost Post

Liked by Johanna Thomas and 14 others  
4 Comments 18 Shares

Like Comment Share

1,787 People Reached

40 Likes, Comments & Shares

20 Likes On Post 4 On Shares

5 Comments On Post 0 On Shares

15 Shares On Post 0 On Shares

131 Post Clicks

0 Photo Views 71 Link Clicks 60 Other Clicks

#### NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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### Garden Grove City Hall updated their cover photo.

Published by Garden Grove Promotion on January 13 at 4:53pm

#### WHO'S READY TO EAT?!

Support your local restaurants while enjoying specially priced items from your favorite food establishments during Garden Grove Restaurant Week, starting Sunday, January 15 through Sunday, January 22.

#GGRW is a week-long celebration of Garden Grove's rich and diverse cuisines that offers local and regional foodies the opportunity to try something new in Garden Grove. Think #BIGG - Buy in #GardenGrove!... See More



Get More Likes, Comments and Shares  
Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people.

2,144 people reached

Boost Post

Liked by Mary Ann Nollido Bamum, Paul Escobar and 16 others  
17 Shares

Like Comment Share

2,144 People Reached

60 Likes, Comments & Shares

40 Likes On Post 20 On Shares

2 Comments On Post 2 On Shares

18 Shares On Post 1 On Shares

285 Post Clicks

54 Photo Views 65 Link Clicks 166 Other Clicks

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### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by [Lisey M Menozzo](#) (P) · January 15 at 12:00pm ·

City Hall will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. If you are looking to volunteer that day, OC Food Bank is hosting a charity to promote "Take A Day On/ Not A Day Off" in honor of Dr. King's life-long commitment to community service!

Food Bank volunteers will assemble food boxes for the hungry in two (2) hour shifts beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call (714) 897-6670 ext. 3601.

#GardenGrove

### City Hall Closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day | City of Garden Grove

In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017. Street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday. Streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days.

[WWW.GARDEN-GROVE.CA.US](#)

**Get More Likes, Comments and Shares**  
Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people.

654 people reached

**Boost Post**

Ya-Ya Morales, Aracida Eshena and 9 others

1 Share

Like Comment Share

654 People Reached

12 Likes, Comments & Shares

11 Likes	10 On Post	1 On Shares
0 Comments	0 On Post	0 On Shares
1 Shares	1 On Post	0 On Shares

32 Post Clicks

0 Photo Views	3 Link Clicks	29 Other Clicks
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### Garden Grove City Hall shared Garden Grove Police Department's post.

Published by [Garden Grove Pio Pulido](#) (P) · January 15 at 9:55pm ·

Last night, Garden Grove Police Department responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian accident on Trask Avenue, west of Brookhurst Street.

Any witnesses to the collision are asked to call (714) 741-5704.  
#SafeStreetsGG #StayAlertGG #GardenGrove



### Garden Grove Police Department

January 15 at 9:49pm ·

Like Page

Last night, a vehicle versus pedestrian traffic collision took place on Trask Avenue, west of Brookhurst Street.

Garden Grove Fire Department transported the p...

See More



### Vehicle VS Pedestrian Traffic Collision | City of Garden Grove

SUBJECT: Vehicle VS Pedestrian Traffic Collision  
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 9800 Block of Trask Avenue  
DATE/TIME OF...

[WWW.GARDEN-GROVE.CA.US](#)

**Get More Likes, Comments and Shares**  
Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 1,100 people.

1,066 people reached

**Boost Post**

Sandy Ramirez, Tee Ray and 2 others

1 Comment

Like Comment Share

1,066 People Reached

5 Reactions, Comments & Shares

2 Likes	2 On Post	0 On Shares
2 Sad	2 On Post	0 On Shares
1 Comments	1 On Post	0 On Shares
0 Shares	0 On Post	0 On Shares

160 Post Clicks

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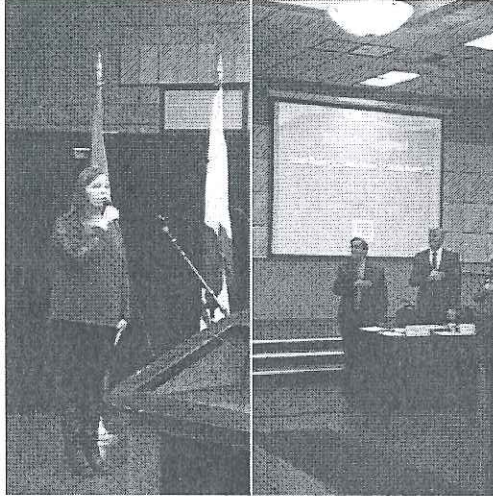


### Garden Grove City Hall added 2 new photos.

Published by Garden Grove Reporter (7) January 12 at 10:27pm

The Garden Grove City Council would like to highlight the musical talent of our youth by inviting students who attend school in Garden Grove to perform at City Council meetings. If you know of a Garden Grove student who sings or plays an instrument, please share this message with them. For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations at [communityrelations@garden-grove.org](mailto:communityrelations@garden-grove.org) or (714) 741-6280.

Pictured here is Samantha, a freshman from Pacifica High School (Garden Grove, California). She sang the National Anthem at the January 10th City Council meeting. Watch as she stuns the audience with her vocal talents at [http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/.../01.../view\\_video\\_objus.rgl...](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/.../01.../view_video_objus.rgl...)  
#GardenGrove Garden Grove Unified School District



2,113 People Reached

40 Likes, Comments & Shares

22 Likes	7 On Post	15 On Shares
10 Comments	8 On Post	2 On Shares
8 Shares	0 On Post	5 On Shares

193 Post Clicks

27 Photo Views	8 On Clicks	158 Other Clicks
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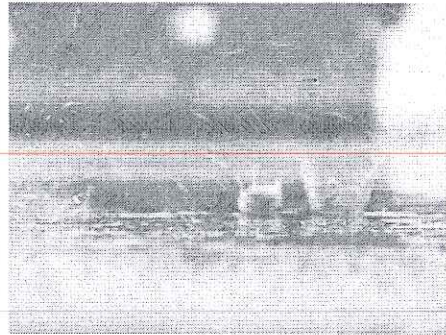


### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by GIPHY (7) January 12 at 2:09pm

The US National Weather Service San Diego California has issued a flood advisory warning for Orange County, the Inland Empire, and parts of San Bernardino. Garden Grove has been listed as one of the locations that may experience flooding. -- <http://ow.ly/EHFM307XbfU>

If your residence or business is in an area that is prone to flooding, please keep in mind that sandbags are available at Fire Stations 2, 3, and 4. <https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/fire> Garden Grove Fire Department



2,753 People Reached

69 Reactions, Comments & Shares

28 Likes	19 On Post	9 On Shares
16 Views	8 On Post	8 On Shares
15 Comments	4 On Post	11 On Shares
10 Shares	5 On Post	5 On Shares

254 Post Clicks

0 Photo Views	31 On Clicks	223 Other Clicks
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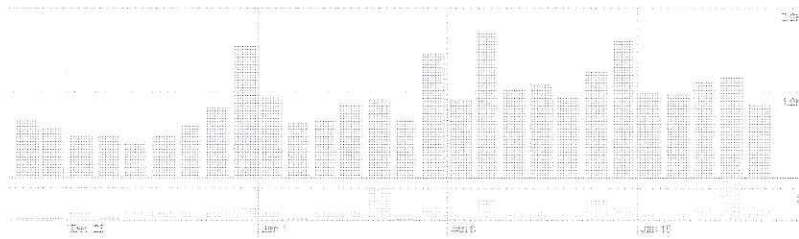
2,753 people reached

Boost Post

Huge Flood! Garden Grove 25 views 4 Comments 5 Shares

Like Comment Share

Your Tweets earned 26.5K impressions over this 28 day period

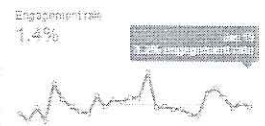


**YOUR TWEETS:**  
During this 26 day period, you earned **925 impressions** per day.

Tweets	Top Tweets	Tweets and replies	Promoted	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement rate
	<b>City of Garden Grove</b> @CityGardenGrove · Jan 17 #GardenGrove Restaurant Week has everything you're craving! Stop in & grab a bite to eat! <a href="#">cl.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek</a> Photo: <a href="#">@thesmokingribs</a> pic.twitter.com/dP0kcWhzQ <a href="#">View Tweet</a> <a href="#">Reply</a>	172	10	5.8%		
	<b>City of Garden Grove</b> @CityGardenGrove · Jan 17 Openings for potential business owners to attend "Doing Business with the State of California" workshop! #GG <a href="#">ow.ly/gHXW3088kxz</a> <a href="#">View Tweet</a> <a href="#">Reply</a>	151	3	2.0%		
	<b>City of Garden Grove</b> @CityGardenGrove · Jan 17 Are you ready for some more rain. #GardenGrove? Today's weather will reach a high of 60°F & a low of 54°F. Sandbags are still available. <a href="#">View Tweet</a> <a href="#">Reply</a>	182	0	0.0%		
	<b>City of Garden Grove</b> @CityGardenGrove · Jan 17 Good News. Thanks to another textile manufacturer buying <a href="#">@americanapparel</a> 's #GG facility, most workers will keep jobs! <a href="#">lacmes.com/business/files...</a> pic.twitter.com/G0qtnoLRB8t <a href="#">View Tweet</a> <a href="#">Reply</a>	225	8	3.6%		
	<b>City of Garden Grove</b> @CityGardenGrove · Jan 17 Seeking civic-minded individuals who are dedicated to serving the community through responsible leadership. <a href="#">cl.garden-grove.ca.us/citymanagerse...</a> <a href="#">View Tweet</a> <a href="#">Reply</a>	261	10	3.8%		
	<b>City of Garden Grove</b> @CityGardenGrove · Jan 17 Good Morning, #GardenGrove! Today's weather will reach a high of 64°F & a low of 46°F. <a href="#">View Tweet</a> <a href="#">Reply</a>	291	4	1.4%		
	<b>City of Garden Grove</b> @CityGardenGrove · Jan 18 Today, we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. #GG pic.twitter.com/zF6Z9ZnCl3 <a href="#">View Tweet</a> <a href="#">Reply</a>	501	21	4.2%		
	<b>City of Garden Grove</b> @CityGardenGrove · Jan 18 Today is the day! #GG streets will be affected between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. <a href="#">ow.ly/g5eV307YVkJ</a> <a href="#">View Tweet</a> <a href="#">Reply</a>	272	16	5.9%		
	<b>City of Garden Grove</b> @CityGardenGrove · Jan 18 #GG, tomorrow is the Star Wars Half Marathon! Click the link for temporary road closures. <a href="#">ow.ly/DrG007YUJff</a> <a href="#">View Tweet</a> <a href="#">Reply</a>	483	16	3.3%		

**Engagements**

Showing 28 days and daily intervals



**Link clicks**

170



On average, you earned **6 link clicks** per day

**Retweets**

41



On average, you earned **1 Retweets** per day

**Likes**

336



On average, you earned **2 likes** per day

**Replies**

5



On average, you earned **0 replies** per day



**City of Garden Grove** @CityGardenGrove Jan 13  
READY TO EAT? Support local restaurants while enjoying specially priced items from favorite food establishments. [garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek/](http://garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek/)  
[pic.twitter.com/30iDxNfKk](https://pic.twitter.com/30iDxNfKk)  
View Tweet on mobile

404

14

3.5%



**City of Garden Grove** @CityGardenGrove Jan 13  
City Hall will be closed on 1/16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. #GGow.ly/81s0307YQTw  
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**City of Garden Grove** @CityGardenGrove Jan 12  
Happy Friday, #GardenGrove! Today's weather will reach a high of 58°F & a low of 47°F  
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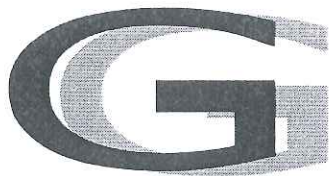
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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**January 19, 2017**

1. Calendar of Events
2. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated January 13, January 18, and January 19, 2017.





**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

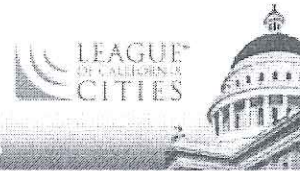
January 19, 2017 – February 8, 2017

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Thursday	January 19	10:00 a.m.- Noon	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Pajama Party Senior Center Dining Room
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC B Room <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday	January 20		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	January 24	9:00 a.m.- Noon	Doing Business with the State of California Workshop hosted by the City of Garden Grove Courtyard Center
		5:30 p.m.	Study Session/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
Wednesday	January 25	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, CMC Constitution Room
Thursday	January 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
		9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Special Meeting CMC Constitution Room
Tuesday	January 31	11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Employee Town Hall Meeting, CMC AB Room
Thursday	February 2	11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Garden Grove State of the City Luncheon 2017 Great Wolf Lodge, 12681 Harbor Blvd.
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC B Room
Friday	February 3		City Hall Closed
Saturday- Sunday	February 4-5		2017 Tet Festival
Wednesday	February 8	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, CMC Constitution Room

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Jan. 13, 2017  
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## Registration Open for the 2017 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo

Don't miss your opportunity to attend the 2017 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo, which is scheduled March 22–24 at the Paradise Point San Diego. Friday, Feb. 24 is the registration deadline, but the conference is highly likely to sell out before that date. *For more, see Page 2.*



## U.S. Communities Announces New Contract for Auto Parts and Accessories

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is excited to continue a partnership with Advance Auto Parts through the award of the auto parts and accessories contract. *For more, see Page 2.*



## California City Solutions: Concord Saves Community Favorite Music and Market Series with Creative Plan

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2016 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. Concord's Music and Market Series was submitted in 2016 for the League Partners Award for Excellence in the Community Services and Economic Development award category. For more, see Page 2.*

**'Public Works' Continued from Page 1...**

Designed for professionals of all career levels, this institute offers education on the latest developments in public works, leadership, managing transportation, infrastructure, water, waste programs and more.

This year's conference includes:

- Two and a half days of important educational sessions;
- Opening general session on Adapting, Succeeding, and Thriving in Public Works with Sarita Maybin, former TedX speaker;
- Wednesday reception with expo, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

Register online.

The full announcement with schedule and complete session information will be mailed early next week.

For questions about this event, please contact Katie Sacco at (916) 658-8251.

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**'U.S. Communities' Continued from Page 1...**

This exclusive contract was awarded by lead public agency, city of Charlotte, North Carolina. The contract began Jan. 1 for a three-year term with the option to extend the contract for two additional two-year periods.

"As part of the competitive re-solicitation, Advance was selected based on their proposal which offered a great value and the most advantageous solution for public agencies to procure quality automotive products and services at competitive prices," said Karen Ewing, deputy chief procurement officer for the city of Charlotte, North Carolina. Start ordering with this new contract to take advantage of 600,000 products with competitive pricing that includes tiered volume discounts.

To learn more, register for a complimentary 30-minute webinar or contact U.S. Communities for additional information.

**Webinars**

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 8 a.m.

Register online

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.

Register online

For additional information on Experian or the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance visit www.uscommunities.org or contact Amanda Cadelago with the League at (916) 658-8226.

**About U.S. Communities**

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a strategic partner of the League of California Cities, is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits. State and local governments have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers.

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Concord is the largest city in Contra Costa County with a diverse population approaching 130,000 people. Its historic downtown dates back to 1868 and is centered on Todos Santos Plaza in the heart of the city. The revitalization of the historic downtown district has been a priority for the last 30 years after many businesses relocated to shopping malls in the 1960s and 70s. In 1988, Concord's Redevelopment Agency established a Music and Market program held in the Todos Santos Plaza as an economic development strategy to bring people back to Concord's downtown. After the state abolished redevelopment agencies in 2011, the city designed a plan to save the community-loved Music and Market.

Todos Santos Plaza is a block square park in the center of downtown. Through the collaborative efforts of the Concord's Redevelopment Agency and the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market, the program grew from its modest beginnings when the first concert debuted to just 100 people. Over the years the Music and Market series developed to become one of the area's most vibrant, popular and professionally run civic music scenes, attracting 1,500 to 5,000 people per concert. Families of diverse backgrounds came to enjoy an array of eclectic musical groups, a large farmer's market and an event to meet others in the community.

Not only did the Music and Market series attract residents and out-of-town visitors, but it encouraged many new businesses to establish in Concord's thriving downtown. In addition, existing property owners were encouraged by the downtown revival and invested in their properties and updated their buildings.

When the state eliminated all redevelopment agencies in 2011, the future of Concord's Music and Market program was in jeopardy. The city considered funding the series with its General Fund, but the Great Recession caused the city to cut staffing by 25 percent, reduce police services, postpone road repair and maintain all city services at minimum levels. Funding a free downtown program after all the cuts to services was not possible.

Many of Concord's downtown business owners voiced concerns, anxious to find a way to save this series fearing that loss of the program would translate into loss of business. Residents expressed their disappointment in learning that one of the community's favorite summer events may be cancelled. Determined to save the series, the Concord City Council needed a creative solution.

The city's Community and Economic Development team took up the task of finding a way to save the Music and Market Series. Staff developed a three pronged strategy to help keep it going:

1. Businesses would contribute through a sponsorship program;
2. Residents would contribute through donations; and
3. The city would contribute by funding one staff person to manage the program.

Through a partnership with business organizations, staff members created a sponsorship program that offered several benefits, with the main one being marketing space on the city's street light poles, letting commercial logos be displayed prominently on street banners.

The program consists of three sponsorship levels, formal recognition at a city council meeting, recognition at a special Music and Market concert night, VIP seating for guests of the sponsor's choosing, and introduction and remarks by the sponsor on stage. Some sponsors utilize their night in the park for employee or client recognition.

The three levels of sponsorship are:

1. The Silver Package at \$10,000, which includes 10 banners;
2. The Gold Package at \$20,000 which includes 20 banners; and
3. The Platinum Package at \$50,000, which provides 25 banners that will display throughout Concord for two years instead of one, and two evenings of presence in the plaza during a Music and Market event.

Additionally, individual night sponsorships at \$5,000 are offered to Concord business owners for a presence in the plaza during one of the Music and Market Series concerts.

Residents participated by mailing in a donation to the city or by contributing at the concerts through a "pass the jug" effort, facilitated by the city's elected and appointed officials. The donations during the concerts exceeded expectations and eventually required a police escort to assure that the money was safely deposited at the end of each concert.

The city contributes its share to the partnership by assuming the salary and benefit costs for the staff person in charge of organizing and managing the series, a cost that was formerly funded fully by the redevelopment program.

In its first year, banner sponsorships raised approximately \$40,000 to fund the Music and Market series. Several companies throughout the city started taking interest in the program as its popularity increased. Today, Concord enjoys a minimum \$200,000 in annual sponsorships and community grants, most of which are booked a year in advance and include all levels of the banner packages and individual night sponsorships. Community donations total approximately \$20,000 a year. The revenue from the program outpaces the \$180,000 funding received from the originally supported redevelopment program.

An indirect benefit of saving the concert program is the impact on business attraction. In 2014 a craft beer pub called the Hop Grenade opened across from Todos Santos Plaza. The owners relocated from Martinez to Concord because of the music events in the plaza. Hop Grenade is also headquarters for the owner's homebrew oriented internet radio station that reaches thousands of listeners nationwide. The new addition has greatly added to Concord's growing reputation as a craft beer hub and has attracted other pubs and breweries to the community.

The popularity of the series also led to more and more people coming downtown even when there are no events in the park. This excitement has been the basis for new investment in the area including a popular Off the Grid Food Truck Night that has been established on Monday evenings; the addition of outdoor sidewalk seating for more restaurants around the plaza; and the city's replacement of rundown lights in the trees around the plaza.

The Music and Market Series continues to draw new business ventures to the downtown area with the attraction of nearly 200,000 visitors each year and functions as an instrument for economic development in the city of Concord.

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**Hundreds of City Officials Join Counties, Business and Labor  
Groups at Press Conference to Urge Legislators and Governor  
to Pass Transportation Funding Plan**  
*Pave Me Now or Pave Me Later is Rallying Cry*

League of California Cities® President and Lodi City Council Member JoAnne Mounce led hundreds of city officials on Wednesday afternoon at a Fix Our Roads coalition news conference. The Fix Our Roads coalition, of which the League is a founding member, held the event in the Sacramento Convention Center near the Capitol to once again talk with reporters about the urgent need to pass a transportation funding plan. It comes down to “Pave me now or pay more later.” *For more, see Page 2.*



**DOF Releases Statewide FY 2017-18 Highway Users Tax Account Estimates**

Following Gov. Jerry Brown’s proposed FY 2017-18 Budget, the Department of Finance (DOF) released its FY 2017-18 statewide estimates of Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) local streets and roads funding to cities and counties. It also includes revised estimates for the current FY 2016-17. Based on these statewide estimates CaliforniaCityFinance.com has computed city-by-city estimates. County estimates will follow shortly. *For more, see Page 2.*



**League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$13 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for  
College-Prep High School in Concord**

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 3.*

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State and local roads have a maintenance backlog of \$130 billion and California motorists are spending more than \$700 annually on car repairs due to pothole-filled roads. This backlog is divided between \$59 billion for state highways and \$73 billion for local streets and roads. The Fix Our Roads coalition formed in 2015 with representatives from cities, counties, business and labor groups to advocate for increased transportation funding for the entire system of local and state roadways.

President Mounce, an accountant by profession, spoke on behalf of the League and called for Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature to uphold the promise they made to tackle the tough issue of funding California's crumbling transportation infrastructure. "With 30 years of accounting experience, I know the importance of fiscal responsibility. And I strongly believe that protecting the investments of our taxpayers have already made should be a priority," Mounce stressed.

She also discussed how the instability in how California pays for its roads has caused affected her city. In the past three years, President Mounce told reporters, Lodi has lost over \$500,000 for street maintenance.

Speaking in both English and Spanish Sacramento City Council Member Eric Guerra, who is also a member of the League board of directors, addressed why the coalition supports SB 1 and AB 1, the packages respectively proposed by Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) and Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley). "These proposals are coupled with accountability and reform provisions to ensure we get the best bang for our buck."

The Fix Our Roads coalition supports a transportation funding package that would raise at least \$6 billion annually, the amount needed to begin to make a dent in the enormous backlog. At the same time, the coalition is also recommending accountability provisions to give taxpayers confidence that the new revenues will be spent on transportation projects only.

In November 2016, after the Special Session on Transportation failed to produce a funding package, Governor Brown, Pro Tem de León and Speaker Rendon promised to 'tackle this issue early in the new year'. The Fix Our Roads coalition intends to hold them to that promise.

Joining President Mounce and Council Member Guerra at the podium for the news conference were representatives from other members of the Fix Our Roads coalition including:

- California Alliance for Jobs Executive Director Michael Quigley;
- Amador County Supervisor Richard Forster (immediate past president, California State Association of Counties);
- Sacramento County Supervisor District 1 Phil Serna;
- Sacramento Economic Council President and CEO Barry Broome; and
- Mark Kyle, Operating Engineers Local 3.

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The California Municipal Revenue Sources Handbook contains a full explanation of the HUTA allocations. This publication is available for purchase on the League's website.

There are a few items of particular importance to cities including:

- DOF estimates that current year FY 2016-17 HUTA allocations will be about 4.6 percent lower than previously estimated (May 2016).
- DOF estimates base HUTA allocations (Streets & Highways Code Sec. 2104-2108) to grow by just 0.3 percent in FY 2017-18 over the prior year.
- DOF estimates revenue from the Streets & Highways Code Sec. 2103 variable (price-based) rate to increase by 68.34 percent from \$155.9 million in FY 2016-17 to \$262.4 million in FY 2017-18. This forecasts action by the Board of Equalization next month to increase the price based gasoline rate from 9.8 cents per gallon to 11.7 cents per gallon, effective July 1.

- Based on these estimates, combined HUTA funding (Streets & Highways Code Sec. 2103-2108) for cities and counties would increase 8.5 percent in FY 2017-18 over the revised current year estimate.

The Governor's proposed budget includes a proposal for transportation funding that would send an additional \$206,269,000 to cities and counties. Attachment A at the end of the city-by-city estimates contains a column showing how this proposed additional revenue would be allocated among cities and counties. Because this is just a proposal, not signed into law, cities should NOT budget this additional revenue at this time.

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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 \$13,000,000 in tax-exempt bonds for Carondelet High School located in Concord.

### **About Carondelet High School**

Carondelet is a four-year college-preparatory Catholic high school that offers young women a transformative educational experience in an encouraging and caring environment. Since its founding in 1965, Carondelet has combined academic excellence and recognition of the unique gifts of each of its students. The school's focus is a woman-centered, comprehensive educational program designed to help young women build confidence and prepare for leadership and service in the 21st century.

CSCDA partnered with First Republic Bank to provide the \$13 million tax-exempt loan for Carondelet. The loan will be used to finance the new Carondelet Athletic Complex (CAC) located in the city of Walnut Creek. CAC will include a state-of-the-art training and fitness center; turf fields for soccer, lacrosse and softball; tennis courts; and a competition swimming/diving pool.

### **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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## **League of California Cities® Honors Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León as Legislator of the Year**

*Senate President Pro Tem Recognized for His Leadership on No Place Like Home  
Program to Help California's Chronically Homeless*

Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León was presented with the League of California Cities® 2016 Legislator of the Year Award on Wednesday evening by League President JoAnne Mounce, council member from the city of Lodi, during a reception of newly elected mayors and council members in Sacramento. The League recognized Sen. de León in appreciation for his leadership in championing the \$2 billion No Place Like Home program that will fund the construction and rehabilitation of up to 10,000 units of supportive housing for California's chronically homeless men, women and children. The Governor's proposed FY 2017-18 budget proposes to allocate an initial \$262 million for this purpose.

When presenting the award President Mounce said. "Thank you Senator de León for your leadership in creating a funding stream to help build housing for California's homeless. In the past two years, our organization's leaders have made addressing homelessness a top strategic priority. We supported No Place Like Home from the beginning because these funds will have significant impact."

"I am honored to be recognized by the League of California Cities and look forward to working together to better the lives of all Californians. The homeless crisis in nearly all California cities is a heartbreaking reminder that we must do more for the neediest among us," said Senate Leader de León (D-Los Angeles). "The \$2 billion No Place Like Home program will help cities improve the quality of life for their residents and businesses by providing life-altering services and permanent housing for homeless individuals with mental illness."

The League announced that its board of directors had selected the Senate leader as the Legislator of the Year in October 2016 as part of the organization's Annual Conference & Expo in Long Beach. Unfortunately, President Pro Tem de León was unable to attend the event and the reception yesterday presented an opportunity to honor him with hundreds of city officials in attendance.

California cities are on the forefront of the homelessness crisis and the resources that will be available through this initiative starting in 2018 will be very helpful to local agencies as they collaborate with local nonprofits to create permanent supportive housing. No Place Like Home program uses \$2 billion in bond proceeds from Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act, which will be allocated over several years, and is projected to build and rehabilitate 10,000 units of housing.