

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
November 5, 2020

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. CITIWORKS NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2020

The November – December 2020 publication of CitiWorks includes information for residents and business owners in Garden Grove.

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

A. Annual report from Orange County Sanitation District, *Building on the Past, Planning for the Future*

B. Southern California Edison Company's Notice of Filing: Application to Establish Marginal Costs, Allocate Revenues, and Design Rates (A.20-10-012)

• 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

CityWorks

Attachment I. A
Mgrs. Memo 11/5/20
GARDEN GROVE

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, residents, businesses, and organizations answered the needs of our community through selfless acts of service.

To view the local stories and photos, visit the Garden Grove Strong webpage at ggcity.org/gg-strong



 **HOUSING ELEMENT**
Community **STARTS** WITH *Housing*

VISIT GGCITY.ORG/HOUSING-ELEMENT



Small businesses are the cornerstone of our community. Now, more than ever, local businesses need our support. When you shop at participating Buy in Garden Grove (BiGG) establishments, you assist the local economy while receiving special discounts.



Find shopper discounts and more.
ggcity.org/big



#SlowTheSpread Covid-19 Testing Available



Free testing is available throughout Orange County, including two appointment-based drive-thru sites at the Costa Mesa Fairgrounds and Anaheim Convention Center.



GGCITY.ORG/CORONAVIRUS



For the safety of every pet, Garden Grove Animal Care Services encourages residents to license and register, and spay and neuter their dogs and cats. By licensing your pet, you establish ownership, increasing the chances your lost pet is returned. Spaying or neutering your pet provides long-term health benefits and helps curb the number of unwanted pets in the city.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/animalcare



TO FIND FREE FLU SHOTS NEAR YOU, VISIT OCHEALTHINFO.COM/FLU

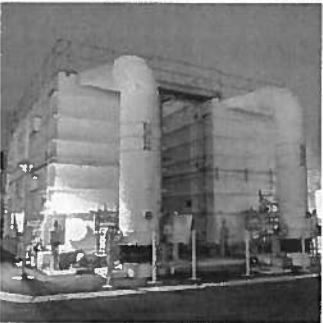
INSTALL. INSPECT. PROTECT.

Almost two-thirds of all house fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. Protect your family by installing smoke alarms, inspecting them regularly, and practicing home fire drills.



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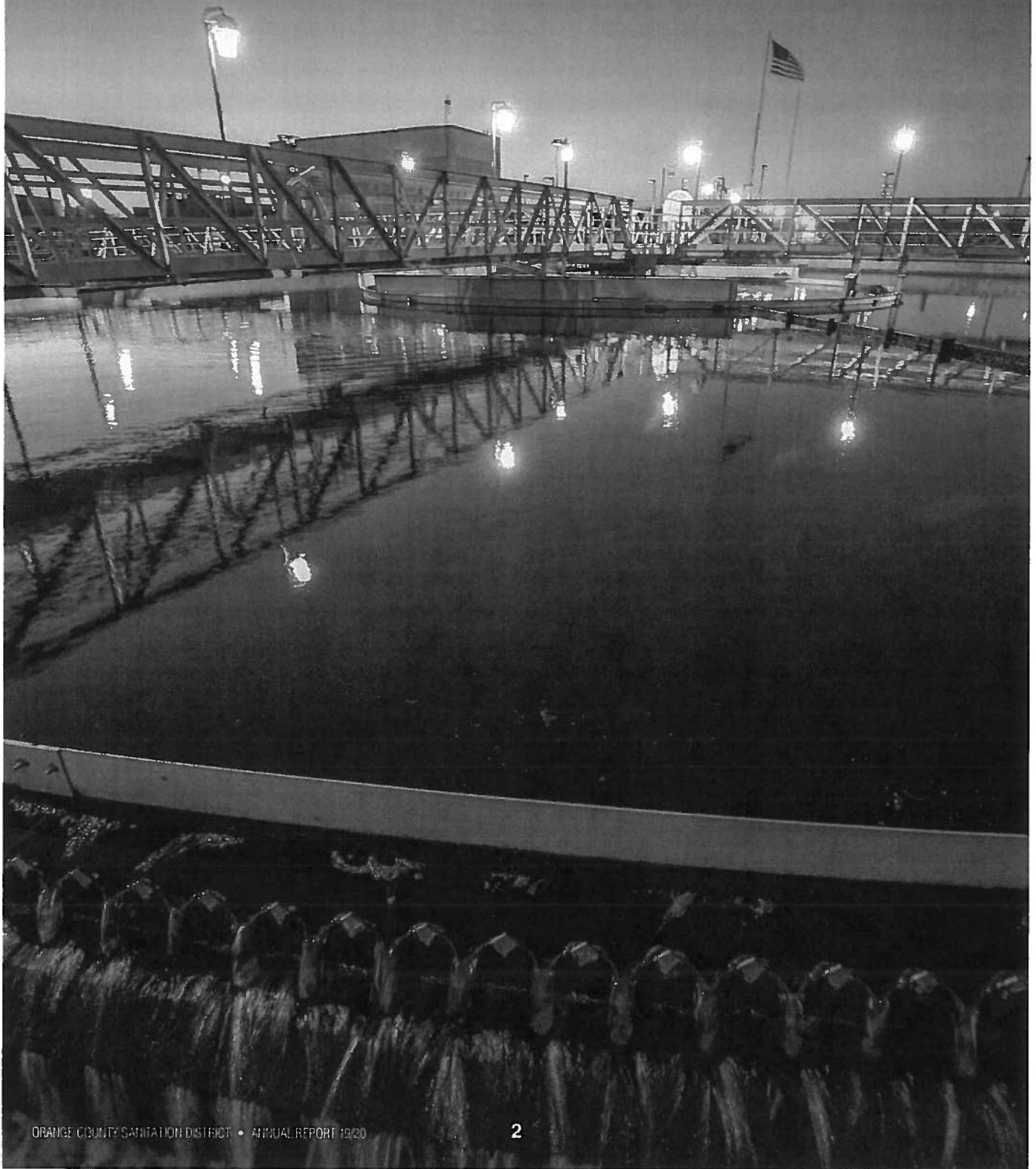
Building on
the Past
**Planning for
the Future**

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Orange County Sanitation District



Secondary clarifier at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley.





Letter from the General Manager

The ongoing global pandemic has driven home the importance of planning, preparation, and resiliency. As the regional wastewater utility providing an essential service to 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County, the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) has continued its 24/7 operation uninterrupted, providing our community with one less thing to worry about as they face this unprecedented challenge.

Throughout the pandemic, our hands-on staff have been working at our facilities with safety precautions, while our staff who can work remotely have done so. Our entire workforce has been flexible and adapted to new tools, innovative approaches, and being physically separated from their co-workers. Despite these challenges, OCSD's operations have not merely maintained status quo — we continue moving forward and meeting the future with new and innovative projects and initiatives that are highlighted in this annual report.

Progress continues on more than 125 capital projects in various stages of planning, design, and construction to ensure that our community has reliable, resilient infrastructure with up-to-date technology that can meet future demands. We are planning for future demands on our operations including regulations, extreme rain events, drought, earthquakes, and sea level rise to name a few. In the next 12 months, we are on track to take competitive bids on over 25 infrastructure projects with a total value of more than \$550 million. These projects are not only essential to safely and reliably deliver our mission, they will also provide a much needed boost to our local economy.

I would like to thank our current and past Board Members for their vision and foresight. Under their leadership, we are ensuring that we continue our tradition of building on the past and planning for the future. I would also like to thank the public for their continued trust and support for our agency, and our staff for always going beyond the call of duty and never wavering in their commitment to protecting public health and the environment — even under the most challenging of circumstances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James D. Herberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

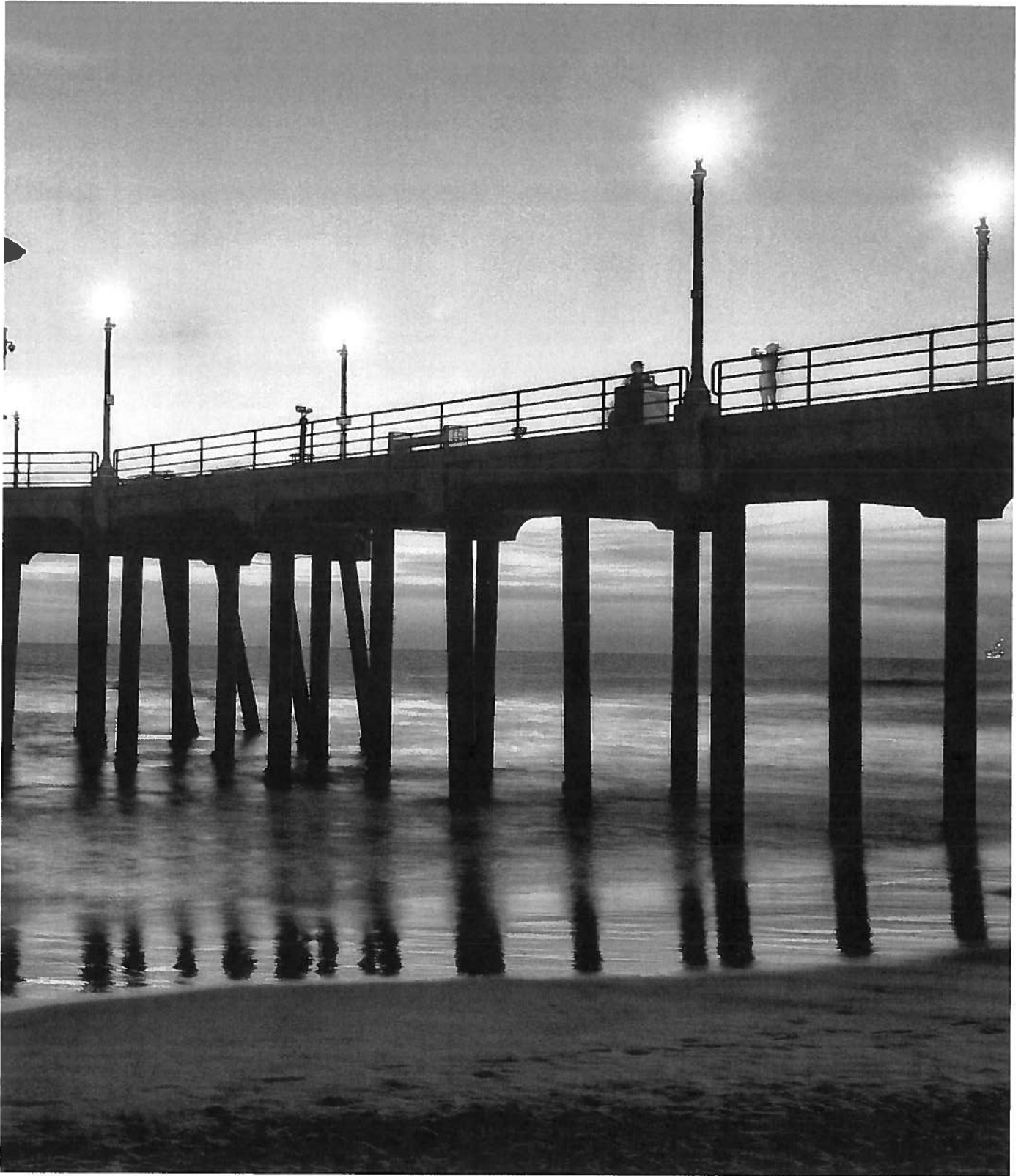
James D. Herberg
General Manager

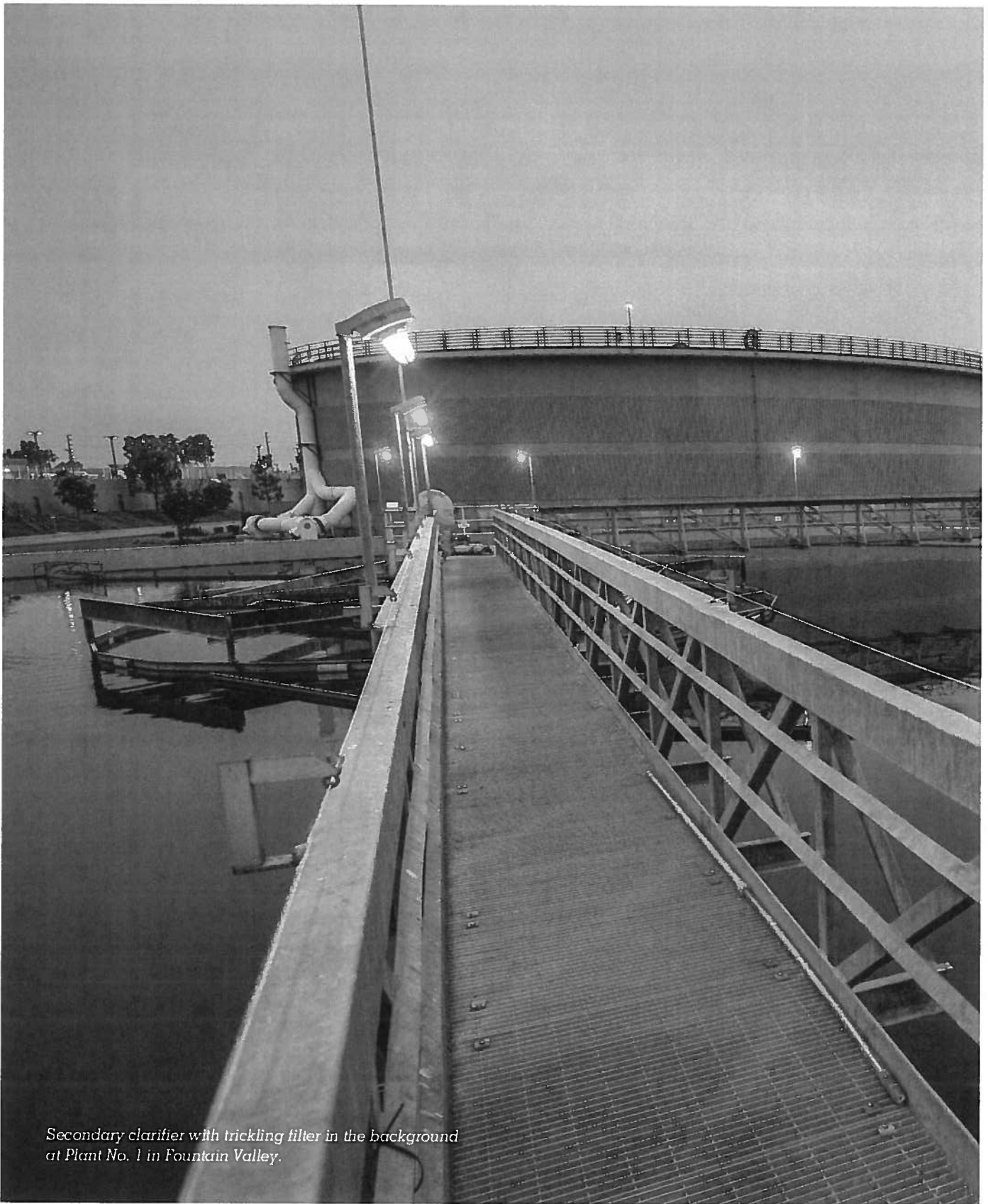
Who We Are...

The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) is a special district governed by a 25-member Board of Directors comprised of 20 cities, four special districts, and one representative from the Orange County Board of Supervisors. OCSD provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people living within a 480 square-mile area of central and northwest Orange County. Our wastewater collection facilities include 388 miles of sewer pipes and 15 pump stations, located throughout our service area.

Each day we treat approximately 189 million gallons of wastewater from residential, commercial, and industrial sources at our two plants: Reclamation Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley and Treatment Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach.

Huntington Beach Pier.





*Secondary clarifier with trickling filter in the background
at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley.*

Our Mission

To protect public health and the environment by providing effective wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling.

Our Vision

Orange County Sanitation District Will Be A Leader In:

- Providing reliable, responsive, and affordable services in line with customer needs and expectations.
- Protecting public health and the environment utilizing all practical and effective means for wastewater, energy, and solids resource recovery.
- Continually seeking efficiencies to ensure that the public's money is wisely spent.
- Communicating our mission and strategies with those we serve and all other stakeholders.
- Partnering with others to benefit our customers, this region, and our industry.
- Creating the best possible workforce in terms of safety, productivity, customer service, and training.



Left to right: Centrifuge; trickling filter at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley.

Bottom: Secondary clarifier at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley.



Board of Directors

City	Active Director
Anaheim	Lucille Kring
Brea	Glenn Parker
Buena Park	Fred Smith
Cypress	Mariellen Yarc
Fountain Valley	Steve Nagel
Fullerton	Jesus J. Silva
Garden Grove	Steve Jones
Huntington Beach	Erik Peterson
Irvine	Christina Shea
La Habra	Tim Shaw
La Palma	Peter Kim
Los Alamitos	Richard Murphy
Newport Beach	Brad Avery
Orange	Mark Murphy
Placentia	Chad Wanke
Santa Ana	Nelida Mendoza
Seal Beach	Sandra Massa-Lavitt
Stanton	David Shawver (Chair)
Tustin	Allan Bernstein
Villa Park	Robert Collacott

Sanitary Districts

Costa Mesa Sanitary District	James Ferryman
Midway City Sanitary District	Andrew Nguyen

Water Districts

Irvine Ranch Water District	John Withers (Vice-Chair)
Yorba Linda Water District	Brooke Jones

County Areas

Member of the Board of Supervisors	Doug Chaffee
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Executive Management Team

James Herberg General Manager

Robert Thompson Assistant General Manager and Director of Operations and Maintenance

Lorenzo Tyner Assistant General Manager and Director of Finance and Administrative Services

Kathleen Millea Director of Engineering

Celia Chandler Director of Human Resources

Lan Wiborg Director of Environmental Services



*Left: Kathleen Millea; Lorenzo Tyner;
James Herberg; Lan Wiborg; Robert Thompson
and Celia Chandler*

Keeping Up Our Grades

The results are in — Heal the Bay has released its 2019-2020 beach report card and Orange County beaches are some of the best in the state. Orange County beaches are doing great, with 95 percent receiving above average grades during dry-season months, which is when beaches are used the most.

Seal Beach, Huntington Beach and Newport Beach, which are the beaches monitored by OCSD, made Heal the Bay's honor roll list which requires a beach to score an A+ in all three seasons (summer dry, winter dry, wet weather). This is a clear indicator that our collection, treatment and monitoring efforts and our dry weather urban runoff diversion program are protecting the ocean water quality.

Working in the general chemistry, microbiology, and the nutrient section of the laboratory, I have seen how we use what we learned to "build a better future". With increased testing and tighter regulations, we have found that looking to technology and newer ways of implementing methods and procedures we can exceed expectations and "plan for the future".
Larry Polk, Environmental Specialist



Making Room for Wastewater Operations

As part of our ongoing efforts to plan for the future and increase efficiencies, we have purchased properties across the street from our current administration building located at Reclamation Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley. The existing structures on these properties will be demolished to make room for a new 109,000-square foot consolidated headquarters building that will house the 350 plus staff that are currently located in various aging buildings and trailers spread across the 100-acre Reclamation Plant No. 1 site.

The new headquarters building, scheduled for completion in 2023, will provide a single centralized location and greater cohesiveness for administrative staff, while preserving space at the plant site for future wastewater treatment infrastructure.



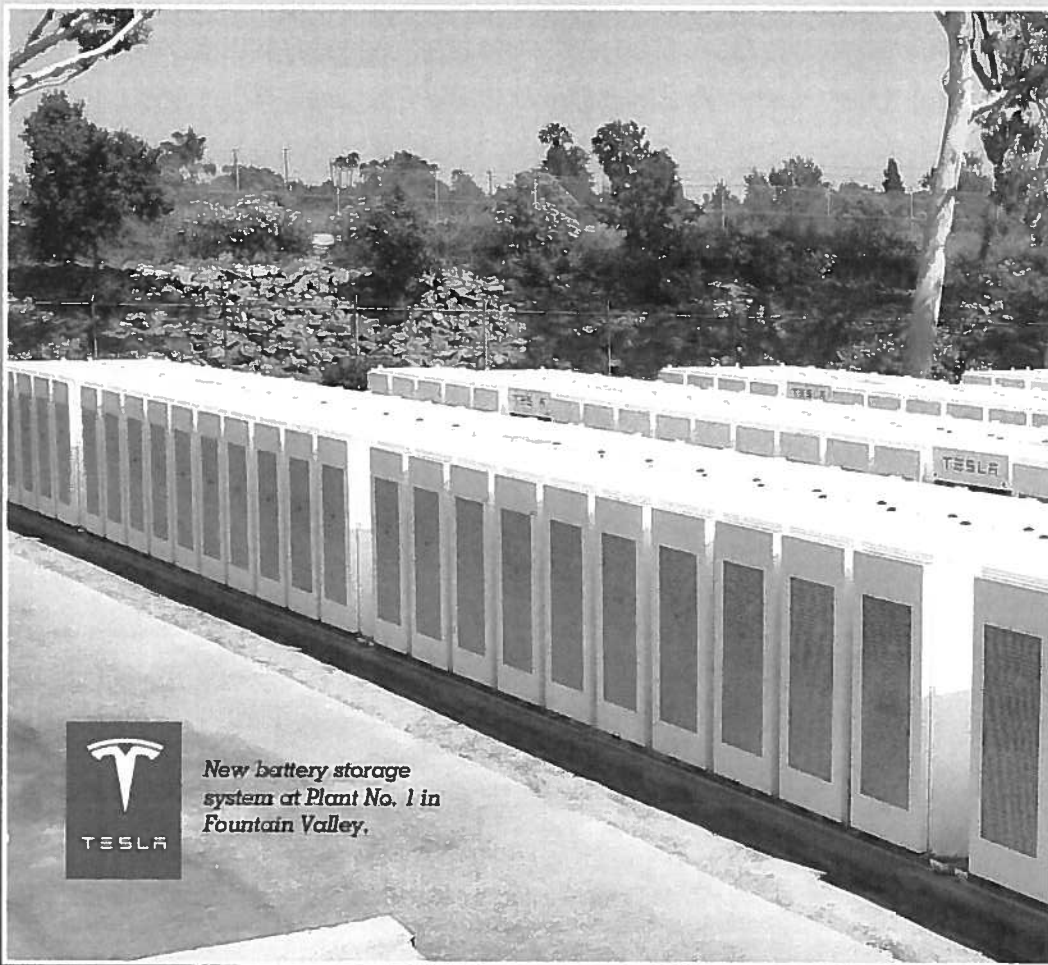
Rendering of lobby and Board Room.

Rendering of new headquarters complex in Fountain Valley.

Resource Recovery in All That We Do!

Our commitment to resource recovery includes meeting approximately 60 percent of OCSD's power requirements using methane gas recovered from our wastewater treatment process. But we haven't stopped there. To help offset any remaining power demand for our Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley, we have entered into a public/private partnership with Stem, SK E&S and SUSI Partners and Southern California Edison utilizing the latest energy storage technology. The 4.9-megawatt, 32.5-megawatt-hour Tesla lithium-ion energy storage system is the largest single customer-sited battery system in the United States.

The battery storage operation is expected to save the Sanitation District's customers over \$300 thousand per year.



New System, New Technology, and Overall Better for our Community

New centrifuge systems have been installed at both of our treatment plants to replace aging equipment, improve efficiency and expand our solids handling capacity. These facilities perform the critical step of removing water from the biosolids so that they can be transported for beneficial reuse as a soil amendment. Centrifuges are a high-speed process that uses the force from rapid rotation to separate liquid from wastewater solids. The two facilities at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley and Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach have been up and running for a year.

In 2017, before the centrifuges went online, our biosolids budget was \$17.21 million at peak solids production. The budget for the fiscal year 2020-21 has been greatly reduced to \$12.4 million. The centrifuges have reduced the total daily volume of biosolids by 250 tons. Essentially wringing out an additional 200 tons of water per day that will no longer be hauled over 120-280 miles away. This volume reduction has eliminated about 30 percent of the hauling, equating to about 3,500 fewer trucks per year with a corresponding decrease in vehicle emissions.



Centrifuge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Plant No. 1. Supervisor Michelle Steel (Master of Ceremony); Assemblyman Steven Choi; Board Chairman David Shawver; Board Vice Chairman John Withers; and Directors Erik Peterson; Peter Kim; Richard Murphy; and Robert Collacott cut the ribbon to unveil the new centrifuge facility.

Partnering to Manage Organics and Increase Renewable Power

California's cities must reduce organic material entering landfills by 75 percent by 2025. To help cities meet this goal, OCSD is planning to construct an Interim Food Waste Receiving Facility at our Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach, which is expected to be complete by the end of 2022.

The station will accept approximately 150 tons per day of preprocessed food waste slurry from waste haulers and feed it into our existing digester complex located at Plant No. 2. Adding the food waste slurry to our digesters will increase the production of methane gas used for on-site power generation. This project assists OCSD's member agencies in meeting Senate Bill 1383 organic diversion goals. This project increases on-site power generation to help OCSD move closer to its goal of becoming 100 percent energy self-sufficient.



In my workgroup, we continue to fine tune our best practice methods to ensure consistent reliability within our plant and for the ratepayer. This will ensure our core values will continue to set OCSD as the industry leader for years to come.

Ty Adnani, Senior Mechanic

OCSD Receives Its First U.S. Patent

With our customers in mind, our workforce is finding ways to advance the industry and reduce costs. The Orange County Sanitation District has been granted a patent for a process to treat odors known as “Chemical Optimization During Wastewater Treatment-Odor Control”.

The process uses state-of-the-art data collection and process control to optimize dosing paired with mechanical abatement techniques to minimize odor emissions throughout our service area. This is the first patent OCSD has received and with this chemical optimization process in place, we are able to share it with other wastewater agencies.

We are proud to be leaders in the wastewater industry, doing all that we can to serve our community.



Over the last decade, the odor group has discovered a number of cost effective and new innovative technology treatment strategies. As for the future, we will continue to build on our prior field learnings with the general theme to reduce, reuse, re-purpose and recover.

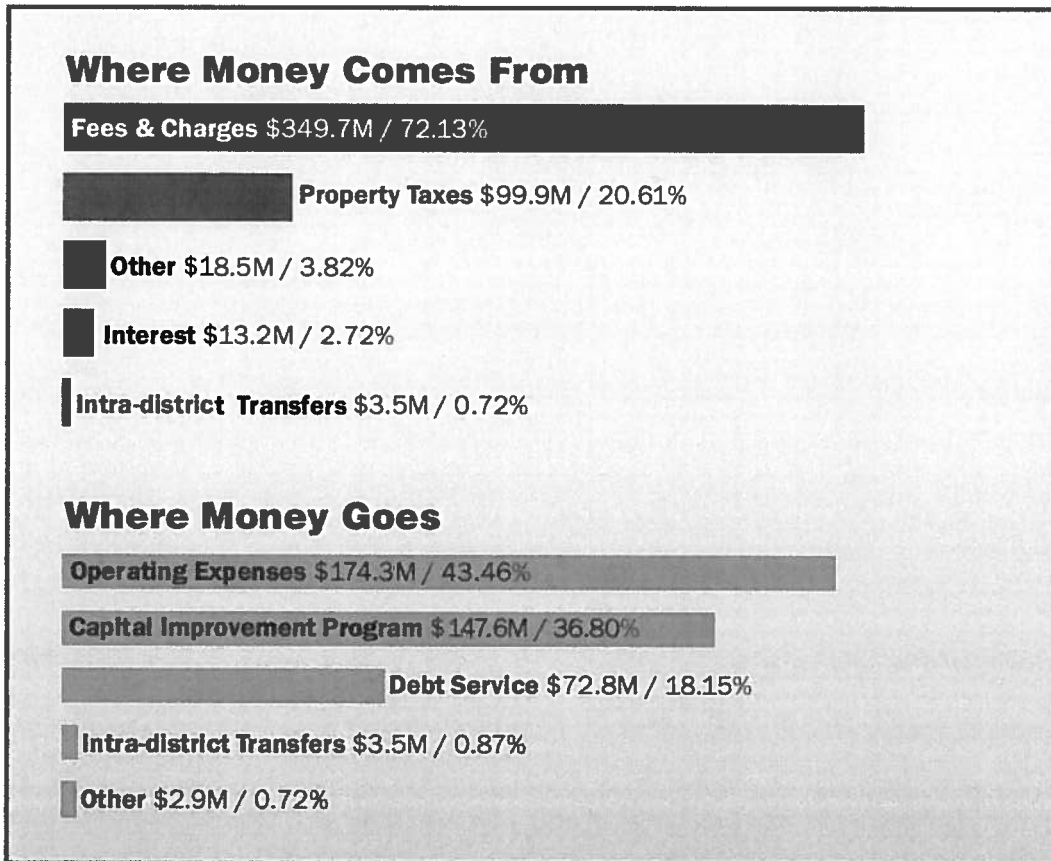
Brian Reed, Principal Environmental Specialist



Financial Planning: Protecting our Community's Assets

OCSD strives to ensure we are financially stable and keep our rates affordable for our ratepayers, while always meeting our mission to protect the public health and the environment. Recently, OCSD had its AAA credit rating reaffirmed based on its management practices and financial strength. This is the highest possible credit rating, which means that we have access to low interest rate financing on infrastructure improvements, resulting in cost savings for OCSD's customers.

Many government agencies are faced with growing long-term liabilities, particularly in the area of employee pensions. Due to fluctuations in financial markets, OCSD had an Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability of close to \$8 million. Through the proactive stance of our Board of Directors, we paid down the unfunded liability, which will save our ratepayers nearly seven percent a year in premium payments.



OCSD Approves Budget and Foregoes Rate Increase

We understand that our community has been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and many of our ratepayers have incurred financial hardship. Given the financial impacts of COVID-19 on our community, the Orange County Sanitation District Board of Directors voted to adopt the two-year budget and not raise the sewer service fee for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The OCSD sewer service fee for a single-family residence will remain \$339 for the year, less than one dollar a day. Sewer service fees for commercial users and permitted industrial users will also remain flat during fiscal year 2020-21.



"The COVID-19 pandemic has created a very stressful and financially straining situation for Orange County. As members of this community we understand and empathize and want to provide some relief for our ratepayers," stated OCSD's Board Chairman David Shawver. "As an essential service, OCSD continues to meet the mission of protecting public health and the environment throughout this pandemic. This unexpected situation has created some operational and financial challenges, yet our fiscal stewardship over the years has allowed us to maintain our level of service and the ability to forego the rate increase for the coming year. While providing some relief to our customers, the recently adopted budget will continue to support our operational needs and the Capital Improvement Program," stated Shawver.

As a part of the Purchasing Team, I strive to ensure that the Sanitation District procures its goods and services with the highest standards in procurement. Purchasing commits to keep its processes fair and transparent and that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

Jackie Lagade, Principal Buyer

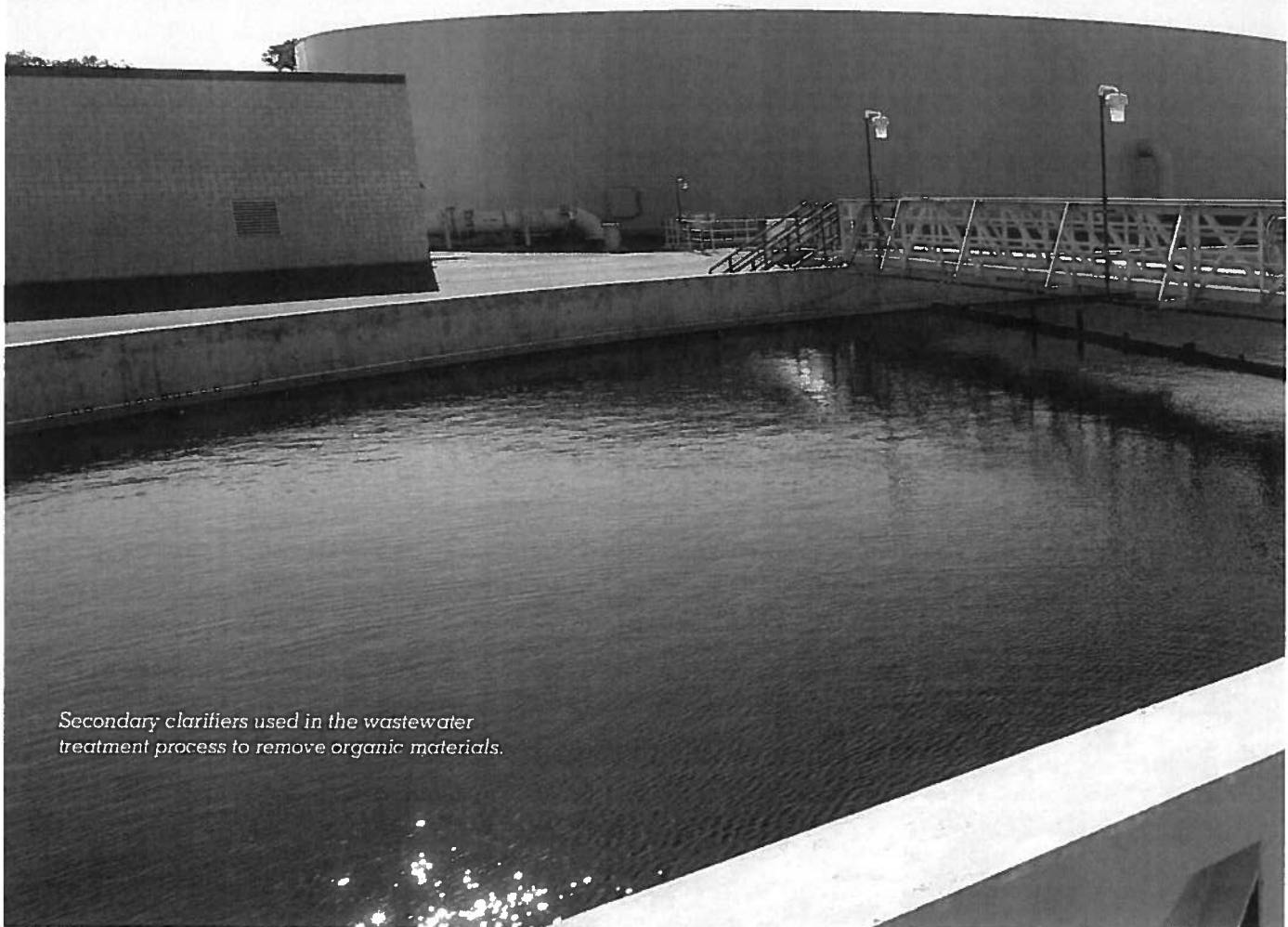


Studying Wastewater and COVID-19

OCSD is actively collaborating with industry and academic partners to understand the available testing methods, costs and usefulness of Wastewater Based Epidemiology also known as wastewater surveillance for COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2.

Individuals infected with SARS-CoV-2, both asymptomatic and symptomatic, shed the virus in stool that ends up in the sewage system. Fortunately, SARS-CoV-2 has not been shown to remain infectious in wastewater, but its genetic material ribonucleic acid (RNA) can be detected and used as an indicator of the presence of COVID-19 in a community.

OCSD continues to collaborate on three SARS-CoV-2 wastewater surveillance projects with the State Water Resources Control Board, University of Arizona and Stanford University. OCSD may also consider participating in the National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS) led by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), where




Secondary clarifiers used in the wastewater treatment process to remove organic materials.

wastewater samples will be collected in coordination with the local public health agency, samples will then be analyzed by a public health laboratory and the data will be uploaded to a national database for interpretation, modeling and quality control. Finally, the data will be shared with the appropriate end users such as state and local health agencies, CDC's COVID Data Tracker and other key agencies. In addition, OCSD is actively evaluating other partners to continue and expand testing of the virus.

One advantage of sewage testing for SARS-CoV-2 is that the RNA of the virus can be present in stool as soon as two days after infection, thus serving as a potential early warning tool. It is believed that sewage surveillance can help gauge the magnitude of infection in a given area allowing informative decision making by public health officers. Such testing has been used for decades around the globe for other viruses such as poliovirus and hepatitis A virus. OCSD will continue working with the wastewater industry, academia and health agencies to provide research for this and other viruses and diseases.



Our Workforce

Authorized Full-Time Employees 640		Average Years of Service 11	New Hires 41
Average Age 46.6	Number of Retirements 27	Retirements Years of Service 562	
Education Level: Bachelor's Degree or Higher Percent of the Organization 60 percent		Master's Degree or Higher 18 percent	
Number of employees holding positions that require a state license or certification 273		 <p>A new learning program was created – OCSD “U”. The program provides a wide array of job-related coursework to meet the needs of our employees.</p>	
Percentage of employees holding positions that require a state license or certification 46 percent			



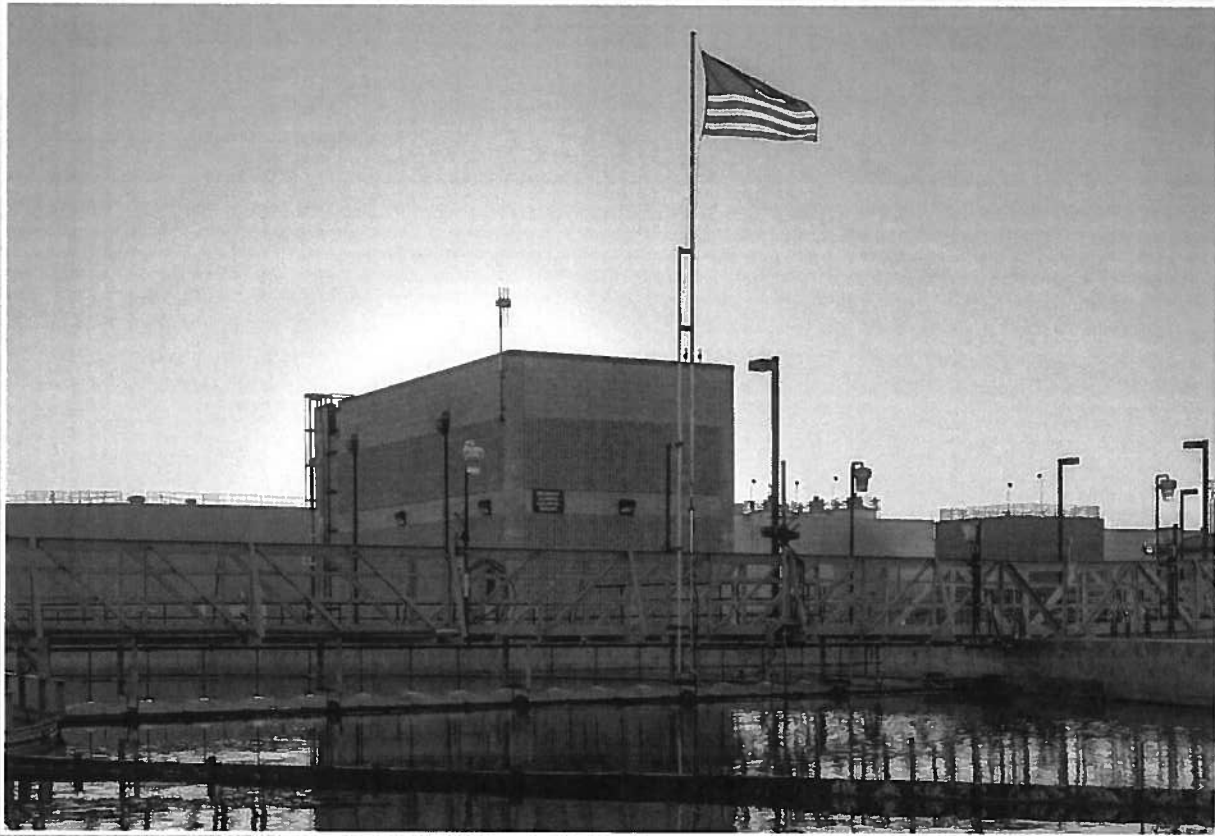
Our employees, both past and present are the future of the Orange County Sanitation District. Working in Human Resources I get to directly support and serve that future every step of the way. The key to making our future a success is to challenge ourselves daily to be better, embrace change, and to do so while staying focused on our lifelong mission of why we exist as an agency.
Adam Montoya, Human Resources Analyst

OCSO collections staff working to clean a sewer line in our service area.

Looking Ahead

As a forward-thinking agency, we are continually planning and preparing for the future. The Board of Directors and staff develop a Strategic Plan to define initiatives to be pursued by the Sanitation District that provides a basis for long-term financial, capital, and operational planning. We have developed a two-year, four-step management process that creates and maintains vision alignment between the Board of Directors, the staff and the public we serve.

Strategic planning is the first step to define the Sanitation District's ability to have people and assets in place to meet its agreed upon mission as defined by the Board. The second step is capital and operational planning based on the adopted strategic plan. The third step is budget development to execute the plan and define the tactical goals to work toward the strategic goals. The final step is execution of the budget and tactical goal attainment. These four steps are repeated every two years to maintain alignment and make course corrections based on Board Member input, legal and regulatory changes and the needs of the communities we serve.

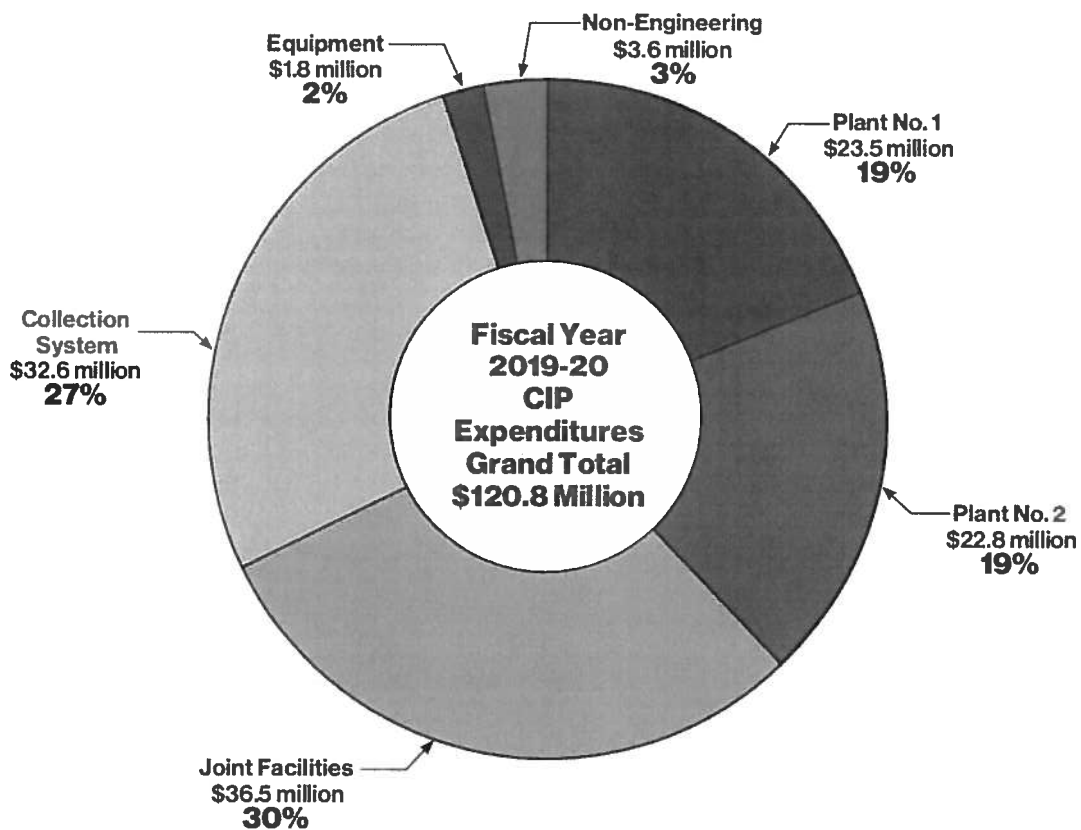


Secondary clarifier at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley.

Planning for the Future

OCSD's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a long-term plan to rehabilitate, replace, and update the agency's regional and plant facilities. OCSD's CIP has been carefully put together to cost-effectively meet future regulatory requirements, incorporating climate resiliency, seismic reliability and maximizing resource recovery. Although the focus of the CIP may shift over time, one thing remains clear, to ensure OCSD can continue to provide the necessary levels of service.

During the 2019-20 fiscal year, the CIP program included over 120 capital projects with a net CIP outlay of more than \$120 million. CIP projects take several years to complete the planning, design and construction cycle. The CIP Annual Report highlights some of the major capital projects through the various project phases OCSD staff was actively involved in during the fiscal year. For more information, please view our CIP Annual Report.



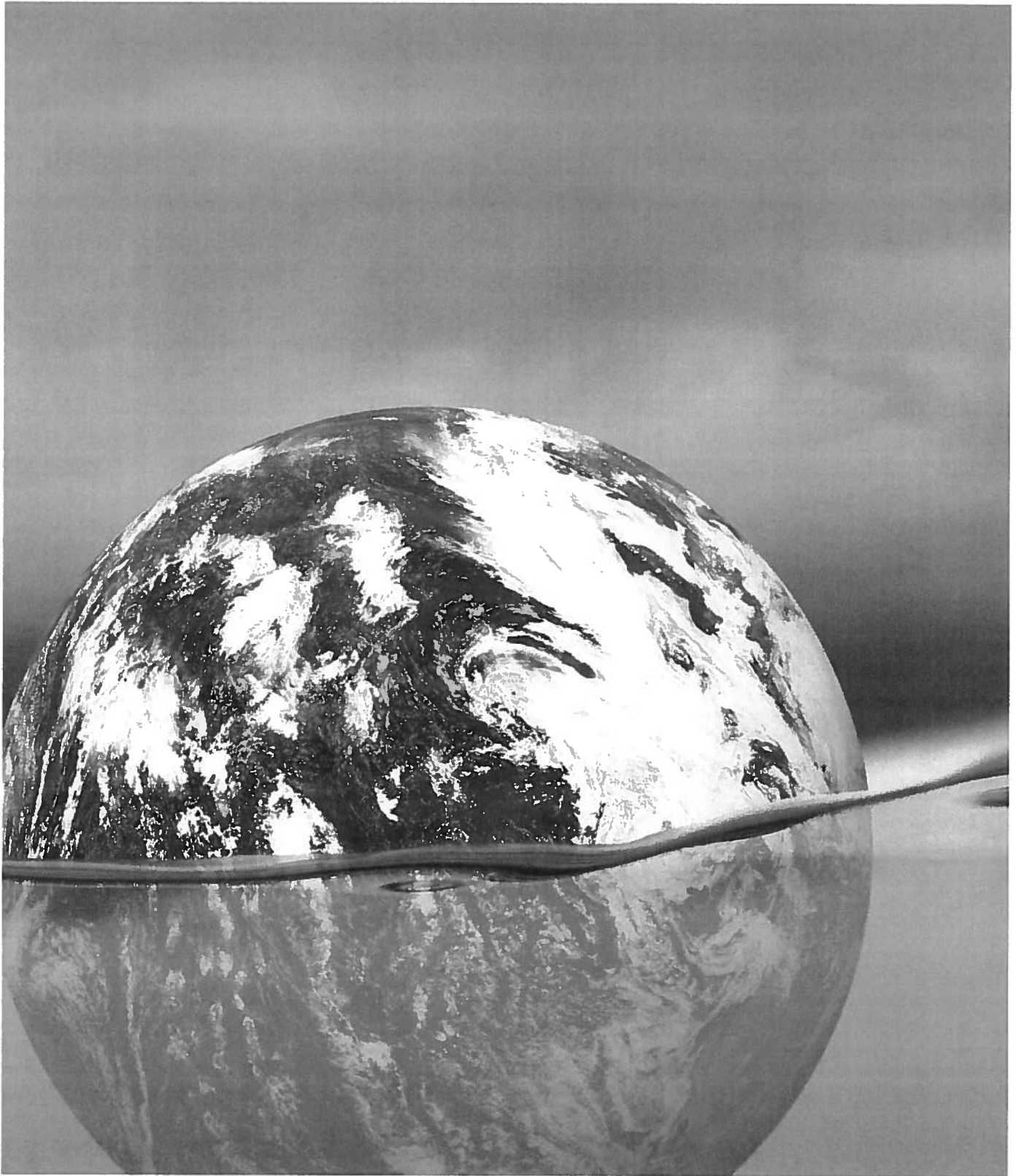
Climate Change – Weathering the Storm

If 2020 taught us one thing, it is that you can never be too prepared and to expect the unexpected. That is exactly what OCSD has been doing for over 65 years. There are many types of hazards that threaten our daily operations including, earthquakes, floods, and weather events. In addition to preparing for known natural disasters, OCSD has been studying how climate change can affect the work we do and the overall risk to our facilities, staff and the community we serve. This past year, OCSD completed the Climate Resiliency Study that involved assessing the risks posed by climate change and developing adaptations to mitigate those risks.

The result of the study was a Climate Resiliency Plan that focused on the impacts of climate change in Orange County. The plan is one of the first in California to focus on a particular county within the state. The plan combines the implications of climate change into improved design standards, emergency preparedness, and facility operations for the future. As a result of this plan and the work that staff has done to study climate change, climate resiliency is being integrated into ongoing Capital Improvement Program projects.

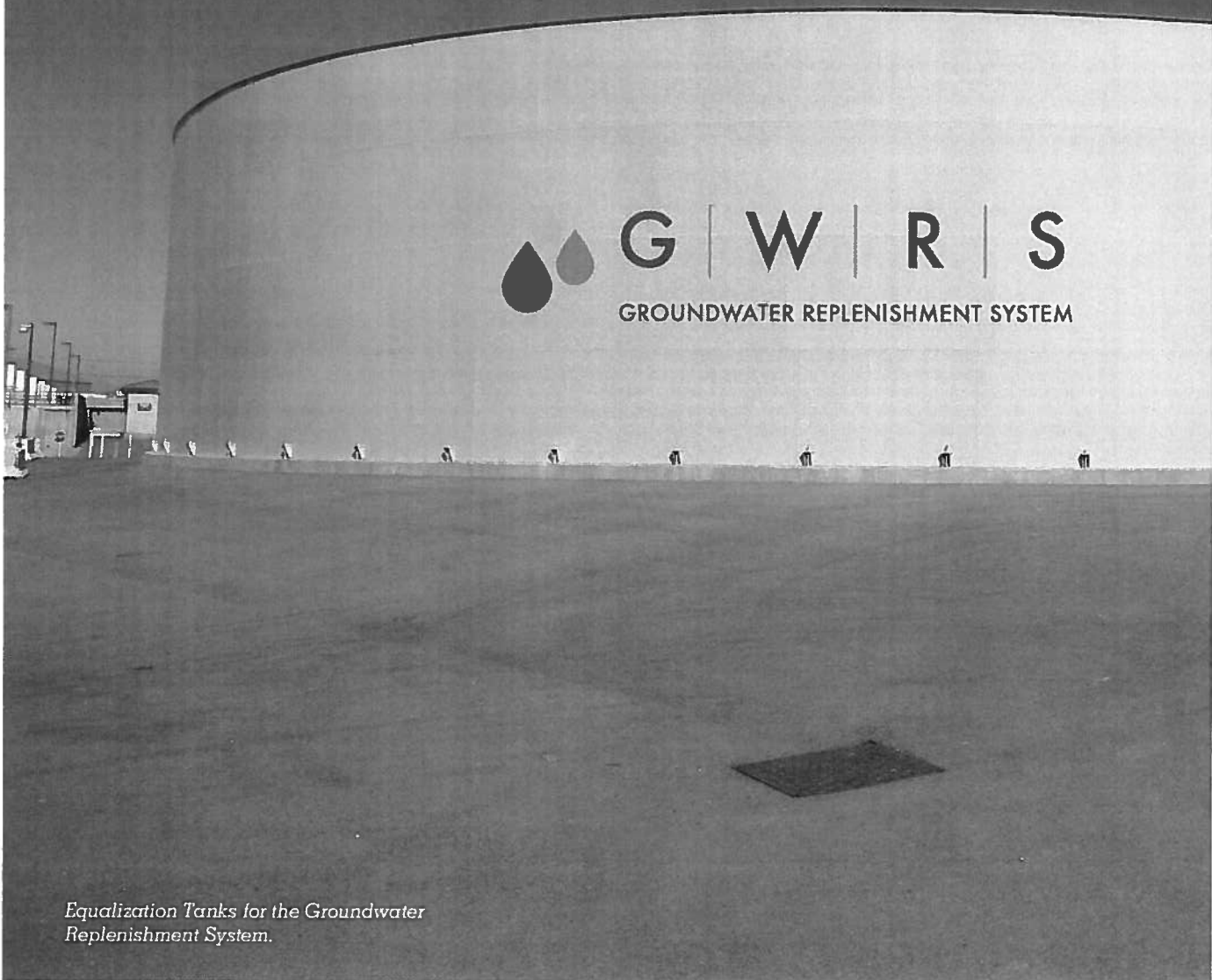
One of the highlights of this plan is the recognition it is receiving by our peers. The Climate Resiliency and Adaptation Plan received the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists (AAEES) 2020 Excellence in Environmental Engineering and Science Awards Grand Prize in the Planning Category.

To learn more, read the comprehensive Climate Resiliency Study.



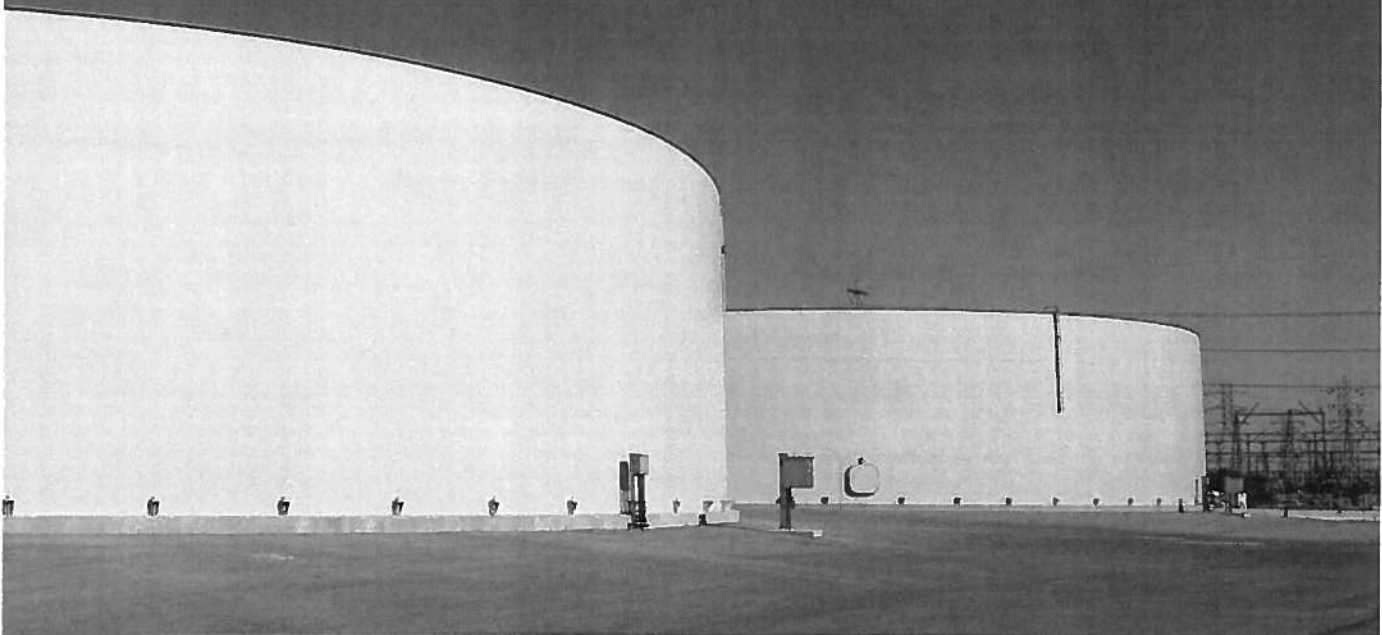
Groundwater Replenishment Highlights

- The Final Expansion of the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) is the third and final phase of the program. Upon completion in 2023, GWRS will produce 130 million gallons of high-quality water every day, which will be enough water for 1 million people.
- The Orange County Water District has begun construction of the two equalization tanks and pump station near the north end of OCSD's Plant No. 2 in the City of Huntington Beach.



Equalization Tanks for the Groundwater Replenishment System.

- Once the Newhope Placentia Project is completed, 8 million gallons a day will be diverted to OCSD's Plant No. 1 for treatment and then sent to GWRS. OCSD has started construction of an Outfall Low Flow Pump Station project and the Headworks Modification project to split the reclaimable and non-reclaimable flows.
- The Orange County Water District started construction of the 66-inch Secondary Effluent Pipeline Rehabilitation project.



As part of IT, I am constantly reminded of the importance of planning for the future. We're always on the lookout for new technologies that may benefit our users. Microsoft Teams has enabled our users to thrive and continue OCSD's mission even in an everchanging world.

Thomas Vu, Information Tech Analyst III

Legislative Affairs and Grants

- 130 bills tracked and analyzed
- 8 State Positions
- 6 Federal Positions

Grants

Two grants - \$42,000



Community Outreach

- 8 community events
- 20 speaking engagements
- 112 tours with 1,804 guests
- 2,600 students reached through the Sewer Science Program
- 669 social media posts reaching over 60,000 people
- 21 website posts
- Published 12 news releases with over 23 articles mentioning OCSD
- Reached over 80,000 people through construction outreach



OCSD employees out in the community. (Pictures taken pre-COVID-19.)

Looking Forward 2021

- Complete site preparation for the new Headquarters facility across from the Plant No. 1 facility in Fountain Valley.
- Complete market assessment from municipal solid waste haulers in Orange County for food waste feedstock for co-digestion at OCSD in order to assist local entities meet the new local regulations.
- Develop and conduct two emergency response and recovery drills for our interplant digester gas line and cybersecurity.
- Overhaul the next two Central Generation Engines to begin the second 25-year operations cycle for the Central Generation Facilities.
- Continue OCSD's leadership role in developing analytical capability, advocating for sound science and regulations and identification of significant sources in constituents of emerging concerns such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl and microplastics.



Foul air chemical facility at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley.



Covered primary clarifiers at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley.

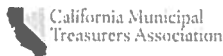
- Complete implementation of an Industrial Hygiene Program and a Job Safety Analysis program to meet the Cal/OSHA Voluntary Protection Program requirements.
- Begin preparations for an agency wide Classification and Compensation Study by completing a Request for Proposal for a specialized vendor and accessing, discussing, and meeting and conferring regarding the 17 survey agencies.
- Implement a Section 115 Pension Trust Fund for the purpose of funding future pension obligations.
- In the next 12 months, we are on track to take competitive bids on over 25 infrastructure projects with a total value of more than \$550 million.

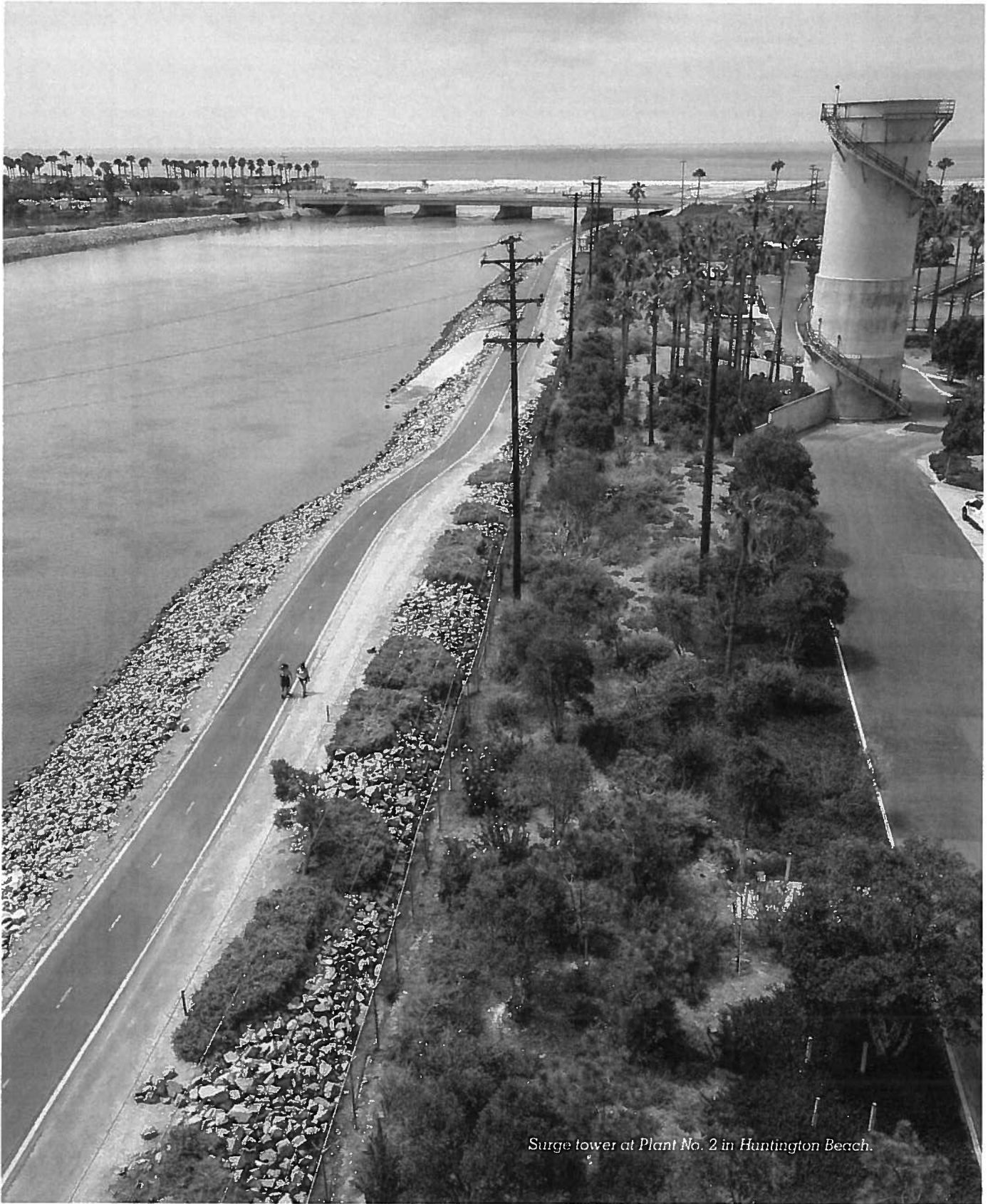


Digesters at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley.

2019/20 Awards

- **Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet, Converting Food Waste Into Green Energy** — 2019 Orange County Business Council
- **Investment Policy Certification** — 2020 California Municipal Treasurers Association
- **Excellence in Procurement** — 2020 California Association of Public Procurement Officials
- **Santa Ana River Basin Section**
 - Community Engagement and Outreach Project of the Year, 1st Place, State College Sewer Construction Outreach Program** (Project Lead *Daisy Covarrubias*)
 - Medium Collections System, 2nd Place**
 - Laboratory Person of the Year, 1st Place, Dawn Myers**
 - Laboratory Person of the Year, 2nd Place, Arturo Diaz**
 - Operator of the Year, 2nd Place, Jennifer Alexander**
 - Spotlight Award, Cindy Murra**
- **California Water Environmental Association**
 - PICK Award, Dindo Carrillo**
 - Film Festival Winner, 1st Place, OCSD General Tour**
 - Community Engagement and Outreach Project of the Year, 2nd Place, State College Sewer Construction Outreach Program**
- **Grand Prize, Climate Resiliency Study** — 2020 American Academy of Environmental Engineering Services
- **American Graphic Design Award, 65th Anniversary Annual Report and 65th Anniversary Logo** — 2020 Graphic Design USA





Surge tower at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach.

Reclamation Plant No. 1 (Administration Offices)
10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, California 92708

Treatment Plant No. 2
22212 Brookhurst Street, Huntington Beach, California 92646

Phone: 714.962.2411
www.ocsd.com

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October 28, 2020

Re: Southern California Edison Company's Notice of Filing:
Application to Establish Marginal Costs, Allocate Revenues,
and Design Rates (A.20-10-012)

To Whom It May Concern:

On October 23, 2020, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed its Application to Establish Marginal Costs, Allocate Revenues, and Design Rates with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The CPUC has assigned Docket Number A.20-10-012.

The enclosed notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in every county within SCE's service territory, and is to be included as a bill notice provided to every SCE customer. To obtain more detailed information, you may view or download a copy of SCE's filing and supporting testimony on our website, at www.sce.com/applications. You may also request a print copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Gloria Ing

Gloria Ing

Enclosure

Para obtener información sobre como este cambio afectará su factura y/o una copia de esta notificación en español visite <http://www.sce.com/avisos>.

Para más información en cómo este cambio impactará su factura, llame al 1-800-798-5723.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Southern California Edison Company's Request to Change Electric Rates
Application A.20-10-012

Why am I receiving this notice?

On October 23, 2020, Southern California Edison (SCE) filed its General Rate Case (GRC) Phase 2 Application (A.20-10-012). In this application, SCE is proposing to adopt rates that more accurately reflect what it costs to serve each customer class. This results in rates increasing for some customer classes and decreasing for other customer classes; no new costs are being proposed in this Phase 2 Application.

If the CPUC approves this application, SCE will recover forecasted costs in electric rates over a 4-year period beginning the second quarter of 2022. This will impact your monthly bill.

Why is SCE requesting this rate revision?

In the second phase of the General Rate Case, rates are designed by dividing approved electric costs among each customer class (residential, commercial, etc.). There are no new costs proposed in this Phase 2 application. This application will redesign rates by incorporating rate changes from other SCE proceedings including SCE's Phase 1 General Rate Case and would be phased in over four years.

How could this affect my monthly electric rates?

If SCE's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential non-CARE monthly bill using 500 kWh per month would increase by approximately \$1.18 or 1.1% per month.

Proposed Electric Rates

Customer Classification	Average Rates as of June 2020 ^[1] (cents/kWh)	Proposed Average Rates (cents/kWh)	Average Rate Change (cents/kWh)	Percentage Rate Change (% Increase)
Residential	20.2 cents/kWh	20.6 cents/kWh	0.4 cents/kWh	2.0%
Lighting — Small and Medium Power	19.4 cents/kWh	18.3 cents/kWh	-1.1 cents/kWh	-5.7%
Large Power	13.7 cents/kWh	14.2 cents/kWh	0.5 cents/kWh	3.6%
Agricultural	15.4 cents/kWh	14.9 cents/kWh	-0.5 cents/kWh	-3.2%
Street Lighting	20.4 cents/kWh	27.3 cents/kWh	6.9 cents/kWh	33.8%
Standby	11.6 cents/kWh	12.2 cents/kWh	0.6 cents/kWh	5.2%
Total	18.1 cents/kWh	18.1 cents/kWh	0.0 cents/kWh	0.0%

^[1] June 1, 2020 rates with 2021 sales forecast

How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SCE’s application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding are currently reviewing SCE’s application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information regarding the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact SCE:

Phone: 1-800-655-4555
Email: scegrc@sce.com
Mail: Southern California Edison Company
Attention: Case Administration
A.20-10-012 – GRC, Phase 2
P.O. Box 800
Rosemead, CA 91770

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at www.sce.com/applications.

Contact CPUC

Please visit cpuc.ca.gov/A2010012comments to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on SCE’s request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC’s Public Advisor’s Office at:

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074
Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Mail: CPUC Public Advisor’s Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Application A.20-10-012** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



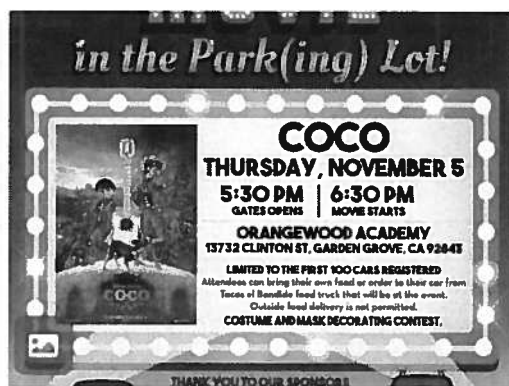
Post Performance
for **Garden Grove City Hall**

October 29, 2020 - November 4, 2020

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 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Wed 11/4/2020 5:39 pm PST

You're invited to attend tomorrow's (11/5), Movie in the Park(ing) Lot, COCO event, taking place at Orangewood Acade



Impressions	1,341
Reach	1,275
Engagements	96
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	7.2%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Wed 11/4/2020 3:22 pm PST

There's still time ⌚ to take ohealth's COVID-19 vaccine survey! The survey is available in multiple questions. To



Impressions	184
Reach	171
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.1%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Wed 11/4/2020 11:11 am PST

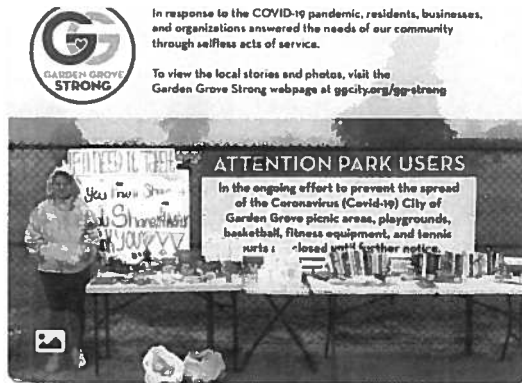
Great coffee ☕ can lead to great conversations! The H. Louis Lake Senior Center invites seniors, 50 and olde



Impressions	648
Reach	591
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.2%

G Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 11/3/2020 3:17 pm PST

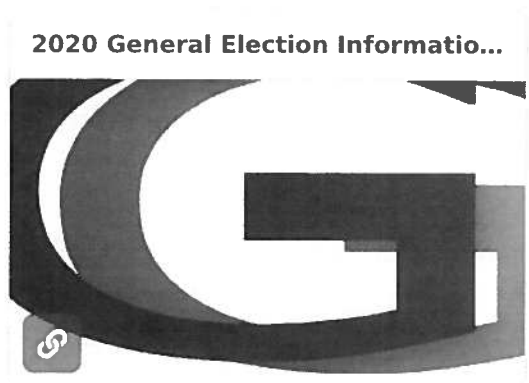
New month 🗓️, new City Works! The November/December edition has all of the latest #GG news 📰 and informatio



Impressions	1,067
Reach	977
Engagements	54
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	5.1%

G Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 11/3/2020 8:04 am PST

Your voice, your ✓ote Election Day is upon us #GardenGrove! 🗳️ The following #GG vote center locations will close at 8



Post Link Clicks	7
Impressions	1,014
Reach	926
Engagements	42
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.1%

G Garden Grove City Hall
Mon 11/2/2020 2:52 pm PST

Don't miss out ! Learn more about the City's shop local program Buy in Garden Grove (BiGG). Register for the 'BiG



Impressions	508
Reach	439
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.6%

G Garden Grove City Hall
 Mon 11/2/2020 12:23 pm PST

Meet and Greet 🧑🏻 hosted by Garden Grove CERT this Saturday, November 7, 8AM-11AM! Interested residents wi



Impressions	757
Reach	696
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%

G Garden Grove City Hall
 Sat 10/31/2020 9:00 am PDT

👻 "When witches go riding, and black cats are seen, the moon laughs and whispers, "It's near Halloween." So put on yo



Impressions	1,719
Reach	1,558
Engagements	45
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.6%

G Garden Grove City Hall
 Fri 10/30/2020 8:36 am PDT

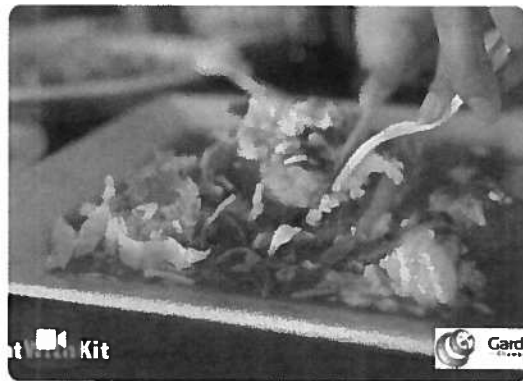
Day care businesses and non-profit organizations, find some relief through the County of Orange, California's #CC



Impressions	3,013
Reach	2,851
Engagements	105
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.5%

G **f** **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Thu 10/29/2020 2:50 pm PDT

Watch Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Board Member Kit tour Sabroso! Mexican Grill, located at :



Video Views	236
Impressions	947
Reach	849
Engagements	36
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%

G **f** **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Thu 10/29/2020 8:43 am PDT

Mask 📄 Message Contest for **#OrangeCounty** elementary, middle, and high school students for a cha



Impressions	672
Reach	597
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%



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  **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 11/4/2020 5:41 pm PST

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Movie in the Park(ing) Lot, COCO event,
taking place at Orangewood Acade



Impressions	1,378
Reach	1,161
Engagements	53
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.8%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 11/4/2020 11:12 am PST

Great Conversations
Brew your favorite morning beverage and join
H. Louis Lake Senior Center staff live on ZOOM.
DAY: THURSDAYS
DATE: OCTOBER 8TH TO DECEMBER 17TH
TIME: 1:00PM TO 2:00PM

♥ BUT FIRST COFFEE




To register call 714-741-5423
Zoom ID: 916 9744 3054
Password will be given when you register.

 Participants will be entered each month
for a chance to win a Coffee themed Gift Basket!


Impressions	1,085
Reach	893
Story Replies	1
Story Taps Back	53

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Tue 11/3/2020 3:18 pm PST

City Works NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2020

 In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, residents, businesses, and organizations answered the needs of our community through selfless acts of service.

To view the local stories and...
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HOUSING ELEMENT
Community Starts With Housing

Impressions	663
Reach	558
Story Replies	0
Story Taps Back	15

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Tue 11/3/2020 3:18 pm PST

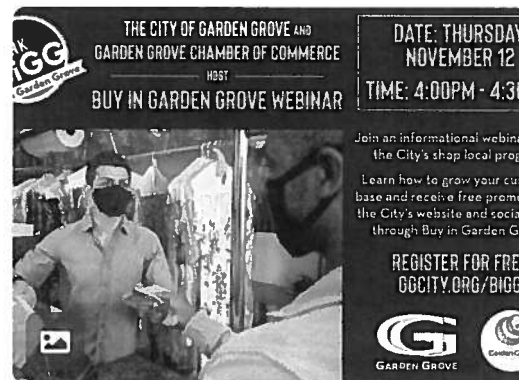
New month 🍂, new City Works! The November/December edition has all of the latest #GG news 📰 and informatio



Impressions	1,233
Reach	943
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.9%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Mon 11/2/2020 2:54 pm PST

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Impressions	1,163
Reach	1,096
Engagements	37
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.2%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Mon 11/2/2020 12:24 pm PST

Meet and Greet 🤝 hosted by Garden Grove CERT this Saturday, November 7, 8AM-11AM! Interested residents w



Impressions	1,117
Reach	1,051
Engagements	30
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.7%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Sat 10/31/2020 9:00 am PDT

🎃 "When witches go riding, and black cats are seen, the moon laughs and whispers, "It's near Halloween." So put on yo



Impressions	1,412
Reach	1,316
Engagements	53
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.8%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 10/29/2020 8:46 am PDT

Mask 📩 Message Contest for #OrangeCounty 🎒 elementary, middle, and high school students for a cha



Impressions	845
Reach	785
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.8%



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G CityGardenGrove
Wed 11/4/2020 11:11 am PST

Great coffee ☕ can lead to great conversations! To register, call (714) 741-5423. For more information, visit



Impressions	537
Potential Reach	4,224
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.4%

G CityGardenGrove
Tue 11/3/2020 3:17 pm PST

New month 🌱, new City Works! The November/December edition has all of the latest #GG news and informatio



Impressions	506
Potential Reach	4,222
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.6%

G CityGardenGrove
Mon 11/2/2020 2:53 pm PST

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Impressions	584
Potential Reach	4,222
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.3%



CityGardenGrove

Fri 10/30/2020 8:56 am PDT

Day care businesses & nonprofits, find relief through @OCGovCA's #COVID19 Child Care Relief Program, which a



Impressions	576
Potential Reach	4,217
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.4%



CityGardenGrove

Thu 10/29/2020 8:44 am PDT

Mask 🎭 Message Contest for #OrangeCounty 📍 elementary, middle, and high school students for a cha



Impressions	569
Potential Reach	4,219
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.6%



Post Performance
for **Garden Grove Police Department**

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Garden Grove Police Depa...
Wed 11/4/2020 12:00 pm PST

#DidYouKnow, #GardenGrovePD
partners with ochealth to provide a behavioral health and law enforcer



Impressions	4,890
Reach	4,460
Engagements	412
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	8.4%



Garden Grove Police Depa...
Tue 11/3/2020 2:30 pm PST

*****SigAlert - Traffic Collision***** All lanes of Haster St between Orangewood Ave & Chapman Ave will be shut down du



Impressions	9,707
Reach	8,742
Engagements	1,988
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	20.5%



Garden Grove Police Depa...
Mon 11/2/2020 12:30 pm PST

Can you multi-task, keep calm under pressure, type faster than lightning and have the patience of a saint? Then



Impressions	9,173
Reach	8,126
Engagements	1,231
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	13.4%



Garden Grove Police Depa...
Sat 10/31/2020 3:00 pm PDT

'Bout to drop an All Hallows' Eve beat with the crew, and it goes summin' like this...think about skipping the trad



Impressions	5,458
Reach	4,775
Engagements	657
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	12%



Garden Grove Police Depa...
Sat 10/31/2020 9:00 am PDT

A reminder to **#Fall** back tonight and enjoy the extra hour of sleep. Now would also a good time to change the bat



Impressions	5,214
Reach	4,724
Engagements	217
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...
Fri 10/30/2020 3:20 pm PDT



Impressions	7,380
Reach	6,441
Engagements	1,224
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	16.6%



Garden Grove Police Depa...
Fri 10/30/2020 3:20 pm PDT

October is
#DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth.
Did you know, 1 in 4 women and 1



Impressions	7,965
Reach	6,881
Engagements	1,261
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	15.8%



Garden Grove Police Depa...
Fri 10/30/2020 3:18 pm PDT

October is
#DomesticViolenceAwareness
Did you know, 1 in 4 women
and 1 in 7 men are victims of
#domesticviolence? One
such person is this individual
(Jane Doe), who has had the
odds stacked against her. Jane
was in a severe domestic
violence situation and left her
A user earlier this year; she

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

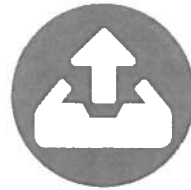


Garden Grove Police Depa...
Thu 10/29/2020 5:59 pm PDT

This year's Annual **#ReadForTheRecord**
was a little modified as **#GardenGrovePD**
staff joined local students for story



Video Views	1,658
Impressions	4,204
Reach	3,365
Engagements	430
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	10.2%



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Included in this Report

📷Garden Grove PD K9 Unit

📷Garden Grove Police Department



gardengrovepd
Fri 10/30/2020 3:00 pm PDT

October is #DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth. Did you know, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7



Impressions	8,465
Reach	7,078
Engagements	507
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6%



gardengrovepd
Sat 10/31/2020 9:00 am PDT

A reminder to #Fall back tonight and enjoy the extra hour of sleep. Now would also a good time to change the batteries



Impressions	6,611
Reach	6,113
Engagements	221
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.3%



gardengrovepd
Sat 10/31/2020 3:00 pm PDT

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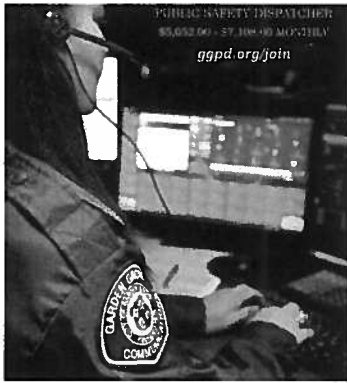


Impressions	13,849
Reach	13,292
Engagements	712
Engagement Rate (per Impres...	5.1%



gardengrovepd
Mon 11/2/2020 12:30 pm PST

Can you multi-task, keep calm under pressure, type faster than lightening and have the patience of a saint? Then



Impressions	16,193
Reach	14,996
Engagements	875
Engagement Rate (per Impres...	5.4%



gardengrovepd
Tue 11/3/2020 2:30 pm PST

SigAlert - Traffic Collision All lanes of Haster St between Orangewood Ave & Chapman Ave will be shut down du



Impressions	9,545
Reach	8,807
Engagements	406
Engagement Rate (per Impres...	4.3%



gardengrovepd
Wed 11/4/2020 12:00 pm PST

#DidYouKnow, #GardenGrovePD partners with the #OCHealthCareAgency to provide a behavioral health and law enforc



Impressions	6,344
Reach	5,956
Engagements	299
Engagement Rate (per Impres...	4.7%

WEEKLY MEMO 11-5-2020

NEWS ARTICLES

Garden Grove election: Jones, O'Neill, Klopfenstein, Nguyen in lead



"I Voted" stickers. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)
By **ROXANA KOPETMAN** | rkopetman@scng.com | Orange County Registrar
PUBLISHED: November 3, 2020 at 9:41 p.m. | UPDATED: November 4, 2020 at 12:51 a.m.

Tuesday night's unofficial election results in Garden Grove show incumbents in three City Council seats and the mayor's race ahead of their opponents.

Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones took the lead in his reelection bid, with Councilman Phat Bui trailing in initial counts, according to the Orange County Registrar of Voters results, which include mail-in ballots received by Monday, early voting and initial results from in-person voting on election day.

Jones has served on the council since 2007 and as mayor since 2016. Bui, a councilman since 2014, is active in the Vietnamese American community.

Two other candidates trailed far behind Jones and Bui. They are banker Duy Nguyen, who tried to withdraw his name from the ballot and did not actively campaign, and business owner Donald Taylor.



Councilman Phat Bui, left, and Donald Taylor, right, are running for Garden Grove mayor against the current mayor Steve Jones. (Photos courtesy of the candidates)

Meanwhile, in the District 2 council race, Councilman John O'Neill, president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Orange County, garnered more votes in the early count compared to his opponent, Julie Diep, a speech language pathologist.

In District 5, Councilwoman Stephanie Klopfenstein was out in front of her opponent, Robert Tucker, a retired California School Employees Association union representative.

And in District 6, Councilwoman Kim Nguyen, a medical policy specialist, kicked off election night with a commanding lead over opponent Huan C. Nguyen, a retired engineer.



Clockwise from top left, Huan Nguyen, Julie Diep, Garden Grove Councilman John O'Neill, Garden Grove Councilwoman Stephanie Klopfenstein, Robert Tucker and Garden Grove Councilwoman Kim Nguyen are running for Garden Grove city council on November 3, 2020.

The new council will be tackling an economy battered by the pandemic, which among other things has hit hard the city's Disney-related tourism industry.

Whoever wins a spot on the dais also will have a big say on what gets built on one of the few big open pieces of developable land in central Orange County. Different ideas have been tossed about what will become of the 102-acre Willowick Golf Course, owned by Garden Grove and located in Santa Ana. A coalition of residents from both cities called "Rise Up Willowick" has been fighting to see park spaces and affordable housing on the site, as well as more transparency from city officials who have declined to make developer bids available to the public.

Garden Grove business fined \$1M for failing to clean up contaminated soil

The state has been trying for years to get the cleanup, while the business says regulators have been overzealous.



Cham-Cal, at 12722 Western Avenue in Garden Grove, CA, on Thursday, October 29, 2020. A state regulator has levied a \$1.1 million fine on the longtime, family-owned Garden Grove manufacturer for years of failing to comply with orders to cleanup a likely carcinogenic solvent that poses a threat to workers at the site. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By [MARTIN WISCKOL](#) | mwisckol@scng.com | Orange County Register
PUBLISHED: October 29, 2020 at 5:12 p.m. | UPDATED: October 29, 2020 at 5:12 p.m.
State regulators have levied a \$1.1 million fine on a longtime, family-owned Garden Grove manufacturer for years of failing to comply with orders to clean up a likely carcinogenic solvent.

Cham-Cal Engineering Co., which makes mirrors, brackets and other accessories for commercial trucks, says regulators were overzealous during a period when the company was tied up in disputes with its insurer and cleanup consultants.

But staff of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, which announced the fine Monday, Oct. 26, cited a litany of problems, including lack of access to the property, repeated instances of non-response from Cham-Cal, more than a year's delay in submitting a cleanup plan, and a failure to begin the actual cleanup of the solvent.

The chemical, known as tetrachloroethene or PCE, has permeated the soil, its vapors threatening workers above in the buildings above and groundwater below.

“We’ve tried for years to resolve the issues with Cham-Cal,” regional board engineering geologist Alan Kuoch said at an Oct. 16 administrative hearing. “Cham-Cal has continually impeded progress, consequently putting the health and safety of the building occupants at risk.”

Cham-Cal has been at its Garden Grove location since 1976. It used PCE from the late 1970s until the mid 1980s, when its toxicity became apparent to the company, according to owner Ed Chambers. Currently, the company has three people working in an office on the site and 60 working in a separate factory building, he said.

The regional board became aware of the soil contamination in 2006, while investigating possible toxins at a neighboring business. Repeated efforts to get Cham-Cal to address the problem eventually led to a voluntary cleanup agreement in 2014, according to Kuoch. In 2016, with no subsequent progress in addressing the issue, the regional board issued a cleanup and abatement order.

The order called for an interim cleanup plan by March 20, 2017, with the actual cleanup work to be completed by July 3, 2017. The plan was not delivered until Oct. 3, 2018 and the actual cleanup has still not been completed.

The state’s acceptable limit for PCE in soil is 420 micrograms per kilogram. Levels at some locations on the Cham-Cal site were as high as 14 million micrograms per kilogram, Kuoch said.

Overzealous regulators?

Chambers cited several reasons for the delays, particularly the inability to get his insurer to agree to cover the costs until this year.

“We tried the best we could,” Chambers told the Register on Thursday, Oct. 29. “I haven’t made any money the past three years. I’ve had to borrow money to do what I’ve done the past three years.”

Including legal costs incurred trying to get insurance coverage and for dealing with regulators, he said the company has spent \$1.3 million on the issue so far and \$700,000 over just the past three years. He estimated it would cost up to \$2 million more to complete the cleanup. He also said he’s had difficulties with various consultants he’s brought on for the cleanup.

Chambers challenged the claim that there is a health threat to his employees. He said there were only a handful of spots on the site that were contaminated and that his tests found toxins in the air itself at acceptable levels, and in some places undetectable.

He called the regional board staff an “overzealous government agency.”

“This is why small businesses are leaving California,” he said. “They know the insurance company is on board now. They know its getting done. I don’t know why they’re doing this.”

Chambers speculated that the regional board would prefer to see different owners take over the site. He pointed to a 2016 New York Times business column that reported on small business locations facing costly contamination cleanups and deciding to sell tainted land at discounted prices to companies and individuals experienced in such mitigation.

Among those quoted in the story was Nick Amini, the Santa Ana regional board’s project manager overseeing the Cham-Cal cleanup. At the time of the 2016 story, Amini had seen another Garden Grove property sold to a company more able to perform the clean up — a sale he said his agency was “glad they pushed ... forward.”

“Otherwise, it would be difficult to clean up,” Amini said in the story. “If we issued a cleanup and abatement order, we’d go to court. They’d claim they have no money. We’d have to go after their assets. That would take years. This makes is much more efficient. It’s almost a partnership between investors and the regulators.”

Asked about the statement, Amini said in an email Thursday that his comment was made after the sale and should not be “generalized” for the Cham-Cal site. “We deal with each case according to its unique circumstances.”

Hope Smythe, executive director of the regional board, added that the agency is proceeding in accordance with enforcement policy. And in a statement Monday, board Chairman William Ruh said Cham-Cal had had plenty of time to comply with the board’s order.

“In addition to recovering the company’s economic gains from noncompliance, this penalty should motivate Cham-Cal to clean up the site and deter other dischargers from engaging in similar behavior,” Ruh said.



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact: Maria Parra (714) 741-5316
Planning Division

Thursday, November 5, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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INTERACTIVE SURVEY AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY INPUT ON HOUSING

The community is invited to participate in the City of Garden Grove's interactive online survey to provide input towards developing a community housing strategy for the next eight years. The survey, available in multiple languages, can be accessed now until Friday, November 27, 2020 at ggcity.org/housing-element.

The City is updating the Housing Element, Safety Element, Land Use Element, and adopting a new Environmental Justice Element to the Garden Grove General Plan. The Housing Element will identify housing needs and goals for the 2021-2029 planning period; the Safety Element will establish policies that support laws and regulations related to safety hazards; the Land Use Element, and Zoning Code and Map will identify available land for agriculture, businesses, housing, and other categories; and the new Environmental Justice Element will minimize and equalize the effect of environmental hazards among residents.

The update is a 14-month process, and over the next two months, meetings will be held in compliance with the state and county COVID-19 orders.

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INTERACTIVE SURVEY AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY INPUT ON HOUSING
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A virtual community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. To register and for details on upcoming meetings, visit ggcity.org/housing-element.

For more information, please visit ggcity.org/housing-element or contact the Planning Division at (714) 741-5312 or email at planning@ggcity.org.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact: Nate Robbins (714) 741-5206
Community and Economic Development
Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Tuesday, November 3, 2020



COMMUNITY INVITED TO VIRTUAL FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

The City of Garden Grove, in collaboration with the Fair Housing Foundation, is offering a free Virtual Fair Housing Workshop on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., via Zoom or by phone, to provide counseling, education, and mediation services relating to fair housing laws. Garden Grove residents, tenants, landlords, managers, property owners, attorneys, realtors, and management companies are encouraged to attend. To register, visit ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement or bit.ly/3jw6un6 or call (800) 446-3247.

Topics to be discussed include information on COVID-19; new statewide laws; federal and state fair housing laws; housing discrimination; modifications and accommodation; families with children; notices; and eviction process.

The Fair Housing Foundation is a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved housing counseling agency dedicated to promoting equal access to housing by educating about housing rights.

For more information, contact Nate Robbins, Community and Economic Development Department, at (714) 741-5206.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Monday, November 2, 2020



CITY, CHAMBER TO HOST BUY IN GARDEN GROVE WEBINAR TO ASSIST LOCAL BUSINESSES

On Thursday, November 12, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce will host an informational webinar on the City's shop local program, Buy in Garden Grove (BiGG). Local businesses interested in learning how to receive free promotion on the City's website and social media are encouraged to register online at ggcity.org/biggs for the free BiGG webinar led by Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones.

"Supporting our local business economy has always been a priority for the City," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones. "Now more than ever, we want to give businesses tools to enhance their exposure and strengthen their sales."

In 2019, BiGG underwent a re-branding with enhancements made to the webpage, logo, and implementation of a new \$500 Vehicle Rebate Program.

To date, approximately 100 local businesses, offering shopper discounts or incentives, participate in BiGG with new businesses invited to sign up for free at ggcity.org/biggs.

Businesses must be located in Garden Grove and have a valid Garden Grove business license.

For more information and webinar registration, visit ggcity.org/biggs or call (714) 741-5280.

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Friday, October 30, 2020

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CITY AWARDED EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING HONORS FOR 35TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For the 35th consecutive year, the City of Garden Grove received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), this time for fiscal year 2018-2019. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

"We are very proud of another award-winning CAFR, which is a reflection of the high-quality reporting put forth by our Finance Department and Finance Director Patricia Song to provide a thorough report of the City's financial state that is accurate and transparent," said City Manager Scott Stiles.

"This award wouldn't be possible without the diligent and hardworking staff dedicated to our community," said Finance Director Patricia Song.

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story.

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CITY AWARDED EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING
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The GFOA represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada, serving approximately 20,000 federal, state, and local finance officials.

For more information about the CAFR program, visit gfoa.org/coa. To view the City's CAFR for the fiscal year ending in June 2019, visit the City's Open Government portal at ggcity.org.

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Ban Liên lạc cộng đồng



Thứ Ba, 3 tháng 11, 2020

**THÀNH PHỐ VÀ PHÒNG THƯƠNG MẠI TỔ CHỨC BUỔI HỘI THẢO
ĐỂ HỖ TRỢ NHỮNG THƯƠNG MẠI ĐỊA PHƯƠNG**

Vào Thứ Năm, ngày 12 tháng 11, từ 4:00 chiều đến 4:30 chiều, Thành phố Garden Grove và Phòng Thương mại Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức buổi hội thảo online để cung cấp thông tin về chương trình "Buy in Garden Grove" (BiGG) của Thành phố. Hội thảo miễn phí do Thị trưởng Garden Grove Steve Jones trình bày, và các doanh nghiệp địa phương có thể nhận được khuyến mãi miễn phí trên trang web của Thành phố và phương tiện truyền thông xã hội. Đăng ký trực tuyến online tại ggcity.org/bigga.

Thị trưởng Garden Grove Steve Jones chia sẻ, "Hỗ trợ nền kinh tế địa phương luôn là ưu tiên hàng đầu của Thành phố chúng tôi. Giờ đây hơn bao giờ hết, chúng tôi muốn hỗ trợ cho các doanh nghiệp các ý tưởng và khả năng tiếp thị để giúp củng cố doanh nghiệp của họ".

Vào năm 2019, chương trình BiGG đã tiến hành xây dựng lại thương hiệu với những cải thiện được thực hiện cho trang web, logo và thêm vào Chương trình hoàn tiền lại khi mua xe (Vehicle Rebate Program) \$500 đô-la.

Cho đến nay, khoảng 100 doanh nghiệp địa phương tham gia chương trình BiGG với những ưu đãi, giảm giá cho người tiêu dùng. Những doanh nghiệp mới có thể đăng ký miễn phí tại ggcity.org/bigga. Các doanh nghiệp phải đang kinh doanh tại Garden Grove và có giấy phép kinh doanh hợp lệ của Thành phố.

Để biết thêm thông tin chi tiết, xin coi thêm tại ggcity.org/bigga hoặc gọi về số (714) 741-5280.

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Ban Phát triển Cộng đồng và Kinh tế



Thứ Tư, 4 tháng 11, 2020

MỜI CỘNG ĐỒNG THAM DỰ BUỔI HỘI THẢO VỀ LUẬT CÔNG BẰNG NHÀ Ở

Thành phố Garden Grove, phối hợp với Fair Housing Foundation, tổ chức buổi hội thảo Công bằng nhà ở miễn phí qua mạng vào Thứ Ba, ngày 10 tháng 11, 2020, từ 1:30 chiều đến 3:00 giờ chiều, qua Zoom hoặc qua điện thoại, để cung cấp các dịch vụ tư vấn, giáo dục và hòa giải liên quan đến luật công bằng nhà ở. Cư dân Garden Grove, người thuê nhà, chủ nhà, người quản lý, chủ sở hữu tài sản, luật sư, người môi giới và công ty quản lý được khuyến khích tham dự. Để đăng ký, hãy truy cập ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement hoặc bit.ly/3jw6un6 hoặc gọi (800) 446-3247.

Các chủ đề sẽ được thảo luận bao gồm thông tin về COVID-19; luật mới trên toàn tiểu bang; luật nhà ở công bằng của liên bang và tiểu bang; phân biệt đối xử về nhà ở; sửa đổi chỗ ở; gia đình có trẻ em; thông báo; và những vấn đề trực xuất.

Tổ chức Công bằng Nhà ở (Fair Housing Foundation) là một cơ quan tư vấn về nhà ở được Bộ Nhà ở và Phát triển Đô thị Hoa Kỳ (HUD) phê duyệt nhằm thúc đẩy khả năng hiểu biết quyền bình đẳng nhà ở thông qua những kiến thức được chia sẻ.

Để biết thêm thông tin, hãy liên lạc ông Nate Robbins, Ban Phát triển Kinh tế và Cộng đồng, theo số (714) 741-5206.

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Giám đốc Tài chính



Thứ Hai, 2 tháng 11, 2020

THÀNH PHỐ ĐƯỢC TRAO GIẢI XUẤT SẮC VỀ BÁO CÁO TÀI CHÍNH TRONG 35 NĂM

Liên tiếp trong 35 năm, Thành phố Garden Grove nhận được Chứng nhận Thành tích Xuất sắc về Báo cáo Tài chính từ Hiệp hội Tài chính Chính phủ (Government Finance Officers Association), cho Báo cáo Tài chính Toàn diện Thường niên (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report), lần này cho niên khoá tài chính năm 2018-2019. Thành tích là công nhận cao nhất trong báo cáo tài chính và kế toán của chính phủ, và việc đạt được nó thể hiện một thành tích đáng kể của chính phủ và ban quản lý của họ.

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Để biết thêm thông tin về chương trình CAFR, hãy truy cập trang gfoa.org/coa. Để xem CAFR của Thành phố cho niên khoá tài chính kết thúc vào tháng Sáu năm 2019, hãy truy cập vào ggcity.org

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Thứ Sáu, 30 tháng Mười, 2020

CHƯƠNG TRÌNH GẶP GỠ TRÒ CHUYỆN CÙNG UỐNG CÀ PHÊ QUA MẠNG (VIRTUAL) DÀNH CHO QUÝ VỊ CAO NIÊN

Trong tháng 11 và tháng 12, Trung tâm phục vụ người cao niên H. Louis Lake Senior Center đưa ra một chương trình miễn phí có tên "Cùng nhau trò chuyện và uống cà phê" vào các ngày Thứ Năm hàng tuần, từ 1:00 giờ trưa đến 2:00 giờ, qua mạng Zoom hoặc qua điện thoại. Các quý vị cao niên từ 50 tuổi trở lên có thể tham gia trò chuyện và trao đổi thông tin vào các hoạt động cùng những vị khác. Chương trình qua mạng online dành cho tất cả quý vị cao niên. Để đăng ký tham gia, hãy gọi (714) 741-5423. Khi gọi sẽ được cung cấp mật khẩu và cách tham gia chương trình này.

Giám đốc Ban phục vụ Cộng đồng John Montanez cho biết, "Trong thời gian khó khăn này, chúng tôi muốn mở rộng phạm vi phục vụ của mình để cung cấp cho cộng đồng người cao niên những chương trình trực tuyến (virtual), giúp họ liên lạc, trò chuyện với nhau và để họ không cảm thấy bị cô lập."

Hàng tháng, những người ghi danh tham gia sẽ được cơ hội giành được một giỏ quà theo chủ đề cà phê. Người thắng cuộc sẽ được gọi điện để đến nhận quà.

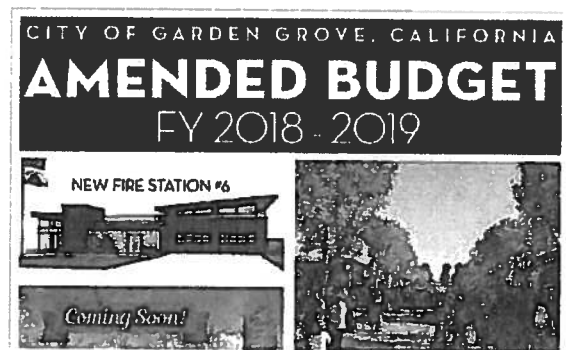
Sẽ không có tổ chức chương trình vào Thứ Năm, ngày 26 tháng 11, 2020. Ngày cuối cùng để tham gia là Thứ Năm, ngày 17 tháng 12, 2020.

Để biết thêm thông tin chi tiết, vui lòng gọi cho Trung tâm phục vụ người cao niên H. Louis Lake Senior Center ở số (714) 741-5253.

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Thành Phố Garden Grove Được Trao Giải Xuất Sắc Về Báo Cáo Tài Chính Trong 35 Năm

02/11/2020 14:24:00



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- Thập Nền Trước Tượng Đài, Lãn An Tq Giết Ngư Dân Vn
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

November 5, 2020

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation for the November 12, 2020 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocate," dated October 30, 2020 to November 5, 2020, including the League's weekly Covid-19 update.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 5, 2020 – December 17, 2020

Thursday	November 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	November 6		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	November 10	6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Sanitary District Board Special Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Wednesday	November 11		City Hall Closed – Veteran’s Day
Thursday	November 12	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC Zoning Administrator Meeting, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
Thursday	November 19	6:00 p.m.	Housing Element Update Planning Commission Study Session, CMC
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
Thursday	November 26		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Day
Friday	November 27		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday	December 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	December 4		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	December 7	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission, CMC
Tuesday	December 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Housing Element Update Study Session, CMC Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	December 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC



**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: November 5, 2020

DAVID DENT
ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

League weekly COVID-19 update: Oct. 28-Nov. 4

November 3, 2020

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced the opening of a new laboratory in California that will increase the state's COVID-19 testing capacity, reduce test turnaround time, and create hundreds of new California jobs.

The lab was built in conjunction with a major diagnostics company, and will begin processing tests in November, working toward full capacity of 150,000 tests a day by March 2021. The additional testing capacity will help serve schools, health care providers, and hard-to-reach communities who are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19. The test results are required to be returned within 24-48 hours, which will allow for timely contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation.

The Governor also announced \$129.6 million for the seventh and final round of Homekey awards. Cities selected include West Sacramento with \$6.2 million for two projects totaling 65 units, Los Angeles with \$15.8 million for two projects totaling 92 units, and Sacramento with \$2.5 million for a project to purchase and install 11 two-bedroom, fully accessible manufactured housing units.

State updates

- [In Valencia, Governor Newsom Cuts Ribbon on California's New Laboratory, Which Will Increase State's COVID-19 Testing Capacity and Reduce Turnaround Time \(10/30/20\)](#)
- [At West Sacramento Motel Where he Launched Project Roomkey in April, Governor Newsom Announces the Site will Become a Homekey Location as Part of the Seventh and Final Round of Awards \(10/29/20\)](#)
- [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

Introducing the League's "Advancing Equity Resources for Cities" webpage

November 4, 2020

In June 2020, the League Board of Directors issued a statement committing to creating an equitable and just future for all Californians.

To support that commitment, the League started exploring ways to connect members to resources and educational opportunities that would strengthen their knowledge and capacity to eliminate racial disparities, heal racial divisions, and build more equitable communities.

In August, the League hosted a webinar "Advancing Racial Equity: An Introduction" in coordination with the National League of Cities (NLC) Race, Equity, And Leadership (REAL) Department, and in October, several sessions and a keynote panel on race and equity were part of the League Annual Conference & Expo programming.

Just this month, the League's magazine Western City developed a special "Advancing Equity" issue, highlighting local government efforts to disrupt systemic inequities in city policies and replace them with systems that are inclusive and fair. The November issue features stories from NLC on advancing racial equity in local government, from Long Beach on launching an Office of Equity, from South San Francisco on developing equity solutions tailored to their community, and from Salinas on creating a "Vibrancy Plan" for the underserved Alisal community.

The League's new Advancing Equity webpage will be not only a one-stop shop for city officials to browse the collection of learning opportunities that the League develops, but also provide links to other foundational resources from trusted partners.

The list of resources and learning opportunities will continue to grow as we deepen our knowledge and breadth in this space and strive to support cities in strengthening their capacity to build more equitable communities.

Please continue to visit the webpage as we add additional resources, let us know what you think, and direct any questions to equity@cacities.org.

Message from League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman

November 4, 2020

Dear California City Leaders,

It's the day after Election Day, and there are many people to thank.

To the thousands of local heroes who ran for leadership offices in their communities, thank you for standing up to lead. For those who were elected, congratulations; there is no more noble a calling than public service. The League looks forward to being your partner as you carry out the responsibilities and duties of your position.

Thank you also to the millions of Californians who turned out in record numbers to vote at the ballot box or by mail. In the words of the late Congressman John Lewis, "Your vote is precious, almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have to create a more perfect union."

The record election turnout required thousands of local heroes to administer the elections, work the polling stations, and count (and continue to count) votes this election season. We salute the local heroes who served in these roles and so appreciate their diligence in ensuring that all votes are counted.

Local, state, and federal government officials have a vested interest in ensuring the integrity and safety of our electoral system and have been working together for months to ensure the process is safe, secure, and fair.

As we await the final results of races at the local, state, and federal levels, it's important that we all remember to be patient and trust the process as we experience democracy in action.

Stronger together,

Carolyn M. Coleman
Executive Director
League of California Cities

The Evolution of Western City magazine – extending the voice and vision of California cities

November 4, 2020

January 2021 will mark the beginning of a new era for *Western City* magazine.

At the beginning of the year, the 121-year old publication will evolve into to an all-digital experience at westerncity.com. A lot has changed since the magazine launched in 1899 as *Pacific Municipalities*, and in order to continue to provide League members with valuable content and a high-quality reader experience, the League is streamlining the distribution channels and expanding the ways readers can interact with the *Western City* content.

“I am excited about this new chapter of *Western City* magazine,” said League of California Cities Executive Director Carolyn Coleman. “The quality of ideas, the vision, and the content remains at the heart of the editorial development, but how we deliver that quality must evolve with the digital age, providing not only relevant, but timely and increasingly engaging material.”

Another important factor in making this decision to move the magazine entirely online was the trend in the magazine’s net revenues. In the past decade, print advertising revenues have declined across the country, and *Western City* magazine experienced the same drop in revenues. By taking *Western City* to an online only format, the magazine will eliminate design, print, and mailing costs and will be less reliant on print advertising to produce the valued content that city leaders turn to.

While print advertising sales across the country have steadily trended downward, digital ad revenues have doubled since 2015, providing *Western City* an opportunity for digital ad revenue growth, and a path to support expanded content and features on a digital-only platform. A digital-only format also reduces the carbon footprint associated with printing, mailing, and disposing of hard copies.

The lead time required for online stories is also greatly decreased compared to printed magazine articles, allowing for more timely pieces that can better align with timely advocacy priorities. The powerful foundation that *Western City* has built over the last century positions the magazine perfectly to transform and evolve into a new version of itself that will inspire its audience in new ways.

Jude Lemons, who spent the last 24 years overseeing the editorial direction and content of the magazine, will leave the *Western City* team at the end of the month to pursue new projects, but is excited to see the evolution of this valuable resource for cities.

“It’s been a privilege to be part of the *Western City* team since 1996,” said Jude Lemons, Managing Editor of the magazine. “The League staff are terrific teammates, and I’ve enjoyed working with mayors, council members, and city staff on articles that help them serve their communities and support the League’s priorities. It’s inspiring to witness our local leaders’ commitment to public service, their innovative leadership, and their resilience and determination in difficult times. *Western City*’s all-digital format will serve its readers in new, exciting ways, and I look forward to being a subscriber.”

From the mailbox to the inbox

While city officials have grown accustomed to finding *Western City* magazine in their mailbox, starting in January, a link to the magazine will now arrive each month by email inbox, with a summary of what’s in the issue.

Diverse perspectives, legal analyses, insights from legislators and experts, features on local government policy, process, and fiscal issues, commentary by League leadership, and individual city success stories demonstrating how #LocalWorks in California – will all be available on a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or phone, wherever city officials are.

This evolution is a natural next step for Western City, extending its voice and vision, which will ultimately include increased video and social content. The League will continue to invest in this valuable resource for city officials to ensure it continues to reflect our cities of today, and of tomorrow.