

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**July 11, 2019**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

- A. GARDEN GROVE ACTIVE DOWNTOWN PLAN UPDATE**  
The memo provides an update of the Garden Grove Active Downtown Plan outreach and engagement efforts.
- B. CITIWORKS JULY-AUGUST 2019**  
The July-August 2019 publication of CitiWorks includes information on current and upcoming events for the residents of Garden Grove.

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

- A.** Memorandum from Mr. Larry Dick and Mr. Bob McVicker of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) outlining monthly water usage data figures, an estimate of Tier 2 volume for MWDOC, and selected water supply information.
- B.** OC Streetcar construction news for the week of July 8, 2019.

**• OTHER ITEMS**

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

  
Scott C. Stiles  
City Manager

## City of Garden Grove

### INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: GARDEN GROVE ACTIVE  
DOWNTOWN PLAN (GGADP)  
UPDATE

From: Lisa L. Kim  
Dept: Community and Economic  
Development  
Date: July 11, 2019

#### OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update of the Garden Grove Active Downtown Plan (GGADP) outreach and engagement efforts.

#### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In April 2019, the City Council approved the award of contract to KOA Corporation ("Consultant") to prepare the City's GGADP. The project team is excited to begin outreach and public engagement deliverables in which part of the process is the formation of an Advisory Committee to encourage participation of business owners, stakeholders, and residents in the community to help the City identify challenges in the Downtown study area.

The Advisory Committee will help guide the project team through the plan development process as well as assist the City with valuable feedback and input on future mobility improvements in the Downtown. The participation in the Advisory Committee is voluntary, however, the level of commitment includes attending five (5) committee meetings, which will occur monthly beginning July 2019 through January 2020. The meetings will take place at Garden Grove City Hall from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

An advisory invitation announcement was sent to City contacts from various key stakeholder groups and community representatives, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Coastline Community College Facilities Management
- Cottage Industries
- Downtown Business Association (DBA)
- Downtown Commission
- First Baptist Church
- Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD)
- Garden Grove High School (GGHS)

GARDEN GROVE ACTIVE DOWNTOWN PLAN (GGADP) ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
UPDATE

July 11, 2019

- Garden Grove Main Library
- GEM Theater: One More Productions
- LFA: GardenAMP
- SteelCraft Garden Grove
- United Methodist Church

To provide additional outreach for the recruitment of the Advisory Committee, and to create a contact list of other members in the community, City staff and KOA set-up an outreach booth at the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival. The booth allowed the project team to reach out to interested residents and visitors that are either unable to commit to the advisory duties, or would like to remain updated with the project development.

The project development contact list, as well as, a project factsheet will be available at every outreach event to ensure public participation in the GGADP is ongoing with opportunities to sign up, receive project updates, and have knowledge regarding the overview, goals and objectives for the GGADP.

CONCLUSION

While the project team aims to extend recruitment for feedback opportunities and explore other options to create strong community involvement, the core of the GGADP still revolves around gathering input from the general public. This includes engaging through the upcoming "Pop-up" events, the Interactive Mapping Tool, On-line Survey links, and more.

To provide future communication channels, the team is working with the Information Technology Department and the Office of Community Relations to develop a GGADP webpage, email blasts, hard copy flyers, and marketing/publicity through City newsletters and press release notifications. The GGADP goal is to use a variety of community engagement strategies to serve as the guidance toward a successful and comprehensive Plan. This information will also be integrated into the RE:Imagine website slated to launch late summer.



Lisa L. Kim  
Community and Economic Development Director



By: Alana Cheng  
Senior Administrative Analyst

Attachment 1: Advisory Invitation Announcement  
Attachment 2: Project Factsheet

Hi All,

**The City is excited to be kicking off the Garden Grove Active Downtown Plan and would like to invite you to be a member of the project's Advisory Committee.**

**Project Overview:**

Building upon the momentum of re: Imagine Garden Grove and other recent efforts, 'Active Downtown' is a project that aims to create a safer, more connected, and vibrant Downtown Garden Grove community. The City envisions Downtown as a unique and inclusive place where Garden Grove's diverse residents and visitors can easily walk, bike, and use alternative modes of transportation. Specifically, the project will be guided by five goals and objectives:

- **Connectivity:** Create better and improved connections to get to and from Downtown Garden Grove
- **Accessibility:** Help people get to the places they most want to in Downtown by developing a supportive culture for walking, biking, and other emerging alternative modes of transportation
- **Arts & Downtown Culture:** Create a vibrant Downtown that integrates public art and spaces into the built environment through the context and cultures of Garden Grove's community
- **Community Health:** Provide opportunities for the community to utilize Downtown parks, off-street paths, routes, and public spaces through walking, biking, and other alternative modes of transportation
- **Safety:** Improve the overall safety of people walking and biking to, from, and within Downtown Garden Grove

**Advisory Committee Details:**

An important component to the project is being able to create strong community involvement and collaboration. The Advisory Committee will help guide the project team through the plan development process. Based on your ties to the Garden Grove community, your input and feedback on future mobility improvements to the Downtown area is incredibly valuable.

We will be coordinating five (5) Advisory Committee meetings. The meeting dates are still to be determined, but the first one is scheduled to occur next month (July). Meetings will then be held tentatively every other month up until January 2020.

We look forward to working with everyone on this project. **If you are interested, please fill out this quick [survey form](#) or email me to let me know.**

Thank you!

**Karen Thai**

Associate Planner



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# Project Factsheet

## Overview

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## Project Boundaries

- N:** Stanford Avenue / Euclid Street
- S:** Garden Grove Boulevard
- W:** Main Street / Taft Street
- E:** 9th Street

## Timeline



An **Advisory Committee** will be formed to guide the development of this Plan.

If interested in participating as a committee member, or for more information, email **Alana Chang** at [alanac@ggcity.org](mailto:alanac@ggcity.org)

## Goals & Objectives



### CONNECTIVITY

Create better and improved connections to get to and from Downtown Garden Grove



### ACCESSIBILITY

Help people get to the places they most want to in Downtown by developing a supportive culture for walking, biking, and other emerging alternative modes of transportation



### ARTS & DOWNTOWN CULTURE

Create a vibrant Downtown that integrates public art and spaces into the built environment through the context and cultures of Garden Grove's community



### COMMUNITY HEALTH

Provide opportunities for the community to utilize Downtown parks, off-street paths, routes, and public spaces through walking, biking, and other alternative modes of transportation



### SAFETY

Improve the overall safety of people walking and biking to, from, and within Downtown Garden Grove

# City Works

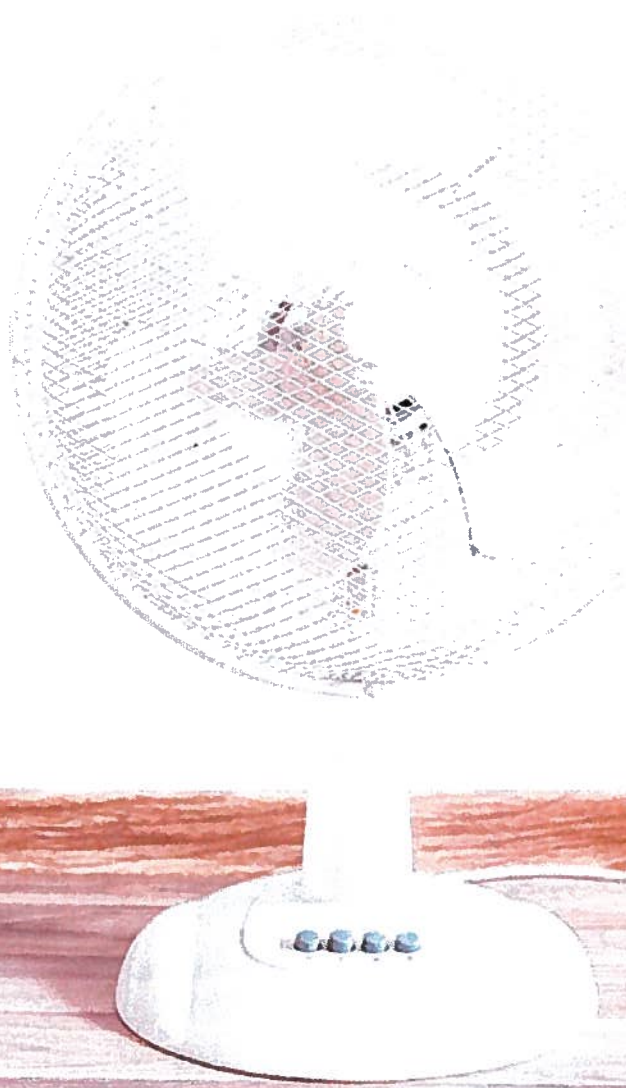
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*Garden Grove*

JULY - AUGUST  
2019

## EXTREME HEAT PROMPTS COOLING CENTER

The City's H. Louis Lake Senior Center serves as a public cooling center on extreme heat summer days when temperatures are forecast to reach 95 degrees Fahrenheit and above.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the center's air-conditioned accommodations during extreme hot weather. For more information please call the Senior Center at (714) 741-5253.



## CITY RECEIVES \$60K GRANT FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

In 2018, the City was awarded a total of \$60,000 from a program funded by the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) for the purchase of four zero-emission vehicles and two electric vehicle charging stations. The City makes it a priority to regularly seek out and apply for grant funding to help support City services and provide a high quality of life for Garden Grove residents.





# BEST HIGH SCHOOLS IN U.S. RIGHT HERE IN GARDEN GROVE

All seven of Garden Grove Unified School District's (GGUSD) comprehensive high schools earned a spot on the U.S. News and World Report's elite rankings of America's Best High Schools in 2019.

Compared to other Orange County school districts, GGUSD has the most schools on the elite list.

For full details,  
visit [www.ggusd.us/news](http://www.ggusd.us/news)



# JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM

The next decennial census is just around the corner in 2020. Join the Census team. Apply online!

- 2020 Census jobs provide**
- Great pay
  - Flexible hours
  - Weekly pay
  - Paid training

To learn about the upcoming census, visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)

## United States Census 2020

# HOME2 SUITES COMING NEXT YEAR

A groundbreaking ceremony was recently held for Home2 Suites by Hilton, a 124-room, 5-story hotel, on Harbor Boulevard, just south of the 22 Freeway.

The grand opening is anticipated for 2021.

Visit [ggcity.org](http://ggcity.org) for more information.



Garden Grove Kia has relocated to 13731 Harbor Boulevard.  
Visit [ggkia.com](http://ggkia.com) for new and pre-owned vehicles.



Connecting seven Orange County cities for the first time to reimagine Beach Boulevard. Meet us on Beach by foot or on wheels to discover these communities with fresh eyes, and enjoy a day filled with free active fun for the whole family!

## NOV 17 BEACH BLVD

[MEETONBEACH.COM](http://MEETONBEACH.COM)

# COYOTE SAFETY & PREVENTION

Report sightings at:  
(714) 741-5286  
Visit [ggcity.org/animal-care/coyotes](http://ggcity.org/animal-care/coyotes)



Safety & Prevention  
Against Coyotes





## Memorandum

**DATE:** July 9, 2019  
**TO:** Member Agencies – MWDOC Divisions Two & Three  
**FROM:** Larry Dick, Director – Division Two  
Bob McVicker, Director – Division Three  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Water Usage Data, Tier 2 Projection & Water Supply Information

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The 2018-19 Water Year officially began October 1, 2018. Thus far, the Northern California accumulated precipitation (8-Station Index) is reporting **68.4 inches or 140% of normal** as of June 26<sup>th</sup>. In the month of June 2019, accumulated precipitation reached 0.4 inches, which is **0.6 inches below normal** compared to the historical average (As of June 26<sup>th</sup>). The Northern Sierra Snow Water Equivalent was at **48.6 inches on April 1<sup>st</sup>**, which was **172% of normal** for that day.

As of June 26<sup>th</sup> Lake Oroville storage is at **98% of total capacity and 120% of normal**. As of June 26<sup>th</sup> San Luis Reservoir has a current volume of **75% of the reservoirs total capacity and is 113% of normal**.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) in June increased the State Water Project (SWP) **"Table A" allocation to 75%**. This allocation provides Metropolitan with approximately **1,433,625 AF in SWP deliveries this water year**. DWR's approval considered several factors including existing storage in SWP conservation reservoirs, SWP operational regulatory constraints, and the 2019 contractor demands.

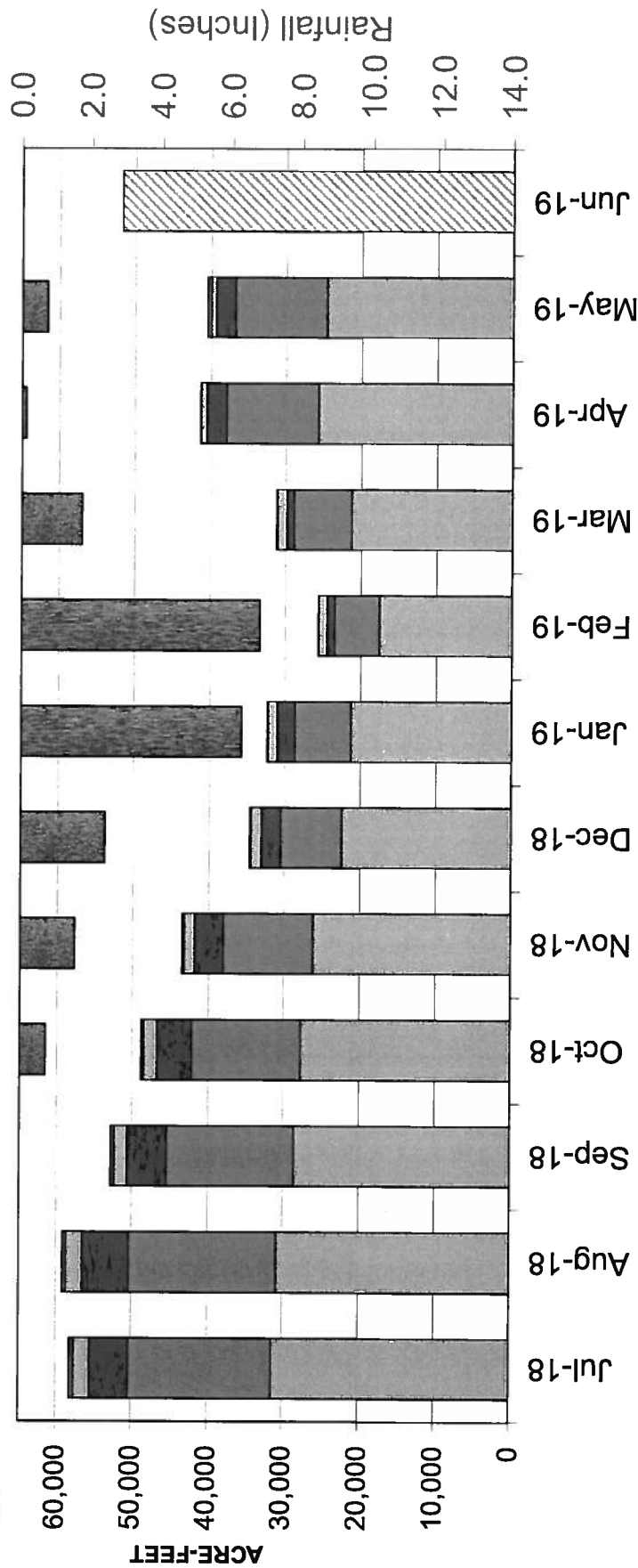
On the Colorado River system, snowpack is measured across four states in the Upper Colorado River Basin. As of **April 15, 2019, snowpack measured at 128% of normal** for that date. The ongoing decline in the Colorado River watershed has impacted storage levels in Lake Powell and Lake Mead, which in turn affects the likelihood of surplus or shortage conditions in the future. In previous reports, the Bureau of Reclamation was projecting that there was a 69% chance of a shortage on the Colorado River in 2020. Due to large amounts of snow/rainfall late this spring, Lake Mead levels are projected to be at 1,084 feet on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

With estimated total demands and losses of 1.52 million acre-feet (MAF) and with a 75% SWP Table A Allocation plus an additional 65 thousand acre-feet (TAF) of Article 21 supplies, Metropolitan is projecting that supply will exceed demand levels in CY 2019. Based on this, estimated total dry-year storage for Metropolitan at the end of **CY 2019 will go up to 3.3 MAF**.





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



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

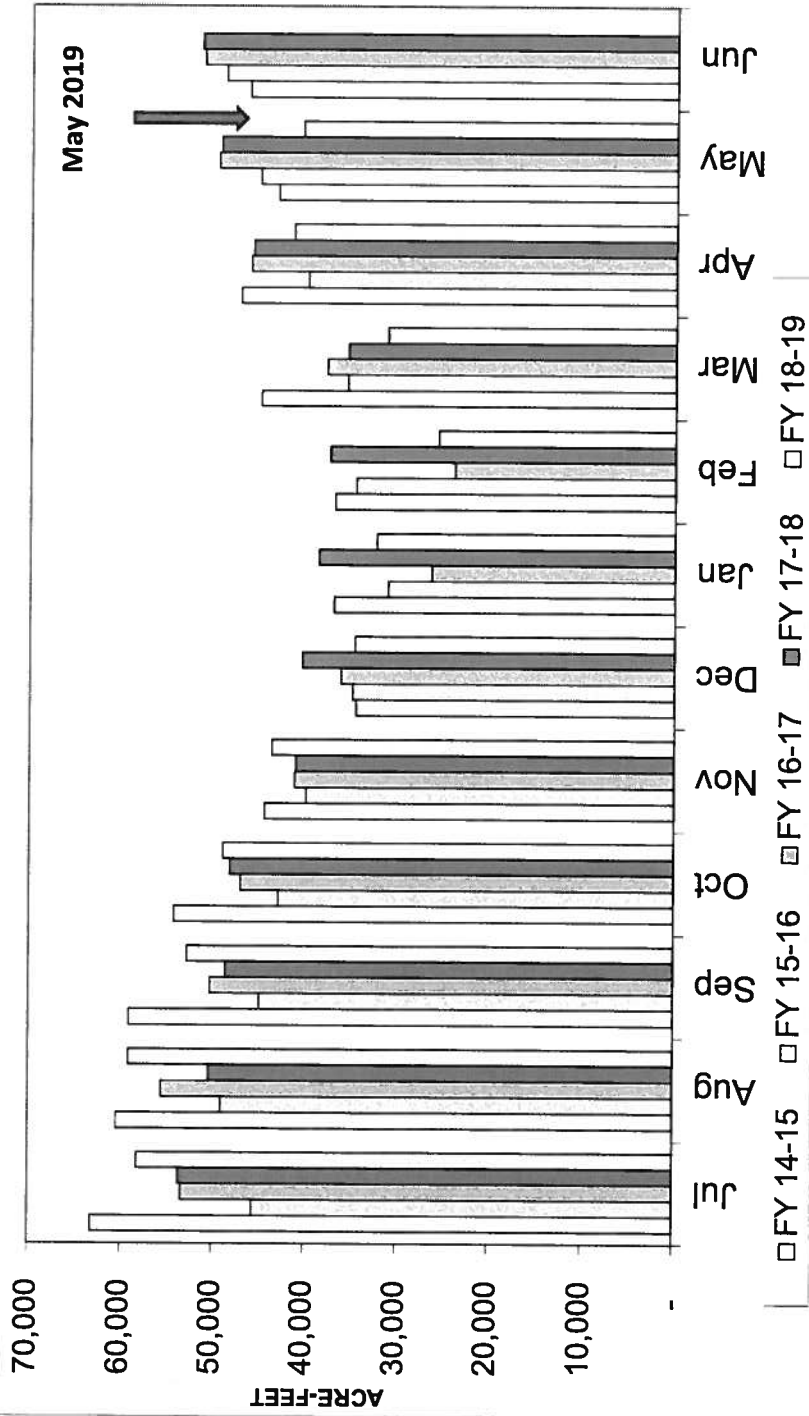
[2] GW for consumptive use only. Excludes In-Lieu water deliveries and CUP water extraction that are counted with Import. BPP in FY '17-18 is 75%.

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

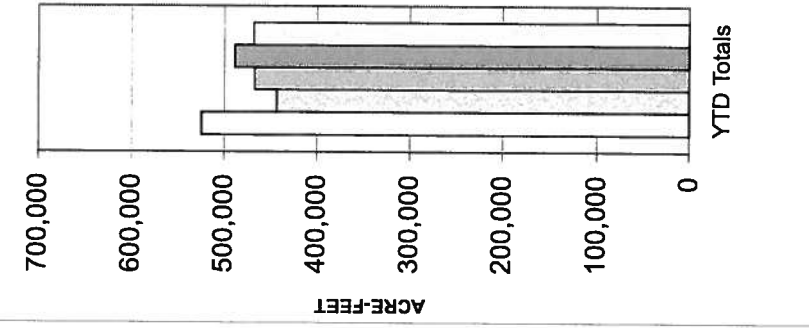
[4] Total water usage includes IRWD groundwater agricultural use and usage by non-retail water agencies.



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



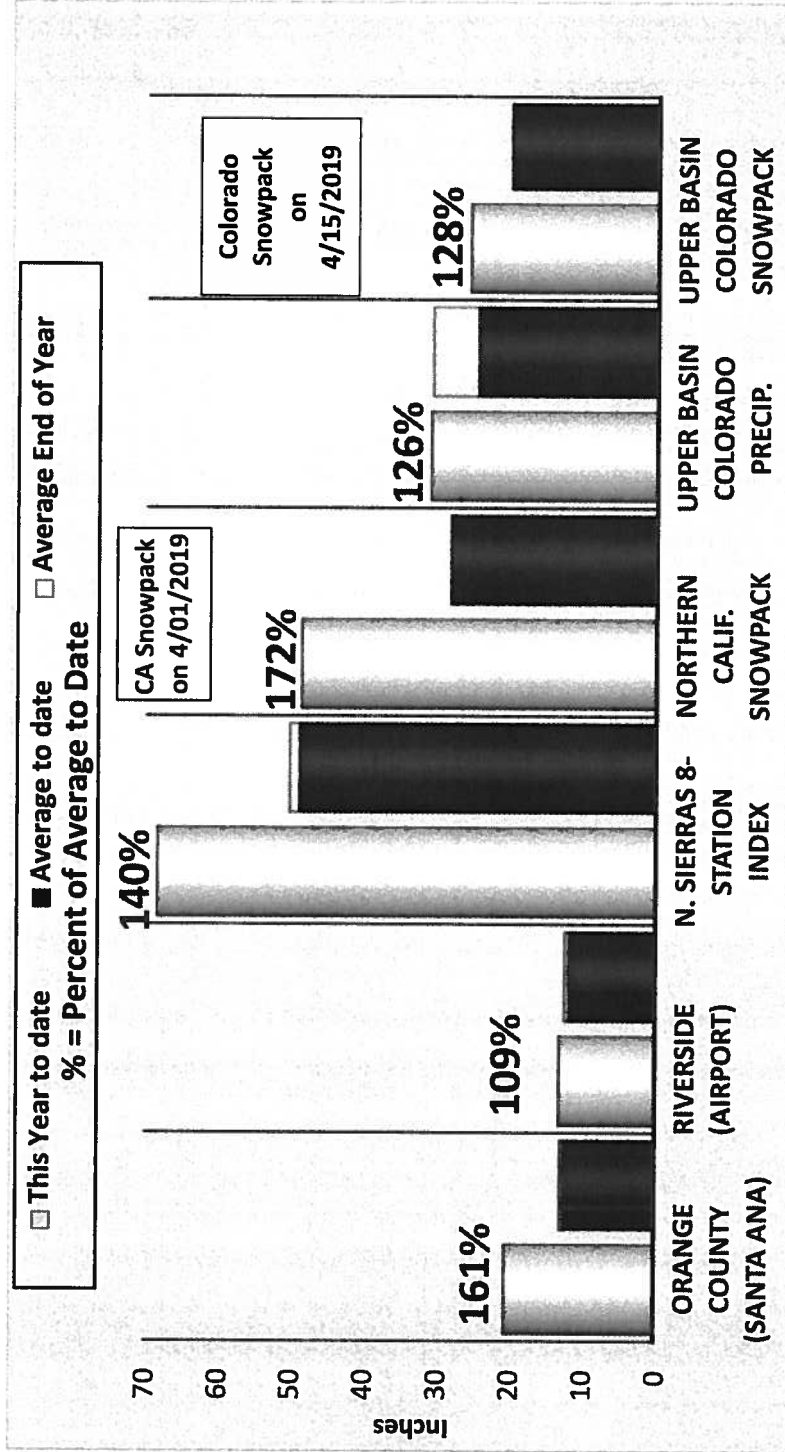
**Partial Year Subtotals**



[1] Sum of imported water for consumptive use (includes "In-Lieu" deliveries; excludes "Direct Replenishment" and "Barrier Replenishment") and Local water for consumptive use (includes recycled and non-potable water and excludes GWRS production) Recent months numbers include some estimation.

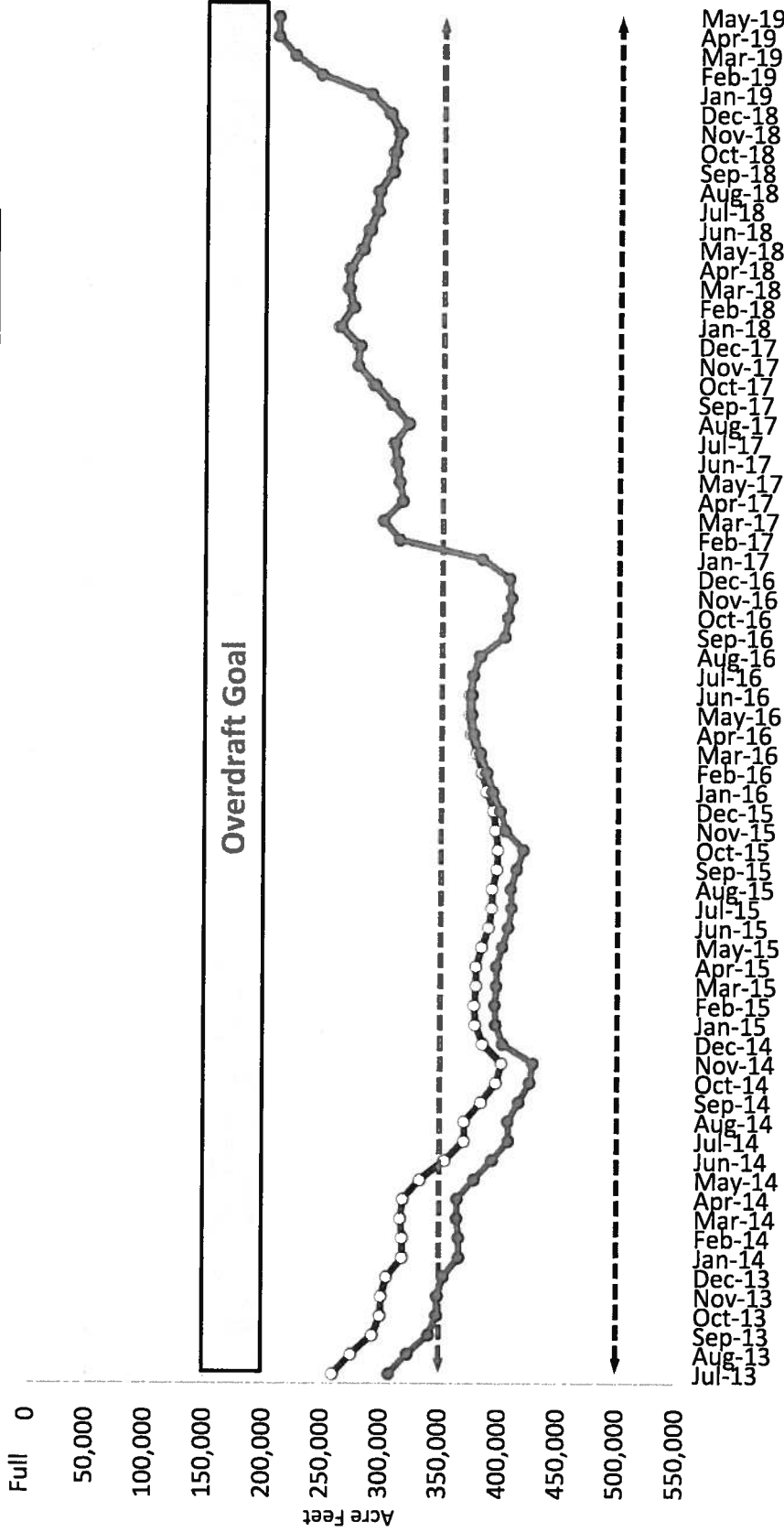
# Accumulated Precipitation

for the Oct.-Sep. water year, through June 2019



\* 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.

# Accumulated Overdraft of the OCWD Groundwater Basin as of May 2019



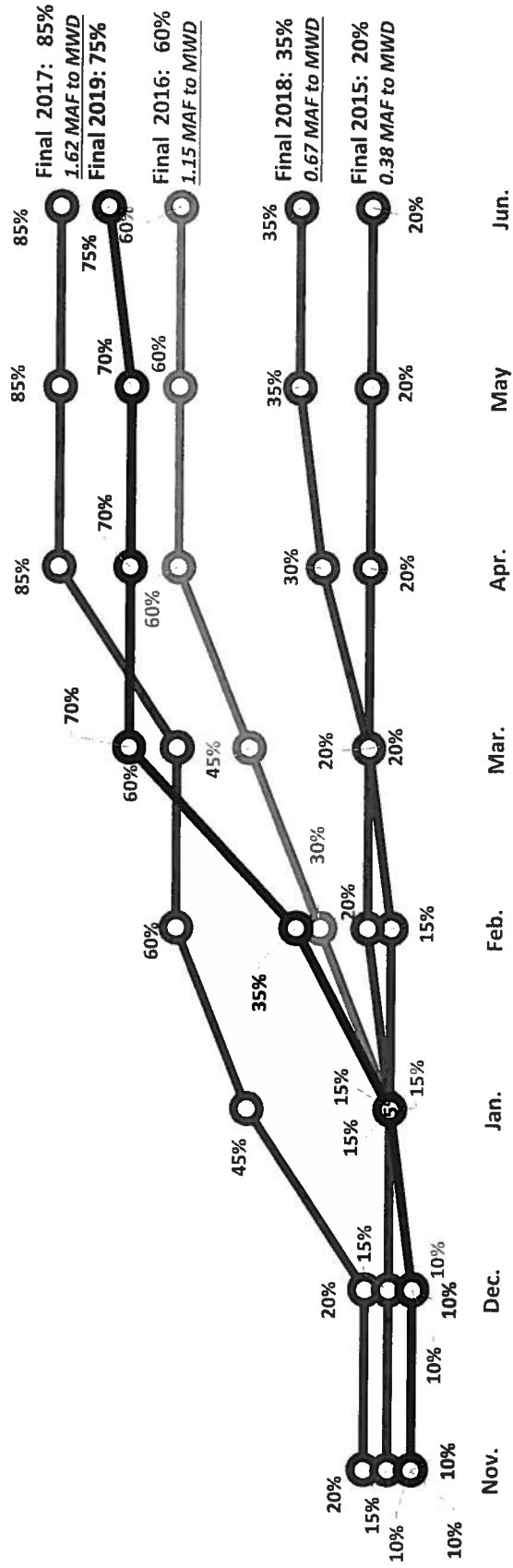
	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18
AO (AF)	308,488	321,131	306,280	290,800	277,691	278,056	261,521	272,475	268,752	269,889	280,329	286,163
AO w/CUP removed (AF)	310,216	321,131	308,007	292,522	277,691	279,776	263,237	274,188	270,463	271,601	282,041	287,869
AO (AF)	292,869	294,090	305,572	307,374	311,765	303,249	287,800	245,452	222,625	208,424	208,417	
AO w/CUP removed (AF)	294,572	295,790	307,271	309,072	313,460	304,943	287,800	245,452	222,625	208,424	208,417	



Source of data = OCWD monthly Water Resources Report in Board meeting packet

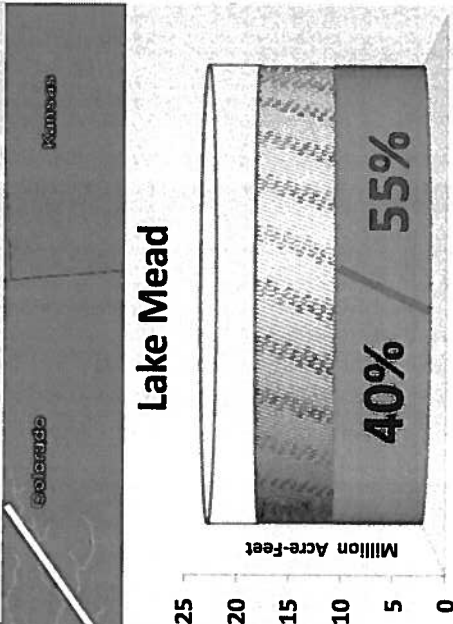
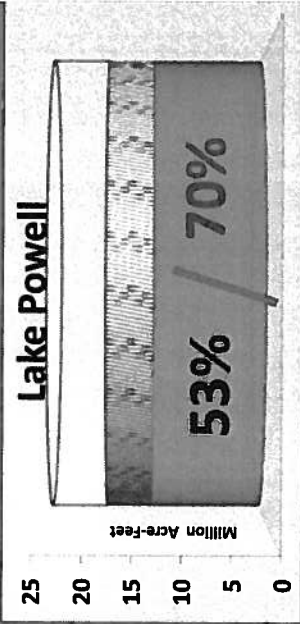
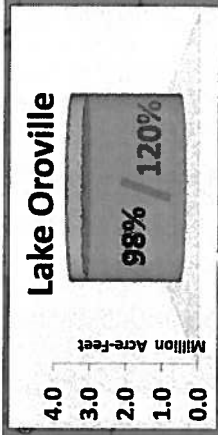
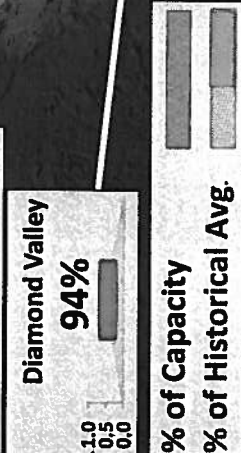
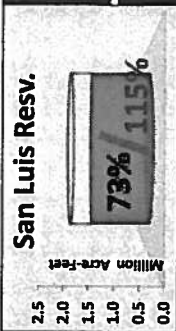
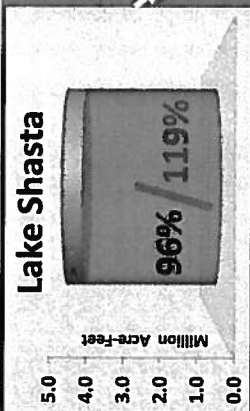
# SWP TABLE A ALLOCATION

FOR STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS



● Water Year 2015 ● Water Year 2016 ● Water Year 2017 ● Water Year 2018 ● Water Year 2019

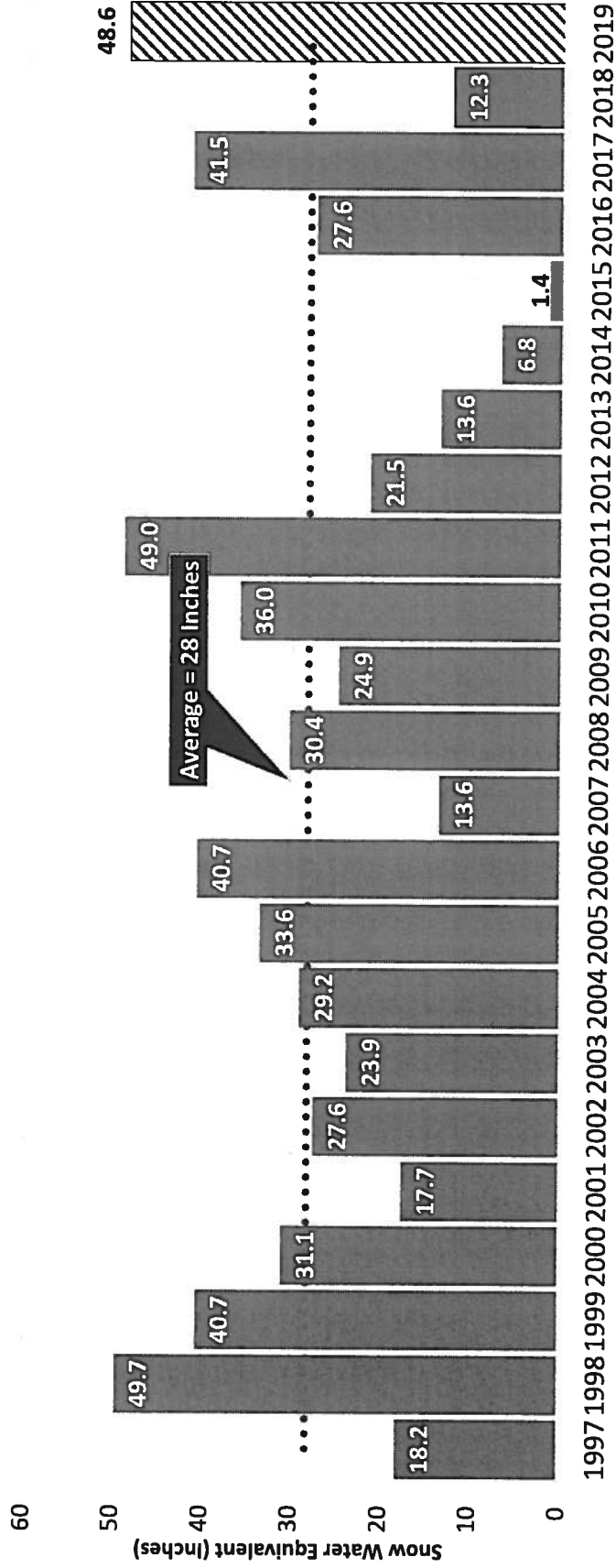
**State Water Project, Colorado River, and MWD Reservoir Storage**  
as of June 30, 2019



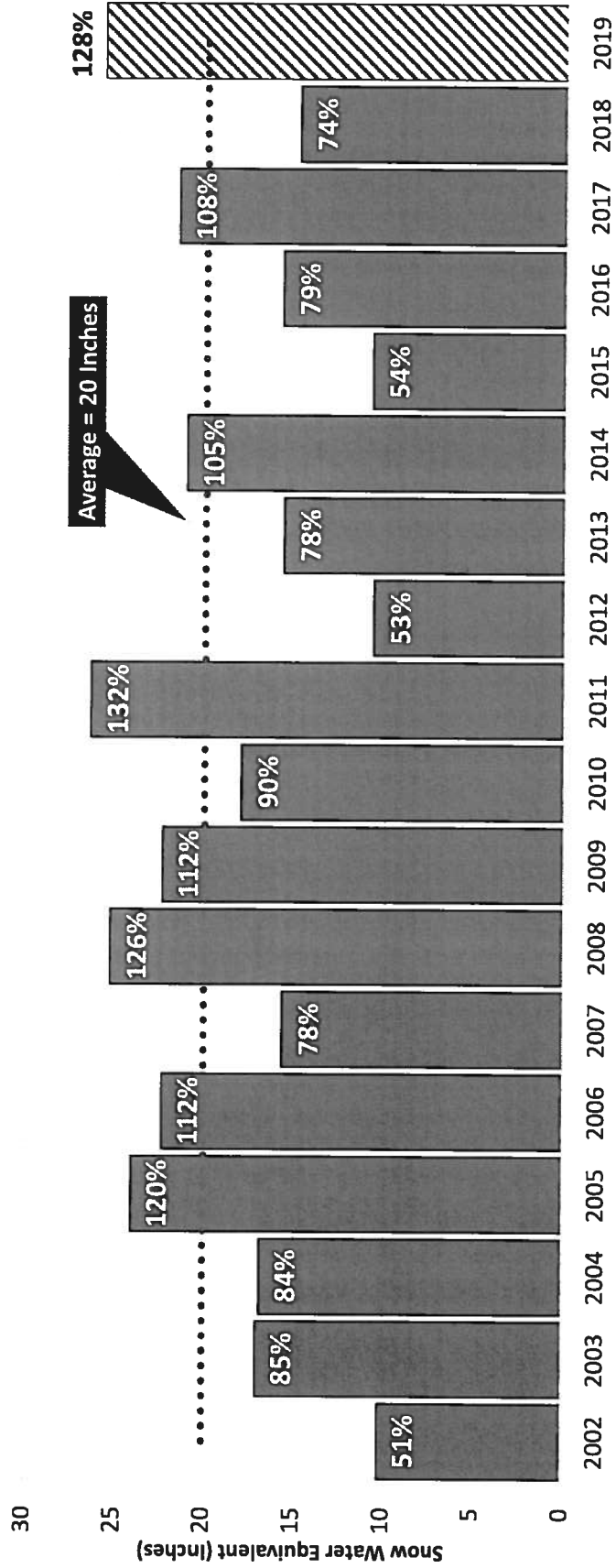
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### Historical Northern California April 1st Peak Snow Water Equivalent



### Historical Colorado Basin April 15th Peak Snow Water Equivalent

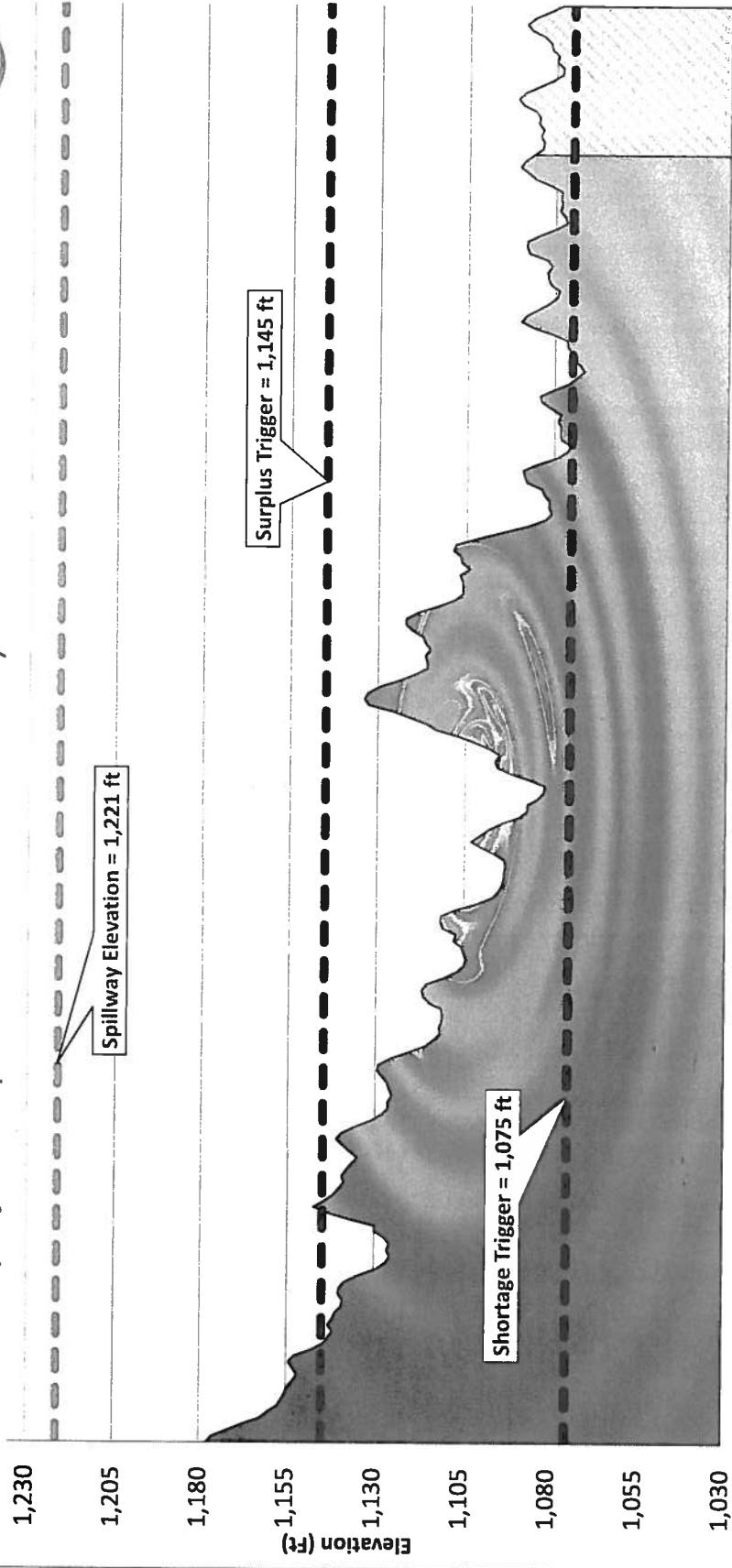






# Lake Mead Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study

Historical     Projected

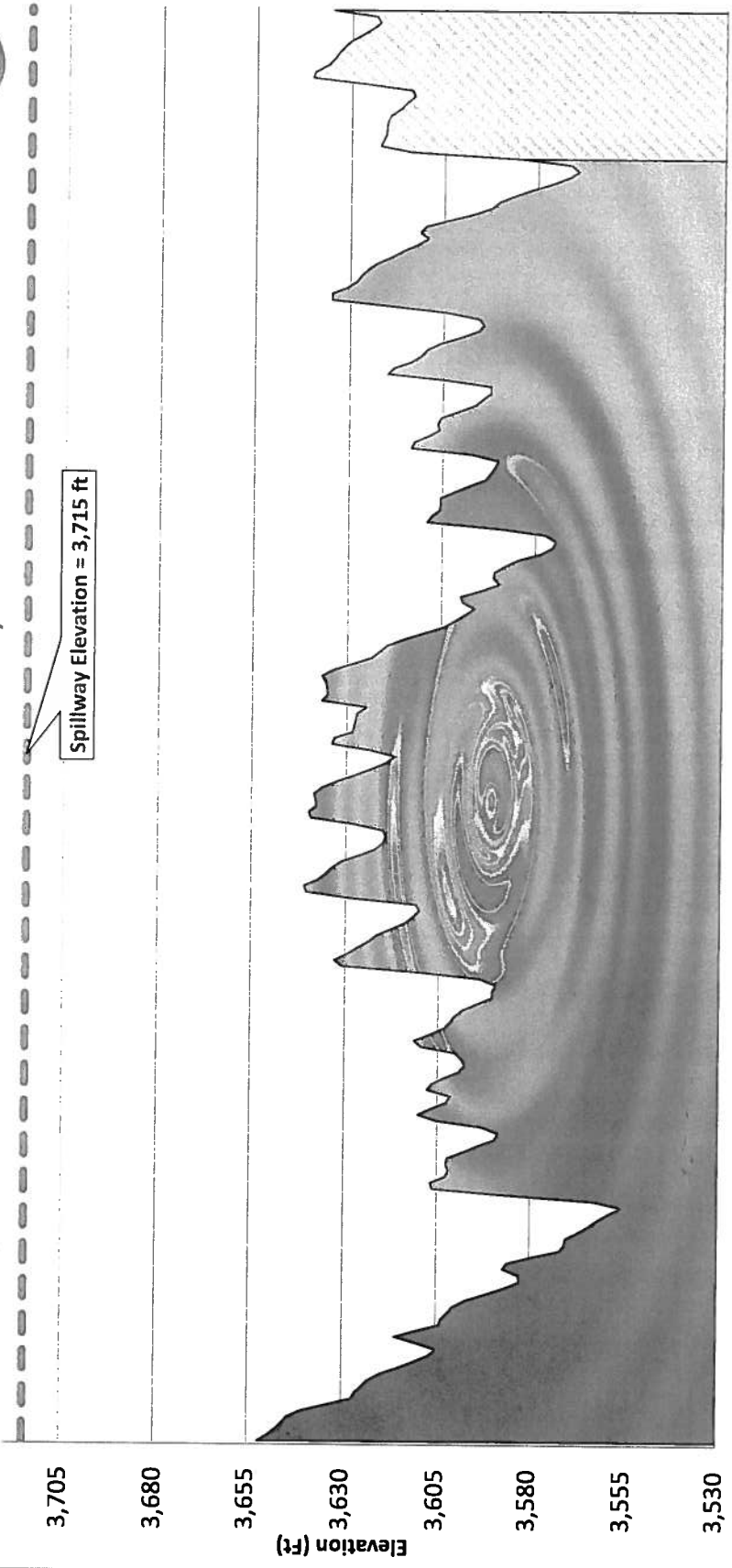


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# Lake Powell Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study

Historical     Projected



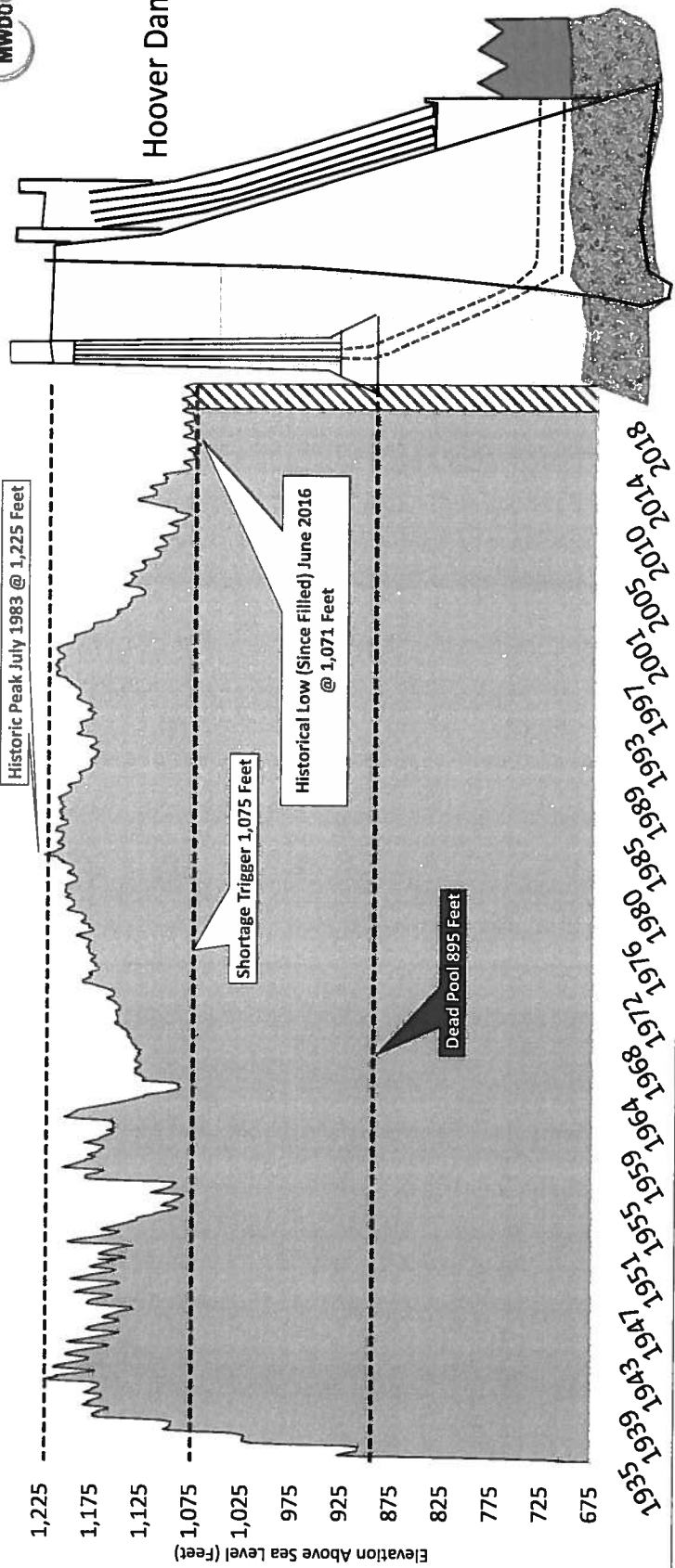
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### Lake Mead Historical Water Elevation Level

Intake Tower

Hoover Dam



**Fwd: Construction News****From** :Scott Stiles <sstiles@ggcity.org>

Tue, Jul 09, 2019 08:15 AM

**Subject**: Construction News**To** : Meena Yoo <meenay@ggcity.org>

Meena: for the Mgr's memo. Scott

**Scott C. Stiles, ICMA-CM**City Manager / City of Garden Grove  
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Garden Grove, CA 92840  
714-741-5100 (o) / 714-719-1810 (c)  
www.ggcity.org**From**: "OC Streetcar" <ocstreetcar@octa.net>**To**: sstiles@ci.garden-grove.ca.us**Sent**: Monday, July 8, 2019 10:02:53 AM**Subject**: Construction News

## Construction News

### Week of July 8, 2019

Sewer installation work along the project route continues, with work generally moving from west to east. Sewer installation activities include excavation, trenching, installation of sewer pipelines, and road work and restoration. Sewer installation work requires temporary parking and lane restrictions.

Crews will continue to perform water pipeline work and storm drain installation work along the project route, which requires temporary lane and sidewalk restrictions.

Access will be maintained for all residents and businesses.

For specific work activities in your area, see the segment overviews and maps below. All scheduled activities are weather permitting and are subject to change.

**Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca del proyecto del OC Streetcar, llame a Robert Chevez al (909) 714-0172.**

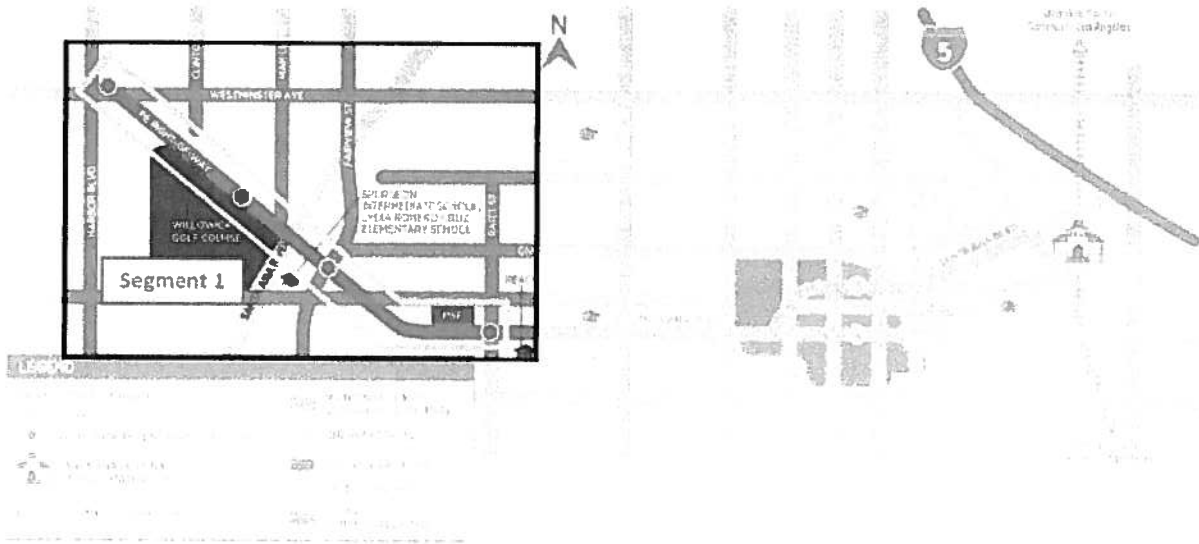
### SEGMENT 1 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

#### Intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Westminster Ave. to Raitt St.

Over the next two weeks, Segment 1 construction activities will include:

- Preliminary work at the site of the future Maintenance Storage Facility

- Excavations and pole removal within Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW) for guideway installation
- Installation of storm drains within the PEROW
- Work at the Santa Ana River Bridge



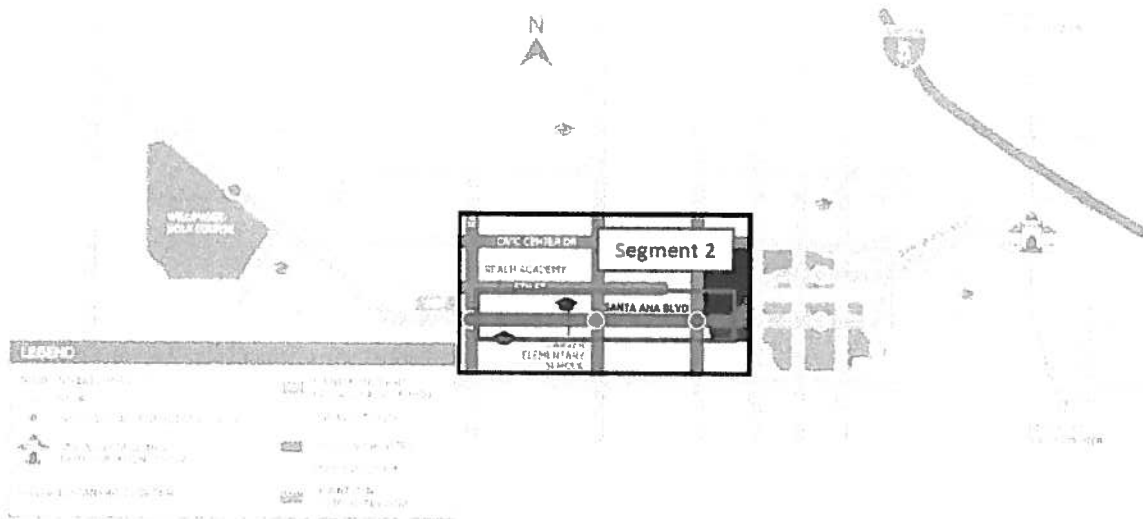
## SEGMENT 2 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Raitt St. to Parton St.

Over the next two weeks, Segment 2 construction activities will include:

- Sanitary sewer installation from Raitt Street to Flower Street
- Water pipeline work at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Bristol Street
- Water pipeline work at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Baker Street

Sewer installation work will generally move west to east and will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures on W. Santa Ana Boulevard. If visiting residents or businesses in the work zone, please ask crews to assist you in accessing the driveways. They can pull plates over the work area to facilitate entering and exiting.



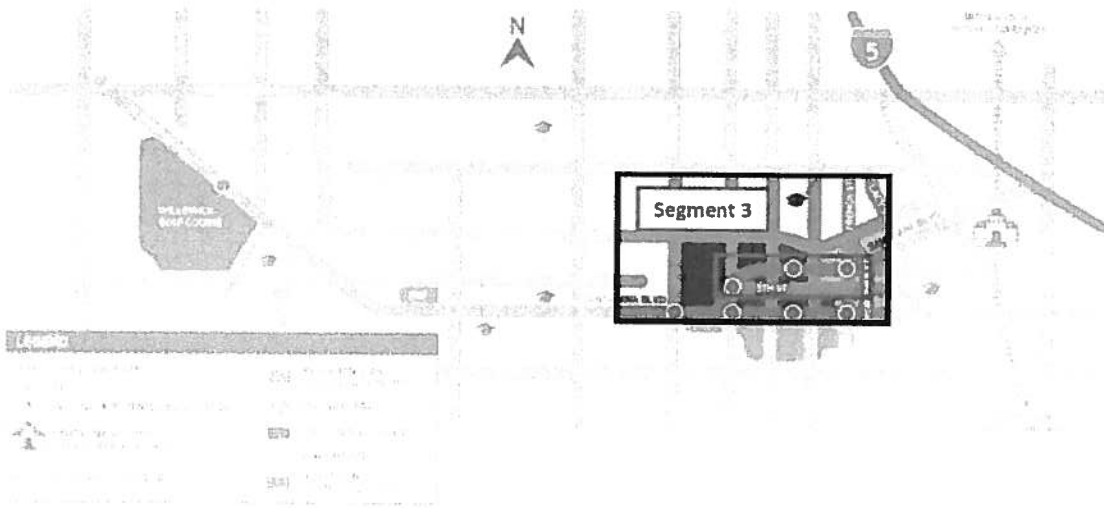
## SEGMENT 3 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Ross St. to Mortimer St.

Over the next two weeks, Segment 3 construction activities will include:

- Water pipeline and sanitary sewer work at Sasscer Park
- Water pipeline installation at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Ross Street

- Storm drain installation at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and French Street



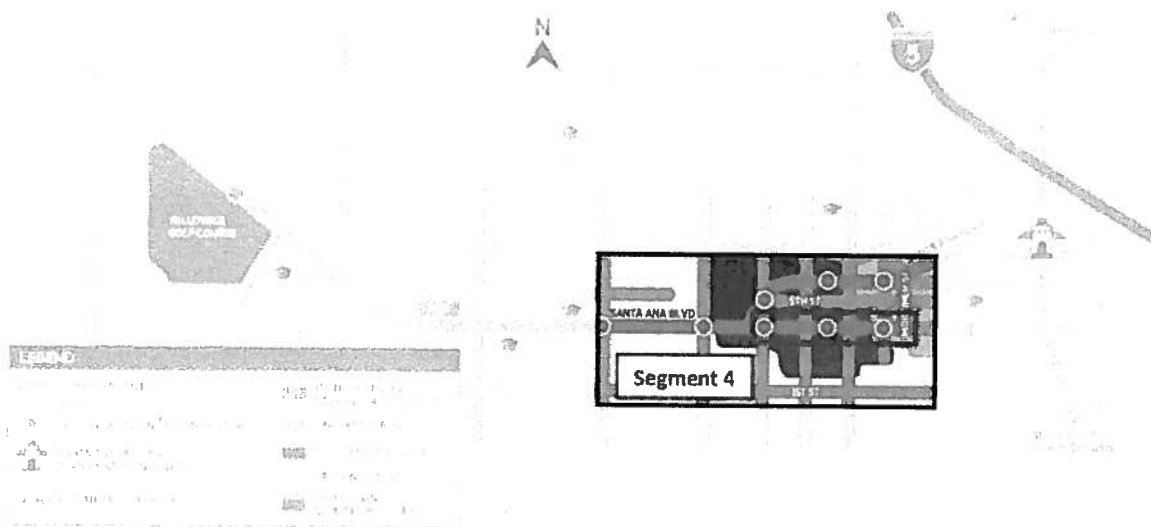
### **SEGMENT 4 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES** **Ross St. to Mortimer St.**

Over the next two weeks, Segment 4 construction activities will include:

- Potholing work and sanitary sewer installation at the intersection of 4th Street and French Street
- Tree removal on 4th Street, from Bush Street to Spurgeon Street
- Storm drain installation at the intersection of 4th Street and Sycamore Street

Sewer installation work will generally move west to east and will require temporary lane and parking closures on 4th Street. If visiting residents or businesses in the work zone, please ask crews to assist you in accessing the driveways. They can pull plates over the work area to facilitate entering and exiting.

Following project completion, trees will be replanted along the OC Streetcar alignment. More trees will be replanted than will be removed.



### **SEGMENT 5 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES** **Mortimer St. to SARTC**

Over the next two weeks, Segment 5 construction activities will include:

- Potholing and saw cutting in preparation for sanitary sewer installation from Mortimer Street to Santiago Street



**WEEKLY MEMO 7-11-19**

**SOCIAL MEDIA  
HIGHLIGHTS**













## Sent Message Performance for **Garden Grove City Hall**

July 3, 2019 – July 10, 2019

Review the lifetime performance of the messages you sent during the publishing period.













Sent Messages

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	 <p><b>f</b> Post. Wed 7/3/2019 12:00 pm PDT</p> <p>4th of July is tomorrow! And, we hope everyone has a safe and sane memorable holiday. As a</p>	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0
	 <p><b>f</b> Post. Mon 7/8/2019 11:14 am PDT</p> <p>This Thursday (7/11), take a journey to Eastgate Park, at 12001 St. Mark Street, to watch Trinity, a Journ</p>	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0
	 <p><b>f</b> Post. Tue 7/9/2019 3:50 pm PDT</p> <p>Do you want to know the latest news happening in #GardenGrove? Check out the</p>	0	0	5.1%	54	2,027	1,059	0	1
	 <p><b>f</b> Post. Wed 7/10/2019 10:53 am PDT</p> <p>American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, July 18, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Garden</p>	1	0	0.7%	3	567	446	1	0




Sent Messages

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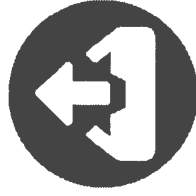
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	  <p>U.S. Census Bureau is still hiring! You can be part of the 2020 Census Team by applying at <a href="#">https://www.census.gov/2020censusjobs</a></p> <p>Post. Tue 7/9/2019 1:46 pm PDT</p>	4	1	3.8%	52	1,770	1,353	3	1
	  <p>4th of July is tomorrow! And, we hope everyone has a safe and sane memorable holiday. As a</p> <p>Post. Wed 7/3/2019 6:32 pm PDT</p>	14	3	3.2%	36	1,670	1,119	13	3
	  <p>The City announces available openings for its Senior Home Improvement Grant Program through <a href="#">www.cityofgarden Grove.org</a></p> <p>Post. Sat 7/6/2019 12:04 pm PDT</p>	22	1	6.2%	158	3,787	2,556	21	6
	  <p>The City of Garden Grove would like to wish the community a happy Independence Day! We'd</p> <p>Post. Thu 7/4/2019 2:10 pm PDT</p>	26	7	4.4%	67	2,016	1,533	26	2

## Sent Messages

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 	 <b>Santa Ana College and #GardenGrove's Buena Clinton's Family Resource Center are</b>	33	1	4.9%	94	2,510	1,910	30	6

 Post. Wed 7/10/2019 2:54 pm PDT











## Sent Message Performance for **Garden Grove Fire Department**

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	 <p>It's definitely swimming season with the warm weather we've been having in Orange County.</p> <p><b>f Post. Wed 7/3/2019 2:25 pm PDT</b></p>	12	1	2.2%	23	1,404	1,058	12	2
	 <p>Please enjoy #IndependenceDay responsibly.</p> <p><b>f Post. Wed 7/3/2019 4:53 pm PDT</b></p>	18	1	4.6%	48	1,390	1,036	16	0
	 <p>As we've shared multiple times recently, only safe &amp; sane fireworks are permitted in the C</p> <p><b>f Post. Thu 7/4/2019 4:40 pm PDT</b></p>	47	1	5.9%	89	2,021	1,507	42	2
	 <p>Happy #IndependenceDay . everyone! Have an amazing day, &amp; make it a safe one! #FourthofJL</p> <p><b>f Post. Thu 7/4/2019 8:45 am PDT</b></p>	102	10	6.9%	122	2,418	1,768	86	4



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	<p><b>f</b> Post. Fri 7/5/2019 9:41 pm PDT</p> <p>If you did not feel it, we recently experienced a 7.1 #earthquake centered near Ridgecrest, and</p>	128	14	11.3%	522	6,700	4,626	109	17
	<p><b>f</b> Post. Thu 7/4/2019 8:00 am PDT</p> <p>"And I'm proud to be an American, Where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died.</p>	173	15	7.5%	270	5,127	3,607	135	19
	<p><b>f</b> Post. Wed 7/10/2019 6:00 pm PDT</p> <p>No matter how cute they may look, how clever their signs are or how insistent they ask, say NO to</p>	205	11	14.6%	810	8,310	5,568	191	39
	<p><b>f</b> Post. Mon 7/8/2019 11:08 am PDT</p> <p>****UPDATE: The victim is Shon Xavier Hall, a 25-year-old from #GardenGrove. Detectives have</p>	1,507	831	30.7%	19,514	112,905	63,473	329	381

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		1,507	30.7%	19,514	112,905	63,473	329	381

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## Sent Message Performance for **City of Garden Grove**

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	 <p>Santa Ana College and #GardenGrove's Buena Clinton's Family Resource Center are</p> <p><b>Tweet. Wed 7/10/2019 2:54 pm PDT</b></p>	3,102	0	0	390	1	0	0
	 <p>American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, July 18, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Garden</p> <p><b>Tweet. Wed 7/10/2019 10:54 am PDT</b></p>	4,112	1	0	410	0	1	0
	 <p>U.S. Census Bureau is still hiring! You can be part of the 2020 Census Team by applying at</p> <p><b>Tweet. Tue 7/9/2019 1:48 pm PDT</b></p>	3,100	0	0	468	0	0	0
	 <p>The City announces available openings for its Senior Home Improvement Grant Program the</p> <p><b>Tweet. Sat 7/6/2019 12:06 pm PDT</b></p>	3,095	0	0	958	1	0	0

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	 <p>The City would like to wish the community a happy Independence Day! Celebrate responsibly by r</p> <p><b>Tweet. Thu 7/4/2019 2:13 pm PDT</b></p>	3,092	0	0	1,121	0	0	0
	<p>4th of July is tomorrow! We hope everyone has a safe &amp; sane memorable holiday. As a reminder, only safe &amp; sane fireworks bearing the CA State</p> <p><b>Tweet. Wed 7/3/2019 3:14 pm PDT</b></p>	7,483	1	0	1,340	1	1	0

**WEEKLY MEMO 7-11-19**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

# CATHEDRAL TRANSFORMED

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange prepares to open altered landmark

**By Susan Christian Goulding**  
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First off, a visitor to Christ Cathedral might notice the new house smell, with everything fresh and pristine and scarcely touched by anyone other than construction workers.

**ABOVE:**  
Music director John Romerl, center, leads the Christ Cathedral Choir on Monday in Garden Grove.

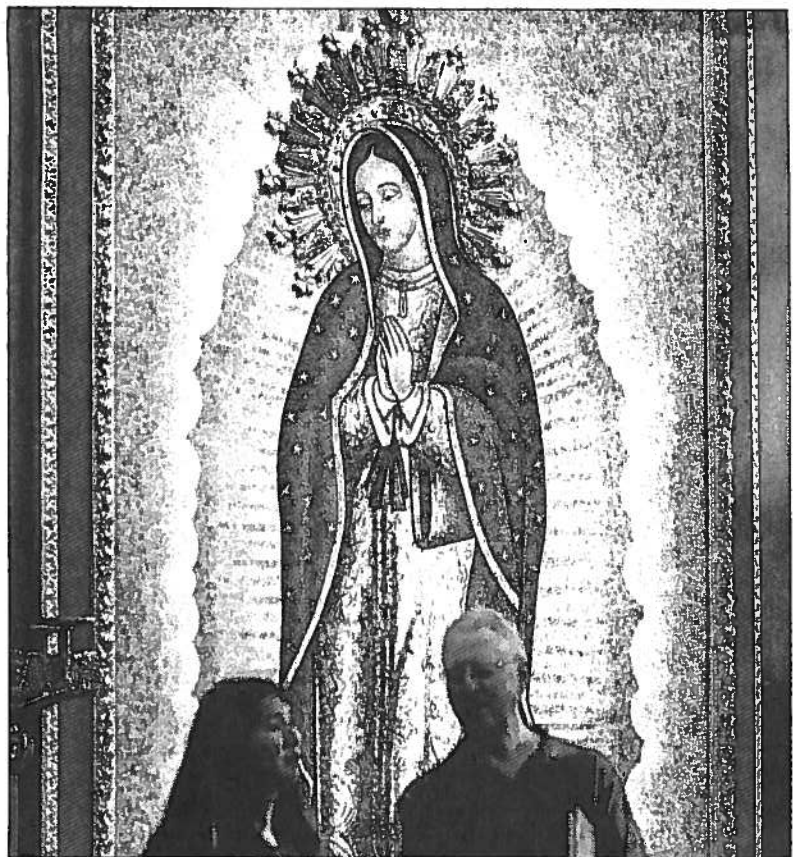
**RIGHT:**  
The tile mosaic depicting Our Lady of Guadalupe is shown Monday at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove.

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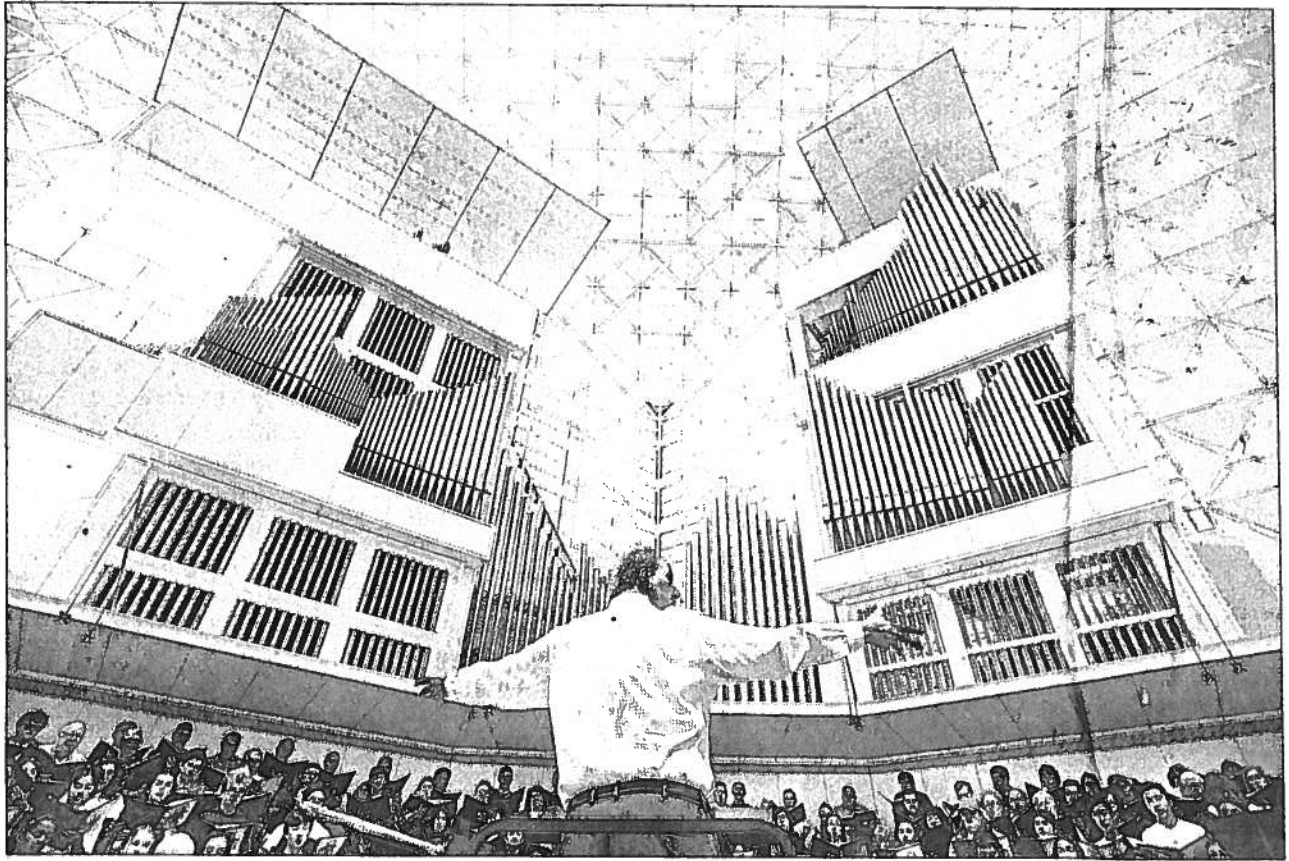
But that fleeting sensation will be quickly replaced by visual surprises — especially noticeable for those somewhat familiar with the landmark in its former incarnation. High overhead, the quatrefoils — eye-catching window shades now covering each of the 11,000 glass panes — cast muted sunlight on the white marble floor. Walnut pews form a semi-circle around the altar, above which a 1,000-pound jeweled crucifix dangles. Stunning art abounds on every wall.

Yet the decor feels understated and the 45,000-square-foot space strikingly

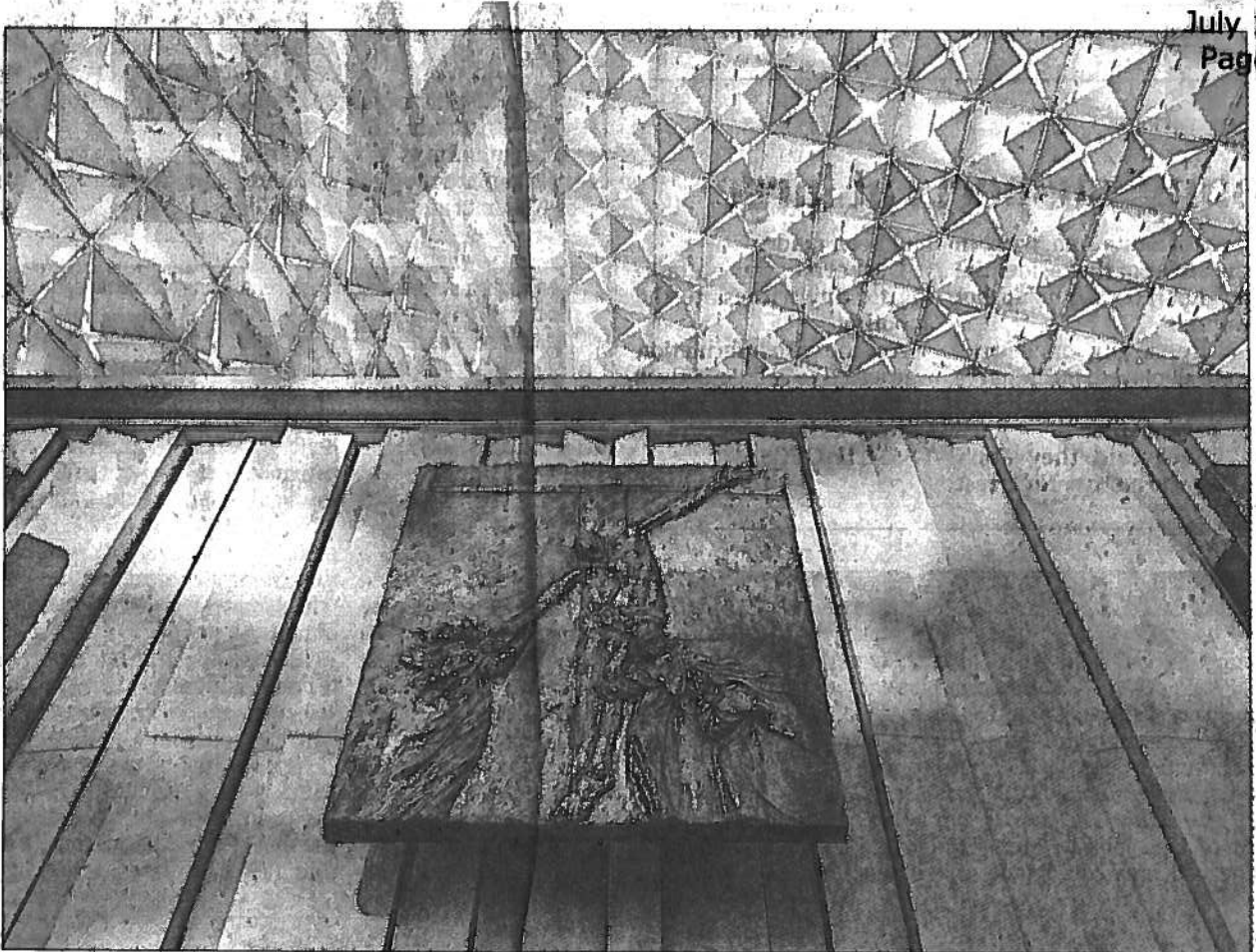
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Sacred art at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove includes the 14 Stations of the Cross by Bolivian-born sculptor Pablo Eduardo.

## Cathedral

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intimate. Somehow, the configuration of seating, now down from 2,400 spots to 2,100, makes Christ Cathedral seem smaller than it was as Crystal Cathedral.

On July 17, the new seat of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange will be officially dedicated in an invitation-only ceremony. Public viewing will take place that day from 5 to 8 p.m.

Then, the following weekend, the cathedral begins Mass in the famous glass tower. Until then, services will continue to take place in a large hall on the 34-acre campus.

All who have witnessed the transformation — priests, nuns, staff, donors — are abuzz with excitement about the cathedral's grand opening.

The multiple choirs, composed of singers in four languages, came together to practice as one on Monday night. Their 230 voices, accompanied by horns, bells and kettledrums, filled the nine-story room.

"It's challenging to make it sound smooth and not just like the U.N.," said John Romeri, director of music.

Next Wednesday, the choir will introduce a trove of newly translated psalms set to music commissioned for the dedication, Romeri said.

Outside, the 120-foot-tall structure appears the same as it did when it debuted in 1980 under the

stewardship of the Rev. Robert H. Schuller — who broadcast his renowned "Hour of Power" to millions worldwide from the Garden Grove megachurch.

In 2012, two years after Crystal Cathedral Ministries filed for bankruptcy, the Diocese of Orange purchased the site for \$57.5 million.

Five years later, in 2017, the \$72.3 million renovation broke ground with seismic retrofitting. The cathedral

is designed to withstand a magnitude 8 earthquake.

"It seems like the project has taken a long while, but then again not," said Bishop Kevin Vann, who leads the Diocese of Orange. "Once it got going, it moved quickly."

Every time he steps into the remodeled cathedral, Vann said, he still is awed: "I just love how the quatrefoils cast lights on the floor."

Practical as well as aesthetic, the variously angled quatrefoils serve to deflect

UV rays. Back in the days of the Crystal Cathedral, which lacked air-conditioning, guests could find themselves baking under unmitigated sunlight.

Fourteen illustrations of the Stations of the Cross, created by Bolivian sculptor Pablo Eduardo, line the walls. Each bas relief bronze sculpture is a work of art, with three-dimensional hands and faces emerging from the surface.

A 32-foot-long tapestry

and an equally impressive mosaic made of tiny tiles add bright colors to the otherwise earth-tone space.

The cathedral also harbors hidden treasures — some 300 of them beneath the marble floor. Before the tiles were installed, Bishop Timothy Freyer revealed, a slew of folks — including Christ Cathedral Academy school children — wrote prayers and their names on the bare cement.

"I'm somewhere over

## DEDICATION-WEEK EVENTS AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL

The Roman Catholic Church of Orange will host a series of events next week in celebration of the re-dedication of Christ Cathedral. Some are invitation-only, but others are open to the public.

Following the formal, invitation-only dedication on Wednesday, July 17, the public can visit the cathedral from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be music and cultural performances on the outside plaza.

A Young Adult Cathedral Dedication will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, July 19, with a music and arts program on the plaza.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21, the cathedral will open to the public for Mass. The schedule:

**Saturday:** 4:30 p.m. in English and 6:15 p.m. in Vietnamese

**Sunday:** 6:15 a.m. in Vietnamese, 8 a.m. in Spanish, 9:45 a.m. in English, 11:30 a.m. in Spanish, 1:15 p.m. in Vietnamese, 5:15 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish

there," Freyer said, pointing toward the altar area.

Sister Katherine Gray said Christ Cathedral pays tribute to its history.

"The Rev. Schuller proclaimed Christ as we proclaim Christ," she said. "The renovation preserves the modern architecture of the original church. This isn't a medieval cathedral — it is a cathedral for Orange County."

# Sen. Chang endorses Andrew Do

County Supervisor Andrew Do's campaign received an endorsement from State Sen. Ling Ling Chang, who represents Stanton and other cities, last week.

Chang praised Do's record on addressing the homeless crisis during his tenure as Orange County supervisor for District 1, saying he has "made significant strides towards helping the homeless, providing more services and permanent housing resources for the thousands of homeless veterans living on our streets."

Chang continued, "I proudly endorse Supervisor Do for reelection and will stand with him in his fight to address homelessness with compassion and resolve."

Supervisor Do responded, "I thank Senator Chang for her support. It's incredible what we accomplish when people work together to focus on our county's most pressing challenges."

He continued, "I was proud to launch Orange County's data-sharing tool for medical providers and agencies to streamline homeless services. Aimed at closing the service gaps, the new technology will allow agencies to develop a personalized plan of action for every participating homeless person."

A former prosecutor, educator, businessman and judge pro tem, Do represents the communities of Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley, Midway City, and Santa Ana.

Do has increased funding for the Orange County Sheriff's Department and expanded access to vital health care services for seniors and working families. He has cut taxes on small businesses, eliminated regulatory obstacles that impede innovation and defended Prop. 13 by expanding OC taxpayers' rights to appeal their property tax bills.

During the Fall of Saigon, Do

State senator cites supervisor's "strides toward helping the homeless"

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Courtesy photo  
Supervisor Andrew Do.

and his family fled Vietnam with just the clothes on their back and a suitcase full of dictionaries. Thanks to supportive teachers and faculty at Garden Grove's Jordan Intermediate and Bolsa Grande High School, Do earned his bachelor's degree from University of California, Davis.

His education continued at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where he volunteered with the public interest law project to address homelessness and aid marginalized communities. After law school, he taught as an adjunct professor at Cal State University, Fullerton and then served as a judge pro tem at Orange County West Municipal Court.

Do then joined the Orange County District Attorney's office – with his last assignment prosecuting sexually violent predators as a member of the D.A.'s Sexual Assault Unit. His skills in the courtroom earned him national recognition from the U.S. Department of Justice, when he was chosen to represent Orange County at the National District Attorney Association Advocacy College at the University of South Carolina.

Do previously served as a councilmember for the City of Garden Grove and as chief of staff to an Orange County supervisor. His lifetime of community involvement includes service as president of the Asian Bar of California and president of the Vietnamese-American Bar Association of Southern California as well as service on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Bar Association.



Courtesy photo

There will be plenty of Elvis impersonators at the 20th annual Elvis Festival, set for Aug. 25.

# The king returns!

20th annual Elvis Festival set for Aug. 25

The 20th annual Elvis Festival returns to Historic Main Street in Garden Grove on Sunday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Main Street.

The festival, the only event of its kind in California, brings together his music, impersonators, fan clubs, Cadillacs and all things Elvis for a daylong tribute to the

King of Rock and Roll near the anniversary of his death (Aug. 16, 1977).

The event highlights include a full slate of Elvis tribute artists performing throughout the day including Kirk Wall of Anaheim, the festival's ambassador since its inception as well as award winning entertainers Martin Anthony

singing gospel hits, duets with Erika Boychenko as Ann Margret and Lisa Marie Presley and other favorites and James King on piano and guitar with a variety of the legend's most beloved songs such as "Unchained Melody."

Wall and his band Crazy Kirk and the Hillbillies will present a

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set of Elvis songs bluegrass-style along with a special tribute to the Beatles. He will also serve as the officiant for the wedding vows of longtime Elvis fans, Sylvia Ronquillo and Jesse Nava of Yorba Linda held at 12:30 p.m. during the festival.

Returning for the third year to cap off the day is Scot Bruce and his band with The Early Years of the King of Rock and Roll.

Other tribute artists include Steven Williamson, Sean Martin, Anthony Alcalá and Fernie Ramirez.

New this year is a set titled "The Inspiration of Elvis" featuring performances by non-Elvis looking vocalists singing Elvis songs ranging from ages 6 to 70 years. In addition, harpist Elizabeth Huston and accordionist Gee "Gigi" Rabe will perform instrumental versions of Elvis songs and will also accompany vocal numbers for Boychenko and Anthony.

In addition, the event highlights Presley's love for cars, particularly Cadillacs, with a King of Cadillacs Car Show for passenger cars dating to 1977 and sponsored by the Shark Squad Motorcycle Attorneys. One of his other interests: motorcycles, will be featured in the Hound Dog Motorcycle Ride presented by Lifestyle Cycles.

Ken Sharp, a New York Times Best Selling writer who has authored or co-authored over 20 music books, will be at the festival signing and selling two of his limited-edition books he wrote about Elvis Presley: *Elvis: Vegas '69* and *Elvis Presley: Writing for the King*.

Other activities include Elvis Fan Clubs including the Jailhouse Rockers of California and Blue Suede Shoes of California, stilt



Courtesy photo

**There will be plenty of Elvis impersonators at the 20th annual Elvis Festival, set for Aug. 25.**

walking Elvis and Priscilla, memorabilia and collectibles, Elvis Bingo, Abbit the Average Elvis, rockabilly caricature artist, Elvis-themed jewelry and accessories, a Dunka Dunka Burning Love Dunk Tank presented by the Assistance League of Garden Grove and TraumOne and a special appearance by Tanya Lemani, the belly dancer in the "Little Egypt Guitar Man production number from Elvis's 1968 "Comeback "TV special.

There will be special Elvis menu items from food trucks including Elvis cupcakes, Elvis themed ice cream flavors along with the variety of restaurants and shops. Among the restaurants is Azteca Restaurant known for its Elvis themed atmosphere with movie posters, photos and memorabilia donning the walls and the ceiling. Next door is Kaye's Kitchen, which will feature a Grilled Peanut Butter and Banana Sandwich, an Elvis favorite, on the menu during the festival.

Admission and parking are free. Limited reserved stage seating available at additional cost.

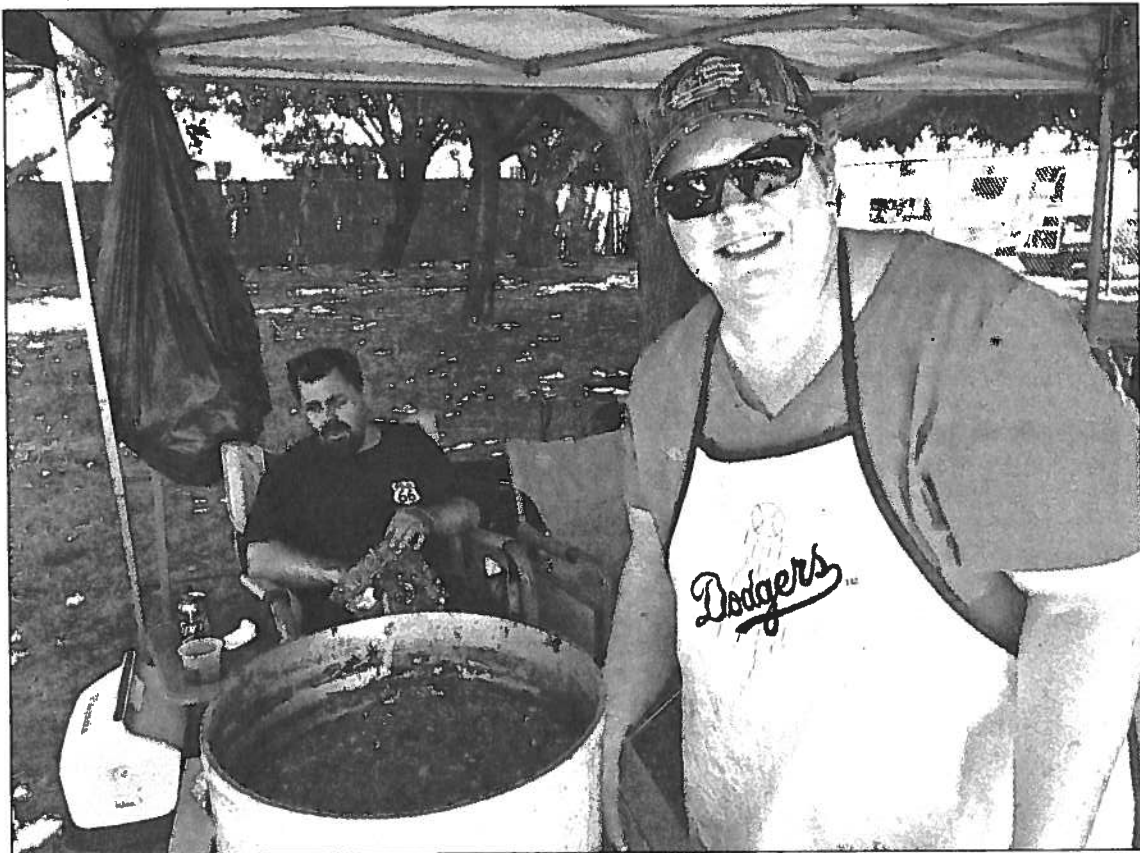
The festival on Historic Main Street is located between Garden Grove Boulevard and Acacia Parkway in Garden Grove. Use the address of 12911 Main St., Garden Grove, on GPS or other map/directions locators. Parking is available at adjacent lots of Concorde and Coastline College.

More information and complete schedule is available on Facebook by locating the 20th Annual Elvis Festival page, or by sending an email to [elvisfestival@yahoo.com](mailto:elvisfestival@yahoo.com) or calling 714-267-4657.

The festival is made possible in part by presenting sponsors Fairhaven Memorial Services of Mission Viejo, Fairhaven Memorial Park and Mortuary of Santa Ana and Dimond Shannon of Garden Grove and the support of the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association and the Garden Grove Community Foundation.

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# Chili Cook Off winner



Courtesy photo

Garden Grove Elks #1952 hosted a family picnic on Independence Day. Erin Morefield, right, was named the winner of the Chili Cook Off. Here, she shows off her winning chili. She took both 1st place by the judges and the People's Choice award. She started with 21 pounds of meats.

## GARDEN GROVE



MINDY SCHAUER  
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A 25-year-old man was shot dead in Garden Grove early Monday. Police say it was a targeted home-invasion robbery committed by three masked men. The covered

# Man shot dead during home-invasion robbery, with suspects at large

**By Alma Fausto**  
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*@AlmaFausto1 on Twitter*

A 25-year-old man was shot dead in what police say was a targeted home-invasion robbery in Garden Grove committed by three masked men early Monday morning.

The suspects were at large.

Shortly after 4 a.m., officers responding to a report of gunshots fired went to the home in the 9100 block of La Grand Avenue.

The caller said someone had been shot and people were screaming for help, Garden Grove Lt. Carl Whitney said.

Officers found the dead man on the driveway.

They talked to the girlfriend of the victim and other family members who were inside the home. She said she and her boyfriend were sleeping in a room and

awoken by three armed, masked males.

"They knew that somehow (the victim) had access to drugs and cash," Whitney said. "This was not random."

One of the suspects shot the victim, who ran from the home before collapsing on the driveway.

No one else was harmed.

The trio fled in a dark-colored vehicle. Detectives were checking the neighborhood for surveillance-video footage and interviewing witnesses.

Residents in the neighborhood of single-family homes on Monday watched news vans and police officers come and go.

Anyone with information on the case was asked to call Detective Steve Heine at 714-741-5422. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCSS.

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DEATH ROW

# Killer of Garden Grove police officer dies

By Robert Gundran  
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A condemned inmate who was convicted of killing Garden Grove Police Department Officer Donald F. Reed was found unresponsive and died in his cell at San Quentin State Prison on Sunday evening, officials said Monday.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said in a news release Monday that

John George Brown, 71, was attended to by medical staff at the prison after he was found unresponsive at around 6:15 p.m.

Brown was pronounced dead at 6:47 p.m. He had been on death row since June 17, 1982, officials said.

Reed, 27, was shot and killed by Brown after he and two other officers attempted to serve Brown a felony arrest warrant in 1980, officials said.

Brown was convicted of



Brown

first-degree murder, assault with intent to murder and assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer, and was

sentenced to death in Orange County on June 11, 1982. During a memorial service in 2011, retired Detective Jack Brown recalled how Reed had infectious energy that never seemed to flag. "He said he'd had so much fun from working one night, that he was going to have trouble getting to sleep when he got home," said Brown about a late-night shift, "I was always grateful for his camaraderie."

In honor of Reed, the city of Garden Grove named a street after him: Donald Reed Lane.



The Wave  
July 4, 2019

**MUSICAL THEATER**

## Garden Grove Gem Theatre staging classic 'West Side Story'

The Gem Theatre takes on the American classic "West Side Story" this summer.

Be enthralled by the love story of Tony and Maria as they try to break free of the warring Jets and Sharks and

the prejudices of their time.

One More Productions' staging of the musical opens July 11 and runs Thursdays through Sundays through Aug. 11.

— Heather McRea

### **IF YOU GO**

**When:** July 11-Aug. 11. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays

**Where:** 12852 Main St., Garden Grove

**Cost:** \$30 general; tickets available online and at the theater

**Information:** onemoreproductions.com



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Garden Grove Police Department

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Wednesday, July 10, 2019



## **GGPD HOSTS 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

The community is invited to attend the 36th annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in front of Garden Grove Police Headquarters, located at 11301 Acacia Parkway.

Event attendees can participate in family-friendly activities, including a donut-eating contest against Garden Grove police officers, face painting, and opportunity drawings and giveaways. The free event gives residents a chance to meet beat patrol and crime prevention officers, as well as learn about neighborhood watch programs and how to get involved. Other activities include public safety demonstrations by the K-9 and SWAT units.

Parking will be available at the Garden Grove Main Library, located at 11200 Stanford Avenue, the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Avenue, and Acacia Adult Day Services, at 11391 Acacia Parkway.

Streets in the Civic Center area closed to traffic, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. are:

- Southbound lane on Civic Center Drive, from Garden Grove Boulevard to Acacia Parkway
- Acacia Parkway, from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Garden Grove City Hall, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway

GGPD Hosts 36<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out at Police Headquarters  
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Parking will not be allowed on these streets, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. "No parking" signs will be on display and a street closure notification will be disseminated to residents and businesses in the immediate area two weeks prior to the event.

For the first time, Garden Grove's National Night Out will be live-streamed by award-winning Garden Grove TV3, and made available on the Garden Grove Police Department's Facebook, @GardenGrovePD.

National Night Out is an opportunity to meet, collaborate, and interact with local law enforcement, while strengthening the relationship and camaraderie between neighborhoods. The goal is to prevent crime through education and police-community partnerships.

For more information, contact the Garden Grove Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (714) 741-5760 or by email at [crimeprevention@ggcity.org](mailto:crimeprevention@ggcity.org).

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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## **NEW HILTON HOTEL DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF 22 FREEWAY BREAKS NEW GROUND**

The City of Garden Grove and developer BN Group broke ground for a 5-story Home2 Suites by Hilton on Thursday, June 27, 2019. The Home2 Suites is the City's first new hotel development to be located south of the 22 Freeway, and is scheduled to be completed by 2021.

The new construction reflects the growing success of Garden Grove's tourism district, the Grove District – Anaheim Resort, and the City's ongoing commitment to providing more resources and amenities to visitors.

Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones said, "Tourism gives us the opportunity to 're-imagine' our city with new developments, new businesses, new amenities, new housing, and even more ways to make Garden Grove even greater."

Located in District 6, the extended-stay, pet-friendly hotel will include 124 hotel rooms, 100 parking spaces, and a fitness room and pool. The studio and 1-bedroom suites will offer ergonomic workspace and personal storage. In-suite kitchens will include a dishwasher, microwave, refrigerator, utensils, and real china place settings for six.

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## NEW HILTON HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

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Bui Nguyen, Chairman and CEO of the BN Group, expressed his gratitude to the Mayor and City Council for making the project a reality. Speaking about the BN Group's expansion of their hospitality operations, he said, "There is no better place than Garden Grove, home to America's largest Vietnamese-American community."

For more information about Home2 Suites by Hilton, contact Sonya Nguyen, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of BN Group at (504) 371-6666 or [info@bngroup.us](mailto:info@bngroup.us).

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact: Ana Pulido (714) 741-5280  
Public Information Officer

Monday, July 8, 2019

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## **GARDEN GROVE TO PARTICIPATE IN FLAG CEREMONY AT OC FAIR'S "ACRES OF FUN"**

The OC Fair has invited all 34 Orange County cities to participate in a community flag-raising ceremony. On Garden Grove's day, Friday, August 9, Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones and City Council members will lead fairgoers in singing the National Anthem at 2:30 p.m. The OC Fair is located at 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa.

To show support on Garden Grove's day, community members are encouraged to wear City colors, blue and white, take a selfie at the community flag-raising, and tag the City's Instagram, @GardenGroveCityHall, and use #GG1956.

The OC Fair runs from Friday, July 12 to Sunday, August 11, and this year's theme is "Acres of Fun."

Two-dollar discount admission coupons are available, courtesy of the OC Fair. Coupons can be picked up on the first floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway. The coupon may be used any day that the fair is open.

For OC Fair hours, visit [ocfair.com](http://ocfair.com).

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# THÔNG TIN

## Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

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Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: Timothy Throne (714) 741-5144  
Ban phát triển cộng đồng



Thứ Tư, 10 tháng 7, 2019

### CHƯƠNG TRÌNH TÀI TRỢ GIÚP SỬA NHÀ CHO NGƯỜI CAO NIÊN TỪ GARDEN GROVE

Thành phố Garden Grove hiện đang có ngân sách để giúp đỡ những gia đình cao niên hội đủ điều kiện sửa sang nhà. Với chương trình 'Senior Home Improvement Grant Program' bắt đầu vào ngày 1 tháng Bảy, 2019, chương trình hỗ trợ lên đến \$5,000 cho những người cao niên 62 tuổi trở lên để sửa sang nhà cửa. Số tiền trợ giúp này không cần hoàn trả lại Thành phố.

Những sửa chữa bên ngoài và bên trong nhà được chấp thuận sửa sang nhưng không giới hạn bao gồm: thay thế cửa sổ, sơn nội thất và ngoại thất, thay mái nhà, sửa chữa hệ thống ống nước, thay mới lò sưởi và sửa những lối đi dành cho người khuyết tật hoặc di chuyển bằng xe lăn.

Trường hợp hội đủ điều kiện là cần đáp ứng tất cả các yêu cầu về thu nhập và đưa những chứng minh là cư dân của Thành phố. Tiền sẽ được phân phối ai đến trước được trước, tuy nhiên, người xin nhận hỗ trợ có trách nhiệm giải quyết những vi phạm xây dựng (nếu có) trước khi tiến hành sửa chữa được phê duyệt.

Thông tin và đơn đăng ký chương trình 'Trợ cấp Sửa chữa Nhà Cho Người Cao niên' có sẵn trực tuyến tại [ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement/senior-home-improvement-grant](http://ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement/senior-home-improvement-grant) hoặc nhận đơn tại Ban Phát triển Kinh tế và Cộng đồng trên lầu ba Tòa thị chính (City hall), tại địa chỉ 11222 Acacia Parkway.

Để biết thêm thông tin về chương trình 'Trợ cấp Sửa Nhà cho Người Cao Niên', xin liên lạc ông Timothy Throne tại (714) 741-5144, hoặc email về [timothyt@ggcity.org](mailto:timothyt@ggcity.org).

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# Hung thủ giết cảnh sát viên Garden Grove 40 năm trước, qua đời trong tù

July 9, 2019



Mỗi năm, Garden Grove đều tổ chức lễ tưởng niệm cho các cảnh sát viên hy sinh khi làm nhiệm vụ, trong đó có ông Donald F. Reed. (Hình: Thiện Lê/Người Việt)

**GARDEN GROVE, California (NV)** – Hung thủ giết một cảnh sát viên Garden Grove cách đây gần 40 năm, nay qua đời trong nhà tù khi đang đợi án tử hình.

Theo nhật báo The Orange County Register, hung thủ John George Brown, 71 tuổi, bị bắt vì bắn chết cảnh sát viên Donald F. Reed vào năm 1980.

Brown bị kết tội giết người, tấn công người khác với ý định gây sát thương và giết cảnh sát. Hung thủ bị kết án tử hình ở Orange County vào ngày 11 Tháng Sáu, 1982.

Đến Chủ Nhật, 7 Tháng Bảy, 2019, nhân viên nhà tù San Quentin của California phát hiện tù nhân Brown không cử động trong phòng giam.

Người tù này được nhân viên y tế chăm sóc, nhưng qua đời trong nhà tù lúc 71 tuổi. Giới hữu trách cho biết tù nhân Brown chờ ngày bị tử hình từ ngày 17 Tháng Sáu, 1982, cho đến hôm nay.

Cảnh sát viên Reed qua đời lúc 27 tuổi, khi cùng hai đồng nghiệp đến bắt nghi can Brown.



Trong một buổi lễ tưởng niệm hồi năm 2011, cựu điều tra viên Jack Brown cho hay ông Reed hay "lây nhiễm" năng lượng tích cực của ông cho đồng nghiệp.

"Ông ấy từng nói với tôi rằng ông rất vui vì được làm việc vào ban đêm và vui đến mức không ngủ được khi về nhà. Tôi lúc nào cũng biết ơn một người huynh đệ như ông," điều tra viên kể.

Để vinh danh cảnh sát viên Reed, Garden Grove đặt tên một con đường có tên ông là đường Donald Reed gần bệnh viện Kaiser trên đường Euclid. **(TL)**

**Video: Tin Trong Ngày**

Mới Cập Nhật

# Garden Grove: Đột nhập vào nhà, bắn chết nạn nhân, tìm ma túy và tiền

Ngọc Lan & Thanh Long/Người Việt

July 8, 2019



Ngôi nhà xảy ra vụ nổ súng khiến một người đàn ông 25 tuổi chết, trên đường La Grand, Garden Grove, vào sáng sớm Thứ Hai, 8 Tháng Bảy, 2019. (Hình: Văn Lan/Người Việt)

**GARDEN GROVE, California (NV)** – Một vụ nổ súng chết người xảy ra tại góc đường La Grand, thành phố Garden Grove, vào sáng sớm Thứ Hai, 8 Tháng Bảy, 2019.

Vào cuối buổi chiều Thứ Hai, 8 Tháng Bảy, thông cáo báo chí của cảnh sát cho biết, tên của nạn nhân là Shon Xavier Hall, 23 tuổi.

Trước đó, tại cuộc họp báo diễn ra lúc 1 giờ trưa, Trung Úy Carl Whitney, đại diện Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove, cho biết: "Một người đàn ông bị bắn chết vào sáng sớm Thứ Hai, 8 Tháng Bảy. Ba nghi can là đàn ông đeo mặt nạ đột nhập vào nhà và bắn chết nạn nhân trong khi tìm ma túy và tiền."

Tin cho hay, cảnh sát nhận được cuộc gọi vào khoảng 4:07 sáng 8 Tháng Bảy từ một người phụ nữ báo cáo rằng bạn trai của cô bị bắn.



Các cơ quan báo chí nghe họp báo về vụ nổ súng liên quan đến chuyện rửa tiền và ma túy nơi khu nhà trên đường La Grand, Garden Grove, vào trưa Thứ Hai, 8 Tháng Bảy, 2019. (Hình: Văn Lan/Người Việt)

Các nghi can đột nhập vào nhà trên đường La Grand, trong khi nạn nhân đang ngủ say trên giường với bạn gái. Bố mẹ nạn nhân cũng ở nhà.

Cảnh sát cho biết, các nghi can đeo mặt nạ đã đánh thức nạn nhân và yêu cầu anh ta đưa tiền và ma túy.

Nạn nhân đã cố gắng bỏ chạy sau khi bị bắn, nhưng rồi gục ngã và chết ngay trước lối đi của căn nhà.

Theo cảnh sát, ba nghi can đều có thể quen biết nạn nhân và nạn nhân có thể liên quan đến chuyện rửa tiền và mua bán ma túy.

Ngoài nạn nhân, không một ai khác trong nhà bị thương.

Cảnh sát cho biết ba nghi can bỏ chạy trong một chiếc xe sơn màu tối. Họ được mô tả là người Mỹ gốc Phi Châu và có mang theo vũ khí.



Các đài truyền hình bên ngoài khu vực phong tỏa chờ tin tức từ các cơ quan công lực. (Hình: Ngọc Lan/Người Việt)

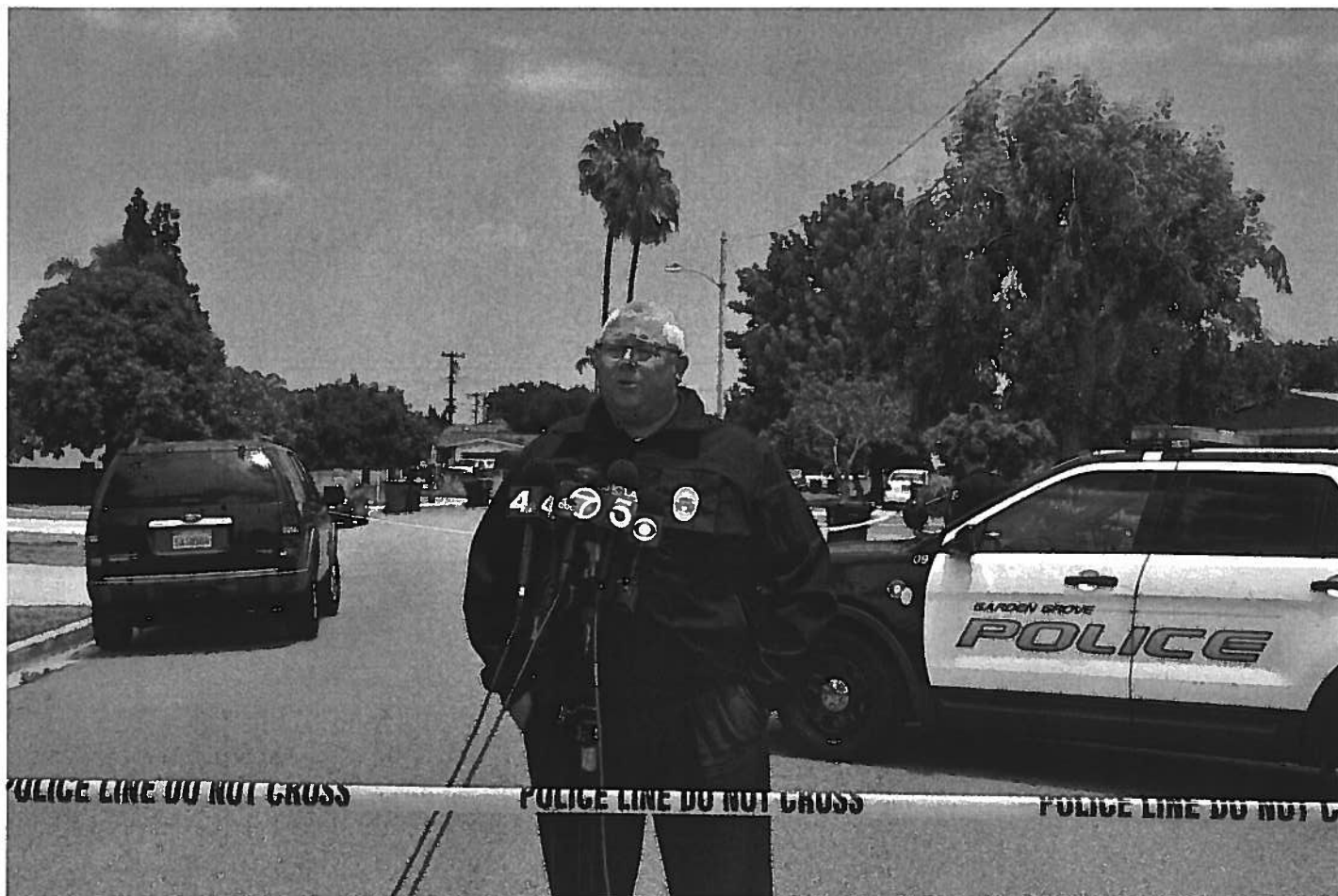
Phóng viên Người Việt có mặt tại hiện trường lúc 11 giờ sáng cùng với nhiều đài truyền hình Mỹ trong khi chờ họp báo.

Ông Văn Lan, một cư dân ở gần căn nhà bị cướp cho hay, vào khoảng hơn 3 giờ sáng ông được vợ gọi dậy sau khi nghe tiếng súng và ít phút sau thì có khoảng 10 xe cảnh sát đến bao vây và phong tỏa toàn bộ khu vực.

Vẫn theo lời ông Văn Lan, "khu vực dân cư này xưa nay rất bình yên" vì vậy ông "cảm thấy hoang mang khi chuyện xảy ra."

Cô Michelle, gốc Korean, ở cách ngôi nhà xảy ra vụ nổ súng năm, bảy căn, cho biết: "Tôi không hay biết chuyện xảy ra vì đang ngủ. Đến khoảng hơn 7 giờ sáng, chồng tôi thấy cảnh sát dầy đặc trước nhà, họ hỏi xem camera an ninh, nhưng camera nhà tôi chỉ thấy những gì diễn ra trước cửa nhà thôi, không thấy xung quanh."

"Xóm này xưa nay rất yên tĩnh, đây là lần đầu tiên tôi nghe thấy có lộn xộn xảy ra," cô nói thêm.



Trung Úy Carl Whitney, đại diện Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove, cho biết công việc điều tra truy tìm ba nghi can đang được tiến hành. (Hình: Văn Lan/Người Việt)

Tại cuộc họp báo, Trung Úy Carl Whitney cho hay công việc điều tra đang được tiến hành, cảnh sát xem lại các hình ảnh, video quay lại, cũng như thẩm vấn các nhân chứng khác. Cảnh sát hy vọng các video camera quay lại có thể giúp nhận diện hung thủ dễ dàng hơn.

Garden Grove là thành phố có đông cư dân gốc Việt sinh sống, thuộc Orange County, Nam California, và nơi xảy ra vụ cướp chỉ cách đường Bolsa của Little Saigon khoảng hơn 10 phút lái xe. **(Ngọc Lan & Thanh Long)**

**Video: Tin Trong Ngày**

Mới Cập Nhật

## Cháy cơ sở thương mại ở Little Saigon, hàng chục xe cứu hỏa có mặt

July 7, 2019



Cứu hỏa phải gọi xe thang đến. (Hình: Thiện Lê/Người Việt)

**GARDEN GROVE, California (NV)** – Một đám cháy xảy ra tại một khu thương mại có nhiều cơ sở của người gốc Việt ở Garden Grove vào chiều Chủ Nhật, 7 Tháng Bảy, 2019, khiến hàng chục xe cứu hỏa có mặt chỉ sau ít phút.

Phóng viên Người Việt có mặt tại khu thương mại ngay ngã tư đường Brookhurst và đường Reading lúc 2 giờ 30 phút chiều. Đây là một khu thương mại quen thuộc với cộng đồng Việt Nam ở Little Saigon.

Tại hiện trường, có cả chục xe cứu hỏa của nhiều thành phố ở Orange County như Midway, Garden Grove và Santa Ana có mặt để dập tắt đám cháy đồng thời di tản hết người bên trong ra và chặn các lối ra vào khu thương mại.



Lính cứu hỏa xịt vào cơ sở thương mại trên lầu Phát Ký Mi Gia. (Hình: Thiện Lê/Người Việt)

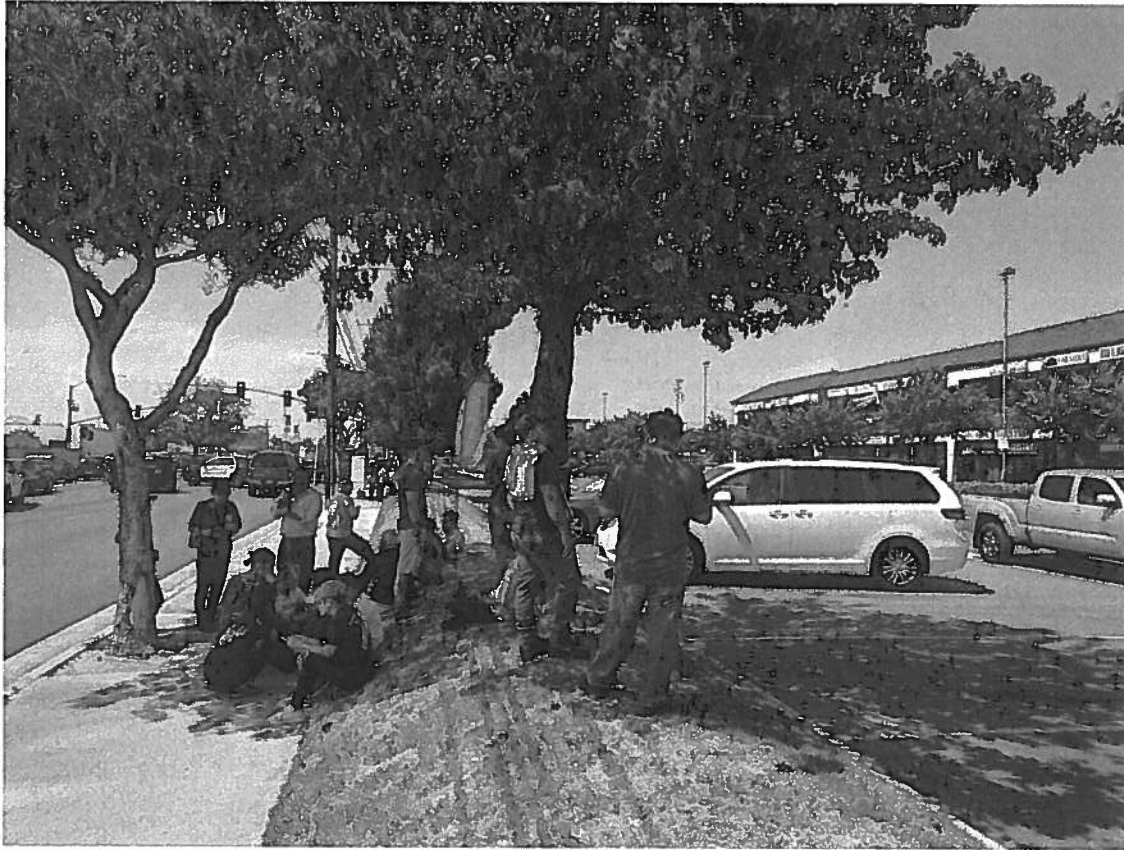
Nhiều nhân viên của các cơ sở trong khu này phải chạy ra đường đứng và các khách hàng phải rời khỏi nơi này, làm đường Brookhurst gần như kẹt cứng. Không chỉ vậy, lực lượng cứu hỏa và cảnh sát chặn gần hết chiều về hướng Bắc của con đường này, làm dòng xe càng khó đi lại hơn.

Một nhân chứng người gốc Hispanic cho phóng viên Người Việt hay, ông nghĩ một trong hai nhà hàng ở ngoài rìa của khu thương mại bị cháy và cứu hỏa phải tới nhanh để dập tắt.

Trong khi đó, nhiều nhân chứng người Việt Nam cho rằng một văn phòng khai thuế, hay làm giấy tờ ở trên lầu bị cháy.

“Cháy nhà hàng là nãy giờ tiêu rồi. Nếu cháy nhà hàng thì lửa thì phải lan từ dưới lên, chứ cứu hỏa phải lên lầu để xịt nước làm gì?” Một phụ nữ nói.

Một người đứng gần quán Tip Top Sandwiches cho hay: “Cứu hỏa tới nhanh lắm, họ từ trạm bên kia đường chạy qua rồi còn gọi thêm tiếp viện nữa. Tôi thấy họ kéo xe thang đến rồi leo lên lầu để xịt nước một văn phòng trên lầu. Chắc chập mạch điện hay gì rồi.”



Nhân viên của các cơ sở thương mại phải chạy ra ngoài. (Hình: Thiện Lê/Người Việt)

Đúng như nhân chứng này nói, khoảng 3 giờ chiều, cứu hỏa xịt nước từ một văn phòng nằm ngay trên lầu của nhà hàng Phát Ký Mì Gia xuống đất.

Đến khoảng 3 giờ 10 phút chiều, cứu hỏa và cảnh sát tháo băng vàng chặn đường Reading ra và bắt đầu dọn dẹp hiện trường.

Phóng viên Người Việt xin phỏng vấn để biết rõ hơn chuyện gì xảy ra, nhưng lực lượng cứu hỏa cho biết phải đợi họ đưa ra thông cáo báo chí. **(Thiện Lê)**

**Video: Tin Trong Ngày**

Mới Cập Nhật



## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**July 11, 2019**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the July 18, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocate," dated July 4, 2019 to July 11, 2019.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 11, 2019 – July 28, 2019

Thursday	July 11		Coaches Casual Day
		9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, Constitution Room
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, Teen "Wreck"reation Hall, Eastgate Park
		6:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series "Trinity," Eastgate Park
Thursday – Sunday	July 11 – 14		One More Productions presents "West Side Story," The Gem Theater
Thursday	July 18	6:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series "Flogging Seagulls," Eastgate Park
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday – Sunday	July 18 – 21		One More Productions presents "West Side Story," The Gem Theater
Friday	July 19		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Friday – Saturday	July 19 – 20	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Atlantis Family Campout 2019, Atlantis Play Center
Monday	July 22	5:30 p.m.	Citizen's Oversight Committee Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	July 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber Sanitary District Board Meeting, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED (ALL)</b>
Thursday	July 25	6:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series "The Answer," Eastgate Park
Thursday – Sunday	July 25 – 28		One More Productions presents "West Side Story," The Gem Theater



## A G E N D A

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### REGULAR MEETING

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JULY 18, 2019

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBER

ROLL CALL: CHAIR LEHMAN, VICE CHAIR KANZLER  
COMMISSIONERS LE, NGUYEN, PEREZ, RAMIREZ, SOEFFNER

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commissioners within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Community Meeting Center Council Chamber at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Planning Commission may take legislative action it deems appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 20, 2019
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
  - C.1. SITE PLAN NO. SP-070-2019  
VARIANCE NO. V-023-2019

APPLICANT: MICHAEL DAO

LOCATION: NORTHWEST CORNER OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE AND  
ATLANTIS WAY AT 9191 WESTMINSTER AVENUE

REQUEST: Site Plan approval to construct a 7,140 square foot 3<sup>rd</sup>  
floor addition to an existing two-story 29,736 square

foot medical office building for additional medical office and storage space. Also, a request for a Variance approval to deviate from the maximum stories and height permitted in the O-P (Office Professional) zone to facilitate the construction of the new 3<sup>rd</sup> floor addition.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of Site Plan No. SP-070-2019 and Variance No. V-023-2019. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

**C.2. SITE PLAN NO. SP-071-2019**

**APPLICANT:** SAINT COLUMBAN CHURCH

**LOCATION:** WEST SIDE OF NELSON STREET, NORTH OF STANFORD AVENUE AT 12701 AND 12671 NELSON STREET

**REQUEST:** A request by Saint Columban Church, located at 10801 Stanford Avenue, for Site Plan approval to convert two existing single-family dwellings, located on an approximately 21,760 square foot lot across Nelson Street, into 3,007 square feet of additional office and meeting space. The site is in the CCSP-PR (Civic Center Specific Plan-Peripheral Residential District) zone.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of Site Plan No. SP-071-2019. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

**D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**E. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

# Upcoming Bills in Committee, July 8 – 10

July 8, 2019

The Legislature is moving through policy committees, with the last day to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees on July 10, before wrapping up on July 12 for its summer recess.

Several League HOT bills will be heard this week, including AB 213 (Reyes), AB 516 (Chiu), SB 5 (Beall) and SB 330 (Skinner). The Legislature will return from its summer recess on Aug. 12. The League will continue monitoring several bills affecting cities.

Some hearings, if not all, will be televised. The [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) publish weekly television schedules, but audio is always available online. In addition, many hearings are also webcast via the [California Channel](#).

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

## July 8

### Senate Appropriations, 10:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **AB 12 (Irwin)** Firearms: gun violence restraining orders. *League position: pending support.*
- **HOT AB 213 (Reyes)** Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments. *League position: support.*
- **AB 314 (Bonta)** Public employment: labor relations: release time. *League position: oppose.*

### Assembly Transportation, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **SB 211 (Beall)** State highways: leases. *League position: support if amended.*

### Assembly Natural Resources, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- **SB 54 (Allen)** California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act. *League position: support.*
- **SB 515 (Caballero)** Public Utilities Commission: high hazard zone fuel: report. *League position: support.*

### Assembly Revenue and Taxation, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- **SB 344 (McGuire)** Local Prepaid Mobile Telephony Collection Act. *League position: support.*
- **SB 531 (Glazer)** Local Agencies: retailers. *League position: support.*

## July 9

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

- **AB 9 (Reyes)** Employment discrimination: limitation of actions. *League position: oppose unless amended.*
- **AB 51 (Gonzalez)** Employment discrimination: enforcement. *League position: oppose.*
- **AB 403 (Kalra)** Division of Labor Standards Enforcement: complaint. *League position: oppose.*
- **AB 931 (Boerner Hovarth)** Local boards and commissions: representation: appointments. *League position: oppose.*
- **AB 1116 (Grayson)** Firefighters: peer support. *League position: pending support.*
- **AB 1117 (Grayson)** Peace officers: peer support. *League position: pending support.*
- **AB 1184 (Gloria)** Public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail: retention. *League position: oppose.*
- **AB 1416 (Cooley)** Business: collection and disclosure of consumer personal information. *League position: support.*
- **AB 1544 (Gipson)** Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act. *League position: support.*

**Senate Public Safety, 8:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203**

- **HOT AB 516 (Chiu)** Authority to remove vehicles. *League position: oppose.*
- **AB 1600 (Kalra)** Discovery: personnel records: peace officers and custodial officers. *League position: oppose.*

**Assembly Health, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202**

- **SB 438 (Hertzberg)** Emergency medical services: dispatch. *League position: oppose unless amended.*

**July 10**

**Assembly Appropriations, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4202**

- **SB 749 (Durazo)** California Public Records Act: trade secrets. *League position: oppose.*

**Assembly Insurance, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 437**

- **SB 416 (Hueso)** Employment: workers' compensation. *League position: oppose.*
- **HOT SB 542 (Stern)** Workers' compensation. *League position: oppose.*

**Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 3191**

- **AB 56 (Garcia, Eduardo)** Electricity: procurement by the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority. *League position: oppose.*
- **AB 1699 (Levine)** Telecommunications: mobile internet service providers: first response agencies: emergencies. *League position: support.*

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

- **AB 68 (Ting)** Land use: accessory dwelling units. *League position: oppose unless amended.*
- **AB 570 (Aguilar-Curry)** Local Government Investment Act. *League position: support.*
- **AB 849 (Bonta)** Elections: city and county redistricting. *League position: oppose.*

- **AB 1583 (Eggman)** The California Recycling Market Development Act. *League position: oppose unless amended.*
- **HOT AB 1763 (Chiu)** Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing. *League position: oppose unless amended.*

**Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 2040**

- **AB 171 (Gonzalez)** Employment: sexual harassment. *League position: oppose.*
- **HOT AB 1400 (Kamlager-Dove)** Employment safety: firefighting equipment: mechanics. *League position: oppose.*

**Assembly Government Organization, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202**

- **HOT SB 670 (McGuire)** Telecommunications: community isolation outage: notification. *League position: support.*

**Assembly Local Government, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 127**

- **HOT SB 5 (Beall)** Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program. *League position: support.*
- **HOT SB 13 (Wieckowski)** Accessory dwelling units. *League position: oppose unless amended.*
- **SB 205 (Hertzberg)** Business licenses: stormwater discharge compliance. *League position: oppose unless amended.*
- **HOT SB 330 (Skinner)** Housing Crisis Act of 2019. *League position: oppose.*
- **SB 592 (Wiener)** Housing Accountability Act. *League position: oppose unless amended.*
- **SB 672 (Hill)** Planning and zoning: regional housing need allocation: City of Brisbane. *League position: support.*

**Assembly Utilities and Energy, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437**

- **SB 209 (Dodd)** Wildfires: California Wildfire Warning Center: fire-weather monitoring. *League position: support.*

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# The Sacramento Region's 25th Spare the Air Season is Underway

*July 8, 2019*

Spare the Air is an annual summer campaign coordinated by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD).

The campaign is meant to inform people about the dangerous effects of air pollution on health and ask residents to drive less to reduce pollution when a Spare the Air alert is issued. Between May – October, residents are encouraged to pay attention to daily air quality forecasts and make adjustments to their day's activities when the pollution levels become high.

A Spare the Air alert will be issued when ground-level ozone (smog) is forecasted to meet or exceed 126 on the Air Quality Index (AQI) with higher AQI numbers meaning there is a more pollution and a greater health risk.

The SMAQMD has developed a [tool kit](#) for cities to use that cities can use to advertise the campaign and educate their citizens about air pollution. More information about the Sacramento region's air quality can be found on [www.sparetheair.com](http://www.sparetheair.com).



# Governor Releases Language for Utility Wildfire Liability Bill

AB 1054 faces a two-thirds vote in the Legislature; Governor wants bill passed before July 12

July 8, 2019

Gov. Gavin Newsom and Assembly Members released 73 pages of language on June 27 outlining a wildfire plan that seeks to stabilize investor-owned utilities (IOUs) in California.

AB 1054 (Holden, Burke, Mayes) will establish a Wildfire Fund, make changes to the cost recovery standard at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and create a new CPUC Safety Certification. This bill requires a two-thirds vote to pass as it is an urgency bill and will take effect immediately upon being signed. The Governor has announced the ambitious goal that he would like the Legislature to pass legislation related to wildfires before the summer recess begins on July 12.

## Background of Utility Wildfire Liability Bill

The severity and frequency of California's recent wildfires is unparalleled. The recent Camp Fire in Butte County devastated the Town of Paradise and regrettably is on record as one of the most deadly and costly wildfires in California's history. The destruction seen across the state only highlights the need for more resources and tools to prevent and respond to these disasters. To address the destabilizing effects that utility caused catastrophic wildfires have had on California's electricity customers, the Governor called for the creation of a Strike Force to develop recommendations. It is the mission of the Strike Force to develop comprehensive strategies to grapple with the increasingly dangerous and destructive wildfires that California communities continue to face and to inform legislation on this issue going forward. They issued a report in April outlining their findings. AB 1054 attempts to codify some of the Strike Force's recommendations.

## Breakdown of AB 1054

The key contents of the bill are detailed below:

- **Establishes the California Catastrophe Council:** This council will oversee the California Earthquake Authority (CEA) and the "Wildfire Fund Administrator" who oversees and operates the Wildfire Fund.
- **Creates the Wildfire Safety Division and Advisory Board at the CPUC:** Starting Jan. 1, 2020, the Wildfire Safety Division will oversee and enforce investor owned utilities' safety compliance, and evaluate all electrical utilities' compliance with their wildfire mitigation plans.

- **Reforms Utility Cost Recovery:** Creates a new CPUC standard where in order to pass-through expenses, an electrical corporation bears the burden of proof to demonstrate their conduct was reasonable (current law practice), unless the electrical corporation has received a valid new “safety certification” from the CPUC. If the electrical corporation has received a valid safety certification, their conduct shall be deemed reasonable, unless a third party demonstrates that the electrical corporation's actions were not reasonable.
- **New CPUC Safety Certification:** The CPUC and Wildfire Safety Board will issue new annual safety certifications to electrical corporations. The safety certification allows electrical corporations to have access to the Wildfire Fund and for new cost recovery standard.
- **Creation of Liquidity Fund; and Option to Convert to Larger Insurance Fund:** Creates a Wildfire Fund as a liquidity fund for investor owned utilities (IOU) initially capitalized through a Surplus Money Investment Fund (SMIF) loan of \$10.5 billion. IOU's can also opt to convert the wildfire liquidity fund into an insurance fund funded from initial investment from SMIF loan and an additional \$10.5 billion from IOU's totaling \$21 billion.

### **Next Steps**

The Governor announced that he would like to see legislation related to wildfires pass before the Legislature's summer recess begins on July 12. The Legislature is currently considering this bill and will require a two-thirds vote in both houses in order to pass.

This bill was heavily amended late on Friday, July 5 and is currently scheduled to be heard in the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications committee on Monday, July 8. The League will issue a follow-up story outlining the amendments and the legislative progress the bill has made.

# Housing and Homelessness Budget Trailer Bill Sent to the Governor

July 8, 2019

On the heels of Gov. Gavin Newsom signing the main budget bill on July 5, the Legislature passed AB 101, a budget trailer bill that provides the details of the collaboration and compromise that took place over the last seven months between the Governor, the Legislature, and stakeholders.

The Governor will likely sign AB 101 in the coming days.

AB 101:

- Provides **\$2.5 billion** in funding to address California's housing and homelessness crisis;
- Establishes **incentives** to encourage cities and counties to increase housing production;
- Establishes a process for a **court** to determine that a city or county has complied with housing element law; and
- Imposes **penalties**, as a last resort, if cities and counties disregard the direction of a court and continue not to fulfill their responsibilities under housing element law.

## The Budget Process

FY 2019–20 budget negotiations began in January when the Governor held a press conference unveiling his first budget proposal where he outlined his proposals related to housing and homelessness.

The January Budget was a mixed bag for local government in regards to housing. While historic levels of new funding was proposed to help address homelessness and affordable housing needs, the budget also included possible statutory changes that would undermine local land use authority, limit the ability to impose impact fees and jeopardize local transportation revenues. As part of the proposal, cities would receive additional housing-related investments, including \$500 million to build homeless shelters, \$500 million for affordable housing tax credits and \$500 million for moderate housing production; however, the policy proposal would empower the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) with top-down authority to dictate local land use policies and penalize local communities if new state quotas are not met by stripping local transportation dollars and other vital revenue was of paramount concern for cities.

The Governor's May Revise was largely consistent with his January budget in respect to housing and homelessness; additionally it did contain some minor increases in funding to assist renters and repurposed housing production incentives grants to provide infill infrastructure funding for housing projects. It also included an additional \$150 million for homelessness services and resources, increasing the state's homelessness funding to \$1 billion. Unfortunately, the May Revise maintained the

Governor's commitment to link SB 1 transportation funding to compliance with housing element law, zoning and entitlements to meet the state's housing goals.

After months of negotiations, the Governor signed FY 2019–20 State Budget, which allocates more than \$2.4 billion, a historic level of new funding, to help address homelessness and affordable housing needs throughout the state. The final budget did not link SB 1 transportation funding to compliance with housing element law, zoning and entitlements to meet the state's housing goals.

## **A Brief Summary of AB 101**

### **Housing Element**

AB 101 requires HCD to publish an annual list of cities that have failed to adopt a HCD certified housing element. If HCD puts a city on the list, the city has an opportunity for two meetings to discuss its housing element and HCD must provide city written findings supporting its determination. A city may also request de novo review of its last element. HCD must issue written findings in response to the de novo review. A city may challenge HCD's findings in a court to determine whether a city's housing element substantially complies with the law and that determination carries the same weight as HCD certification.

If the Attorney General sues a city, a court finds that its housing element does not substantially comply with state law, and the city fails to bring the housing element into compliance, a court may impose fines ranging from \$10,000 to \$600,000 per month with the generated revenue deposited into the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund. The State Controller may intercept state and local funds if the fines are not paid. Additionally, extra points and other preferences will be awarded for certain state funding programs for cities that have adopted undetermined "pro-housing" policies.

### **Local Government Planning Support Grants Program**

AB 101 makes available \$250 million to regions, cities and counties for planning activities to accelerate housing production and facilitate implementation of Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). \$125 million will be available to councils of governments and other regional entities, with the remaining \$125 million available to cities and counties. These dollars may be used for:

- Rezoning and updating planning documents;
- Completing environmental clearance to eliminate need for project-specific review;
- Infrastructure planning; and
- Developing or improving accessory dwelling unit ordinance.

### **Infill Infrastructure Grant Program of 2019**

AB 101 makes available \$500 million for competitive funding for a "qualifying infill project" or

“qualifying infill area.” A qualifying infill project is a residential or mixed-use project located in an urbanized area in a city with an HCD-compliant housing element. Grant funds can be used for “capital improvement projects” to facilitate the development of a qualifying infill project or area such as:

- Water, sewer, or other utility improvements;
- Streets, roads, transit;
- Project site preparation; and
- Sidewalk or streetscape improvement.

### **Homelessness: Funding and Programs**

AB 101 makes \$650 million available for one-time grants to cities, counties, and continuums of care to support regional coordination, expand or develop local capacity, and address immediate homelessness challenges. All awards will be based on the applicant’s proportionate share of the state’s total homeless population.

- \$275 million will be available to cities or a city and county that has a population of more than 300,000.
- \$175 million will be available to counties.
- \$190 million will be available to continuums of care.

### **Low Barrier Navigation Centers**

AB 101 would require a low barrier navigation center be permitted as a “use by right” if it meets specified requirements. Within 30 days of receiving an application for a center, a city must notify the applicant whether the application is complete. Within 60 days of a completed application, the city must act on the application.

### **State Low Income Housing Tax Credit**

AB 101 also increases the state low income housing tax credit to \$500 million for the 2020 calendar year.

### **Additional Resources**

[AB 101 Bill Text](#)

[AB 101 Full League Summary](#)

# Release of the National League of Cities' Affordable Housing Report

*July 10, 2019*

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The report focuses on the challenges and solutions communities large and small are using to address the nation's growing affordable housing crisis with cities, towns, and villages on the front lines.

Reflecting the collaborative work of over 20 bipartisan community leaders on NLC's housing taskforce, the report offers several policy actions and gives a comprehensive overview of the history and factors behind the crisis, as well as case studies from cities launching innovative solutions and recommendations from experts. Taskforce members represent a wide array of cities and regions across the country. Representing California as taskforce members are Carolyn Coleman, executive director of the League of California Cities and Libby Schaaf, mayor of Oakland.

The report highlights a set of five national housing policy recommendations:

- Immediately stabilize and stem the loss of public and affordable housing
- Follow emergency intervention with passage of a long-term, stand-alone federal housing bill that authorizes ten years of new funding for pilot programs that advance housing for all
- Support innovation and modernization of land-use and planning at the local and regional levels
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Additionally, the report included five local recommendations:

- Establish local programs by combining funding and financing streams to support housing goals
- Modernize local land use policies, including zoning and permitting, to rebalance housing supply and demand
- Identify and engage broadly with local stakeholders, and coordinate across municipal boundaries, to develop a plan to provide housing opportunities for all
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