

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
October 15, 2020

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. SECOND MICRO BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT UPDATE

This report provides a second update on the Micro Business Relief Grant Program.

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 news for the week of October 12, 2020

• 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 Stiles	From:	Lisa Kim
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Community & Economic Development
Subject:	Second Micro Business Relief Grant Update	Date:	October 6, 2020

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is to provide a second update on the Micro Business Relief Grant Program, the first update was provided on August 4, 2020.

BACKGROUND

The City and County of Orange entered into a Subrecipient Agreement to receive Coronavirus Relief Funds for economic support in the amount of \$617,600 to assist small businesses impacted by COVID-19. In June 2020, the City established the Micro Business Relief Grant (Micro Biz Program) and officially launched an online application portal (ggcity.org/businesses) to streamline the application process for eligible small businesses and nonprofit organizations. Extensive business outreach was conducted through the use of an online portal, information flyers, social media platforms, virtual information webinars presented in multiple languages, and direct marketing via email.

DISCUSSION

The Micro Biz Program has provided economic support to 72 Garden Grove small businesses of up to \$5,000 grants which can be used toward rent relief payments and business innovation activities. Approximately, 62 businesses are in the application process and we anticipate funding available to support an additional 53 Micro Biz Grants. The City has estimated the balance of this portion of the Coronavirus Relief Funds will be exhausted by October 2020.

The Subrecipient Agreement requires the City to provide two progress reports. We have included the first report, due October 1, 2020. This requires the Subrecipient to provide to the County the following information (Attachment 1):

1. Eligible expenses paid from the grant amount as of September 15, 2020;
2. Identify the name and location of each Small Business receiving economic support funded by the grant amount and the amounts paid to each Small Business;
3. Demonstrate how Subrecipient used the grant amount consistent with the use requirements in Paragraph 2 of agreement; and

4. Identify the balance of the grant amount that Subrecipient has not spend.

Progress Report No. 1 was emailed to the County and a hard copy was sent via USPS on September 30, 2020. The next progress report due to the County will be on January 15, 2020 and will include the expenditure of the balance of the grant amount.



LISA L. KIM

Assistant City Manager
Community & Economic Development Director

Grace E. Lee
Sr. Economic Development Specialist

Attachment 1 Progress Report No. 1



**CARES Act Funds Subrecipient Certification
for Eligible Expenses Incurred by Cities**

TO: County of Orange
 Attn: Denis Bilodeau
 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., 3rd Floor
 Santa Ana, CA 92701

Period Reported: 3/1/2020 to 9/15/2020
 City: City of Garden Grove
 Address: 11222 Acacia Parkway
 City/Zip: Garden Grove /92840
 Contact Name: Grace Lee
 Phone: 714-741-5130

Expenses by Category	Expenditures Incurred	Balance of Amounts Obligated / Committed	Total Projected Expenditure of Award
Administrative Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Budgeted Personnel and Services Diverted to a Substantially Different Use	-	-	-
COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing	-	-	-
Economic Support (Other than Small Business, Housing, and Food Assistance)	-	-	-
Expenses Associated with the Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes	-	-	-
Facilitating Distance Learning	-	-	-
Food Programs	-	-	-
Housing Support	-	-	-
Improve Telework Capabilities of Public Employees	-	-	-
Medical Expenses	-	-	-
Nursing Home Assistance	-	-	-
Payroll for Public Health and Safety Employees	-	-	-
Personal Protective Equipment	-	-	-
Public Health Expenses	-	-	-
Small Business Assistance	148,960	-	148,960
Unemployment Benefits	-	-	-
Workers' Compensation	-	-	-
Items Not Listed Above - Other	-	-	-
Total	\$ 148,960	\$ -	\$ 148,960
Amount Awarded			617,600
Balance Remaining			\$ 468,640

As the City Manager for the City of [insert city name], I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information contained in this report is true, accurate and complete.

Certified by:

Signature: *Scott C. Stiles*
 Name: Scott C. Stiles

Date: 9/30/20
 Title: City Manager

County of Orange
 COVID-19 - CARES Act Funding
 Report of Expenses by Subrecipient

DUNS Number 838134872
 Sub-Recipient Entity Name City of Garden Grove
 Project Name Coronavirus Relief Fund
 Date of Award 25-Jun-20
 Amount of Award 617,600
 Award Period 3/1/20-12/30/20

Expenses by Category [4]	[1]	[2]	[3]	March 1 - September 15, 2020			September 15 - December 30, 2020			TOTAL	
	Expenditures Incurred	Balance of Amounts Obligated / Committed	Total Projected Expenditure of Award	Expenditures Incurred	Balance of Amounts Obligated / Committed	Total Projected Expenditure of Award	Award Expended	Award Obligated			
	a Administrative Expenses			-			-	-	-	-	-
b Budgeted Personnel and Services Diverted to a Substantially Different Use			-			-	-	-	-	-	
c COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing			-			-	-	-	-	-	
d Economic Support (Other than Small Business, Housing, and Food Assistance)			-			-	-	-	-	-	
e Expenses Associated with the Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes			-			-	-	-	-	-	
f Facilitating Distance Learning			-			-	-	-	-	-	
g Food Programs			-			-	-	-	-	-	
h Housing Support			-			-	-	-	-	-	
i Improve Telework Capabilities of Public Employees			-			-	-	-	-	-	
j Medical Expenses			-			-	-	-	-	-	
k Nursing Home Assistance			-			-	-	-	-	-	
l Payroll for Public Health and Safety Employees			-			-	-	-	-	-	
m Personal Protective Equipment			-			-	-	-	-	-	
n Public Health Expenses			-			-	-	-	-	-	
o Small Business Assistance	148,960		148,960			-	148,960		-	-	
p Unemployment Benefits ^{3/}			-			-	-	-	-	-	
q Workers' Compensation			-			-	-	-	-	-	
r Items Not Listed Above (list below)			-			-	-	-	-	-	
r1 Other			-			-	-	-	-	-	
r2 Other			-			-	-	-	-	-	
r3 Other			-			-	-	-	-	-	
r4 Other			-			-	-	-	-	-	
Total All Categories	148,960	-	148,960	-	-	-	148,960	-	-	-	

[1] Report the actual expenditures incurred as of the last day of the reporting period. This includes payments made or due for goods or services received.

[2] Report the balance of future commitments not yet incurred but anticipated to be incurred on or before December 30, 2020.

[3] Represents the total incurred and obligated for the period of March 1, 2020, to December 30, 2020.

[4] Refer to the US Treasury's Office of the Inspector General for further guidance and descriptions for each expenditure category.

<https://www.treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/ig/Pages/cares-overview.aspx>

County of Orange
 COVID-19 - CARES Act Funding
 Report of Disbursements Made for Economic Support by Subrecipient

For each payment or obligation made for economic support provided by your city, please complete the following information.
 Note: The total should equal the amount reported on the expenditure report for the lines for Economic Support and Small Business Assistance for the period being reported. (Insert rows as needed)

Line #	Payee/Grantee Name	Address	DUNS# (If known)	Date of Payment	Type of Payment (Reimbursement, Advance)	Amount	Description	COVID-19 Related Projects	Primary location where work was performed	Start Date	End Date
1	HNNH BLUE SKY RE MICRO BUS GT-	12127 BROOKHURST ST, Garden Grove, CA 92841		09/09/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/09/2020	09/03/2020
2	JESHA LLC MICRO BUS GT- 234389	92841 Chapman Avenue #C, Garden Grove, CA 92841		09/09/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/09/2020	09/03/2020
3	THE PINK DOOR S MICRO BUS GT-	10662 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92843		09/09/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/09/2020	09/02/2020
4	CHEZ ROSE FLORA MICRO BUS GT-	7261 Garden Grove Blvd, Suite A, Garden Grove CA 92841		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/27/2020
5	CLOSET 21 MICRO BUS GT- 655827	9827 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove CA 92841		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/27/2020
6	KIWANISLAND, IN MICRO BUS GT-	9840 Lerson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844		09/02/2020	Grant	405.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/27/2020
7	MAI NINH TAILOR MICRO BUS GT-	10704 Westminster Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844		09/02/2020	Grant	4,150.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/27/2020
8	THE VIETNAMESE MICRO BUS GT- 6	12755 BROOKHURST ST, SUITE 116, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/27/2020
9	102 CAFE MICRO BUS GT- 5893951	12908 Main St., Garden Grove, CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
10	ANH TUAN INCOME MICRO BUS GT-	10872 WESTMINSTER Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
11	CARINCA AUTO IN MICRO BUS GT-	9055 GARDEN GROVE BLVD, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
12	CYBERTECH MICRO BUS GT- 738975	9881 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	4,405.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
13	DIAMOND SEAFOOD MICRO BUS GT-	12181 Brookhurst st Garden Grove CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
14	ECONO RENT A CA MICRO BUS GT-	9571 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
15	EMILY'S COLLECT MICRO BUS GT-	9854 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
16	HUY KHIEM PHOTO MICRO BUS GT-	12955 MAIN ST., GARDEN GROVE CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
17	KHANH LE, LLC MICRO BUS GT- 80	10130 W GARDEN GROVE BLVD STE 133 GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
18	MATHNASIUM OF G MICRO BUS GT-	9240 Garden Grove Blvd. #17, Garden Grove, CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
19	MISSYS GUEST HO MICRO BUS GT-	9131 Healey Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92841		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
20	PANCHITOS TAQUE MICRO BUS GT-	13048 Chapman Ave Garden Grove CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
21	PROVIDENCE MFG MICRO BUS GT- 2	14337 Commerce Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92843		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
22	STEPHAN REFRIGE MICRO BUS GT-	12812 Knott St., Garden Grove, CA 92841		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
23	SUNFLOWER DRAPE MICRO BUS GT-	11652 Knott St. #14 Garden Grove, CA 92841		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
24	VIP DENTAL CARE MICRO BUS GT-	12093 Brookhurst St, Suite C, Garden Grove CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
25	VONG QUANH THE MICRO BUS GT- 5	10900 Westminster Ave., Ste 9, Garden Grove, CA 92840		09/02/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	09/02/2020	08/26/2020
26	OASIS MEDSPA, I MICRO BUS GRAN	9252 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92840		08/26/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	08/26/2020	08/24/2020
27	EISWELT GELATO MICRO BUSINESS	9605 Bolsa Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92844		08/19/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	08/19/2020	08/17/2020
28	DL BEST INVESTM MICRO BUSINESS	13522 NEWHOPE ST GARDEN GROVE CA 92840		08/19/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	08/19/2020	08/12/2020
29	E PATISSERIE & MICRO BUSINESS	12919 Main Street - Garden Grove, CA 92840		08/19/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	08/19/2020	08/12/2020
30	MASTER CLEANER MICRO BUSINESS	8951 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841		08/19/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	08/19/2020	08/12/2020
31	LOUIE'S ON MAIN MICRO BUSINESS	12942 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840		08/12/2020	Grant	5,000.00	Rent Relief	Small Business Assistance	City of Garden Grove	08/12/2020	08/07/2020
	Aggregate total for other related expenditures and obligations										
	TOTAL					148,960					

Refer to the US Treasury's Office of Inspector General for additional guidance on information to be included.
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Memorandum

DATE: October 13, 2020
TO: Member Agencies – MWD OC Divisions Two & Three
FROM: Larry Dick, Director – Division Two
Bob McVicker, Director – Division Three
SUBJECT: Monthly Water Usage Data, Tier 2 Projection & Water Supply Information

The attached figures show the recent trend of water consumption in Orange County (OC), an estimate of Imported Water Sales for MWD OC, and selected water supply information.

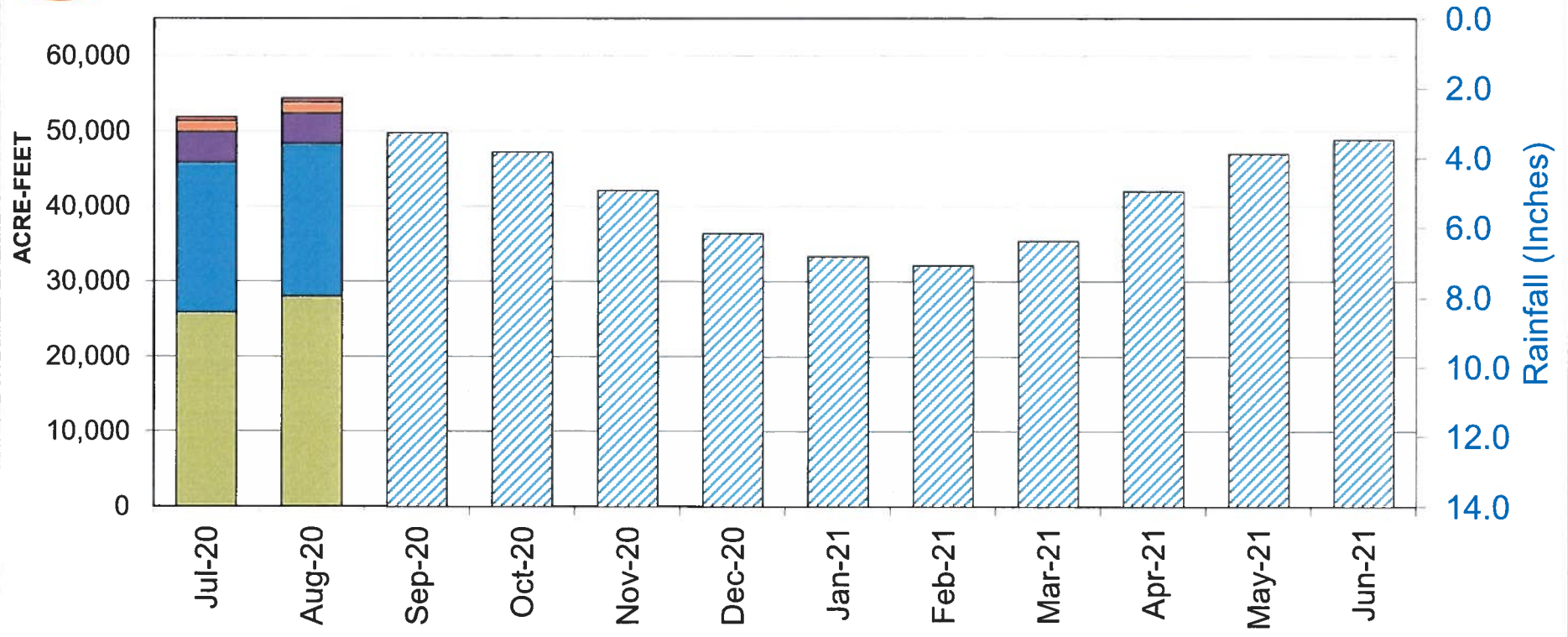
- OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply **OCWD Groundwater was the main supply in August.**
- OC Water Usage, Monthly, Comparison to Previous Years Water usage in **August 2020 was slightly below average compared to the last 5 years.** We are projecting a slight decrease in overall water usage compared to FY 2019-20. It has been 41 months since all mandatory water restrictions were lifted by the California State Water Resources Control Board.
- Historical OC Water Consumption Orange County M & I water consumption is **projected** to be **521,000 AF in FY 2020-21** (this includes ~15 TAF of agricultural usage and non-retail water agency usage). This is about **13,000 AF less than FY 2019-20** and is about **6,000 AF more than FY 2018-19**. Water usage per person is projected to be slightly lower in **FY 2020-21 for Orange County at 142 gallons per day** (This includes recycled water). Although OC population has increased 20% over the past two decades, water usage has not increased, on average. A long-term decrease in per-capita water usage is attributed mostly to Water Use Efficiency (water conservation) efforts. **O.C. Water Usage for the last five Fiscal Years is the lowest since the 1982-83 Fiscal Year** (FY 1982-83 was the third wettest year on record).

Water Supply Information Includes data on Rainfall in OC; the OCWD Basin overdraft; Northern California and Colorado River Basin hydrologic data; the State Water Project (SWP) Allocation, and regional storage volumes. The data have implications for the magnitude of supplies from the three watersheds that are the principal sources of water for OC. Note that a hydrologic year is Oct. 1st through Sept. 30th.

- Orange County's accumulated precipitation through **late September** was slightly above average for this period. Water year to date rainfall in Orange County is **14.79 inches**, which is **115% of normal**.
- Northern California accumulated precipitation through **later September** was **64% of normal for this period**. Water Year 2019 was 137% of normal while water year 2018 was 82% of normal. The **Northern California snowpack** was **71% of normal** as of April 8th. **As of early October, 67.65%** of California is experiencing **moderate to extreme drought conditions** while 84.65% of the state is experiencing abnormally dry conditions. The State Water Project Contractors Table A Allocation was increased to 20% in May 2020.
- Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation through **late September** was **80% of normal** for this period. The **Upper Colorado Basin snowpack** was **100% of normal** as of April 6th. **Lake Mead and Lake Powell** combined have about **60% of their average storage volume** for this time of year and are at **43.2% of their total capacity**. If Lake Mead's **level falls below a "trigger" limit 1,075 ft. at the end of a calendar year**, then a shortage will be declared by the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), impacting Colorado River water deliveries to the Lower Basin states. As of early October, Lake Mead levels were **8.18' above the "trigger" limit**. The USBR predicts that the start of 2020 will not hit the "trigger" level but there is a **0% chance that the trigger level will be hit in 2021 and a 9% chance in 2022**.



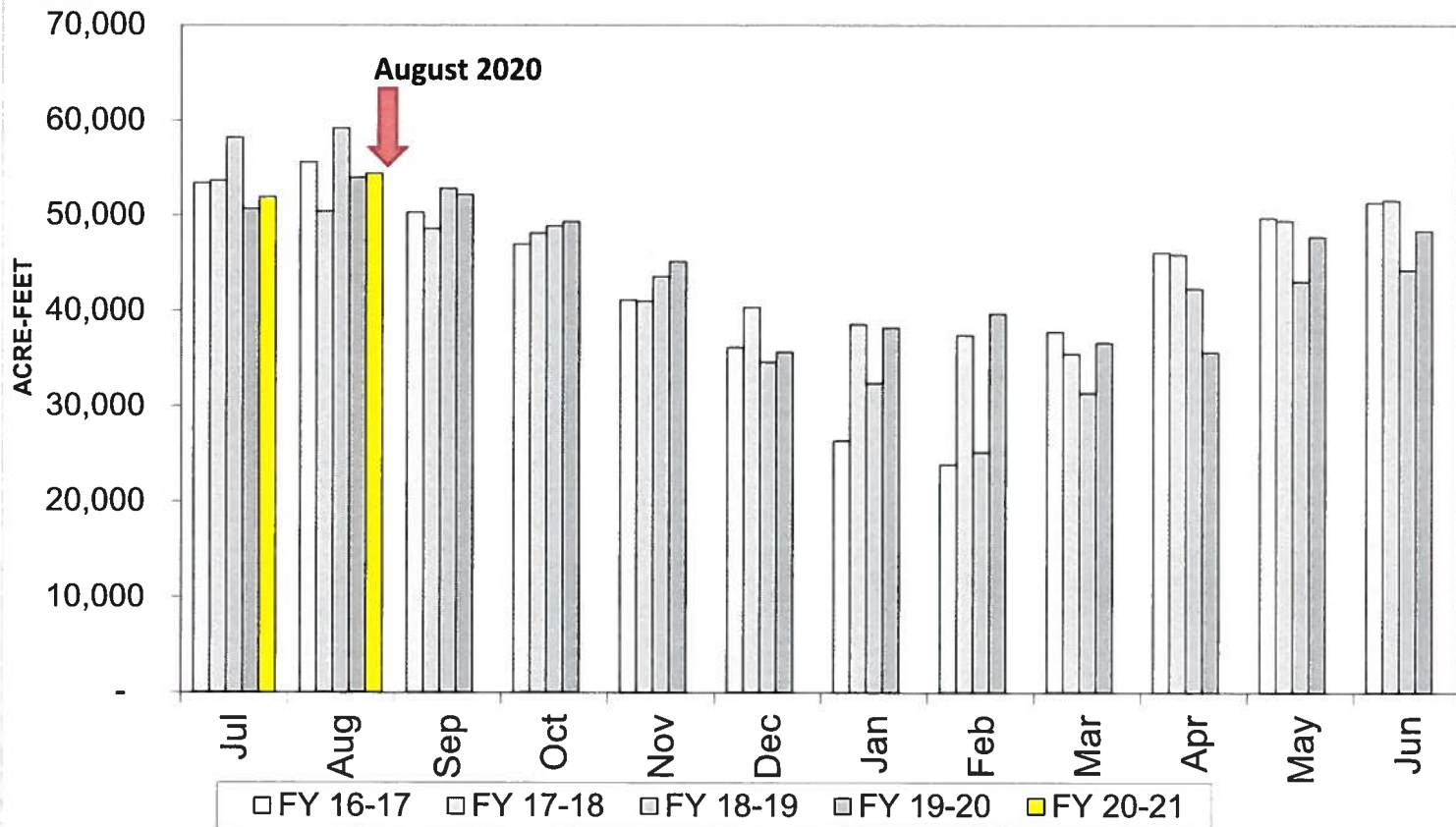
Fig. 1 OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply with projection to end of fiscal year



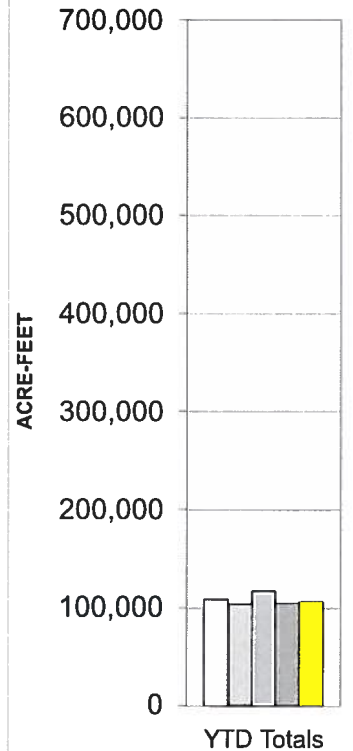
- [1] Imported water for consumptive use. Includes "In-Lieu" deliveries and CUP water extraction. Excludes "Direct Replenishment" deliveries of spreading water and deliveries into Irvine Lake.
- [2] GW for consumptive use only. Excludes In-Lieu water deliveries and CUP water extraction that are counted with Import. BPP in FY '19-20 is 77%.
- [3] MWDOC's estimate of monthly demand is based on the projected 5 Year historical retail water demand and historical monthly demand patterns.
- [4] Total water usage includes IRWD groundwater agricultural use and usage by non-retail water agencies.



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

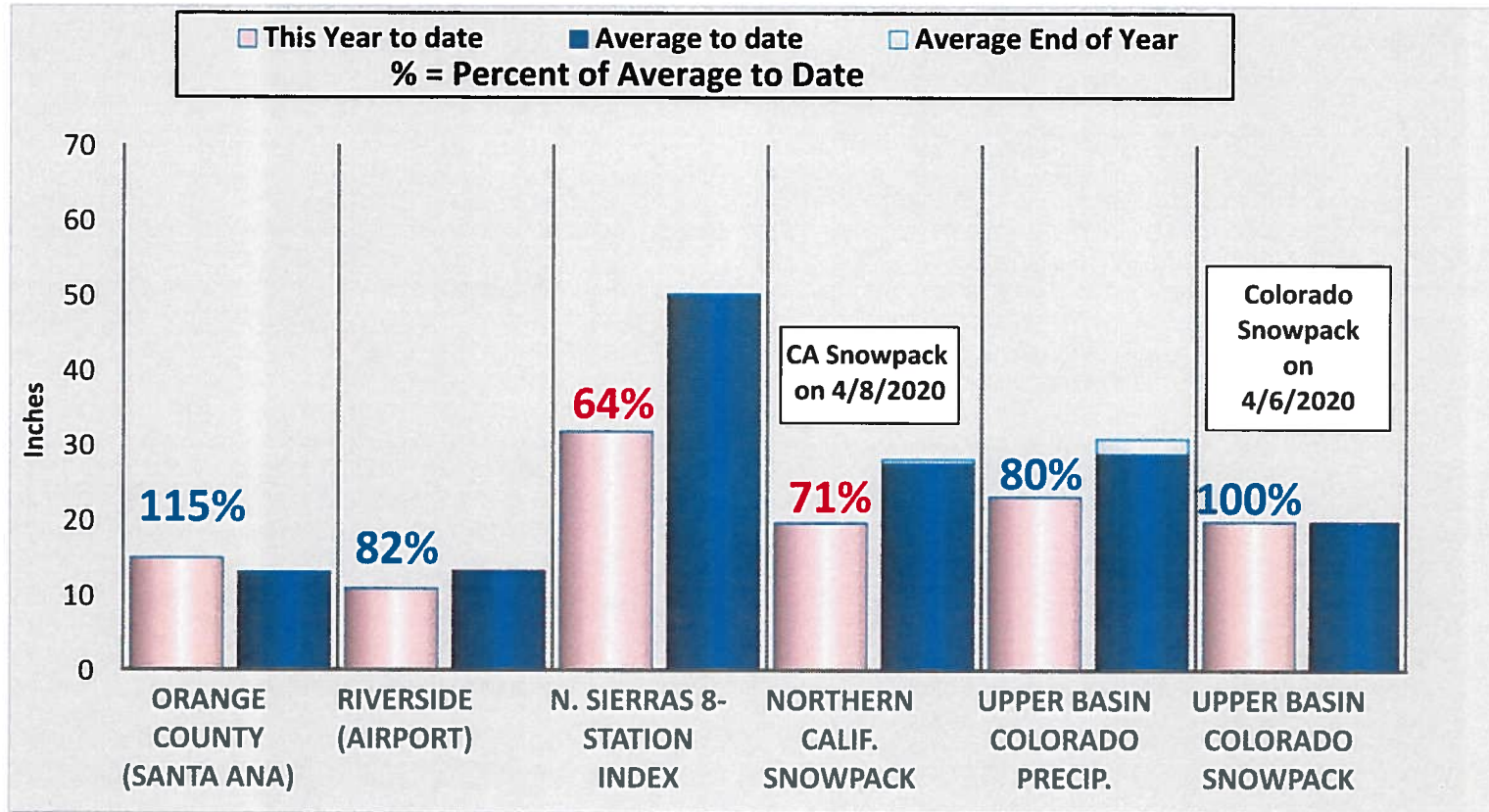


Partial Year Subtotals



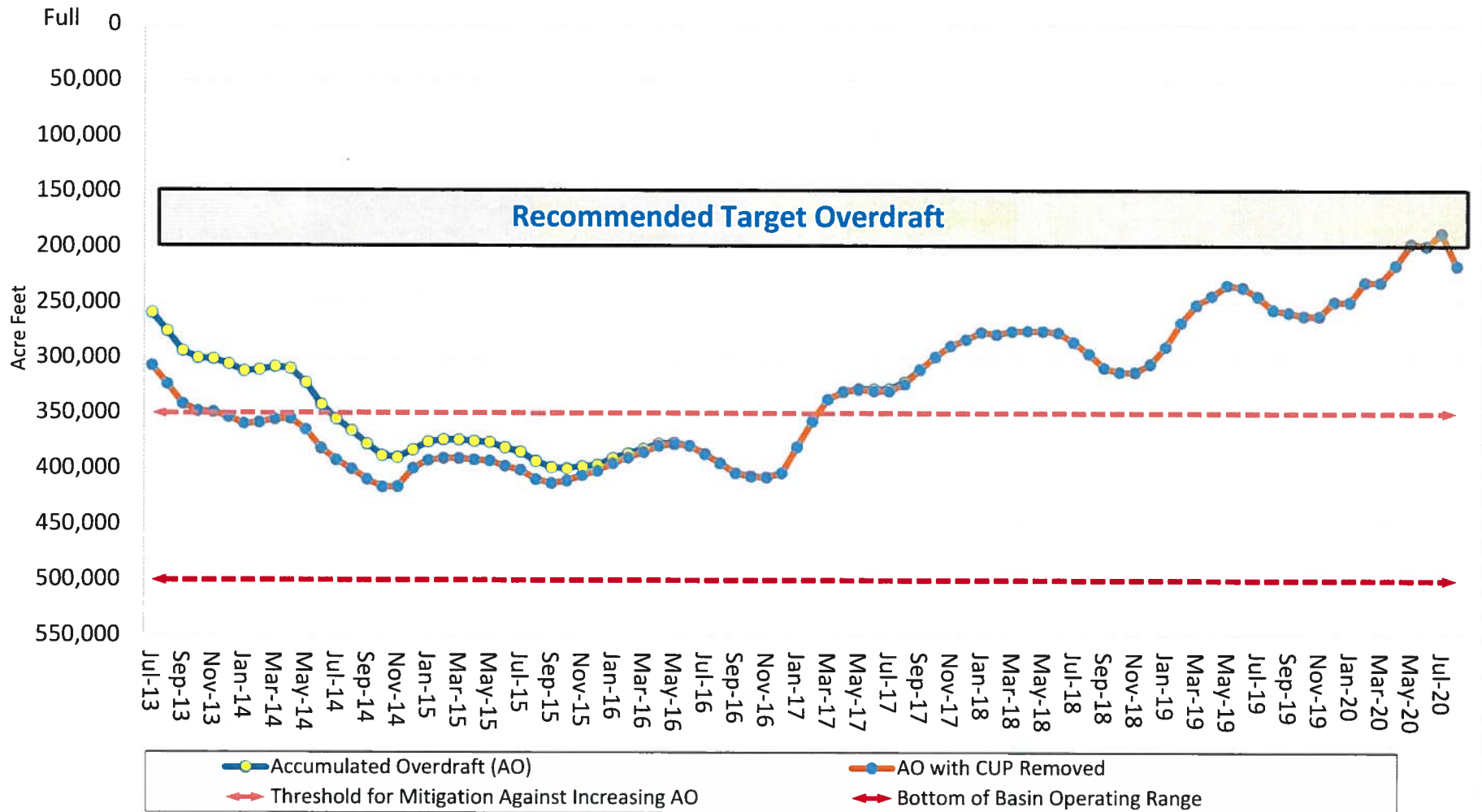
[1] Sum of Imported water for consumptive use (includes "In-Lieu" deliveries; excludes "Direct Replenishment" and "Barrier Replenishment") and Local water for consumptive use (includes recycled and non-potable water and excludes GWRS production) Recent months numbers include some estimation.

Accumulated Precipitation for the Oct.-Sep. water year, late September 2020

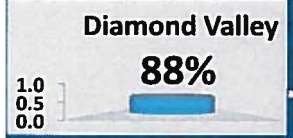
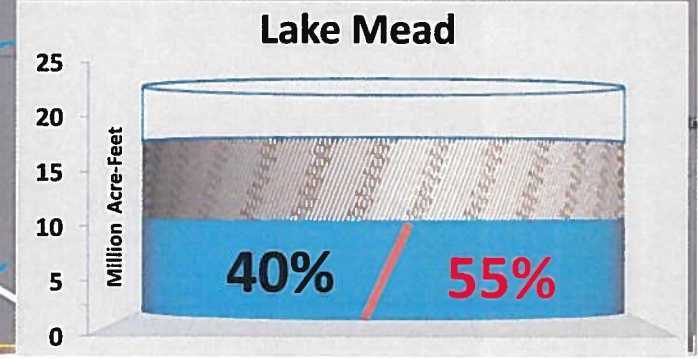
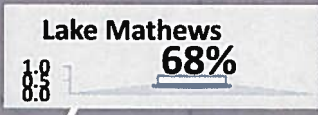
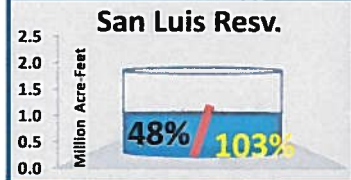
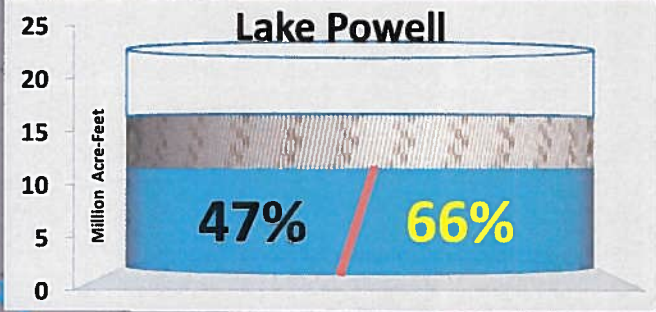
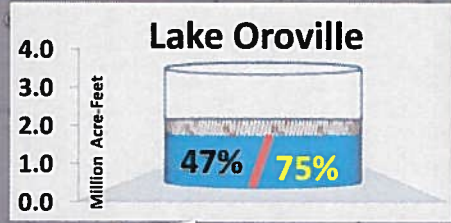
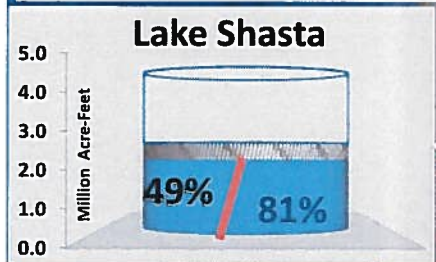


* The date of maximum snowpack accumulation (April 1st in Northern Calif. , April 15th in the Upper Colorado Basin) is used for year to year comparison.

Accumulated Overdraft of the OCWD Groundwater Basin as of August 2020



State Water Project, Colorado River, and MWD Reservoir Storage
as of September 28, 2020



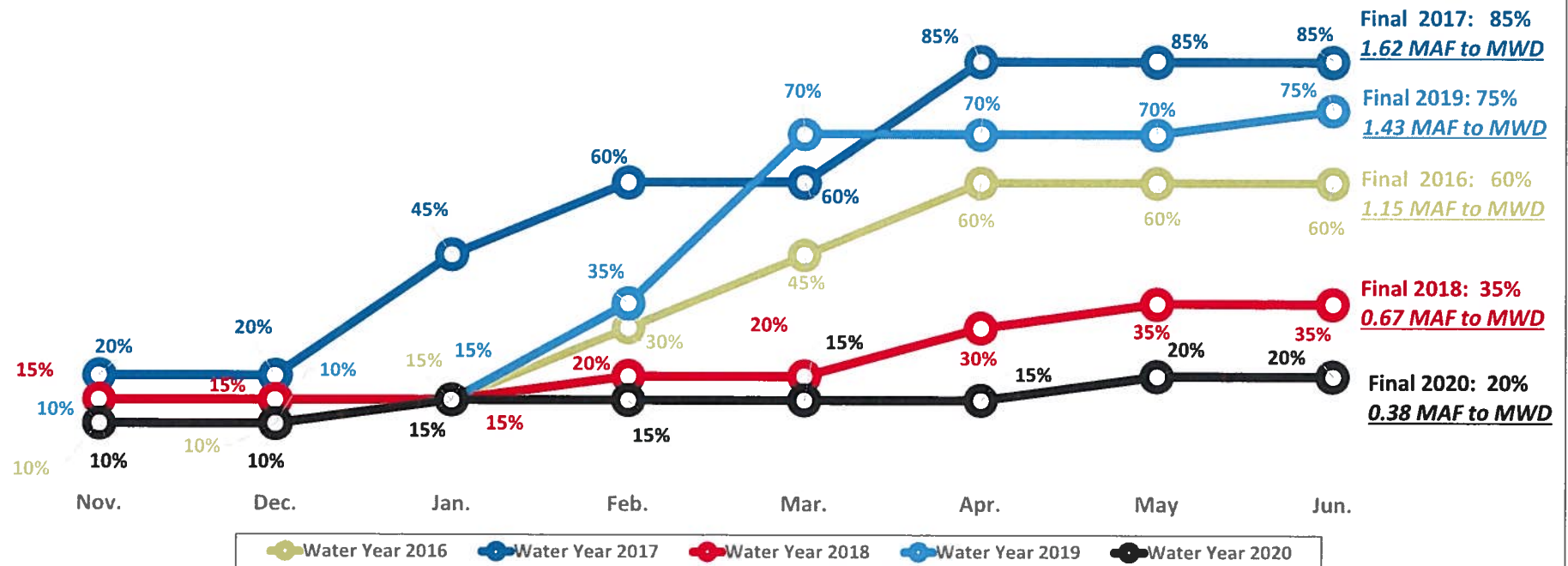
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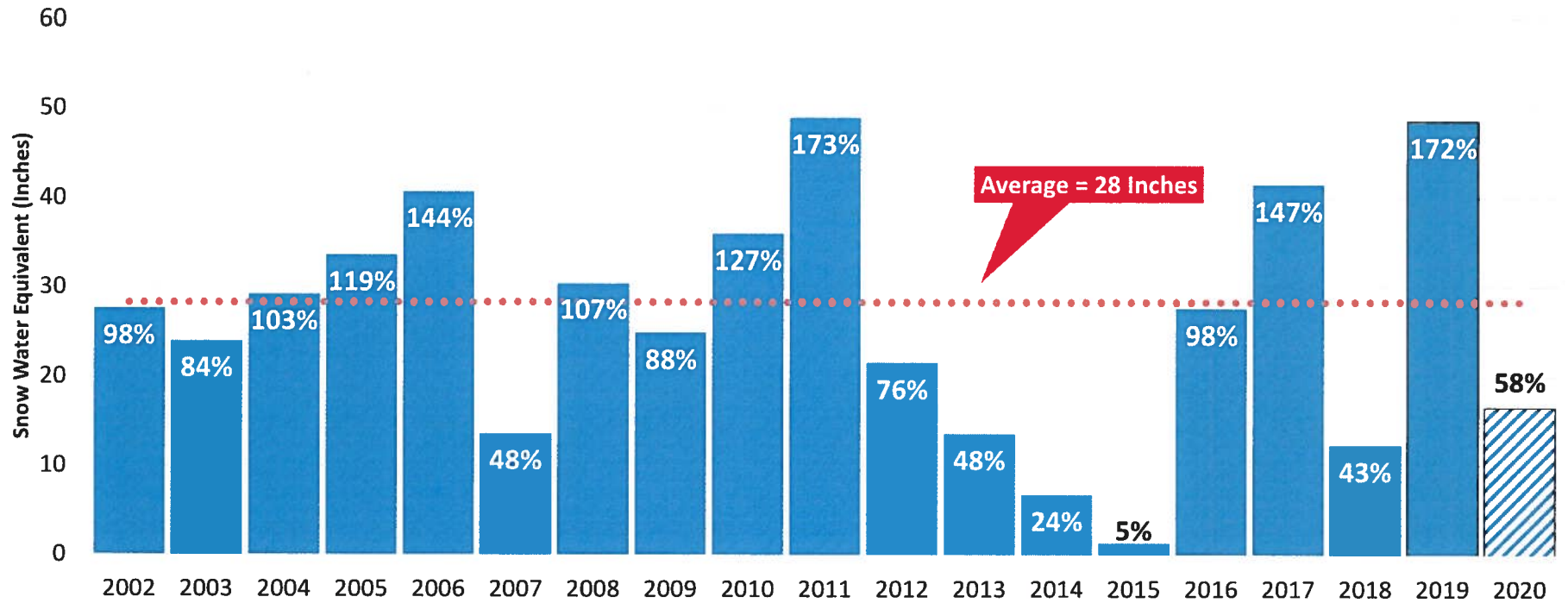
Prepared by the Municipal Water District of Orange County
*Numbers are subject to change

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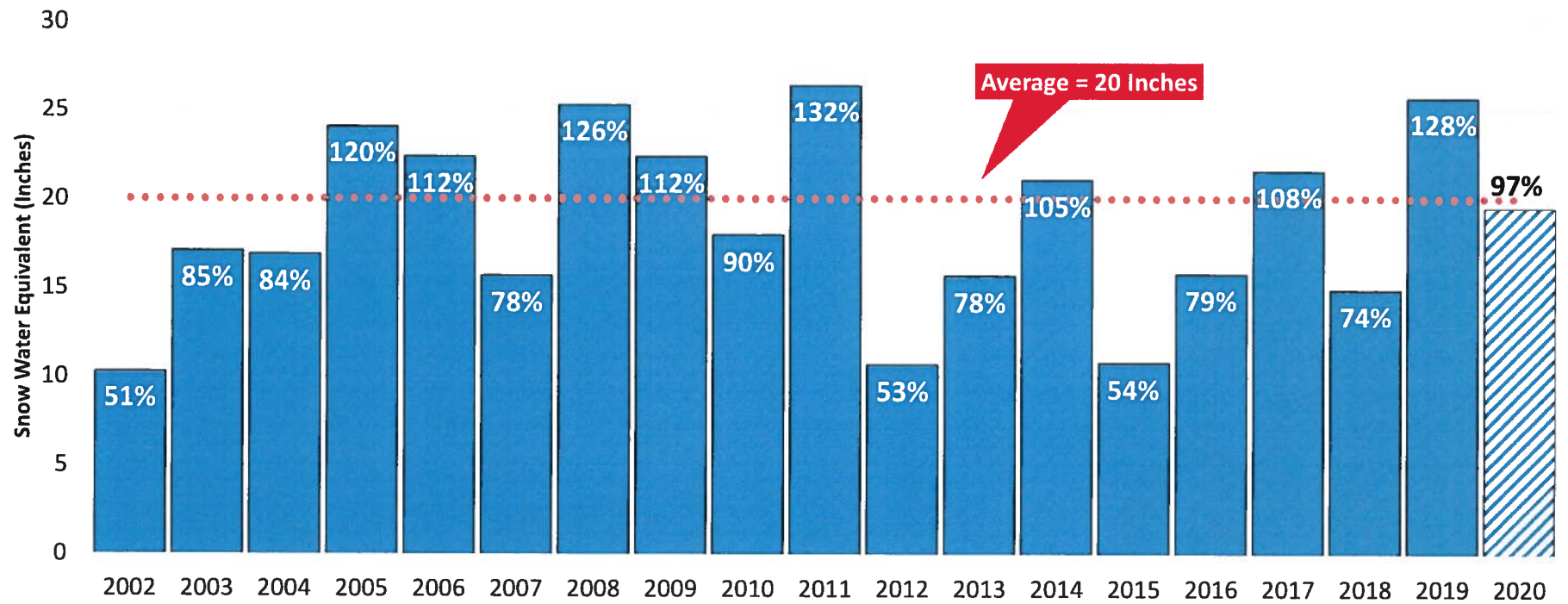
FOR STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS



Historical Northern California April 1st Peak Snow Water Equivalent

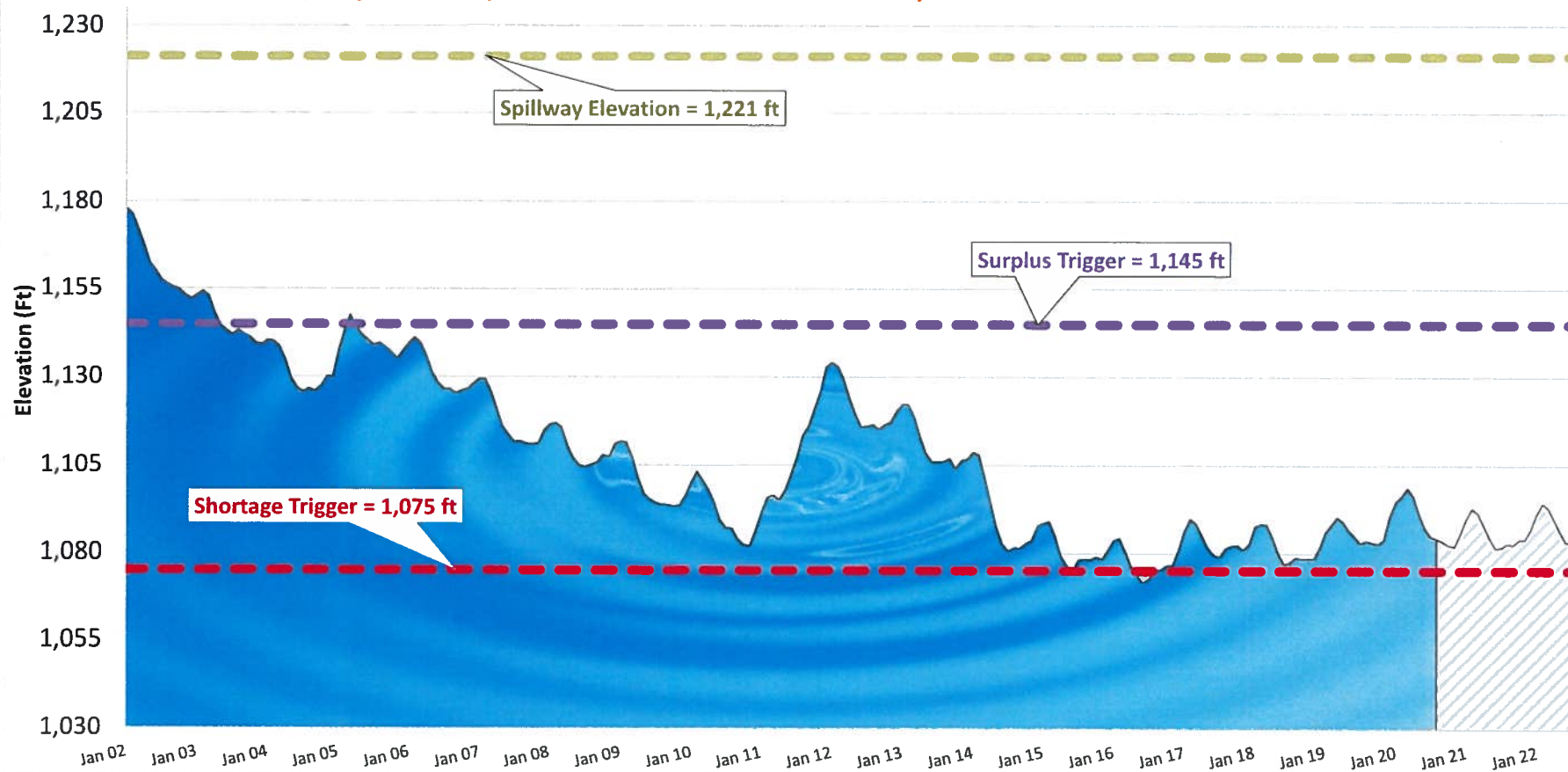


Historical Colorado Basin April 15th Peak Snow Water Equivalent



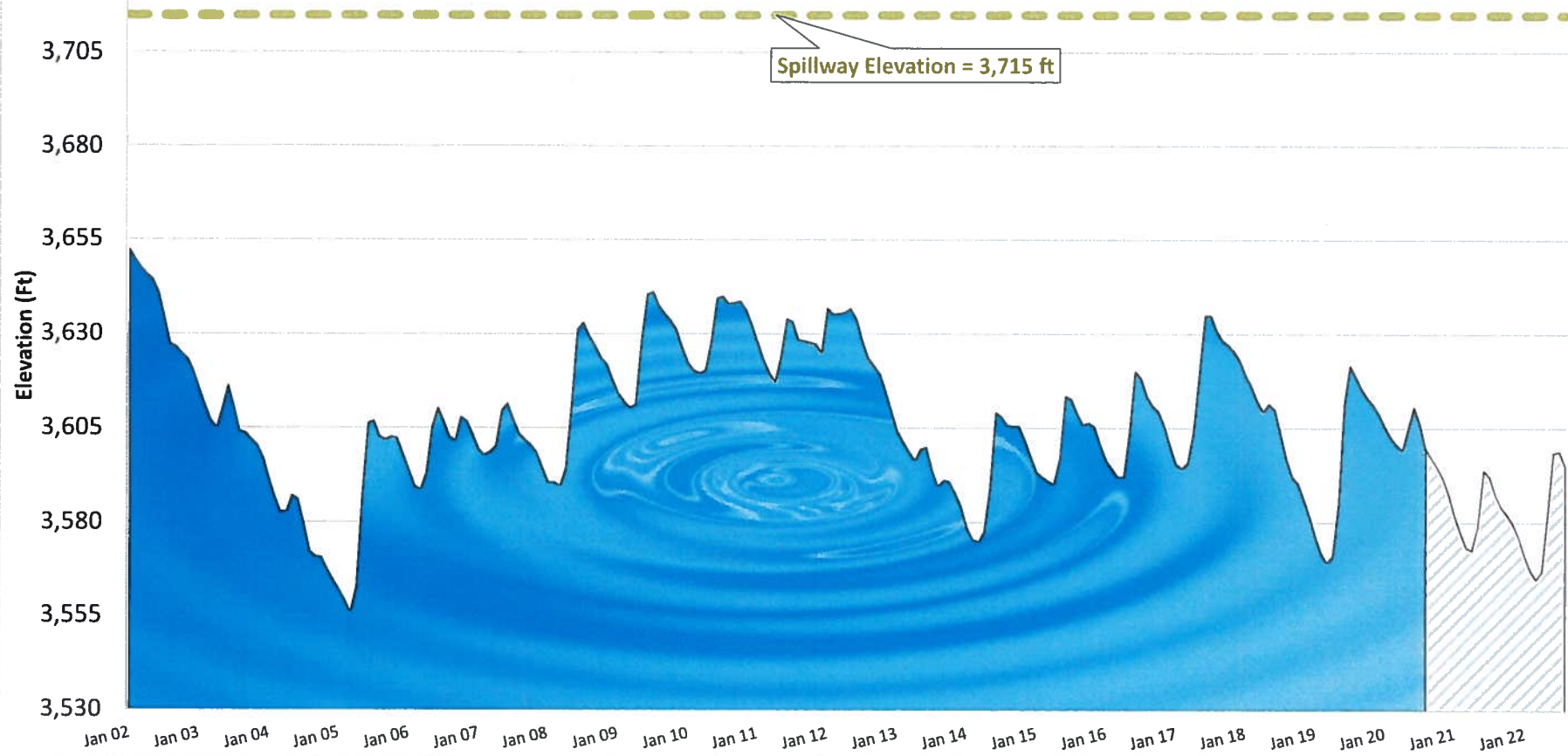
Lake Mead Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study

■ Historical □ Projected



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

■ Historical □ Projected

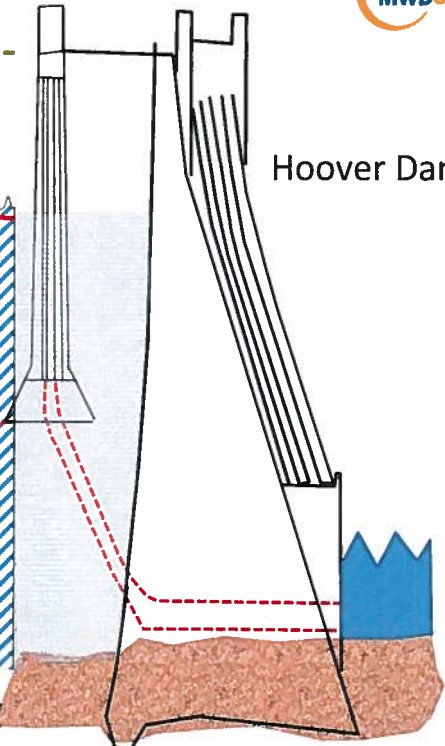
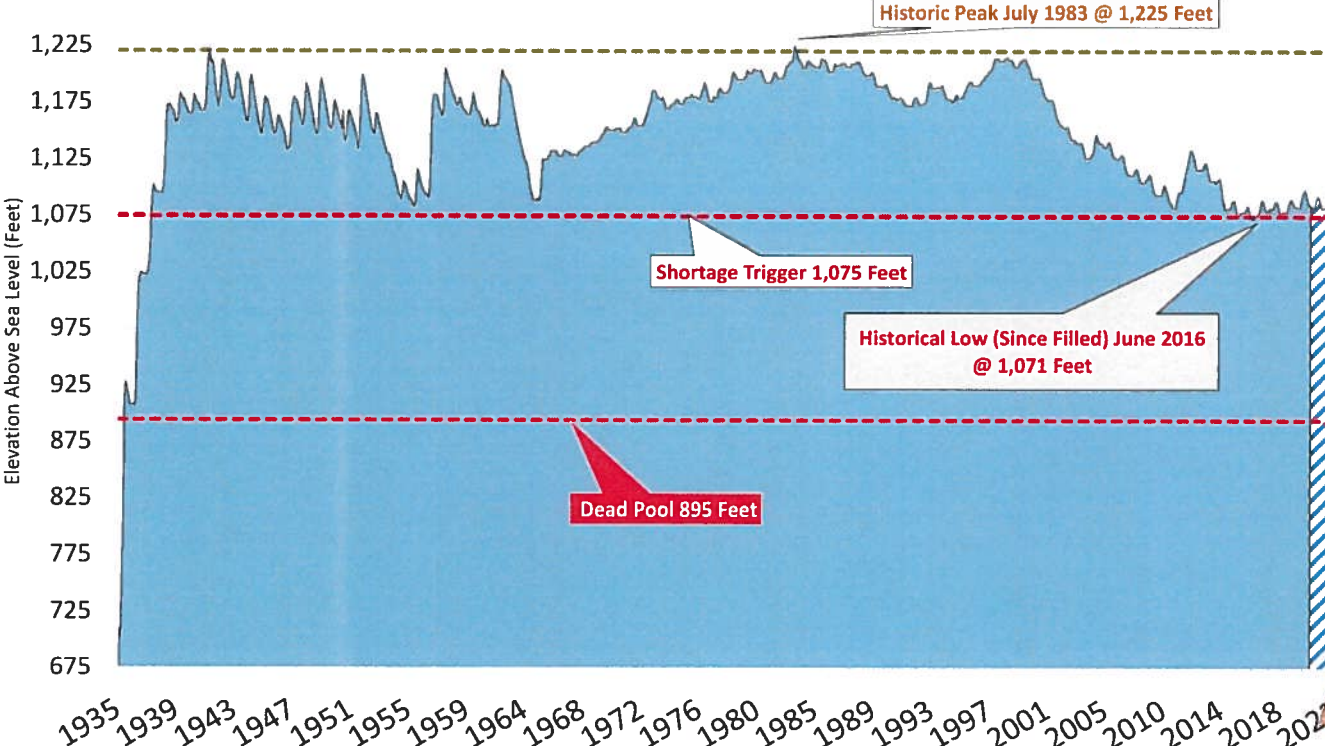


Lake Mead Historical Water Elevation Level



Intake Tower

Hoover Dam



Fwd: OC Streetcar Construction Alert

From :Scott Stiles <sstiles@ggcity.org>
Subject: OC Streetcar Construction Alert
To : Meena Yoo <meenay@ggcity.org>

Mon, Oct 12, 2020 02:05 PM

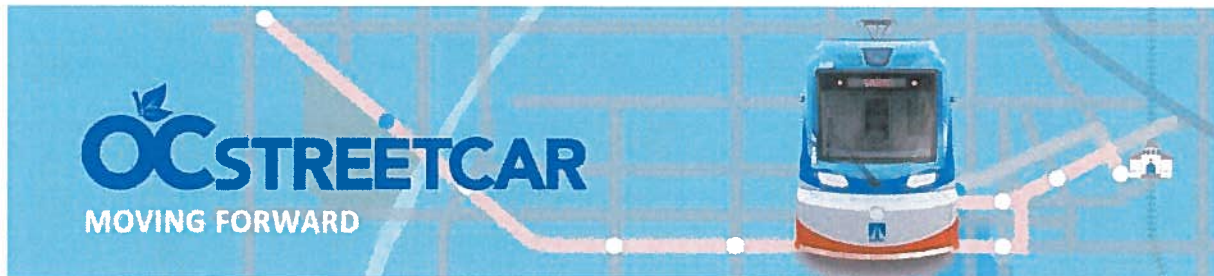
Meena: for Mgr's Memo. Scott

Scott C. Stiles, ICMA-CM
City Manager / City of Garden Grove
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: OC Streetcar <ocstreetcar@octa.net>
Date: October 12, 2020 at 2:03:54 PM PDT
To: sstiles@ggcity.org
Subject: OC Streetcar Construction Alert
Reply-To: ocstreetcar@octa.net



Construction Alert Week of October 12, 2020

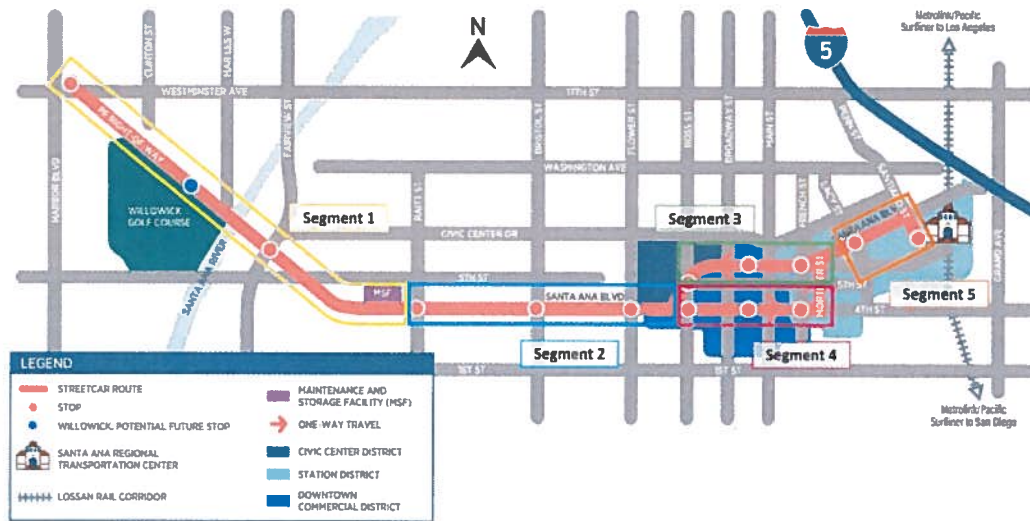
Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca del proyecto del OC Streetcar, llame a Robert Chevez al (909) 714-0172.

Construction Highlights:

- Streetcar track installation in Segment 2. This work requires full lane and parking closures on Santa Ana Boulevard from Raitt Street to Shelton Street.
- Streetcar track installation in Segment 3. This work requires full lane closures on Santa Ana Boulevard from Parton Street to Mortimer Street.
- Base installation for the overhead wire poles along the streetcar route. Please expect possible lane and parking closures.
- Water pipeline installation and storm drain construction along the streetcar route. Please expect lane and parking closures.

Access will be maintained for all residents and businesses. Construction activities are dependent on weather and resource availability.

For specific work activities in your area, see the segment overviews below. For daily updates, please download the OC Streetcar app available in the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).



SEGMENT 1 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Westminister Ave. to Raitt St.

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

- Maintenance Storage Facility construction
- Santa Ana River Bridge construction
- Westminister Avenue Bridge construction
- Installation of underground electrical equipment along the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW) from Harbor Boulevard to Raitt Street

Crews are scheduled to work nightly on the Westminister Avenue Bridge from Monday, October 12 through Friday, October 16. Westminister Avenue will be closed from Harbor Boulevard to Enterprise Drive, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. each night.

SEGMENT 2 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Raitt St. to Parton St.

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

- Streetcar track installation on W. Santa Ana Boulevard from Raitt Street to Bristol Street
- Installation of underground electrical equipment on Pacific Avenue

The north side of W. Santa Ana Boulevard is closed from Raitt Street to Bristol Street for streetcar track installation. One lane of eastbound traffic is open and westbound traffic is detoured at Bristol Street. Parking is closed on the north side of W. Santa Ana Boulevard.

SEGMENT 3 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Ross St. to Mortimer St.

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

- Streetcar track installation on W. Santa Ana Boulevard from Parton Street to Mortimer Street
- Storm drain construction on Broadway, from 3rd Street to W. Santa Ana Boulevard
- Storm drain construction on Main Street from 3rd Street to W. Santa Ana Boulevard

Two lanes on W. Santa Ana Boulevard from Parton Street to Mortimer Street are closed for streetcar track installation. One lane of eastbound traffic is open. The intersections at W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Sycamore Street and at E. Santa Ana Boulevard and Bush Street are partially closed.

SEGMENT 4 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Ross St. to Mortimer St.

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

- Sewer pipeline installation at 4th Street and French Street

SEGMENT 5 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Mortimer St. to SARTC

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

- Water pipeline installation at E. Santa Ana Boulevard and Santiago Street

Safety of the crews and community is our top priority. Please slow down near work sites and follow pedestrian instructions.



OCTA's Eat Shop Play program supports businesses located along the future OC streetcar route. Benefits to customers include special deals, invitations to community events and free parking for the first 2 hours in nearby structures. Learn more at octa.net/eatshopplay.

El programa Eat Shop Play de OCTA apoya a los negocios ubicados a lo largo de la futura ruta del OC Streetcar. Los beneficios para los clientes incluyen ofertas especiales y promociones de cupones, invitaciones a eventos comunitarios y estacionamiento gratuito durante las primeras 2 horas en estructuras cercanas. Aprenda más en octa.net/eatshopplay.

Two-Hour Free Parking

The first two hours of parking are free in parking structures in Downtown Santa Ana.

About the Project

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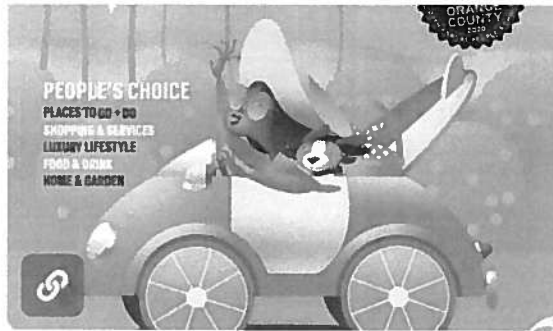
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 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Wed 10/14/2020 2:43 pm PDT

Orange County Register's 📰 Best of #OC 🌟 features three #GG locations! Best Fair/Festival: #3 Garden Grove Strawl

Best of Orange County



Post Link Clicks	N/A
Impressions	N/A
Reach	N/A
Engagements	N/A
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	N/A

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Wed 10/14/2020 11:40 am PDT

Please remember, voters 🗳️ who want to return their ballot at a drop box should only use official county drop boxes. 🗳️



Impressions	N/A
Reach	N/A
Engagements	N/A
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	N/A

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Wed 10/14/2020 8:34 am PDT

Say hello to relatives and close friends outside your household! 🗳️ The state has released new guidance for private



Impressions	N/A
Reach	N/A
Engagements	N/A
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	N/A

G **f** **Garden Grove City Hall**
Tue 10/13/2020 5:30 pm PDT

🕒 Set your calendar reminder for tomorrow's (10/14) Bus Rapid Transit on Freeways Study Virtual Public Meeting



Impressions	866
Reach	791
Engagements	104
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12%

G **f** **Garden Grove City Hall**
Tue 10/13/2020 2:54 pm PDT

Starting TONIGHT, 10PM-5AM, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) staff will be conducti



Impressions	2,998
Reach	2,634
Engagements	496
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	16.5%

G **f** **Garden Grove City Hall**
Tue 10/13/2020 10:19 am PDT

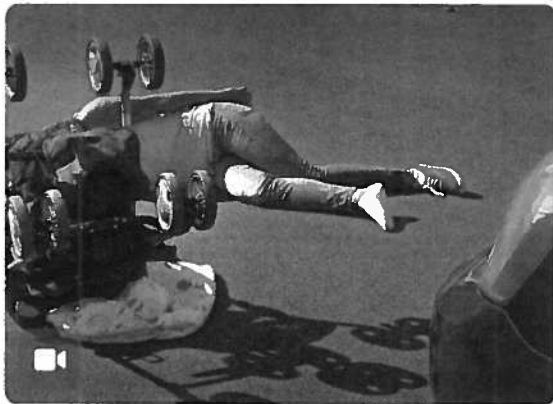
Everyone deserves a relationship that is positive, healthy, and free from violence. In recognition of October is National



Impressions	1,382
Reach	1,231
Engagements	99
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.2%

G Garden Grove City Hall
 Mon 10/12/2020 2:35 pm PDT

It's **#DistractedDriving** Awareness Week.
 🚓 Garden Grove Police Department officers are looking for distracted drivers.



Video Views	156
Impressions	513
Reach	486
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%

G Garden Grove City Hall
 Mon 10/12/2020 12:45 pm PDT

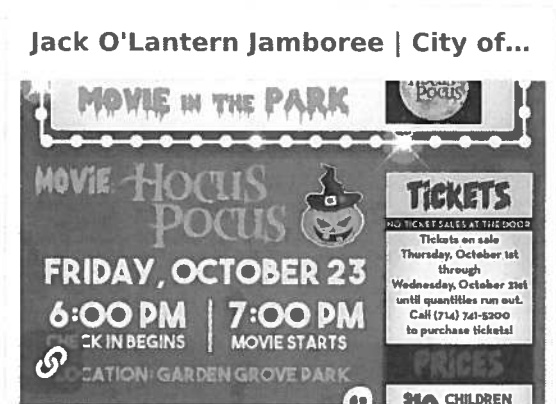
Friendly reminder, **#GardenGrove**, tomorrow's (10/13; 6:30PM) City Council meeting will take place as planned;



Impressions	649
Reach	589
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.6%

G Garden Grove City Hall
 Mon 10/12/2020 9:51 am PDT

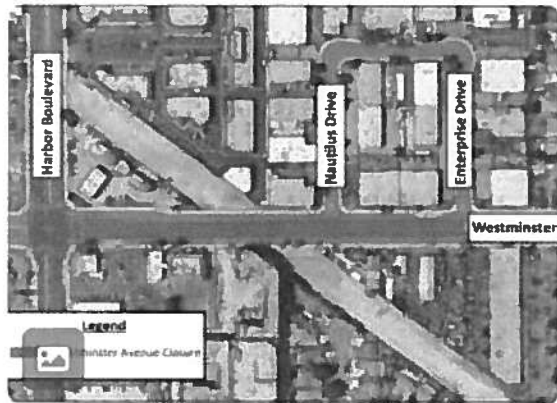
"Oh, look. Another glorious Jack O' Lantern Jamboree event." 🎃 You're invited to a magical evening under the stars 🌟



Post Link Clicks	1,706
Impressions	29,747
Reach	24,889
Engagements	2,968
Engagement Rate (per Impres...)	10%

G Garden Grove City Hall
Sun 10/11/2020 3:00 pm PDT

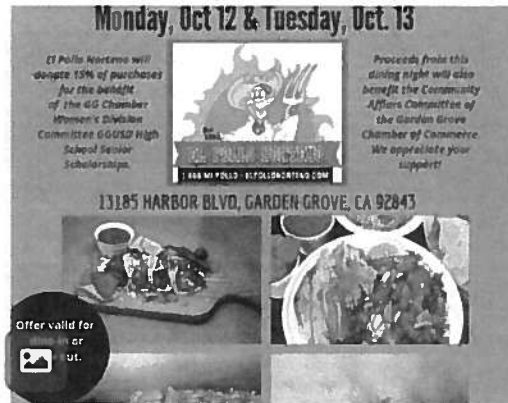
🚧 Construction alert 🚧 Starting Monday, October 12 through Friday, October 16, 8PM-5AM, each night, OC Streetcar will



Impressions	2,137
Reach	1,990
Engagements	94
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.4%

G Garden Grove City Hall
Sun 10/11/2020 12:00 pm PDT

Eat chicken 🍗 while supporting the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce's Women's Division Committee as they



Impressions	1,015
Reach	971
Engagements	27
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.7%

G Garden Grove City Hall
Fri 10/9/2020 12:00 pm PDT

"Oh look, another glorious..." #Halloween 🎃 event for senior citizens! H. Louis Lake Senior Center's first drive-thru Senior



Impressions	1,638
Reach	1,524
Engagements	65
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4%

G Garden Grove City Hall
 Fri 10/9/2020 9:00 am PDT

#MaskUp, #LatherUp, and #SleeveUp
 This fall and winter, flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 may both



Impressions	981
Reach	909
Engagements	23
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%

G Garden Grove City Hall
 Thu 10/8/2020 12:00 pm PDT

As we work, learn, or socialize on the internet, it's important to take proactive measures ensuring secure



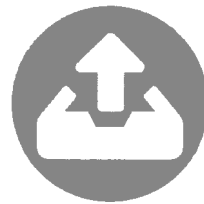
Impressions	781
Reach	689
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%

G Garden Grove City Hall
 Thu 10/8/2020 9:00 am PDT

What are your thoughts on the future COVID-19 vaccine? Don't miss your chance to give your opinion to the ohealth C



Impressions	1,416
Reach	1,198
Engagements	114
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.1%



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Wed 10/14/2020 9:12 am PDT

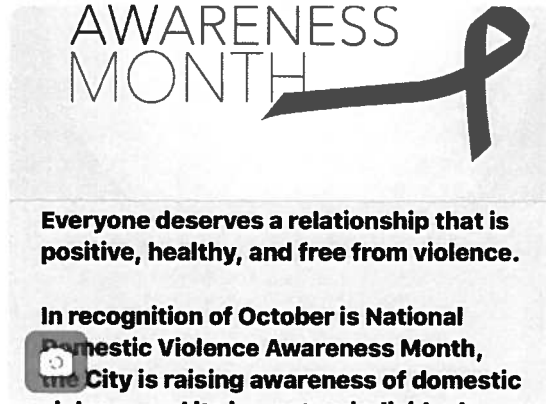
Say hello to relatives and close friends outside your household! 🙌 The state has released new guidance for private



Impressions	690
Reach	557
Story Replies	3
Story Taps Back	17

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Tue 10/13/2020 10:30 am PDT

Everyone deserves a relationship that is positive, healthy, and free from violence. In recognition of October is National





Impressions	971
Reach	807
Story Replies	2
Story Taps Back	20

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Mon 10/12/2020 12:45 pm PDT

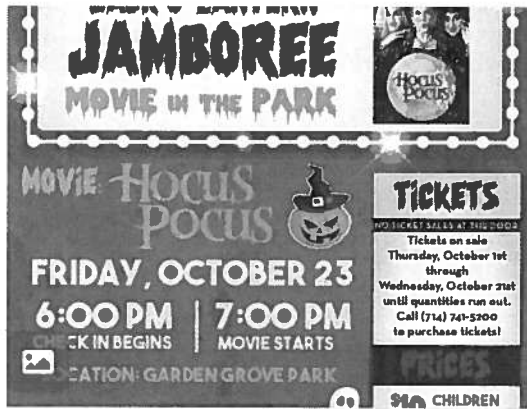
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Impressions	1,154
Reach	1,090
Engagements	37
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.2%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
 Mon 10/12/2020 9:58 am PDT

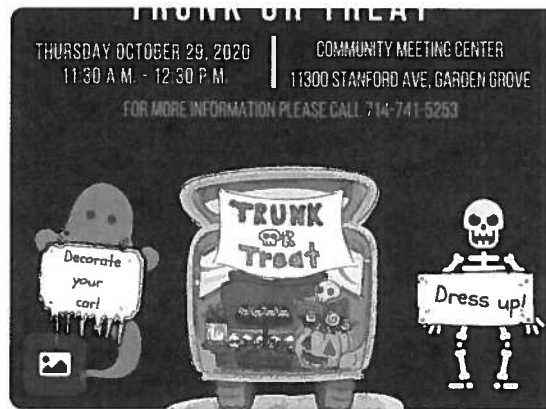
"Oh, look. Another glorious Jack O' Lantern Jamboree event." 🎃 You're invited to a magical evening under the stars



Impressions	2,039
Reach	1,852
Engagements	108
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	5.3%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
 Fri 10/9/2020 12:00 pm PDT

"Oh look, another glorious..." #Halloween 🎃 event for senior citizens! H. Louis Lake Senior Center's first drive-thru Senior



Impressions	1,420
Reach	1,355
Engagements	41
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.9%


  **gardengrovecityhall**
 Fri 10/9/2020 9:05 am PDT

#MaskUp, #LatherUp, and #SleeveUp This fall and winter, flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 may both spread



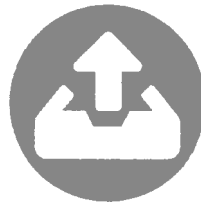
Impressions	1,180
Reach	1,108
Engagements	38
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.2%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 10/8/2020 12:00 pm PDT

As we work, learn, or socialize on the internet , it's important to take proactive measures ensuring secure internet-



Impressions	757
Reach	710
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



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Wed 10/14/2020 11:40 am PDT

According to **@OCRegistrar**, there have been recent reports of groups promoting unofficial ballot drop boxes that are not affiliated w OC Elections. View full press release from OC Registrar of Voters ocvote.com/press-releases... For more info on voting, [#gg1956](https://ocvote.com)



Post Link Clicks	1
Impressions	123
Potential Reach	4,378
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	7.3%

 **CityGardenGrove**
Wed 10/14/2020 8:38 am PDT

Say hello to relatives & close friends outside your household! 🍷 The state has released new guidance for private



Impressions	270
Potential Reach	4,190
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	7.4%

 **CityGardenGrove**
Tue 10/13/2020 5:30 pm PDT

🕒 Set your calendar reminder for tomorrow's (10/14) Bus Rapid Transit on Freeways Study Virtual Public Meeting



Impressions	453
Potential Reach	4,184
Engagements	34
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	7.5%



CityGardenGrove
Tue 10/13/2020 10:26 am PDT

Everyone deserves a relationship that is positive, healthy & free from violence. In recognition of October is National

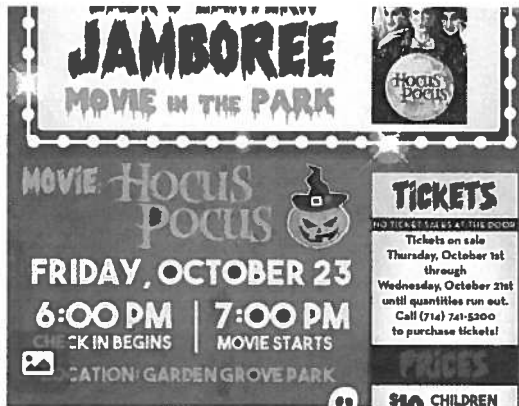


Impressions	377
Potential Reach	4,185
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.1%



CityGardenGrove
Mon 10/12/2020 9:55 am PDT

"Oh look. Another glorious Jack O' Lantern Jamboree event." You're invited to a magical evening w/ treats & a movie!



Impressions	560
Potential Reach	4,184
Engagements	28
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	5%

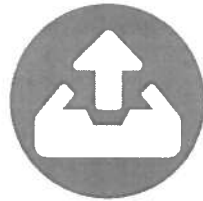


CityGardenGrove
Thu 10/8/2020 9:59 am PDT

What are your thoughts on the future COVID-19 vaccine? Don't miss your chance to give your opinion to the [@ochealth](#)



Impressions	547
Potential Reach	4,184
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	0.7%



Post Performance
for **Garden Grove Police Department**

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Garden Grove Police Depa...
Wed 10/14/2020 12:00 pm PDT

We're looking for the next generation of **#heroes**. If you think you've got what it takes, go to <http://ggpd.org/join> and



Video Views	N/A
Impressions	N/A
Reach	N/A
Engagements	N/A
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	N/A



Garden Grove Police Depa...
Mon 10/12/2020 6:00 pm PDT

Over the weekend, **#GardenGrovePD** officers were dispatched to an alarm call at 10242 Garden Grove Blvd. As officers



Impressions	8,226
Reach	7,797
Engagements	1,426
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	17.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...
Fri 10/9/2020 12:00 pm PDT

It's **#DistractedDriving** Awareness Week. Distracted driving is dangerous, especially when it involves cell phones or other



Video Views	1,141
Impressions	2,851
Reach	2,411
Engagements	149
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



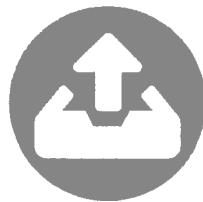
Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 10/8/2020 12:00 pm PDT

Are you interested in law enforcement, but too young to be an officer or just didn't know there is more to it than being a



Impressions	2,857
Reach	2,648
Engagements	170
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6%



Post Performance
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gardengrovepd
Thu 10/8/2020 12:00 pm PDT

Are you interested in law enforcement, but too young to be an officer or just didn't know there is more to it than being a



Impressions	9,872
Reach	9,311
Engagements	455
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.6%



gardengrovepd
Fri 10/9/2020 12:08 pm PDT

It's #DistractedDriving Awareness Week. Distracted driving is dangerous, especially when it involves cell phones or other



Post Video Views	1,706
Impressions	3,511
Reach	3,245
Engagements	105
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3%



gardengrovepd
Mon 10/12/2020 6:00 pm PDT

Over the weekend, #GardenGrovePD officers were dispatched to an alarm call at 10242 Garden Grove Blvd. As officers



Impressions	11,686
Reach	11,189
Engagements	555
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.7%



gardengrovepd

Wed 10/14/2020 12:00 pm PDT

We're looking for the next generation of #heroes. If you think you've got what it takes, visit our profile and submit your



Post Video Views	508
Impressions	1,081
Reach	1,053
Engagements	77
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	7.1%

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Federal food program going away; pandemic-related hunger isn't

Orange County food banks say demand hasn't abated. But USDA food boxes with fresh produce will end this month.



About 100-200 pedestrians and 800-1000 cars line up at the Sikh Center of Orange County for a weekly food drive on Saturday, October 3, 2020. (Photo by Mindy Schauer, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By **THERESA WALKER** | thwalker@scng.com | Orange County Register

PUBLISHED: October 14, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. | UPDATED: October 14, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

With people still seeking help to feed their families in huge numbers, the operators of Orange County's two food banks are uncertain how to meet the pandemic-fueled need once emergency federal food boxes stop coming Oct. 31.

In May, when the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture launched the Farmers to Families food box program, Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue termed it a "win-win-win." Hungry Americans would get fresh produce and other food via food distributors, while the nation's farmers, whose crops otherwise would rot in the fields, also would get a boost. Nationally, about \$4 billion has been spent helping organizations like Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County distribute fresh products.

But Perdue announced an end to the program last month, and unless there's a new round of funding, the money will run out at the end of October. Local food bank operators say that could be horrible news for thousands of struggling families.

"This is the food cliff that we've been worried about," said Mark Lowry, who oversees the Garden Grove-based Orange County Food Bank, which is run by the nonprofit Community Action Partnership of Orange County.

"We peer over the edge. And what we see isn't pretty."

Not going away

The USDA boxes — filled with fruits and vegetables, dairy and meat — have helped a lot of people eat this year.

Since March, when people began lining up in their cars to wait for hours at drive-through distribution sites, local demand has tripled. Food bank officials say that need remains, even with lower unemployment.

Lowry said more than half of the 30 million pounds of food Orange County Food Bank gave to people from April to August came from the food box program. Last week, he was busy writing letters to federal and local elected officials in a last-minute "Hail Mary" appeal. This week, he's planning to work the phones.

"Nobody's talking about it. It's getting no attention. It's getting no support."

Harald Herrmann said his organization, Second Harvest, started to see a drop in USDA supply since July, and it's now down about 80% from its peak. Second Harvest is moving on plans to distribute food without USDA help, relying on [its own fundraising](#) and donor revenue to reach a goal of at least \$9 million between now and June. Herrmann foresees long-term needs that will stretch into late 2021. And, because of COVID-related interruptions at manufacturing plants, food costs have risen.

"If the federal support comes, we're that much better off," Herrmann said. "But we can't wait for it to show up."

In addition to asking the Trump Administration and members of Congress to continue funding the food box program, Lowry and Herrmann want the county to consider a second infusion of cash from its share of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars.

Earlier this year, the county awarded each food bank \$1.5 million to help buy pre-packaged boxes of non-perishable food from other sources. The last of the food purchased with that money went out this month.

"We're still in the eye of the storm," Herrmann said.

"You don't see the long lines of cars on TV, but the crisis is still underway."

Middle class hunger

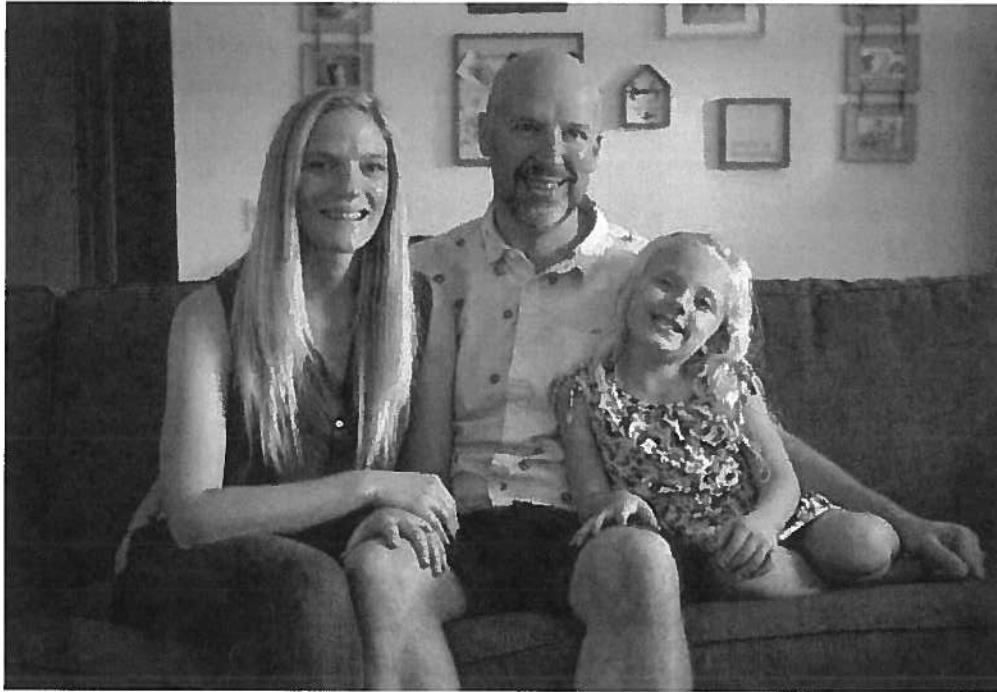
It's true that the cameras and reporters that captured unprecedented scenes in parking lots of such places as the Honda Center and shuttered shopping malls in the early days of the pandemic aren't tracking it so closely.

Lowry said that the Orange County Food Bank went from giving out an average of 2 million pounds of food a month between April and August of 2019 to what rose steadily during that same period this year to a whopping 6.8 million pounds.

"No time in 40 years have we ever surpassed that 2 million pounds per month," Lowry said.

"It's a shocking amount of food."

There is a new face to food insecurity in Orange County these days. Families who were once solidly middle class and had never visited a food bank before are lining up for food in the year of Covid.



Stephen and Kristina Reifenstein and their daughter, Lilah Reifenstein, 5, at their home. The couple both lost work because of the pandemic and have been helped by local food distributions. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

Kristina and Stephen Reifenstein of Orange are among them. The couple has two young children, 5 and 2 1/2, a \$3,500-a-month mortgage on a house they moved into in spring 2019, and car payments. Both also have been out of work since April.

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Stephen Reifenstein, 44, was making a little over \$100,000 doing project control and accounting for a mechanical construction company. He had been quarantining at home when his company contacted him April 2 on a Zoom call to tell him the next day would be his last. He had thought he'd escape the furloughs that had been announced. There was no severance, just his last week's pay and seven vacation days.

By that time, the pandemic had already halted Kristina Reifenstein's business teaching dance at preschools. And both Reifenstein's, whose backgrounds are in theater arts, also had to halt the play at a local high school that they direct every year.

"We just kind of hunkered down and rolled with it," Stephen Reifenstein said, explaining that he was sure he'd find other work soon enough and made it his job to look for a job, virtually, eight hours a day. So far, he's had no luck.

Unemployment, which he received right away and will continue through the end of the year, helped them get by. So did about six months of savings. The now-ended extra \$600 unemployment benefit that was part of the CARES Act was another big boost. The Reifensteins also got forbearances on their mortgage and their car payment. As far as other bills, “what we can pay, we pay,” Kristina Reifenstein said.

They qualified for government-funded health insurance and CalFresh food benefits. They use some of what they have gotten to help out Kristina’s grandmother, who has dementia, and her brother, who has autism.

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“I’m at a point now where I have no shame,” said Stephen Reifenstein, who has had a job of one kind or another since he was 15. “I’ve worked my butt off. And as long as this can help us, I’ll take it.”

They’ve also gotten the Farmers to Families food boxes and other assistance from Second Harvest. Stephen Reifenstein volunteered for all 15 weeks of the pop-up [Honda Center drive-through distributions](#) so he could repay what his family has been given. While there, he saw other people he knew who also sought help.

“We have a lot of friends in the arts who are not working,” said Kristina Reifenstein, 30.

The Reifensteins became part of a network of friends and acquaintances who swap goods and information about assistance.

“We’re all in it together,” Stephen Reifenstein said. “We’ll support each other as much as we can.”

That includes helping get the word out about Second Harvest and other food providers, like the local pantry at La Purisima Church they visit.

“If you need food now,” Stephen Reifenstein said, “they’ll give it to you.”

New providers

The long car lines have come as neighborhood, walk-up food pantries closed to prevent spread of the virus, and the volunteers sheltered at home. The county’s food distribution network is now partially restored, but lines at the neighborhood-level food giveaways remain long — and, in some cases, get longer as the weeks go by.

The Sikh Center of Orange County started a food pantry in May to provide groceries every week at its Warner Avenue *gurdwara*, or temple, in Santa Ana. On that first Saturday, about 650 people showed up — on foot and in their cars. Since then, it's grown to about 1,000 a week who come in person. Mobile pantries have been added to serve about 2,000 others in Orange, Los Angeles and Riverside counties, said Bandana Singh, the Sikh Center's food pantry director.

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More than 70 volunteers, Sikhs and non-Sikhs, assist weekly. On the last Saturday in September the pantry served its 1 millionth meal.

"One million meals in this amount of time is not something to be happy about," Singh said. "It just shows there's a lot of work to be done."

The weekly operation attracts so many people, who begin showing up in their cars as early as 6 a.m., that local police come to direct traffic. By 8:30 a.m. the line stretches a couple of miles, and the last person is typically served around noon.

"They're so thankful," Singh said. "Sometimes, you see tears in their eyes. They'll hold up a sign that says 'Thank You.'"

The food given away at the Sikh Center includes the USDA farm boxes. Volunteers have visited the wholesale produce market in Los Angeles in the middle of the night for its 1 a.m. opening or driven as far as Delano to pick up a truckload of citrus.

Even if the Farmers to Families program ends, the Sikh Center food pantry will continue, Singh said. "There's still a lot of food insecurity ... We hope to become a sustainable, more traditional food pantry after the pandemic is over."

The question is, when will the pandemic-related hunger end?

"We really don't know how long this is going to last," Stephen Reifenstein said. "I'm just waiting for that job offer."

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New label wants to give Latino artists a louder voice



Wiretap Records founders Rob Castellon (left) and Oscar Toledo have started a new label aimed at Latino artists called My Grito. (Photo by Martell Higareda)

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After focusing on punk and alternative bands, Whittier-based Wiretap Records founders Rob Castellon and Oscar Toledo now want to raise the voices of another community of artists with a new label called My Grito.

“We’re very happy with what we’ve accomplished at Wiretap. But I think My Grito really hits close to home especially now during our social and political climate. We love the fact that we’re giving back to our culture,” said Castellon, referring to their recently launched second label that aims to focus on artists from the Latino community.

Their new second label will not only be looking to sign musicians from the Latino community, but all sorts of other artists as well.

“We’re not just catering to musicians but also to comedians, to artists, to all different kinds of talented individuals like individuals that want to start a podcast that are of Latino descent or targeting the Latino marketplace,” Toledo said.

Toledo and Castellon have about three dozen acts currently signed to Wiretap.

But since that label focuses primarily on punk and alternative music, in order to sign more Latino/Latina acts, they wanted a label that would give them more leeway when it came to artists styles.

"We want to build a bit more of a community (of artists) in L.A. and Orange County," Castellon said.

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My Grito launches on Oct. 30 with the release of the first single by its debut artist, the [Orange County based surf/garage band 3LH](#).

"That's a big start, giving a band like 3LH a voice," Castellon said.

"We want to use what we've done with Wiretap and apply that to giving back to people like us. These kids are from Garden Grove, and guess where Oscar and I grew up, Garden Grove. These kids literally are a younger version of us," he added.

For other [artists](#) the label will be helping them get much needed publicity, especially during the pandemic when things are much more difficult for artists, Toledo said.

"Artists, painters, they have an amazing talent and they're ready to go and create art. But maybe they're not that strong on the business side, maybe they don't know how to build a website or they're not correctly using social media to offer up their talent, their work in order for them to make a living," Toledo said.

The new song from 3LH meanwhile is an upbeat Latin-infused rock tune called "Here's Johnny," which was inspired by the horror classic "The Shining."

The band has been together about 10 years and formed when the musicians were in their early teens. But during their early years the band was more about partying and performing for friends, said Rafa Heredia, the guitarist and vocalist for 3LH.

"Up until the last three or four years we've been taking ourselves a little more seriously, taking more pride in putting out more quality recordings. And the fact that My Grito took an interest in it is flattering, it's really cool," said the 23-year-old musician.

The band is now working on its debut LP, which will be out on My Grito out in March.

For more information go to mygrito.limitedrun.com.

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Top 5 Thai restaurants: OC's Best Places to Eat 2020

Critic Brad A. Johnson says these are OC's 5 best Thai restaurants for 2020.

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Takeout yum woon sen from Street Thai in Huntington Beach (Photo by Brad A. Johnson, Orange County Register/SCNG)

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Here's the blunt truth: Truly great Thai food in Orange County doesn't exist in every neighborhood, so you might have to get in the car and drive. But don't worry. It'll be worth it when you bring home a green curry so spicy it makes the top of your head tingle. Or when you taste the technicolor vibrancy of the perfect bowl of woon sen. Or when you reach for a cup of cooling Thai iced tea to calm the warming vibrations of world-class tom yum with freshwater prawns the size of koi. While these aren't the only five Thai restaurants in O.C., they are uniquely the best.

1. Thai Avenue

You simply won't find better tom yum anywhere in California — maybe in the whole country — than what they serve at this seafood-centric Thai restaurant in Garden Grove. Pay attention to the menu because the kitchen offers several different versions of the tom yum, all of which are good, but the soup you really want is the one with large freshwater prawns. Second choice is the one with the smaller head-on shrimp. The curries are excellent, too. And their Thai pork sausage is better than everyone else's. 10130 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, 657-233-5859, thaiavenuegardengrove.com

2. Chada Thai

Literally everything here is excellent: spicy beef salad, crab fried rice, papaya salad, pad Thai, pad see ew, larb, nam salad, tom kha gai... That said, the one thing this place does exponentially better than anyone else is their spicy red-curry fish cakes. 9872 Westminster Ave., Garden Grove, 714-858-1693, chadathaigg.com

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Pork larb salad at Chada Thai in Garden Grove (Photo by Brad A. Johnson, Orange County Register/SCNG)

3. Street Thai

This tiny cafe makes some of the best Thai salads around. The chef's salad — ground chicken, grilled shrimp, fresh herbs and toasted coconut — is fantastic. And the yum woon sen is a kaleidoscope of flavors, textures and temperatures: glass noodles, shrimp, red onion, chicken, kaffir lime juice and wood-ear mushrooms. The [duck noodle soup](#) will transport you directly to Bangkok's Yaowarat Road. 15887 Gothard St., Huntington Beach, 714-799-2000, [street-thai-cafe.business.site](#)



Takeout yum woon sen from Street Thai in Huntington Beach (Photo by Brad A. Johnson, Orange County Register/SCNG)

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4. Sumran Thai

If you dare to feel that mineral tang of fresh blood on your tongue, go straight to the boat noodles, which are seriously intense. They also make a terrific pad kra pow here with ground chicken, bird's eye chilies and, oddly delicious, green beans. Meanwhile, the jungle curry is a beautiful vegetarian dish for anyone with a timid palate. 6482 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, 714-892-1149



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Thai boat noodle soup at Sumran in Westminster (Photo by Brad A. Johnson, Orange County Register/SCNG)

5. Lucky's Thai

The chef/owner here bounced around some of the best Thai kitchens in O.C. before finally opening her own place last year. She makes the quintessential pad see ew. Her barbecued beef short ribs are a uniquely satisfying twist on crying tiger. 934 N. Tustin St., Orange, 714-538-0021, luckysthaipantry.com

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Fullerton, Los Alamitos asking voters to add local sales tax in November election

By **GREG MELLE**n | Orange County Register

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In what has become an election year trend, Fullerton and Los Alamitos are the latest municipalities in Orange County to ask voters to approve a local sales tax increase to bolster lagging city finances.

Measure S in Fullerton and Measure Y in Los Alamitos would raise sales tax in those cities to 9% and to 9.25%, respectively.

If the measures succeed, they will become the 10th and 11th Orange County cities since 2008 to lift their sales tax above the 7.75% countywide rate.

The 1.5 percent proposed increase in Los Alamitos would tie the city of 11,500 with Santa Ana for the highest rate in the county.

Both measures say the local city taxes will preserve essential safety services such as 911 police response and fire protection, infrastructure and so-called “quality of life” programs.

Fullerton's measure specifically includes street repair in the name of its ordinance and also said it will use portions of the projected \$25 million in annual revenue for clean-ups, including homeless encampments, emergency health preparedness.

Los Al projects \$4.1 million annually, a portion of which would also be used to maintain local jobs.

Supporters of the measures note that unlike property tax, county sales tax and gas and other taxes, 100% of the revenue from the increase goes to the city.

Opponents say the increases are just a cover for overspending, poor management and bad fiscal policies. And, because the money goes to cities' general funds, the law does not require it to be designated to specific needs or purposes and it can largely be spent at the discretion of city councils.

Past arguments against sales taxes also say they disproportionately harms people with lower income, because they tend to spend more of their money on goods that are taxed. (Essentials such as most groceries and medications are not taxed.)

Jennifer Fitzgerald, a self-described conservative in her second stint as mayor of Fullerton and an eight-year City Council member, said the city is running out of options to maintain the services and infrastructure residents demand.

"This is the first tax increase I've ever supported," she said. "This is not a city that overspends."

Fitzgerald said after the state takes its cut of taxes only 21 cents of every dollar returns to the city, and to run the city on that is "simply getting more and more impossible."

Bruce Whitaker, a fellow council member in Fullerton and former mayor, opposes the tax addition, although he agrees infrastructure improvements, particularly for streets, are needed.

In a written response to Measure S, he wrote the measure is a bailout to cover chronic overspending and "if passed it would allow more of the same."

Whitaker said taxpayers are already overburdened and adding "an abusive sales tax of nearly double digits, meets my criteria for the definition of double taxation."

Measure S

To fix the streets, Fitzgerald said Fullerton has already leveraged sewer and water taxes for repairs, sold surplus property and sought myriad grants, but it isn't nearly enough.

"This is a problem that has been coming for decades," she said.

Ever since 1994, when Fullerton's mayor, city clerk and two council members were recalled over an unpopular 2% tax on utilities, Fitzgerald said the City Council "hasn't had the courage to tell the truth," about the need for added tax money to fix roads.

Measure S puts the decision to voters.

Whitaker said during two of his mayoral terms he advocated earmarking budget money for road repairs, without tax increases, but said the rest of the council instead voted for salary increases and benefits over infrastructure.

He described it as "payroll, perks and pension over pavement."

Fitzgerald disputes the notion saying the city has made across-the-board cuts to pay and personnel, including in public safety. She added that the millions needed for Fullerton's streets alone can't be made by cutting "a position here and a pension there."

Fullerton has an ordinance requiring about half of tax revenues over certain levels be prioritized for infrastructure.

Funding will be independently audited and reviewed by a citizen's oversight commission to be appointed, the measure calls for.

Whitaker is doubtful. "No matter what they say, all that money is fungible," he said.

Measure Y

The local tax request in Los Alamitos is "intended to prevent significant cuts to public safety and other general services," according to an independent analysis. The analysis also notes the city has a structural budget deficit of \$1.6 million that is projected to grow to \$3.7 million by 2030.

Despite the stated aim of the funding to address public safety, according to the independent analysis, "the city would not be required to use the revenues raised for the measure for any special purpose."

Use of the funds would be independently audited and the information would be available to the public, but no specific oversight is mentioned.

Unlike in Fullerton, where the council was divided on whether to put the measure on the ballot, the Los Alamitos City Council was unanimous in approving letting the measure go to a vote.

However, one council member, Dean Grose, would not say whether he approved of the tax, only that he was willing to let residents decide.

Phil Silverthorn, a resident and vice president of the Democratic Club of West Orange County, opposes the hike.

In a written response, he argued that deficits could be solved by replacing the Orange County Fire Authority, capping city employee salaries and eliminating lifetime pensions.

The sales tax solution

Increasing sales tax has become a popular method for cities to find funding.

Proposition 218, or "Right to Vote on Taxes Act, which passed in 1996, requires local governments to gain voter approval to raise certain "general" taxes.

Proposition 13 requires a two-thirds majority to raise taxes for specific needs.

To get around this obstacle, cities have asked residents to approve increased sales taxes or other levies for general purposes, which requires only a simple majority.

Since 2011, nine Orange Counties have taken this route. Seven asked for 1 percent increases. La Habra, which passed its hike in 2011, approved a 0.5 percent hike. Santa Ana passed the largest increase at 1.5 percent in 2018.

In the March ballot in Los Angeles County this year, 22 cities put sales tax increases to the voters, with 14 passing. In 2018, 11 L.A. cities passed sales tax increases. L.A. county has 48 cities with sales taxes of 10% or more.

A dozen cities in San Bernardino, Riverside and eastern Los Angeles counties are seeking voter approval to raise sales taxes in November.

Local sales taxes

Cities that have raised sales tax rates in Orange County are:

2008 La Habra

2014 Stanton

2016 Fountain Valley, La Palma, Westminster

2018 Garden Grove, Placentia, Seal Beach, Santa Ana

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Local district elections open doors for minorities in Orange County cities

In the past six years, 151 cities across California have shifted from at-large to district elections to give minorities a more level playing field



Costa Mesa City Councilman Manuel Chavez canvasses his District 4 neighborhood in July 2018 with friend Jessica Neri. Chavez was 23 years old when he was elected to the Council in November 2018, one of three Latinos elected to the Council, a first in its history under a new district election. (Photo courtesy of Manuel Chavez)

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In November 2018, Costa Mesa made history when voters for the first time elected a Latino to the City Council. In fact, three Latinos were catapulted to victory on the seven-member panel in that landmark election.

But it wasn't an overnight, dramatic shift in demographics that shook up the political landscape in Orange County's eighth largest city, which is two-thirds White. Rather, it was a change in how voting is conducted, and reflected a movement that has been coursing through California since 2014.

Like many cities across the state, Costa Mesa in 2016 transitioned from an at-large election system, where voters citywide decide every council race, to a system in which the city is divided into geographic areas and only voters in those districts decide their council representatives.

"I don't think I would have been able to run for council if not for by-district elections," said Manuel Chavez, who was 23 years old when he was elected along with Arlis Reynolds and Andrea Marr. Chavez, an underwriter and community activist, said he was able to knock on every door and make contact with nearly all of

“That would be impossible in an at-large election,” Chavez said.



Costa Mesa City Council members Andrea Marr, Manuel Chavez and Arlis Reynolds were the first three Latinos elected to the City Council during the city's first district election in November 2018. Cities across the state have been converting from citywide at-large to district elections in recent years due to increased pressure from lawyers, voting rights groups and civil rights activists. (Marr and Chavez photos courtesy Matt Fitt Photography, Reynolds photo by Mindy Schauer, Orange County Register/SCNG)

Costa Mesa is one of dozens of cities across Southern California and more than 150 statewide that have shifted to district elections amid a growing push by attorneys, voting rights groups and civil rights activists demanding an equal playing field for minorities in the election of city council, school board and community college district board members.

Their legal weapon has been the California Voting Rights Act, a 2002 law that made it easier for minority groups to prove they are disenfranchised by at-large elections.

Since 2014, 151 cities across California have shifted from at-large to district elections, and 39 cities — 16 in Southern California — have held or will hold their first district elections in 2020. And even more are set to hold their first-ever district elections in 2022.

The results have been a mixed bag. Some experts believe district elections account for as much as a 21% increase in minority representation in cities with high-density Latino pockets. They describe the move to district elections as a “quiet revolution in local government.” Others, however, argue that district elections have had little impact on the demographic makeup of many city councils.

Making the change

Anaheim, Garden Grove, Corona, Highland, and Palmdale are among other Southern California cities that have seen an increased minority presence on their city councils since shifting to district elections.

Denise Barnes became the first Latina elected to the Anaheim City Council in its first district election in 2016. Also elected to the council that year was Jose Moreno, the lead plaintiff in a successful ACLU lawsuit against the city in 2012 seeking to end at-large elections.

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In Highland's first district election in 2016, voters delivered wins to two Latinos — Jesse Chavez and Anaeli Solano.



San Juan Capistrano Councilman Sergio Farias was elected to the council in 2016, and credits the district election system for making it possible. (Photo courtesy of Matt Gush)

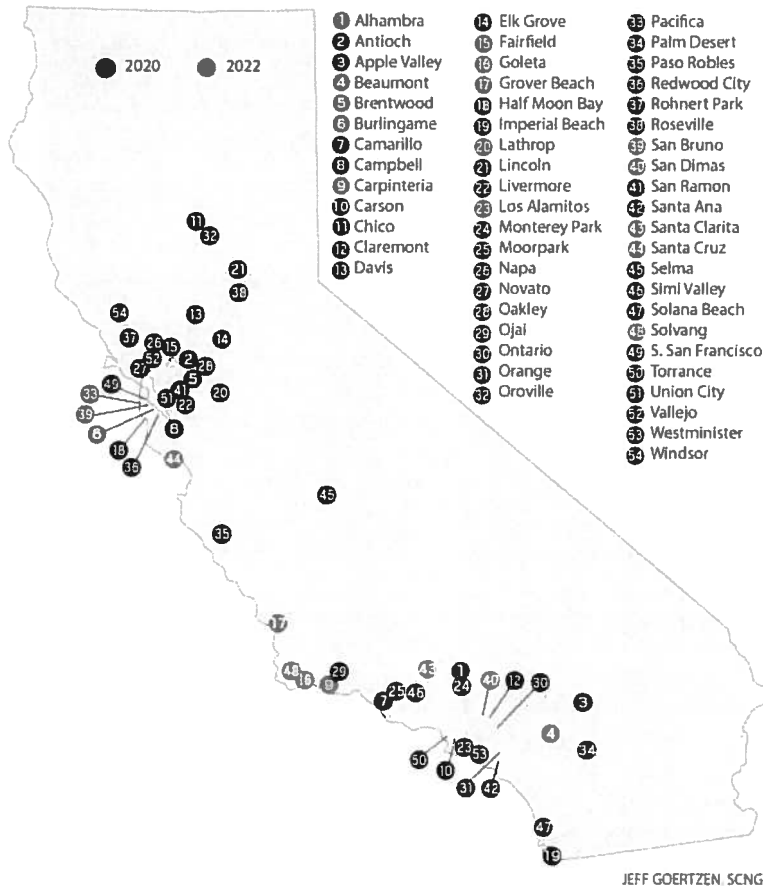
In San Juan Capistrano, Councilman Sergio Farias counts himself as a beneficiary of district elections. In 2008, he came in last among six candidates seeking two at-large council seats. After a change to district elections in 2016, Farias ran again — and won, with 58% of the vote

“I knocked on every door. People were giving me tamales and inviting me in for parties. I had very good conversations with people and I got to meet a lot of good people I never met before,” said Farias, who was just appointed to another term because he faced no opposition this year.

Palmdale fought a Voting Rights Act lawsuit for three years before settling the case for \$4.5 million with Malibu attorney Kevin Shenkman, who for several years has used the legislation to threaten cities to ditch their at-large elections or face lawsuits. The city held its first district election in 2016, when Juan Carrillo was elected, becoming the first Latino Democrat to serve on the council, Shenkman said.

Shifting to district elections

Since the 2014 elections, there are 151 cities in California that have shifted to district elections. Here are the cities that will be shifting to the district elections in 2020 and 2022.



But while Shenkman cites Palmdale as a city that has increased its Latino representation via district elections, Robb Korinke, founder of the political consulting and data firm GrassrootsLab, said the change hasn't made any difference at all.

"They went through a very costly court battle. That city had, I believe, one Latino member at the time, Roxana Martinez. They have one today, Juan Carrillo, so there's been no increase" in Latino representation, Korinke said.

In Corona, where 44% of the nearly 170,000 residents are Latino, district elections were held for the first time in 2018. Among the three new members elected to the Council, was Latina Jacque Casillas, who managed a citizen-led effort to promote district elections in the city and also led countywide Latino voter registration efforts, according to her biography on the city's website.

In contrast, Wildomar, another Riverside County city with a Latino population of more than 41%, did not see any significant changes to its City Council in terms of racial or ethnic makeup after transitioning to district elections in 2016.

And in Garden Grove, Councilwoman Kim Nguyen, a second-generation Vietnamese Latina, was elected to the council in 2016, at the age of 25, in the city's first district election. Elected that same year was Vietnamese community activist Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen.

Statewide, the number of Latinos elected to K-12 school boards and community college district boards has nearly doubled since the Voting Rights Act took effect 18 years ago, according to the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

"Based on our analysis, the number of Latino elected school board members in 2002, which includes both elected K-12 school board members and community college trustees, was 427. The comparable number for 2019 was 782," said Rosalind Gold, the group's chief public policy officer.

Slow progress, rapid change

Before the CVRA was passed in 2001, only 29 of California's 482 cities held district elections. And in the 14 years following passage of the act, only nine cities transitioned from at-large to district elections, according to a 2016 [study](#) by the Rose Institute of State and Local Government at Claremont McKenna College.

It wasn't until lawyers and voting rights activists began threatening legal action against cities that failed to adhere to the legislation that a pattern began to emerge, one that has been steadily gaining momentum in the past decade, and even more so in the past five years.

Shenkman has sued or threatened to sue roughly 20 cities up and down the state over the past eight years, and he's tied up now in another legal battle with the city of Santa Monica that has spanned three years. In that case, the trial court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, based in part on evidence that Latinos could obtain 30% voting power in one area of the city under a district election system.

The city appealed, and in a July 9 opinion, a three-judge panel of the 2nd District Court of Appeal reversed the trial court ruling, concluding that the judge misapplied the legal standards for determining vote dilution under the CVRA. Specifically, the appellate judges said that “30% is not enough to win a majority and to elect someone to the city council, even in a district system,” according to the League of California Cities.

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The fight, however, is not over. Shenkman appealed to the state Supreme Court, and his petition is pending.

Voting rights groups such as the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, or MALDEF, and Asian Americans Advancing Justice also have [sued or threatened to sue](#) cities in recent years, alleging their at-large system disenfranchises minority voters.

The plaintiffs have prevailed in most of those cases, and the trajectory of cities transitioning from at-large to district elections has been skyrocketing.

Polarized voting

Thomas Saenz, MALDEF’s president and general counsel, said cities are more prone to avoid trial, settle cases and implement district elections because plaintiffs merely have to show that racially polarized voting occurs.

Generally, polarized voting exists when candidates preferred by racial or ethnic minorities are different than those preferred by the White majority, and are unable to win in at-large elections.

“The CVRA says if you can illustrate racially polarized voting, then you prevail,” Saenz said. “So in most cases, unless there’s some countervailing evidence that there is not racially polarized voting, it’s the wise decision of the jurisdiction to go with district elections.”

What studies show

A [UC Riverside study](#) published in December 2019 examined the racial composition of city councils before and after fully switching from at-large to district elections. It found an increase of minority representation on city councils of 10-12%, constituting more than one-half a council seat for every five-member city council in California.

"In some cities, the effect will be a bit larger and some a bit smaller, averaging out to 10-12%," said Loren Collingwood, a political science professor at UC Riverside and the study's lead author.

In their [2016 study](#), the Rose Institute researchers found that from the time the California Voting Rights Act took effect in 2002 until 2016, the number of California cities using district elections more than doubled — from 29 to 59. The shift from at-large to district elections began to gain momentum after Modesto agreed to a \$3 million settlement in 2008, and accelerated further after Palmdale agreed to a [\\$4.5 million settlement](#) in 2015.

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Mixed results

Korinke, of GrassrootsLab, said his company tracked nearly 80 cities that have changed to district elections since 2016, and the results were clearly mixed.

"The move to district elections is not a foolproof method to increase minority representation, and the data pretty clearly shows that," Korinke said.

He cited the city of Hemet, which is 43% Latino and switched to district elections, but still has no Latino council member.

Of 21 cities that completed the transition since 2016, 14 have seen an increase in minority representation, he said.

Torrance, the largest city in the South Bay, held its first district election in March after legal threats from Shenkman. But it didn't have much effect. Two incumbent council members, George K. Chen and Mike Griffiths, were re-elected along with newcomer Sharon Kalani. Three [candidates backed by local Democrats](#) lost by relatively large margins.

Nearby Carson, one of the most diverse cities in Southern California, will conduct its first district election in November. However, the incumbent mayor and two City Council incumbents are all minorities, as are most of their challengers.

Saenz argues that in cities still lacking minority representation despite the move to district elections, progress takes time.

"Sometimes it takes a transition period of election cycles before you see the effect of the change in election outcome," he said.



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For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375. For information on trash pick-up, call (714)238-3300.

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Garden Grove Tổ Chức Chương Trình Jack O'Lantern Jamboree Trong Mùa Halloween

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Ban Phục Vụ Cộng Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove xin giới thiệu đến cộng đồng và các em nhỏ chương trình 'Jack O'Lantern Jamboree' nhân mùa Halloween năm nay. Chương trình được điều chỉnh để giữ an toàn và bảo vệ sức khỏe theo những quy định Tiểu bang giữa dịch Covid-19, và được tổ chức vào Thứ Sáu, 23 tháng 10 tại Garden Grove Park, địa chỉ là 9301 Westminster Boulevard. Sự kiện này sẽ trình chiếu Hocus Pocus, một bộ phim hài già tưởng sản xuất vào năm 1993 của Walt Disney Pictures. Các em nhỏ sẽ nhận được một túi goodie bag với đồ ăn vặt và những chương trình vui chơi. Cổng mở cửa lúc 6:00 giờ tối, và bộ phim bắt đầu lúc 7:00 giờ tối.

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Ban Chăm sóc Động vật Garden Grove (Animal Care Services) vẫn đang hoạt động và cung cấp các dịch vụ trong thời gian COVID-19, và cư dân được khuyến khích xin giấy phép (license) và đăng ký (register) thú nuôi của mình, đồng thời làm triệt sản (spay/neuter) chó và mèo của họ để giảm số lượng thú nuôi không có người chăm sóc.

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- Georgia: 15 Nước Tập Trận Chống Khủng Bạo
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Thứ Năm, 8 tháng 10, 2020

GARDEN GROVE KHUYẾN KHÍCH CƯ DÂN XIN GIẤY PHÉP, LÀM TRIỆT SẢN CHÓ MÈO

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Thứ Tư, 14/10/2020

GARDEN GROVE TỔ CHỨC CHƯƠNG TRÌNH JACK O'LANTERN JAMBOREE TRONG MÙA HALLOWEEN

Ban Phục Vụ Cộng Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove xin giới thiệu đến cộng đồng và các em nhỏ chương trình 'Jack O'Lantern Jamboree' nhân mùa Halloween năm nay. Chương trình được điều chỉnh để giữ an toàn và bảo vệ sức khỏe theo những quy định Tiểu bang giữa dịch Covid-19, và được tổ chức vào Thứ Sáu, 23 tháng 10 tại Garden Grove Park, địa chỉ là 9301 Westminster Boulevard. Sự kiện này sẽ trình chiếu Hocus Pocus, một bộ phim hài giả tưởng sản xuất vào năm 1993 của Walt Disney Pictures. Các em nhỏ sẽ nhận được một túi goodie bag với đồ ăn vặt và những chương trình vui chơi. Cổng mở cửa lúc 6:00 giờ tối, và bộ phim bắt đầu lúc 7:00 giờ tối.

Những ai tham dự sự kiện được khuyến khích đến sớm để giữ chỗ. Trang phục, chăn, ghế ngồi, đồ ăn và đồ uống không cồn đều có thể mang theo. Tại đây sẽ không có thực phẩm và đồ giải khát để mua.

Để ngăn chặn sự lây lan của COVID-19 và tuân thủ các hướng dẫn về sức khỏe và an toàn của quận và tiểu bang, những người tham dự phải tuân thủ những điều sau:

- Hãy ở nhà nếu bạn cảm thấy ốm hoặc có các triệu chứng giống như cúm.
- Phải luôn luôn đeo khẩu trang (mask), ngoại trừ việc ngồi trong không gian được chỉ định của bạn.

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- Phải duy trì khoảng cách xã hội ít nhất 6 feet giữa những người bên ngoài hộ gia đình của bạn.

- Phải ở đúng nơi quy định trừ khi sử dụng nhà vệ sinh

Giá vé chỉ có \$2 cho một người, từ 14 tuổi trở lên, và \$10 cho những em từ 3 đến 13 tuổi. Những em dưới 2 tuổi thì vào cửa miễn phí. Trẻ em phải đi cùng người lớn để tham dự vào chương trình này.

Vé không bán tại cửa và chỉ được bán tại Community Services, hoặc liên lạc về số điện thoại (714) 741-5200. Để biết thêm thông tin, xin coi tại ggcity.org/joj.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

October 15, 2020

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation of the October 22, 2020 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocate," dated October 9, 2020 to October 15, 2020, including the League's weekly Covid-19 update.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 15, 2020 – November 24, 2020

Thursday	October 15	5:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Drive-In Movie presents "Beetlejuice", CMC Parking Lot
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Friday	October 23	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure Jack O' Lantern Jamboree Movie in the Park, "Hocus Pocus" at Garden Grove Park
Tuesday	October 27	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Wednesday	October 28	11:30 a.m.	Employee Appreciation Halloween Event, CMC AB Room
Thursday	October 29	5:30 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Drive-In Movie presents "Coco", CMC Parking Lot
Tuesday	November 3	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Thursday	November 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	November 6		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	November 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Wednesday	November 11		City Hall Closed – Veteran's Day
Friday	November 20		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	November 24	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: October 15, 2020

DAVID DENT
ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Message from League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman

October 14, 2020

Dear California City Leaders,

It was great to see all of you in thumbnail size at last week's first ever all virtual League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo.

With nearly 1,600 attendees, 127 dynamic speakers, 78 exhibitors, and nearly 40 educational sessions, the conference was full of opportunities to share ideas about moving our communities forward. Our keynote speakers emphasized how the challenges we've faced this year can help us become stronger and more effective leaders, provided best practices for advancing equity in our communities, and highlighted the importance of communicating effectively during a crisis.

City leaders also took advantage of opportunities to connect directly with their peers and out partners. With nearly 20 business meetings, 7 regional division meetings, and 6 networking sessions, city officials from throughout the state experienced creative ways to learn from and engage with their city colleagues – all through a keyboard and computer screen.

We also celebrated the innovation in our cities and recognized the League's achievements over the last year. Videos of our Helen Putnam award winning cities and the League "by the numbers" video that we debuted at the conference can be found on the [League's YouTube channel](#). If you happened to miss a session, not to worry – those registered for the conference have access to all of the recorded sessions on the [conference microsite](#) until April 6, 2021. If you'd like to see the sessions but weren't able to register for the conference, a special [post-conference registration](#) option is now available.

I hope you left last week's Conference recharged with new ideas and knowledge to bring back to your cities. I also hope you left inspired as we move forward in our work to build safe and strong communities.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Coleman
Executive Director
League of California Cities

League weekly COVID-19 update: Oct. 1-14

October 14, 2020

The California Department of Public Health issued new guidance and recommendations yesterday for safely celebrating Halloween and Día de los Muertos in California. The guidelines “strongly discourage” trick-or-treating and gatherings, and suggest safer alternatives.

This came a few days after the state’s announcement about updated guidance for private gatherings. The updated guidelines will allow for up to three households to congregate in an outdoor setting. Participants need to maintain social distancing practices and wear masks. This guidance provides an updated plan for Californians to gather outside their household and replaces the prior gatherings guidance issued on Sept. 12 and March 16.

The remaining allocations of the CARES Act funding are set for distribution today, Oct. 14. Cities can access updated resources related to CARES Act funding reporting, frequently asked questions, and a user guide from the Department of Finance (DOF) on its webpage for COVID-19 Information. The League continues to support and work with cities to complete or edit their reports.

The League hosted a webinar Oct. 5 with DOF to guide and support cities who were submitting Cycle 2 CARES Act Reporting by Oct. 12. The webinar slides, video, and Q&A are available for reference.

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced \$147 million in the fourth round of funding for Homekey, California’s \$600 million program to purchase and rehabilitate housing for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. This round of funding awards 12 applicants for 20 projects totaling 1,109 units. Cities selected in the fourth round of funding include Los Angeles with six projects, Sacramento with one project, and Salinas with one project.

State updates

- California Department of Public Health Issues New Guidance for Safer Halloween and Día de los Muertos Celebrations during COVID-19 (10/13/20)
- California Department of Public Health Issues Updated Guidance for Private Gatherings (10/9/20)
- Governor Newsom Bolsters Capacity to Connect with Californians with Key Communications Appointments (10/9/20)
- State COVID-19 Updates – Governor's Office

- [Daily COVID-19 Facts](#) – California Department of Public Health
- [Cal OES Key Messages regarding COVID-19/Daily Information](#) – California Office of Emergency Services

For more information

- [COVID-19 Resources and Information for Cities](#) – League of California Cities

Supreme Court sides with Census Bureau – census count to cease Oct. 15

October 14, 2020

On Oct. 13, the U.S. Supreme Court granted the Justice Department's request to halt the 2020 Census count while the administration and a host of groups advocating for a lengthened census count argue the case in a federal appeals court over whether the count could be stopped early.

The Supreme Court order blocks a lower court order that required the government to continue with the count as originally planned through the end of October.

The Census Bureau had originally proposed an Oct. 31 deadline to cease field operations back in April, after field operations froze for 47 days from March 18 to May 4 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, in August, the Census Bureau reversed course, announcing plans to end field operations as of Sept. 30.

The Census Bureau argued in Court that field operations needed to cease immediately in order to meet a Dec. 31 deadline for tabulating and reporting total population data by state for purposes of congressional apportionment. However, various analyses done at the administrative level, including some by Census Bureau officials, unequivocally stated that the Census Bureau would be unable to meet the deadline under any conditions.

A coalition of advocacy organizations, cities, counties, and tribal groups sued, argued that the Census Bureau violated the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) by reversing course. The APA requires administrative agencies to engage in "reasoned decision-making"—meaning that agencies must examine relevant data and articulate satisfactory explanations for their actions.

The federal district court issued a preliminary injunction preventing the Census Bureau from implementing both the Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 deadline. The Census Bureau appealed. Last week, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the federal district court's decision in regards to the Sept. 30 deadline, thereby reinstating data collection field operations through Oct. 31; however, declined to uphold the injunction as to the Dec. 31 deadline.

The federal government filed an emergency motion asking the Supreme Court to freeze the district court decision. The Supreme Court provided a brief, unsigned order staying the lower court's injunction. Essentially, even though the parties remain in litigation regarding the imposed Census Bureau deadlines, the Census Bureau is free to cease field operations. Following the order,

the Census Bureau announced that field operations will cease on Thursday.

Hours after the ruling was released, the Census Bureau announced it will keep accepting responses online at [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) through Oct. 15 until 11:59 p.m. HST (Time in Hawaii). The Census Bureau has also set Oct. 15 as the postmark deadline for paper forms and phone responses.

A complete and accurate count of the population is critically important for cities as it serves as the basis for fair political representation and plays a vital role in many areas of public life. For instance, the results are used to determine how much funding local communities receive from the federal government for key public services. It remains to be seen how this ruling will affect overall census reporting and apportionment.

California cities can see how their cities rank in the [Census 2020 Self-Response Rates](#) and are encouraged to publicize the importance of completing the census to residents up until the Oct. 15 deadline. Messaging and toolkits for communicating are available on the [California Census 2020 website](#). Be sure to screen the materials carefully prior to distributing, as some materials may still include the Sept. 30 deadline.

Cities recognized for extraordinary efforts to enhance local communities

October 14, 2020

Dozens of cities were honored with prestigious awards during the League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo last week.

The winning cities were recognized for implementing outstanding programs and innovative solutions to improve the quality of life in their communities, making great strides to address climate change, and improving employee health and wellness programs. The awards were presented in front of a virtual crowd of 1,600 conference attendees.

Helen Putnam Award for Excellence

The [Helen Putnam Award for Excellence](#) program was established in 1982 in honor of Helen Putnam, the League's first woman president and dedicated public servant and mayor. The award recognizes outstanding achievements made in California's communities in 12 categories and is presented each year at the League Annual Conference & Expo. The 2020 Helen Putnam Award winners are featured below with a link to a short video describing their initiatives.

The [City of Alameda](#) received the **Planning and Environmental Quality Award** for its "Climate Action and Resiliency Plan." As an island city, Alameda created its "Climate Action and Resiliency Plan" to address the threat of rising sea levels due to climate change. The plan includes reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building resilience to increased flooding. Following community member engagement on climate action challenges and solutions, the city won support for a ballot measure that is now raising \$2.9 million annually for flood protection and storm water projects.

The [City of Colton](#) received the **Public Safety Award** for "Colton's At-Risk Teens Academy (CART)." After detecting an increase in juvenile-related issues, the city created the CART Academy to get Colton's troubled youth back on the right track. The 16-week program provides students with a supportive environment to reduce truancies and negative external influences. The goal is to increase student graduation rates, encourage healthy life choices, and strengthen family relationships. CART has a success rate of 89 percent for the students who graduated from the program.

"The Colton At-Risk Teens or CART really embraces what it means for police officers to get involved in their community, and where better to start than with our youth. The CART program has helped many troubled teens get back on track with their lives and become very successful adults," said Colton Police Department Lieutenant Raymond Mendez. "We are proud to have been

selected for this prestigious award and look forward to many more years of working with our community,”

The **City of Davis** received the **Economic Development through the Arts Award** for the city’s “Light the Way: A Bike Safety Musical.” In 2018, the City of Davis commissioned the Bike City Theatre Company to create an original production promoting cycling and bike safety to young audiences. The project supported a small local business, while providing an innovative way to promote health and safety in the community. “Light the Way: A Bicycle Safety Musical” is performed in elementary schools throughout Davis, demonstrating that an investment in the arts reaps positive returns and contributes directly to a thriving community.

“The City of Davis is honored to receive this award for economic development through the arts,” said Davis Mayor Gloria Partida. “Our local artists and arts administrators were innovative in leveraging available funding to support future organizational growth, audience development, and long-term financial stability in addition to providing a fun, educational platform to promote active transportation, physical fitness, emotional well-being and environmental health.”

The **City of Escondido** received the **Public Works, Infrastructure, and Transportation Award** for the city’s graffiti eradication program. Removing graffiti was a slow and costly process in Escondido. In an effort to deter the vandalism, the city established the “Graffiti Eradication Program,” which incorporates a crowdsourcing reporting app, heat map-generating software to track and identify trends, and a dedicated crew to promptly remove graffiti when reported. With the new system, the city was able to lower the response time to remove graffiti within hours, if not minutes.

“On behalf of city leadership and staff from public works, information systems, and communications, we are so honored to have received the Helen Putnam Award for our Graffiti Eradication Program,” said Escondido Deputy Director of Public Works Jake Nyberg. “This award acknowledges our innovative use of technology, staffing, and outreach to force multiply limited resources into a program that has had a significantly positive result on workflow efficiencies, response times, engagement, and community pride,”

The **City of Glendale** received the **Community Services and Economic Development Award** for Glendale’s “Ecosystem for Tech Start-Ups (GETS).” GETS was created after a city study found there was no central place for local technology talent to innovate and inspire each other. Since 2016, GETS created networking opportunities for tech entrepreneurs and developed events like Tech Week, attracting more than 5,000 attendees. In just three years, 162 new tech businesses have set up in Glendale, invigorating not only the tech sector, but the overall community, as well.

“The City of Glendale has been working to establish itself as a comprehensive regional hub for

technology and innovation," said Glendale Mayor Vrej Agajanian. "The Glendale Ecosystem for Tech Start-Ups Project has further cemented our position as such by attracting 162 tech firms to our community over a 3-year time period. We are honored to be recognized with a 2020 Helen Putnam Award,"

The **City of Moreno Valley** received the **CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration Award** for its "After School Education and Safety – Expanded Learning Program." Moreno Valley recognized a need in the community for an afterschool program to support low-income families and students struggling academically. Partnering with local school districts and community organizations, the city developed an afterschool program that is safe, fun, and provides students with academic support. Since 2007, "After School Education and Safety – Expanded Learning Program" has grown to serve more than 46,000 students, broadening their horizons through enrichment activities geared toward preparing them for college and career.

"The hours between the time when school lets out and parents get home from work are the riskiest time of day for children," said Moreno Valley Mayor Dr. Yxstian Gutierrez. "The city's Afterschool Expanded Learning Program provides students with a fun, safe learning and socializing environment that keeps them out of trouble and on the path to success. I can't think of a better reason for earning a Helen Putnam Award than for helping the children of our community."

The **City of Norwalk** received the **Health and Wellness Programs Award** for the city's "We Have Project." After noticing a steady incline in the number of teens besieged with bullying, mental health issues, and other challenges, Norwalk Teen Center staff recognized a need to provide local youth with positive mentorship and access to resources. The "We Have Project" features teen center staff offering advice, a forum for dealing with issues, and professional resources for teenagers battling internal struggles. Since launching the project, the teen center has received an influx of visitors.

The **City of Palmdale** received the **Housing Programs and Innovations Award** for the city's Courson Arts Colony (CAC). This newly developed affordable housing community in Palmdale consists of 160 units, 60 of which are dedicated to housing and providing supportive services to homeless veterans and homeless individuals who face health challenges. CAC also provides housing for artists, who use their artistic talents as a healing tool for residents. Apart from providing shelter for people in need, the project created 560 construction jobs, 10 permanent jobs, and continues to provide economic growth for the city.

"The CAC has been a project 20 years in the making that required strong commitment from city staff, city council, and the community," said Palmdale Mayor Steve Hofbauer. "I am proud to have worked with city council on this important project. It's the latest piece of revitalization and

housing innovation that also includes Legacy Commons for Active Seniors, two dedicated senior housing complexes, and the newly renovated Courson Park and Pool, Palmdale's first park and pool and considered to be the heart of the neighborhood."

The **City of Salinas** received the **Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, and Community Involvement Award** for the "Alisal Vibrancy Plan." Created with equity at its core, Salinas developed the "Alisal Vibrancy Plan," a community-driven plan to improve the quality of life for people living in the Alisal neighborhood. The plan improved city outreach to Alisal neighborhood members, a part of the community which was underserved and neglected for decades, and removed barriers the neighborhood often faced when interacting with city government. As a result, community involvement, public dialogue, and trust between the city and Alisal residents has improved.

"The Alisal Vibrancy Plan is important because it comes from the voice of the East Salinas community. The plan developed trust and transparency with a historically underrepresented neighborhood and population, which will be further strengthened as we implement projects and solutions developed by residents," said Salinas Community Development Director Megan Hunter. "The City of Salinas is honored to receive this Helen Putnam Award in recognition of its community involvement efforts, and is committed to continued inclusive and authentic engagement with the public."

The **City of Santa Clarita** received two awards, the **Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government** for "**I Found Sammy Clarita**" and the **Internal Administration Award** for its college internship program. In 2017, the city introduced the community to a new mascot, Sammy Clarita, who teaches young residents about the city's history, projects, and events. Children learn to appreciate the importance of their city through scavenger hunts where the final prize is their own stuffed Sammy Clarita. Sammy was so well-liked, that the city also published a children's book, filled with city stories told by Sammy, which is now available in local libraries. The second award recognized the Santa Clarita internship program to train new staff in the public sector before the aging workforce retired. The program was developed to provide students with experience in their career fields while exposing them to opportunities in local government. Since the program's launch in 2018, the city hosted 33 interns, 11 of which are now working full-time in public service for the city or another public agency.

The **City of Santa Maria** received the **League Partners Award for Excellence in City-Business Relations** for the city's innovative program "The Patch." Agriculture is a big industry in Santa Maria with farms accounting for 30 percent of the jobs in the area. Santa Maria partnered with the private sector to provide a free hands-on, career-based education experience for high school students in the city. Students gain experience in leadership, crop production, and a chance to produce a popular fall attraction for the community, "The Patch". The program has attracted over 20,000 visitors, raised \$180,000, and awarded \$30,000 in scholarships.

“This is another successful example of the community’s can-do spirit when challenged to find solutions,” Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino said. “Congratulations to the local students.”

Institute for Local Government Beacon Awards

The Beacon Program, which encompasses the Beacon Vanguard and Spotlight Awards, are presented each year by the Institute for Local Government (ILG). The Beacon Program provides a framework for local governments to share best practices that create healthier, more vibrant, and sustainable communities. More than 161 cities have joined the Beacon Program, and pledged to set targets and create policies and programs that exemplify those principles. ILG honored six cities that met the requirements to earn the Beacon Vanguard Award and 30 cities that earned Spotlight Awards at the Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels.

The Beacon Vanguard Award cities honored were Cupertino, Chula Vista, Sacramento, San Diego, Daly City, and Pacific Grove. The cities recognized with a Beacon Spotlight Award were Arcata, Artesia, Arvin, Bakersfield, Beverly Hills, Coronado, East Palo Alto, El Centro, Goleta, Half Moon Bay, Indio, Mammoth Lakes, Millbrae, Moorpark, Ojai, Palmdale, Paramount, Salinas, San Leandro, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, San Ramon, Seaside, Signal Hill, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Truckee, Twentynine Palms, Ventura, and Watsonville.

A complete list of city achievements for each award winner is available on the [ILG website](#).

Cities for Workforce Health Grants

In collaboration with the League Partners, Kaiser Permanente, and Keenan and Associates, and in cooperation with the California Center for Public Health Advocacy, the League awarded \$5,000 grants to five cities to improve their workforce health programs. These cities already have a basic workforce health program in place, and have demonstrated a readiness to initiate or further develop the program, a commitment to building the program’s infrastructure and capacity, and have requested assistance with program development efforts.

The cities who received grants this year are Burbank, Elk Grove, Pico Rivera, Temecula, and Upland. Learn more about the [Cities for Workforce Health program](#).

Congratulations to all of the cities for their amazing achievements!