

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**May 25, 2023**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council      FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager  
Members

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

A memo is attached to inform the City Council about the number of nominations received for the 2023 Garden Grove Gems program.

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

A. Proclamation of Emergency Program for Asian Citrus Psyllid and Huanglongbing and Findings Regarding an Emergency Program for Asian Citrus Psyllid and Huanglongbing from the California Department of Food and Agriculture

**III. 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.



Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Lisa L. Kim  
Dept.: City Manager  
Subject: Garden Grove Gems  
Nominations Update

From: John Montanchez  
Dept.: Community Services  
Date: May 24, 2023

OBJECTIVE

To inform the City Council about the number of nominations received for the 2023 Garden Grove Gems program.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION

Nominations for the Garden Grove Gems program took place April 10 - April 28, 2023. The 2023 program received 44 nominations. From those nominations, there were 12 nominations in District 1; 9 nominations in District 2; 6 nominations in District 3; 7 nominations in District 4; 8 nominations in District 5; and 2 nominations in District 6.

From all the nominations that were submitted, four lucky winners received one (1) \$100 Home Depot gift card. These lucky winners were:

Keith Freeman – District 1  
Maida Garcia – District 5  
Michele Hoke – District 4  
Diane Narath – District 2

Nominated homes were categorized by each of the City's six districts, and featured on the Garden Grove Gems webpage at [ggcity.org/gems](http://ggcity.org/gems) during the online voting of Monday, May 8 through Sunday, May 21.

The home with the highest number of votes, along with the second-place runner up will be determined for each district. All winners will be announced during the week of May 29, 2023 through the City's website, social media platforms, and local media.

SUMMARY

The 2023 Garden Grove Gems received a total of 44 nominations.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ  
Community Services Director



## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

### **OFFICIAL NOTICE FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF ANAHEIM, COSTA MESA, GARDEN GROVE, NORTH TUSTIN, ORANGE, SANTA ANA, ORANGE COUNTY PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY**

#### **PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID AND HUANGLONGBING**

Between April 7, 2023 and April 28, 2023, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) confirmed the presence of the causative bacterial agent of the citrus disease huanglongbing (HLB) in citrus tree tissue and the insect vector Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), *Diaphorina citri* Kuwayama. Citrus tree tissues and insect vectors were collected in the cities and communities of Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Orange, and Santa Ana in Orange County. HLB is a devastating disease of citrus and is spread through feeding action by populations of ACP. HLB/ACP present a significant, clear, and imminent threat to California's commercial citrus production, residential citrus plantings, natural resources, and economy. Unless emergency action is taken to disrupt the ACP life cycles, there is high potential for sudden future detections in Orange County.

To determine the extent of the infestation, and to define an appropriate response area, delimitation surveillance took place for several days within a 250-meter radius area, centered on the detection site(s). Based on the results of the surveys, implementation of the CDFA's ACP and HLB response strategies are necessary for eradication and control.

In accordance with integrated pest management principles, CDFA evaluated possible treatment methods and determined that there are no cultural or biological control methods available to control the immediate spread of HLB/ACP in this area. The Proclamation of Emergency Program is valid until April 28, 2024, which is the amount of time necessary to determine that the treatment was successful.

The detections of HLB/ACP described above require immediate action to address the imminent threat to California's commercial citrus production, residential citrus plantings, natural resources, and economy. More specifically, in addition to a variety of commercial citrus crops, HLB/ACP threatens loss and damage to native wildlife, private and public property, and food supplies. Due to ACP being a vector for the bacteria that causes HLB and the rapid reproductive rate of ACP, there is a high potential for ACP to establish and spread, resulting in sudden future detections of HLB/ACP in the cities and communities listed above. Therefore, the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture is invoking Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) to carry out immediate emergency action to prevent the aforementioned loss and damage to California's resources.

The surveillance and treatment plan for the HLB/ACP infestation will be implemented within a 250-meter radius of each detection site, as follows:

- ACP and HLB Survey. All host plants will be inspected for ACP and for HLB symptoms within a 250-meter radius around each ACP/HLB detection site, at least twice a year. ACP and host plant tissue will be collected and forwarded to a USDA accredited laboratory for identification and analysis.

- ACP Treatment. All properties with host plants within a 250-meter radius around each HLB detection site shall be treated according to the following protocol to control ACP:
  - Tempo® SC Ultra (cyfluthrin), a contact insecticide for controlling the adults and nymphs of ACP, will be applied from the ground using hydraulic spray equipment to the foliage of host plants; and
  - Merit® 2F or CoreTect™ (imidacloprid), a systemic insecticide for controlling the immature life stages of ACP, will be applied to the soil underneath host plants. Merit® 2F is applied from the ground using hydraulic spray equipment. CoreTect™, which is used in place of Merit® 2F in situations where there are environmental concerns about soil surface runoff of liquid Merit® 2F, is applied by inserting tablets into the ground and watering the soil beneath the host plants.
- Physical Control. All host plants found to be positive for HLB (infected with *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*) will be removed and destroyed using mechanical means to stop the spread of the disease.

**Public Notification:**

Residents of affected properties shall be invited to a public meeting or contacted directly by CDFA staff. Consultation with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the county agricultural commissioner's office will be provided at the public meeting or upon request to address residents' questions and concerns.

Residents are notified in writing at least 48 hours in advance of any treatment in accordance with the Food and Agricultural Code sections 5771-5779 and 5421-5436.

Following the treatment, completion notices are left with the residents detailing precautions to take and post-harvest intervals applicable to the citrus fruit on the property.

Treatment information is posted at [http://cdfa.ca.gov/plant/acp/treatment\\_maps.html](http://cdfa.ca.gov/plant/acp/treatment_maps.html). Press releases, if issued, are prepared by the CDFA information officer and the county agricultural commissioner, in close coordination with the program leader responsible for treatment. Either the county agricultural commissioner or the public information officer serves as the primary contact to the media.

Information concerning the HLB/ACP program shall be conveyed directly to local and State political representatives and authorities via letters, emails, and/or faxes.

For any questions related to this program, please contact the CDFA toll-free telephone number at 800-491-1899 for assistance. This telephone number is also listed on all treatment notices.

Attachments

## FINDINGS REGARDING AN EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID AND HUANGLONGBING

Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, North Tustin, Orange, and Santa Ana,  
Orange County  
Program CS-9785

Between April 7, 2023 and April 28, 2023, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) confirmed the presence of the causative bacterial agent of the citrus disease huanglongbing (HLB) in citrus tree tissue and the insect vector, Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), *Diaphorina citri* Kuwayama. Citrus tree tissues and insect vectors were collected in the cities and communities of Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Orange, and Santa Ana in Orange County. HLB is a devastating disease of citrus and is spread by ACP as they feed on host plants. Unless emergency action is taken to remove sources of the HLB inoculum and disrupt the ACP life cycle, there is high potential for sudden future detections of ACP in Orange County and transmission of HLB to other areas.

CDFA conducted surveillance to determine the extent of the infestation in Orange County and to define an appropriate response area. Each survey took place for several days over a 250-meter radius area, centered on the following detections in April 2023: Anaheim (three detections on April 14); Costa Mesa (one detection on April 14); Garden Grove (two detections on April 7); Orange (three detections on April 14 and one detection on April 21); Santa Ana (two detections on April 28). Based on these surveys, pest biology, findings and recommendations from California's HLB Task Force, the Primary State Entomologist, the Primary State Plant Pathologist, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) experts on HLB and ACP, county agricultural commissioner representatives who are knowledgeable on HLB and ACP, and experience gained from USDA's control efforts in the southeastern United States, I have determined that an infestation of HLB exists and it poses a statewide significant imminent danger to California's commercial citrus production, residential citrus plantings, and natural resources, and the economy. For example, the transmission of HLB to other areas would severely impact both the citrus industry and the urban landscape because the bacterium that causes the disease, *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (CLAs), blocks the flow of nutrients within the tree and causes the tree to starve to death within two to five years of infection. California is the top citrus-producing state in the U.S., with total production valued at over \$3.4 billion in sales. Recent studies in Florida have shown that the presence of HLB increases citrus production costs by up to 40 percent and has resulted in a loss of over \$7 billion and 6,600 jobs.

Additional surveys also indicated that the local infestation is amenable to CDFA's ACP and HLB emergency response strategies, which include chemical and physical treatments. These options were selected based upon minimal impacts to the natural environment, biological effectiveness, minimal public intrusiveness, and cost.

HLB is considered one of the most devastating diseases of citrus in the world. There is no cure for HLB. Symptoms of HLB include yellow shoots with mottling and chlorosis of the leaves, misshapen fruit, fruit that does not fully color, and fruit that has a very bitter taste, which makes it inedible for human consumption. These symptoms often do not appear until two years after infection, making this disease particularly difficult to contain and suppress. These undesirable symptoms of HLB-infected trees result in the trees' loss of commercial and aesthetic value while at the same time such trees are hosts for spreading HLB.

ACP is an insect pest native to Asia. It has appeared in Central and South America. In the United States, ACP has been detected in Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Texas. In California, ACP has been detected in twenty-nine counties. ACP feeds on members of the plant family Rutaceae, primarily on *Citrus* and *Murraya*

species, but is also known to attack several other genera, including over forty species of plant that act as hosts and possible carriers. The most serious damage to the environment and property caused by ACP – the death and loss in value of host plants – is due to its vectoring HLB. In addition, ACP also causes injury to their host plants via the withdrawal of large amounts of sap as they feed and via the production of large amounts of honeydew, which coats the leaves of the tree and encourages the growth of sooty mold. Sooty mold blocks sunlight from reaching the leaves.

Due to the rapid reproductive rate of ACP, there is a high potential for ACP to establish and spread, resulting in sudden future detections of HLB/ACP in the cities and communities listed above.

If unabated, the establishment of HLB in California would harm the natural environment as commercial and residential citrus growers would be forced to increase pesticide use. It could lead to enforcement of quarantine restrictions by the USDA and California's international trading partners. Such restrictions would jeopardize California's citrus exports, which are valued at over \$7 billion in economic revenue.

CLas was first detected in Los Angeles in 2012. It has subsequently been detected in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties.

Infected trees are destroyed as soon as they are discovered. However, due to the length of time it takes for symptoms to appear on infected trees, new infestations continue to be discovered. If the current infestation is not abated immediately, ACP will likely become established in neighboring counties and could pave the way for a statewide HLB infestation.

CDFA evaluated possible treatment methods in accordance with integrated pest management (IPM) principles. As part of these principles, I have considered the following treatments for control of ACP: 1) physical controls; 2) cultural controls; 3) biological controls; and 4) chemical controls. Upon careful evaluation of each of these options, I have determined that it is necessary to address the imminent threat posed by HLB using currently available technology in a manner that is recommended by the HLB Task Force.

Based upon input from the HLB Task Force, the Primary State Entomologist, the Primary State Plant Pathologist, USDA experts on HLB and ACP, and county agricultural commissioner representatives who are knowledgeable on ACP and HLB, I find there are no cultural or biological control methods that are both effective against ACP and allow CDFA to meet its statutory obligations, and therefore it is necessary to conduct chemical treatments to abate this threat. As a result, I am ordering visual surveillance for ACP and HLB and insecticide treatments for ACP using ground-based equipment within a 250-meter radius around each ACP and HLB detection site and any subsequent sites, and removal of all HLB-infected trees.

### **Sensitive Areas**

CDFA has consulted with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's California Natural Diversity Database for threatened or endangered species, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife when rare and endangered species are located within the treatment area. Mitigation measures for rare and endangered species will be implemented. CDFA shall not apply pesticides to bodies of water or undeveloped areas of native vegetation. All treatment shall be applied to residential properties, common areas within residential development, non-agricultural commercial properties, and rights-of-way.

## Work Plan

The proposed treatment and surveillance area encompasses those portions of Orange County which fall within a 250-meter radius delimitation area around the properties on which ACP and HLB were detected, and any subsequent detection sites within the proposed treatment boundaries. The Proclamation of Emergency Program is valid until April 28, 2024, which is the amount of time necessary to determine that the treatment was successful. Maps of the treatment boundaries are attached. The work plan consists of the following elements:

1. ACP and HLB Survey. All host plants will be inspected for ACP and for HLB symptoms within a 250-meter radius around each ACP/HLB detection site, at least twice a year. ACP and host plant tissue will be collected and forwarded to a USDA accredited laboratory for identification and analysis.
2. HLB Disease Testing. All host tree tissues, and ACP life stages shall be tested for the presence of CLAs.
3. Treatment. All properties with host plants within a 250-meter radius around each HLB detection site shall be treated according to the following protocol to control ACP:
  - a. Tempo® SC Ultra, containing the contact pyrethroid insecticide cyfluthrin, shall be applied by ground-based hydraulic spray equipment to the foliage of host plants for controlling the adults and nymphs of ACP. Treatment may be reapplied up to three times annually if additional ACP are detected.
  - b. Either Merit® 2F or CoreTect™, containing the systemic insecticide imidacloprid, will be applied to the root zone beneath host plants for controlling developing nymphs and providing long term protection against reinfestation. Merit® 2F is applied as a soil drench, while CoreTect™ tablets are inserted two to five inches below the soil surface and watered in to initiate tablet dissolution. CoreTect™ is used in place of Merit® 2F in situations where there are environmental concerns about soil surface runoff of the liquid Merit® 2F formulation, such as host plants growing next to ponds and other environmentally sensitive areas. Treatment may be re-applied once annually if additional ACPs are detected.
4. Physical Control. All host plants found to be positive for the disease HLB (infected with CLAs) shall be destroyed. Infected host plants shall be removed and destroyed using mechanical means.

## Public Information

Residents of affected properties shall be invited to a public meeting or contacted directly by CDFA staff. Consultation with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the county agricultural commissioner's office will be provided at the public meeting or upon request to address residents' questions and concerns. Residents shall be notified in writing at least 48 hours in advance of any treatment in accordance with the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), sections 5771-5779 and 5421-5436.

After treatment, completion notices are left with the residents detailing precautions to take and post-harvest intervals applicable to the citrus fruit. Treatment information is posted at [http://cdfa.ca.gov/plant/acp/treatment\\_maps.html](http://cdfa.ca.gov/plant/acp/treatment_maps.html).

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Press releases, if issued, are prepared by the CDFA information officer and the county agricultural commissioner, in close coordination with the program leader responsible for treatment. Either the county agricultural commissioner or the public information officer serves as the primary contact to the media.

Information concerning the HLB/ACP program will be conveyed directly to local and State political representatives and authorities via letters, emails, and/or faxes.

## Findings

HLB and ACP pose a significant, clear, and imminent threat to California's natural environment, agriculture, public and private property, and its economy.

Unless emergency action is taken to disrupt the life cycles of recently detected ACP, there is high potential for sudden future ACP and HLB detections in Orange County.

The work plan involving chemical control of these pests is necessary to prevent loss and damage to California's natural environment, citrus industry, native wildlife, private and public property, and food supplies.

Therefore, I am invoking Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) to carry out immediate emergency action to prevent this loss and damage.

My decision to adopt the findings and take action is based on FAC sections 24.5, 401.5, 403, 407, 408, 5401-5405, and 5761-5764.

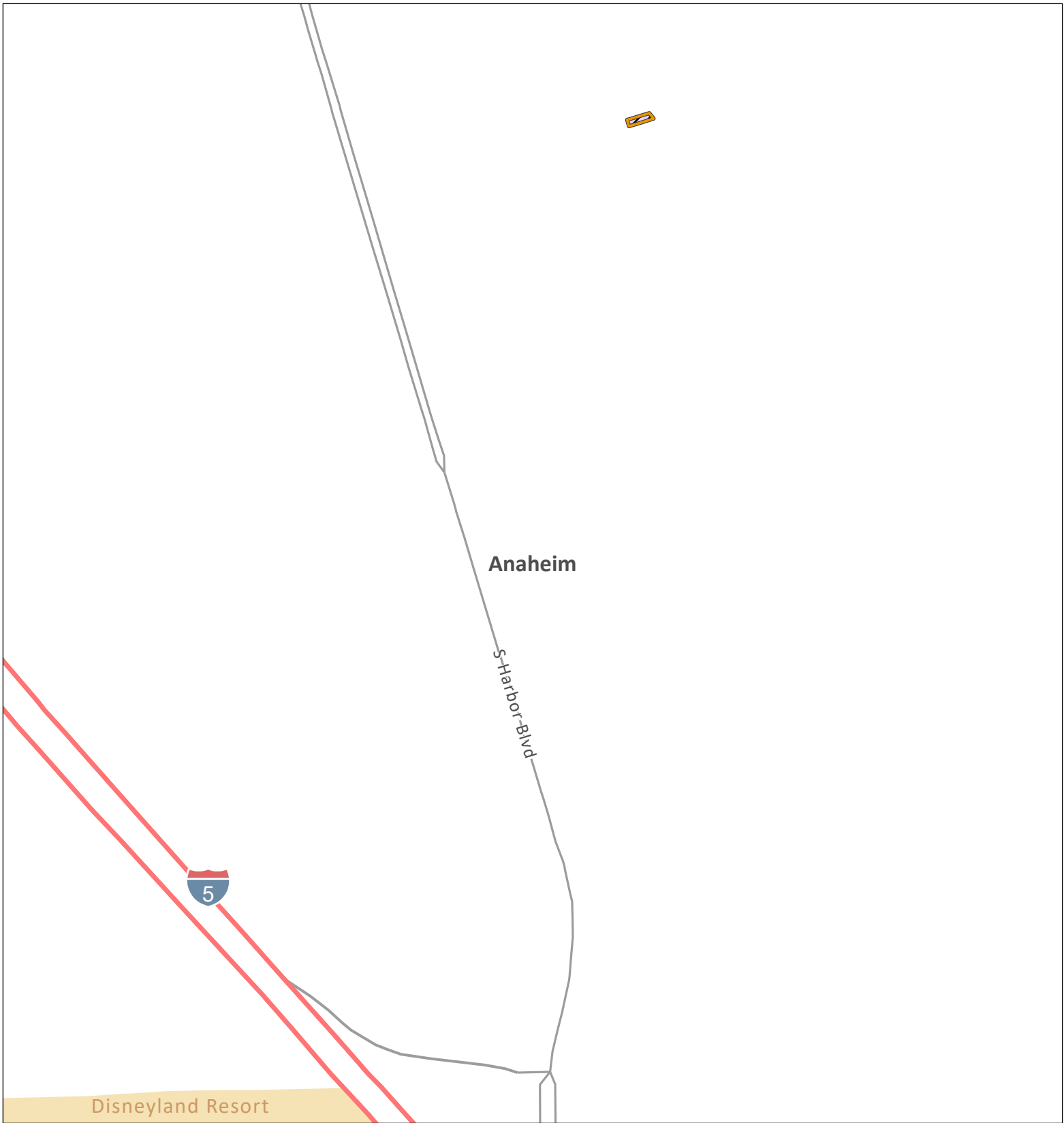
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Karen Ross, Secretary





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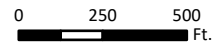
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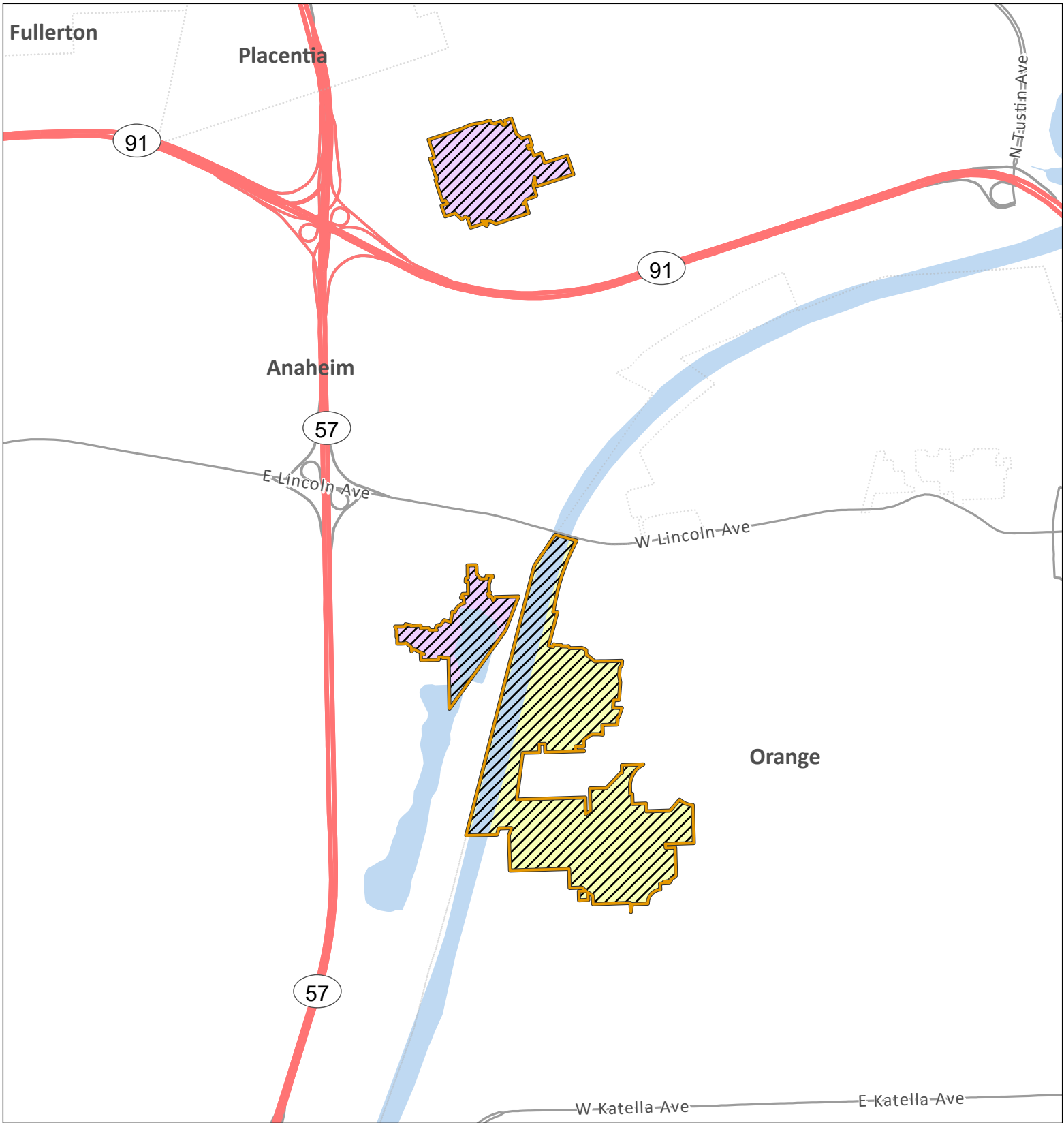








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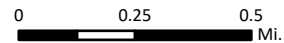
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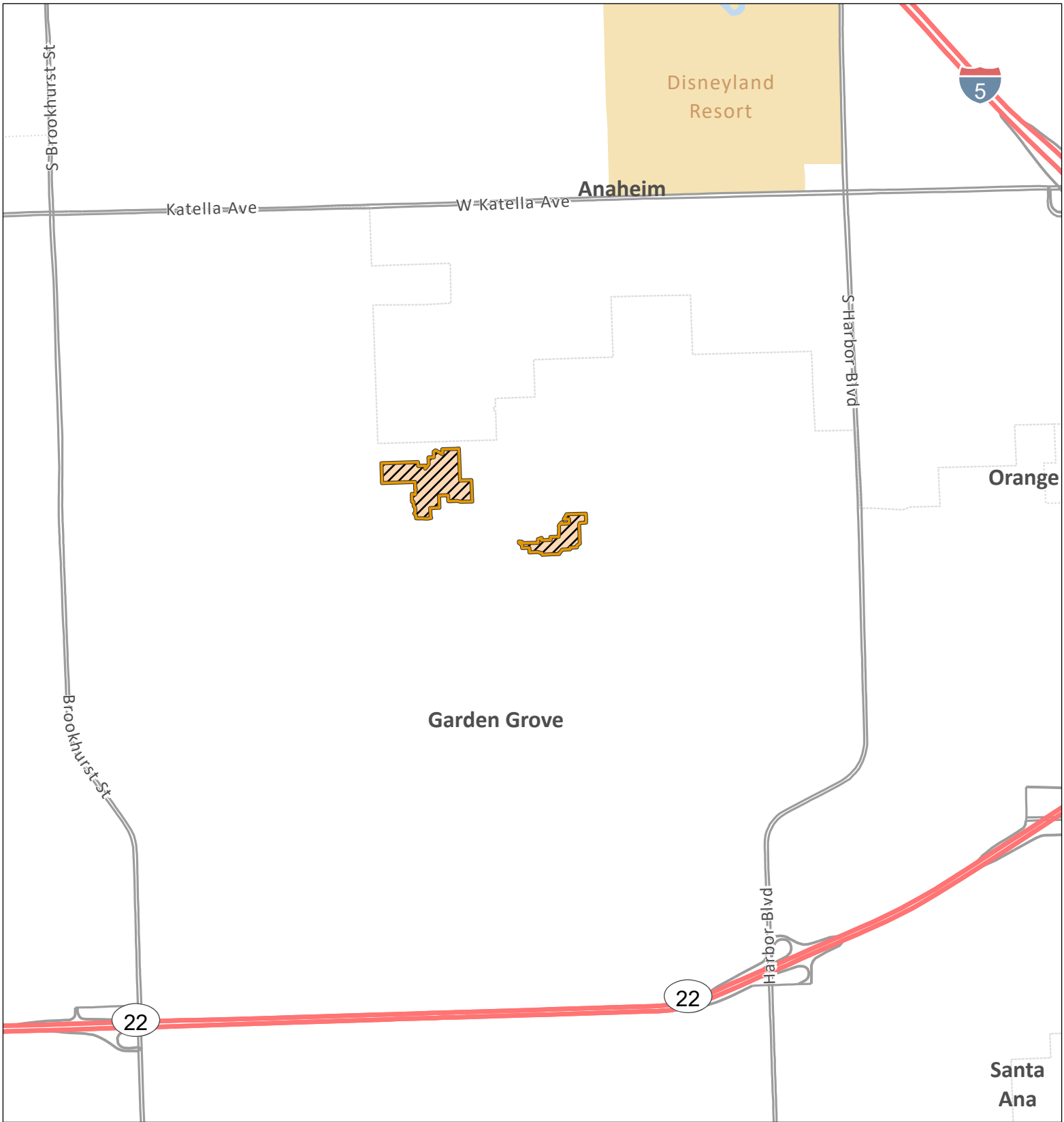







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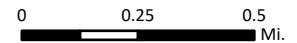
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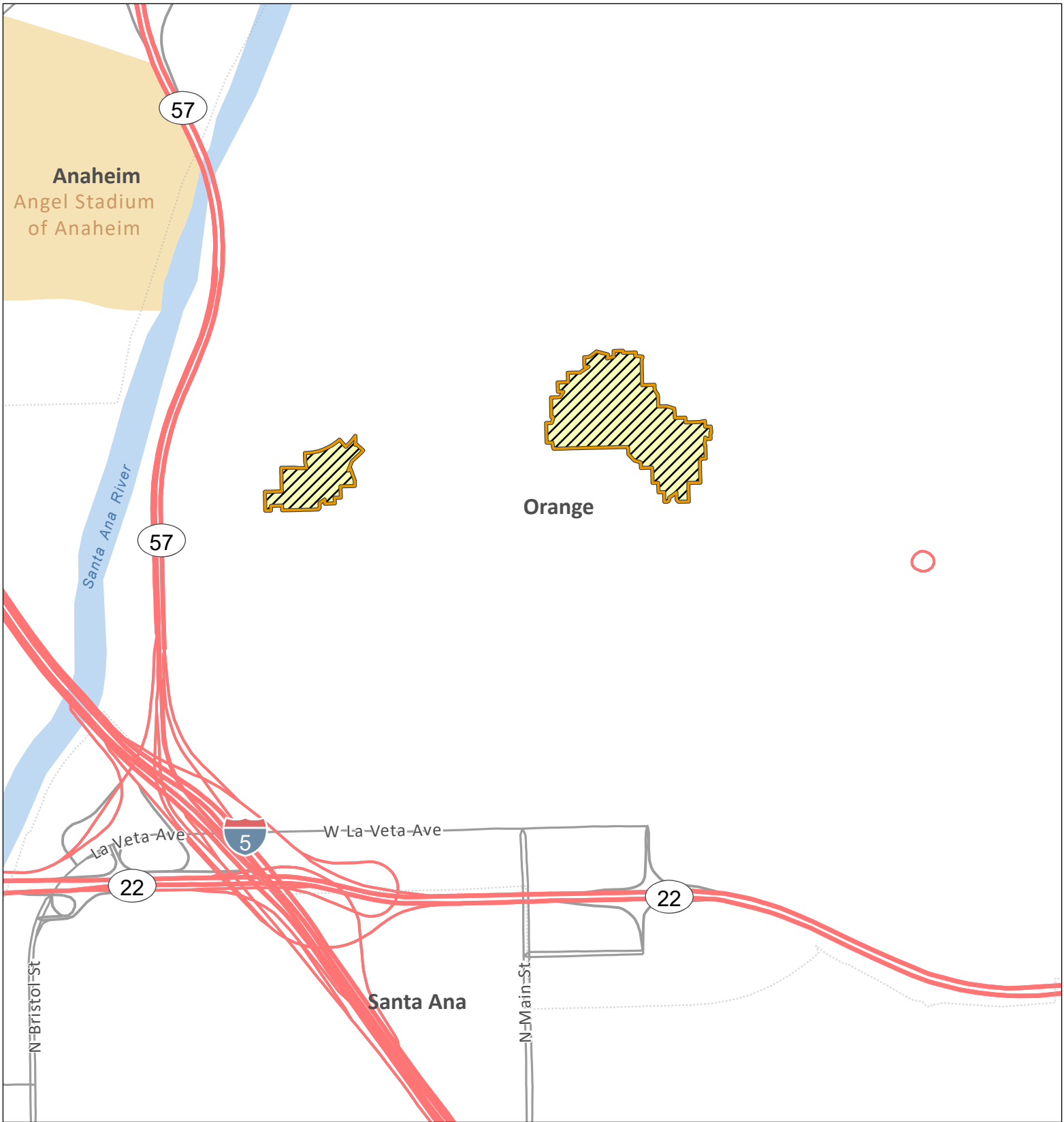







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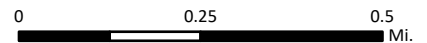
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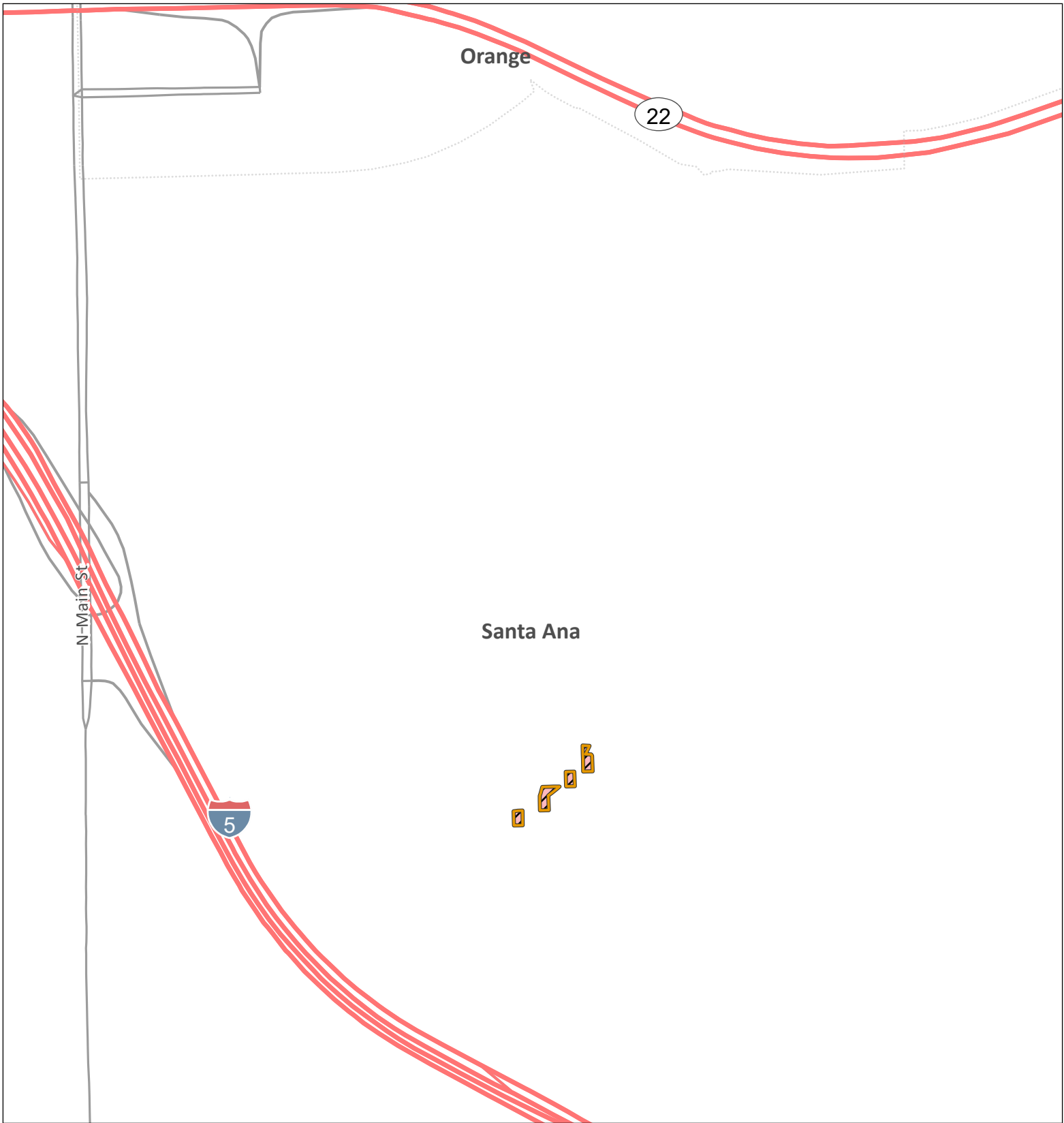




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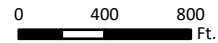
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-  Orange
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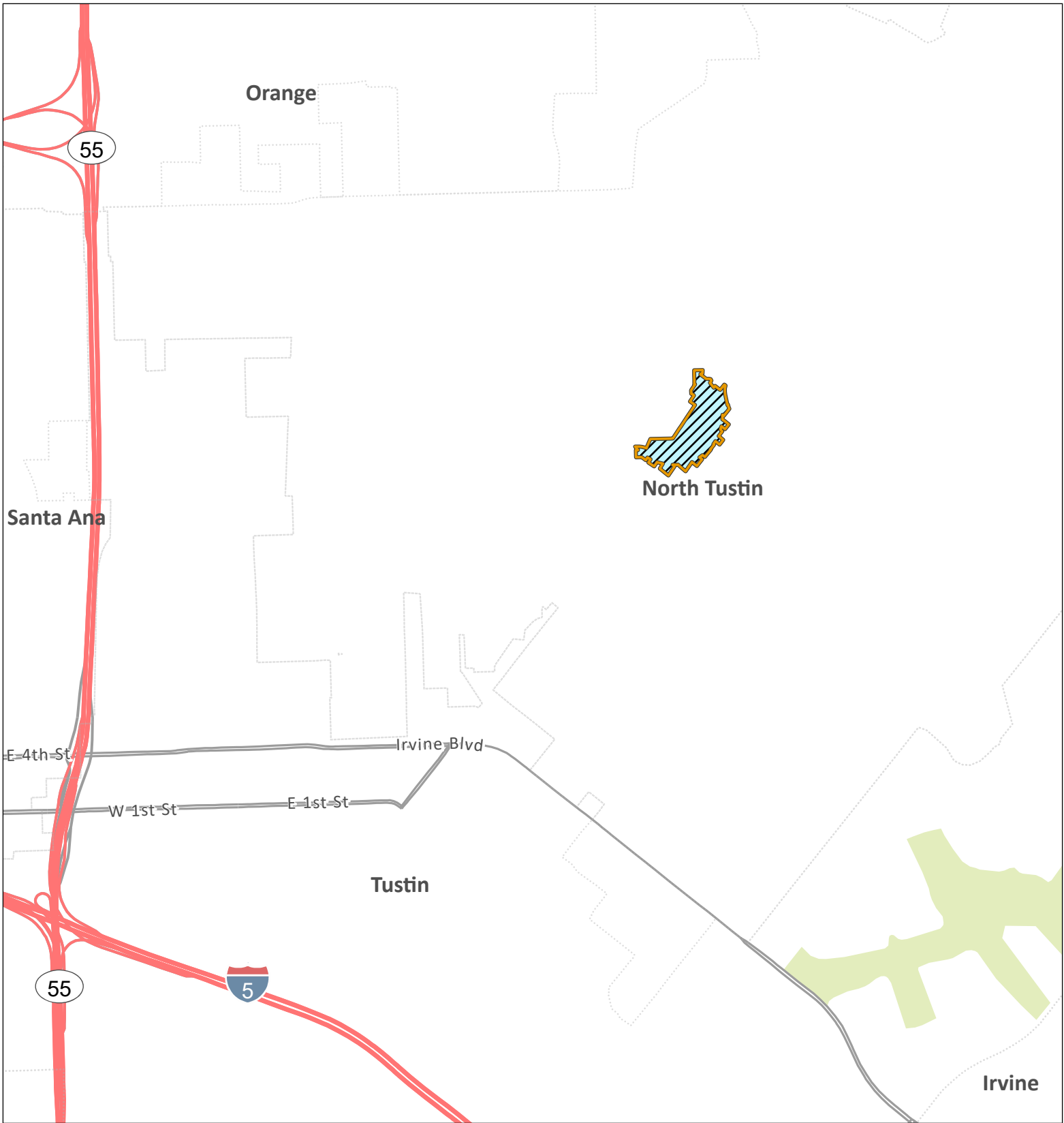





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 Orange County (2023-05) - Portion of Orange County - Part 5

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- City or Census-Designated Place Within Treatment Area

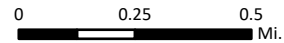





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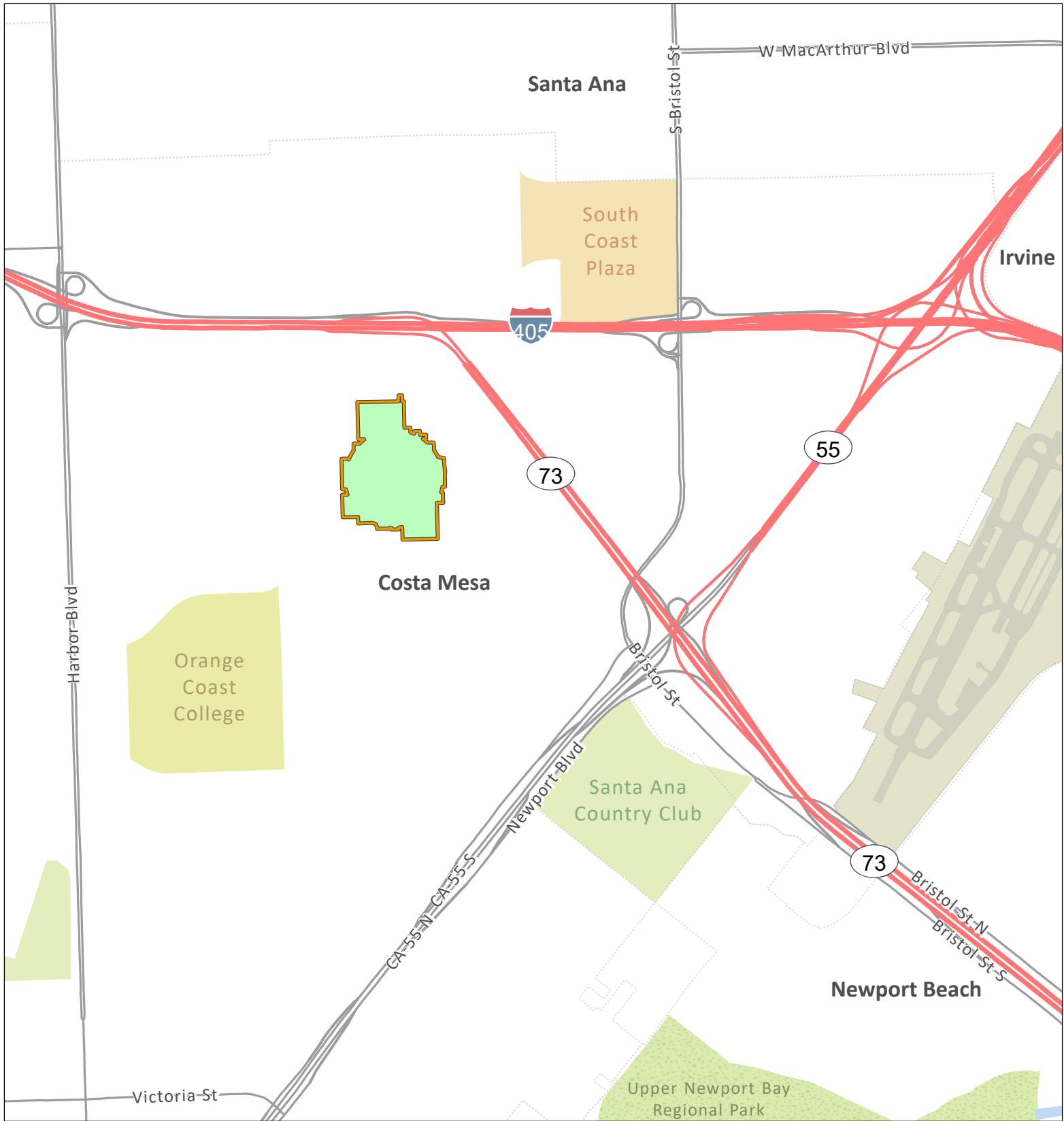
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

 North Tustin

 Environmental Sensitive Area:  
 Treatment Mitigation in Place





## Huanglongbing / Asian Citrus Psyllid Program - Proclamation of an Emergency Program Map Orange County (2023-05) - Portion of Orange County - Part 7

-  Treatment Area
-  Costa Mesa
-  Environmental Sensitive Area: Treatment Mitigation in Place
- City or Census-Designated Place Within Treatment Area

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## I. Detection and Survey Activities for Asian Citrus Psyllid

### A. Urban and Rural Residential Detection Trapping and Visual Survey

Trapping for Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) is a cooperative state/county trapping program to provide early detection of an infestation in a county. Traps are serviced by either state or county agricultural inspectors. The trap used for ACP detection is the yellow panel trap, which is a cardboard panel coated with an adhesive on each side. ACP becomes entangled on the sticky surface and cannot move off the trap. Yellow panel traps have proven successful at detecting infestations of ACP. At all locations where traps are placed, the host plant is visually inspected for ACP. If ACP is detected, the host is visually surveyed for additional ACP and symptoms of huanglongbing (HLB).

- Trap Density: Five to 16 traps/square mile.
- Trap Servicing Interval: Monthly.
- Trap Relocation and Replacement: Traps are relocated and replaced every four to eight weeks to another host with a minimum relocation distance of 500 feet.
- Visual surveys and/or tap sampling are conducted once at each trapping site when the trap is placed.

### B. Commercial Grove Trapping

In counties with substantial commercial citrus production, and which are not generally infested with ACP, traps are placed within the groves at the density of one trap per 40 acres. Traps are replaced every two weeks and submitted for screening. In areas that are generally infested with ACP, agricultural inspectors visually survey commercial groves for plant tissue displaying symptoms of HLB and collect ACP which are tested for *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (CLAs), the bacteria that causes HLB.

### Delimitation Trapping and Visual Survey Outside of the Generally Infested Area

The protocols below are the actions in response to the detection of ACP in counties north of Santa Barbara County and the Tehachapi Mountains.

#### 1. Response to the Detection of One or More ACP

##### a. Trapping

ACP traps are placed at a density of 50 traps per square mile in a four-square mile delimitation area centered on the detection site. Traps are serviced weekly for one month. If no additional ACP are detected, the traps are serviced monthly for one year past the date the ACP was initially identified. Subsequent detections may increase the size of the delimitation survey area and restarts the one-year duration on the trap servicing requirement.

##### b. Visual Survey

All find sites and adjacent properties are visually surveyed for ACP and HLB. Additional sites may be surveyed as part of the risk-based survey.

## II. Detection and Survey Activities for HLB

### HLB Delimitation Survey

Upon confirmation of an HLB infected citrus tree (or host plant), a mandatory delimitation survey is initiated in the 250-meter radius area surrounding the detection. All host plants are visually



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surveyed for symptoms of HLB and presence of ACP. Plant and insect samples are collected from every host plant in the 250-meter area and subsequently analyzed for CLAs.

### III. Treatment Activities

#### Treatment

The Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Division (CPDPD) treatment activities for ACP vary throughout the state and depend on multiple factors.

#### Factors CPDPD considers prior to treatment include:

- Determination if suppression of ACP is feasible;
- The proximity of the ACP infestation to commercial citrus;
- Whether growers are conducting coordinated treatment activities;
- The level of HLB risk; and
- Consistency with the overall goal of protecting the state's commercial citrus production.

#### Scenarios Throughout the State in which Treatment Occurs:

- ACP detections in areas with commercial citrus production near previous HLB detections that are generally infested with ACP, and where all growers are treating on a coordinated schedule, CPDPD may conduct residential buffer treatments to suppress ACP populations around the commercial groves in an effort to prevent establishment of HLB.
- In areas where HLB is detected, CPDPD conducts residential treatments to suppress ACP populations.
- In areas where ACP has not been previously detected, or where ACP has been detected at low densities, CPDPD conducts residential treatments in response to ACP detections to prevent ACP establishment or suppress populations.
- In areas where ACP has been detected along the California-Mexico border, CPDPD conducts residential treatments in response to ACP detections to suppress ACP populations due to proximity of HLB detections in Mexico.

CPDPD's current policy is to not conduct treatments in areas that are generally infested if there is limited or no commercial citrus production in the area.

#### 1. Treatment Protocols

In accordance with the integrated pest management principles, CPDPD has evaluated possible treatment methods and determined that there are no physical, cultural, or biological controls available to eliminate ACP from an area.

In general, when treatment has been deemed appropriate, CPDPD applies insecticides to host trees in the residential (urban) areas in a 50 to 800-meter radius around each detection site. Only ACP host plants are treated.

##### a. International Border Treatments

CPDPD treats citrus host plants in the residential area within two miles of the California-Mexico border. This treatment is conducted within a 400-meter buffer surrounding ACP detections that are within two miles of the California-Mexico border.

- A Proclamation of an Emergency Program (PEP) is issued.
- Prior to undertaking any treatment activity for a property with ACP and/or hosts infected with HLB, CPDPD will contact the affected residents directly or schedule

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a public meeting or series of public meetings to inform residents, growers, and other interested parties of CPDPD's intent to take action, and to provide technical information about products used, dates of treatment(s), etc.

**b. Within a Generally Infested Area with Commercial Citrus Production**

For ACP detections, CPDPD treats citrus host plants within a 250-meter buffer surrounding commercial citrus groves if the growers are conducting coordinated treatments in the designated Psyllid Management Area (PMA) and at least 90 percent of the growers have completed two out of three of the coordinated treatments. The exception is Imperial County, which has fewer residential properties, and therefore ACP detections trigger treatment of residential citrus host plants within 800 meters of commercial citrus.

- A PEP is issued.
- Prior to undertaking any treatment activity for a property with ACP and/or hosts infected with HLB, CPDPD will contact the affected residents directly or schedule a public meeting or series of public meetings to inform residents, growers, and other interested parties of CPDPD's intent to take action, and to provide technical information about products used, dates of treatment(s), etc.

**c. Outside of the Generally Infested Area**

The actions below are in response to the detection of one or more ACP, whether collected live or in a trap, in counties north of Santa Barbara County and the Tehachapi Mountains.

- Detection of one ACP at one site - All properties with a host within a 50-meter radius of the detection site are treated. A subsequent detection of one or more ACP within 400-meters will result in all properties with hosts within 400-meters of the detection site(s) being treated.
- Detection of two or more ACP at one site - All properties with a host within a 400-meter radius of the detection site are treated.
- A PEP is issued.
- Prior to undertaking any treatment activity for a property with ACP and/or hosts infected with HLB, CPDPD will contact the affected residents directly or schedule a public meeting or series of public meetings to inform residents, growers, and other interested parties of CPDPD's intent to take action, and to provide technical information about products used, dates of treatment(s), etc.

**d. In response to an HLB Detection**

- All properties with a host within a 250-meter radius of the detection site are treated.
- All host plants found to be infected with HLB are destroyed and removed by mechanical means.
- A PEP is issued.
- Prior to undertaking any treatment activity for a property with ACP and/or hosts infected with HLB, CPDPD will contact the affected residents directly or schedule

Asian Citrus Psyllid/Huanglongbing Work Plan  
December 2021

a public meeting or series of public meetings to inform residents, growers, and other interested parties of CPDPD's intent to take action, and to provide technical information about products used, dates of treatment(s), etc.

## **2. Treatment Methodology**

The treatment protocol consists of both a foliar and a systemic insecticide. The foliar insecticide is used for immediate reduction of the adult ACP population to prevent the adults from dispersing. The systemic insecticide is a soil treatment used to kill the sedentary nymphs and provide long term protection against reinfestation. Treatment frequency is dependent on the insecticide applied and severity of the infestation.

CPDPD uses registered pesticides and follows the label directions. The treatment protocol may be adjusted to use only the foliar or the systemic insecticide to allow for mitigations in special situations

### **a. Foliar Treatment**

Tempo® SC Ultra (cyfluthrin) is a pyrethroid contact insecticide. Treatment initially occurs once, and subsequent applications may occur for up to three times annually if additional psyllids are detected. This material is applied to the foliage of all host plants using hydraulic spray or hand spray equipment.

### **b. Soil Treatment**

A systemic soil application is made using either Merit® 2F or CoreTect™.

- Merit® 2F (imidacloprid), is a neonicotinoid systemic insecticide. Treatment initially occurs once, and a subsequent application may occur once on an annual basis if additional psyllids are detected. This material is applied to the soil within the root zone of host plants.
- CoreTect™ (imidacloprid) is a neonicotinoid systemic insecticide. It is used in place of Merit® 2F in situations where there are environmental concerns about soil surface runoff of the liquid Merit® 2F formulation, such as host plants growing next to ponds and other environmentally sensitive areas. This material is a pelletized tablet and is inserted into the soil and watered in within the root zone of host plants.

# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT METHODS FOR CONTROL OF THE ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID AND HUANGLONGBING

## May 2018

The treatment program used by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for control of the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), *Diaphorina citri* (Hemiptera: Psyllidae), and the disease it transmits, namely Huanglongbing, *Candidatus* Liberibacter asiaticus, targets multiple life stages. A contact insecticide is used for an immediate control of ACP adults in order to prevent spread, and a systemic insecticide is used to control developing ACP nymphs and to give the plant long term protection from re-infestation. The contact insecticide preferentially used contains the synthetic pyrethroid cyfluthrin, while the systemic insecticide contains the synthetic neonicotinoid imidacloprid. Both products have been shown to be effective against ACP elsewhere, particularly in Florida. In addition, HLB-infected plants are removed in their entirety and destroyed, in order to remove a reservoir for the disease. The California Huanglongbing Task Force, a joint government, university, and industry group formed in 2007 to provide guidance to the CDFA on matters pertaining to ACP and HLB has endorsed the use of these chemicals in the CDFA's treatment program.

Below is an evaluation of alternative treatment methods to control ACP and HLB which have been considered for treatment programs in California.

### A. PHYSICAL CONTROL

**Mass Trapping.** Mass trapping of adults involves placing a high density of traps in an area in an attempt to physically remove them before they can reproduce. The current available trapping system for ACP relies on short distance visual stimulus, and is not considered effective enough to use in a mass trapping program.

**Active Psyllid Removal.** Adult ACPs are mobile daytime fliers, and adults could theoretically be netted or collected off of foliage. However, due to their ability to fly when disturbed, and the laborious and time-prohibitive task of collecting minute insects from several properties by hand, it would be highly unlikely that all adults could be captured and removed. Nymphs attach themselves to developing leaves and stems via their proboscis. Therefore, physical removal of the nymphs would entail removal of the growing shoots which will stunt the tree and reduce fruit production. For these reasons, mechanical control is not considered to be an effective alternative.

**Host Removal.** Removal of host plants for ACP would involve the large-scale destruction of plants and their roots by either physical removal or phytotoxic herbicides. Additionally, host removal could promote dispersal of female psyllids in search of hosts outside of the treatment area, thus spreading the infestation. For these reasons, host removal is considered inefficient and too intrusive to use over the entirety of the treatment areas used for ACP. However, physical host removal of HLB-infected plants in their entirety is used for HLB control, because it is limited in scope to just the infected tree and it is effective at eliminating the disease reservoir, thereby preventing further spread of the disease by ACP.

### B. CULTURAL CONTROL

**Cultural Control.** Cultural controls involve the manipulation of cultivation practices to reduce the prevalence of pest populations. These include crop rotation, using pest-resistant varieties, and intercropping with pest-repellent plants. None of these options are applicable for ACP control in an urban environment, and may only serve to drive the psyllids outside the treatment area, thus spreading the infestation.

### C. BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

**Microorganisms.** No single-celled microorganisms, such as bacteria, are currently available to control ACP.

**Nematodes.** Entomopathogenic nematodes can be effective for control of some soil-inhabiting insects, but are not effective, nor are they used, against above ground insects such as psyllids.

**Parasites and Predators.** There have been two parasites released in Florida against ACP, but only one of these are considered somewhat successful there, namely *Tamarixia radiata* (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae). This insect has been released into the environment in southern California. The CDFA is working with the citrus industry to pursue options for incorporating this parasite into treatment programs statewide. In addition, a second wasp has been recently released by the University of California Riverside, *Diaphorencyrtus aligarhensis*.

**Sterile Insect Technique (SIT).** SIT involves the release of reproductively sterile insects which then mate with the wild population, resulting in the production of infertile eggs. SIT has neither been researched nor developed for ACP, nor has it been developed for any species of psyllids, and is therefore unavailable.

### D. CHEMICAL CONTROL

**Foliar Treatment.** A number of contact insecticides have been researched for use against ACP elsewhere, particularly in Florida. Contact insecticides are more effective against adult ACPs than the sedentary nymphs because adults actively move around on plants, thereby coming into contact with residues, whereas nymphs have to be directly sprayed in order for them to come into contact. The following product has been identified for use by the CDFA, based on a combination of effectiveness against ACP, worker and environmental safety, and California registration status.

Tempo® SC Ultra is a formulation of cyfluthrin which is applied to the foliage of all host plants. Tempo® SC Ultra is a broad-spectrum synthetic pyrethroid insecticide which kills insects on contact. Tempo® SC Ultra has no preharvest interval, which makes it compatible with residential fruit-growing practices.

**Soil Treatment.** A number of systemic insecticides have been researched for use against ACP elsewhere, particularly in Florida. Systemic insecticides are particularly effective against psyllid nymphs because nymphs spend much of their time feeding, thereby acquiring a lethal dose. The following products have been identified for use by the CDFA, based on a combination of effectiveness against ACP, worker and environmental safety, and California registration status.

Merit® 2F is a formulation of imidacloprid which is applied to the root system of all host plants via a soil drench. Imidacloprid is a synthetic neonicotinoid insecticide which controls a number of other phloem feeding pests such as psyllids, aphids, mealybugs, etc.

CoreTect™ is a formulation of imidacloprid which is applied to the root system of all host plants via insertion of a tablet into the soil, followed by watering. It is used in place of Merit® 2F in situations where there are environmental concerns about soil surface runoff of the liquid Merit® 2F formulation, such as host plants growing next to ponds and other environmentally sensitive areas.

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## PEST PROFILE

Common Name: Asian Citrus Psyllid

Scientific Name: *Diaphorina citri* Kuwayama

Order and Family: Hemiptera, Psyllidae

Description: The Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) is 3 to 4 millimeters long with a brown mottled body. The head is light brown. The wings are broadest in the apical half, mottled, and with a dark brown band extending around the periphery of the outer half of the wing. The insect is covered with a whitish waxy secretion, making it appear dusty. Nymphs are generally yellowish orange in color, with large filaments confined to an apical plate of the abdomen. The eggs are approximately 0.3 millimeters long, elongated, and almond-shaped. Fresh eggs are pale in color, then, turn yellow, and finally orange at the time of hatching. Eggs are placed on plant tissue with the long axis vertical to the surface of the plant.

History: Asian citrus psyllid was first found in the United States in Palm Beach County, Florida, in June 1998 in backyard plantings of orange jasmine. By 2001, it had spread to 31 counties in Florida, with much of the spread due to movement of infested nursery plants. In the spring of 2001, Asian citrus psyllid was accidentally introduced into the Rio Grande Valley, Texas on potted nursery stock from Florida. It was subsequently found in Hawaii in 2006, in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina in 2008. ACP was first found in California on August 27, 2008 in San Diego County. Subsequent to this initial detection in San Diego County, the ACP has been detected in Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, Ventura, Marin, Monterey, San Francisco, and Santa Clara counties. The ACP has the potential to establish itself throughout California wherever citrus is grown.

Distribution: ACP is found in tropical and subtropical Asia, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Reunion, Mauritius, parts of South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and in the U.S. (Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Texas).

Life Cycle: Eggs are laid on tips of growing shoots; on and between unfurling leaves. Females may lay more than 800 eggs during their lives. Nymphs pass through five instars. The total life cycle requires from 15 to 47 days, depending on environmental factors such as temperature and season. The adults may live for several months. There is no diapause, but populations are low in the winter or during dry periods. There are nine to ten generations a year, with up to 16 noted under observation in field cages.

Hosts and Economic Importance: ACP feeds mainly on *Citrus* spp., at least two species of *Murraya*, and at least three other genera, all in the family Rutaceae. Damage from the psyllids occurs in two ways: the first by drawing out of large amounts of sap from the plant as they feed and, secondly, the psyllids produce copious amounts of honeydew. The honeydew then coats the leaves of the tree, encouraging sooty mold to grow which blocks sunlight to the leaves. However, the most serious damage caused by ACP is due to its ability to effectively vector three phloem-inhabiting bacteria in the genus *Candidatus* Liberibacter, the most widespread being *Candidatus* Liberibacter asiaticus. These bacteria cause a disease known as huanglongbing, or citrus greening. In the past, these bacteria have been extremely difficult to detect and

characterize. In recent years, however, DNA probes, electron microscopy, and enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay tests (ELISA) have been developed that have improved detection. Symptoms of huanglongbing include yellow shoots, with mottling and chlorosis of the leaves. The juice of the infected fruit has a bitter taste. Fruit does not color properly, hence the term “greening” is sometimes used in reference to the disease. Huanglongbing is one of the most devastating diseases of citrus in the world. Once infected, there is no cure for disease and infected trees will die within ten years. The once flourishing citrus industry in India is slowly being wiped out by dieback. This dieback has multiple causes, but the major reason is due to HLB.

### Host List

#### **SCIENTIFIC NAME**

*Aegle marmelos*  
*Aeglopsis chevalieri*  
*Afraegle gabonensis*  
*Afraegle paniculata*  
*Amyris madrensis*  
*Atalantia monophylla*  
*Atalantia* spp.  
*Balsamocitrus dawei*  
*Bergia* (=Murraya) *koenigii*  
*Calodendrum capense*  
*X Citroncirus webberi*  
*Choisya arizonica*  
*Choisya ternate*  
*Citropsis articulata*  
*Citropsis gilletiana*  
*Citropsis schweinfurthii*  
*Citrus aurantiifolia*  
  
*Citrus aurantium*  
  
*Citrus hystrix*  
*Citrus jambhiri*  
*Citrus limon*  
*Citrus madurensis*  
(=X *Citrofortunella microcarpa*)  
*Citrus maxima*  
*Citrus medica*  
*Citrus meyeri*  
*Citrus × nobilis*  
*Citrus × paradisi*  
*Citrus reticulata*  
*Citrus sinensis*  
*Citrus* spp.  
*Clausena anisum-olens*  
*Clausena excavata*  
*Clausena indica*  
*Clausena lansium*

#### **COMMON NAMES**

bael, Bengal quince, golden apple, bela, milva  
Chevalier's aeglopsis  
Gabon powder-flask  
Nigerian powder-flask  
mountain torchwood  
Indian atalantia  
  
Uganda powder-flask  
curry leaf  
Cape chestnut  
  
Arizonia orange  
Mexican or mock orange  
Katimboro, Muboro, West African cherry orange  
cherry-orange  
African cherry-orange  
lime, Key lime, Persian lime, lima, limón agrio, limón ceutí, lima mejicana, limero  
sour orange, Seville orange, bigarde, marmalade orange, naranja agria, naranja amarga  
Mauritius papeda, Kaffir lime  
rough lemon, jambhiri-orange, limón rugoso, rugoso  
lemon, limón, limonero  
calamondin  
  
pummelo, pomelo, shaddock, pompelmous, toronja  
citron, cidra, cidro, toronja  
Meyer lemon, dwarf lemon  
king mandarin, tangor, Florida orange, King-of-Siam  
grapefruit, pomelo, toronja  
mandarin, tangerine, mandarina  
sweet orange, orange, naranja, naranja dulce  
  
anis  
clausena  
clausena  
wampi, wampee



<i>Clymenia polyandra</i>	a-mulis
<i>Eremocitrus glauca</i>	Australian desert lime
<i>Eremocitrus</i> hybrid	
<i>Esenbeckia berlandieri</i>	Berlandier's jopoy
<i>Fortunella crassifolia</i>	Meiwa kumquat
<i>Fortunella margarita</i>	Nagami kumquat, oval kumquat
<i>Fortunella polyandra</i>	Malayan kumquat
<i>Fortunella</i> spp.	
<i>Limonia acidissima</i>	Indian wood apple
<i>Merrillia caloxylon</i>	flowering merrillia
<i>Microcitrus australasica</i>	finger-lime
<i>Microcitrus australis</i>	Australian round-lime
<i>Microcitrus papuana</i>	desert-lime
X <i>Microcitronella</i> spp.	
<i>Murraya</i> spp.	curry leaf, orange-jasmine, Chinese-box, naranjo jazmín
<i>Naringi crenulata</i>	naringi
<i>Pamburus missionis</i>	
<i>Poncirus trifoliata</i>	trifoliolate orange, naranjo trébol
<i>Severinia buxifolia</i>	Chinese box-orange
<i>Swinglea glutinosa</i>	tabog
<i>Tetradium ruticarpum</i>	evodia, wu zhu yu
<i>Toddalia asiatica</i>	orange climber
<i>Triphasia trifolia</i>	trifoliolate limeberry, triphasia
<i>Vepris (=Toddalia) lanceolata</i>	white ironwood
<i>Zanthoxylum fagara</i>	wild lime, lime prickly-ash

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# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**




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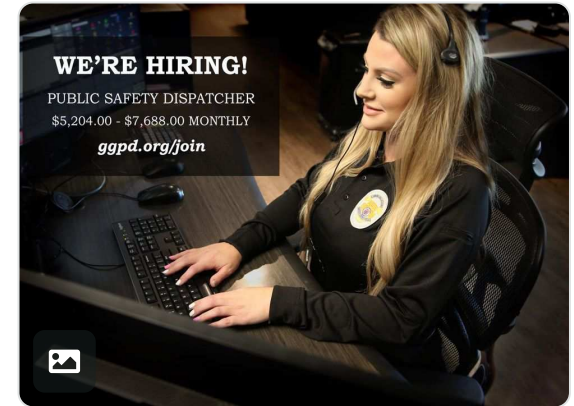
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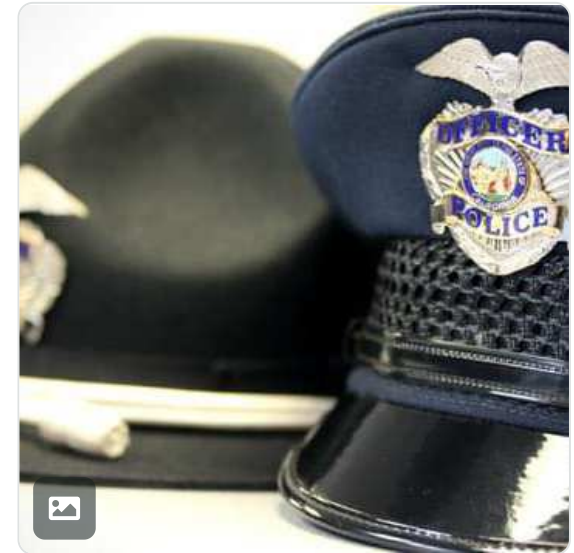
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Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

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Outreach & Cleanup Recap: this week, #GardenGrovePD's Special Resource Team (SRT) collaborated with Caltrans Orange...



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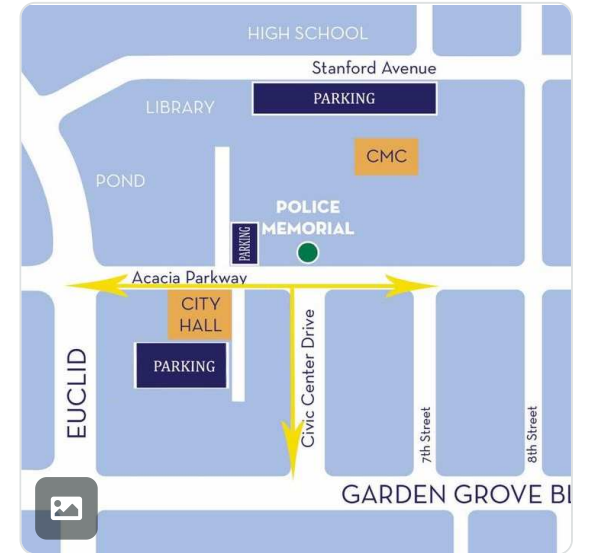
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Please join us today at 5:00 PM for the #GardenGrovePD Annual Police Memorial. Our Front Desk will be closed at 4:30 PM,...



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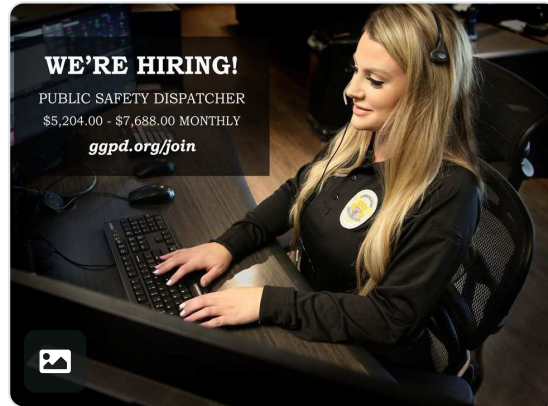
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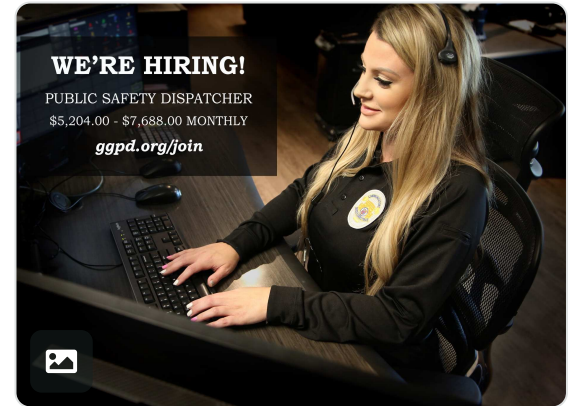
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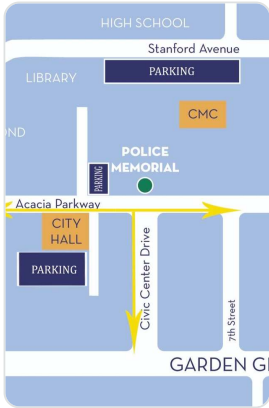
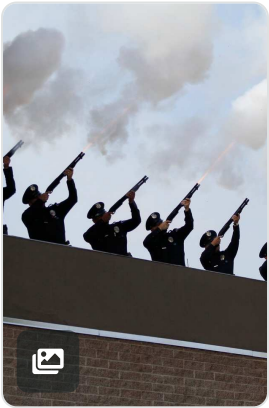
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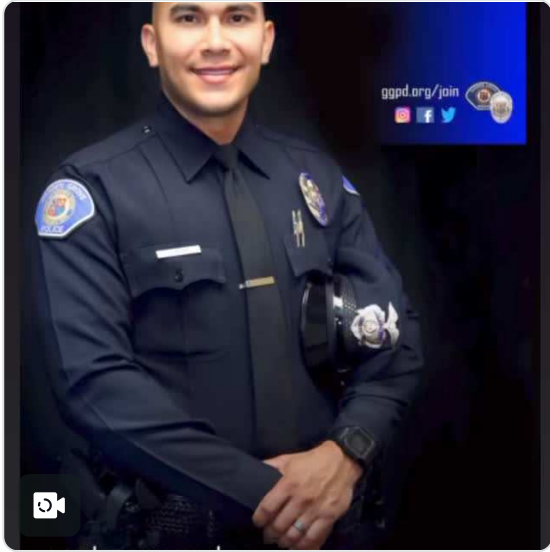
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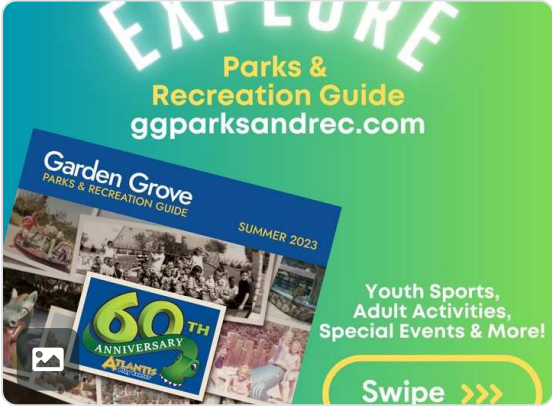


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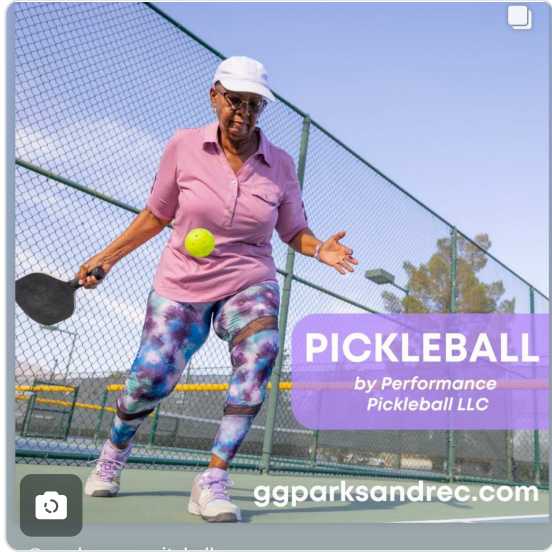
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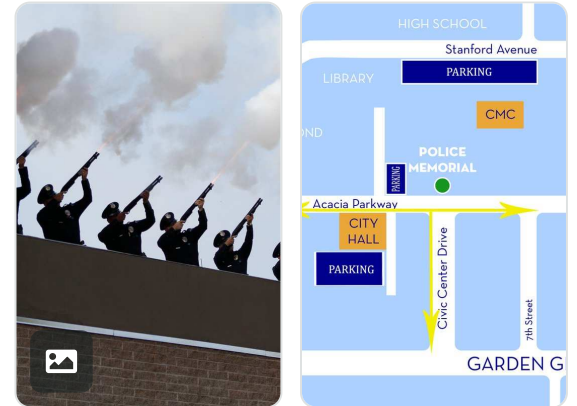
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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Thursday, February 9, 2023



## **COMMUNITY INVITED TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT WORKSHOP**

The City of Garden Grove is hosting a free in-person Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Workshop to provide information on the City's upcoming ADU program. The workshop takes place on Wednesday, February 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

ADUs are independent living units attached or detached to a single-family home. The workshop will be an introduction to ADUs. Topics to be discussed are: different types of ADUs, the benefits of building ADUs, the development process, and the City's pre-approved ADU plans.

For more information, visit [ggcity.org/planning/adu](http://ggcity.org/planning/adu) or contact Shawn Park, Senior Administrative Analyst at (714) 741-5371 or [shawnp@ggcity.org](mailto:shawnp@ggcity.org).

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**Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
6 - 8 pm**

Location

**Garden Grove Community Meeting Center**  
11300 Stanford Ave  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

For more information visit  
[ggcity.org/planning/adu](http://ggcity.org/planning/adu)



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Thursday, February 9, 2023

### **WIN FREE CLASS SESSION DURING CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION GUIDE INSTAGRAM GIVEAWAY**

The City of Garden Grove is hosting an Instagram giveaway for a free contract class session offered through the City's Winter/Spring 2023 Parks and Recreation Guide. The giveaway takes place from Monday, February 13 through Friday, February 17, from followers of the City's Instagram page, [@gardengrovecityhall](https://www.instagram.com/gardengrovecityhall). Contract classes include soccer and basketball skills and drills; line dancing; martial arts; and volleyball.

The Parks and Recreation Guide offers a multitude of programs, classes, and activities for residents and visitors. The guide provides a listing of youth sports and creative arts; adult activities and fitness; special events and more. Explore the guide at [ggparksandrec.com](http://ggparksandrec.com), and sign up for the winter/spring session by April 2023.

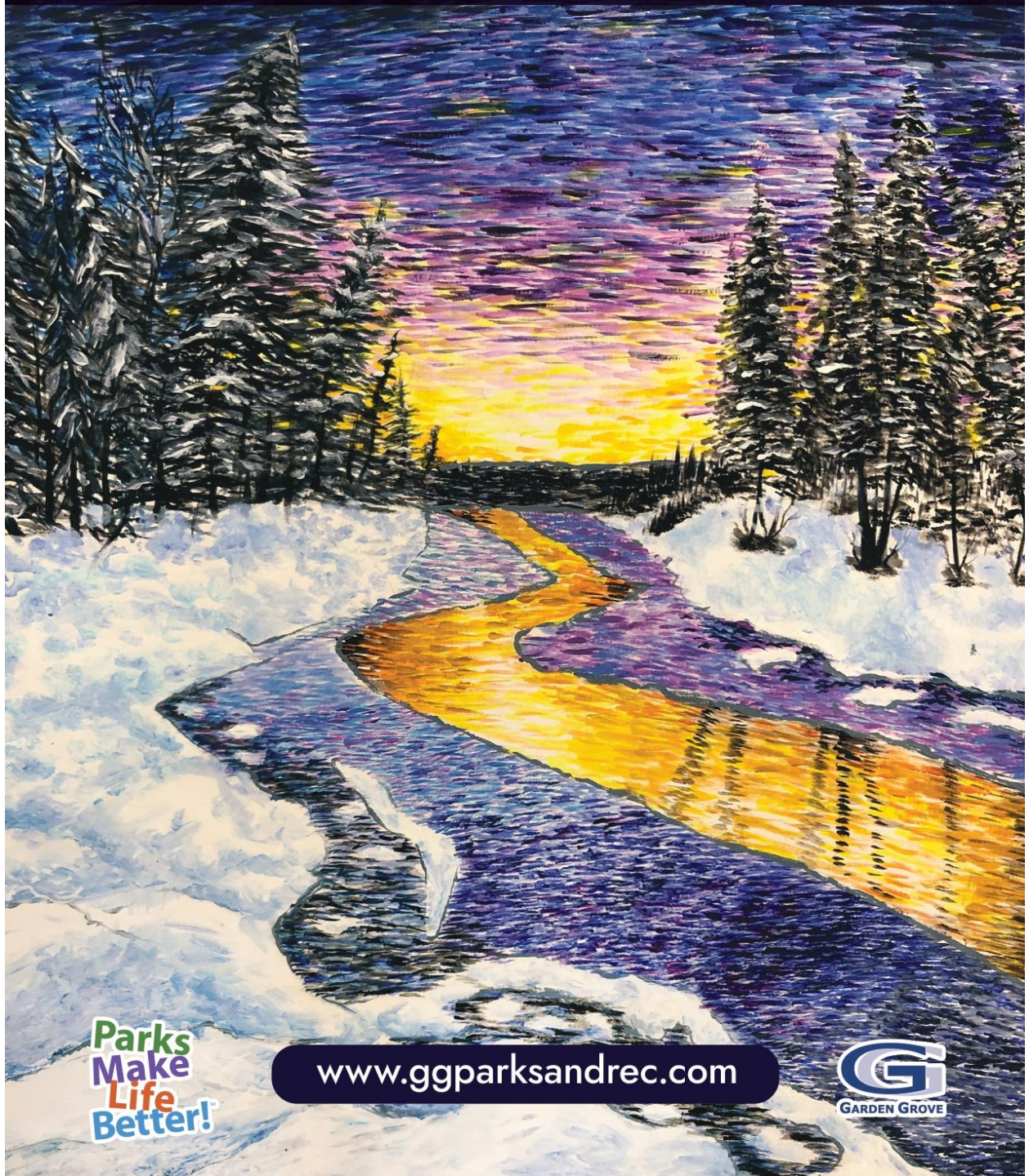
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Winter/Spring 2023



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Monday, February 13, 2023



## **CITY SEEKING SPONSORS FOR 2023 GARDEN GROVE COLLEGE GRADUATES' RECEPTION**

Local businesses and organizations that are interested in supporting higher education in the community are encouraged to become a sponsor for the annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception in May 2023. Sponsorships begin at \$300.

Last year, thanks to the support of generous sponsors, the City of Garden Grove recognized nearly 40 local graduates during the reception and awarded over \$5,000 in cash and prizes. This year's event invites sponsoring businesses and organizations to honor Garden Grove residents for their accomplishments in higher education and encourage them to build their professional careers here in Garden Grove.

Sponsorship benefits include an invitation to attend the 2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, mentions in various marketing outlets, including City publications, website, and social media.

Sponsorship levels include a Master's Sponsorship of \$1,000+; Bachelor's Sponsorship of \$500+; and an Associates' Sponsorship of \$300+. In-kind donations are also welcomed. Visit [ggcity.org/grads](http://ggcity.org/grads) to fill out a sponsorship form.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations at [communityrelations@ggcity.org](mailto:communityrelations@ggcity.org) or (714) 741-5280.



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## EDUCATED WORKFORCE

Join local businesses as a corporate sponsor of the

# 2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception



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# College Graduates' Reception Sponsorship

## MAY 2023

The City of Garden Grove is offering a unique opportunity for businesses and organizations to honor local college graduates while gaining valuable exposure. All sponsors are invited to the event.

*Master's Sponsorship* \$1,000+

- Logo on City website (linked)
- Name in City press releases and social media
- Recognition at event
- Logo on promotional flyer
- Logo on invitation

*Bachelor's Sponsorship* \$500+

- Logo on City website (linked)
- Name in City press releases
- Logo on promotional flyer

*Associates Sponsorship* \$300+

- Logo on City website
- Logo on promotional flyer

Company or Organization:

Representative:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:

Social Media Handle(s):

Please complete and email form to [communityrelations@ggcity.org](mailto:communityrelations@ggcity.org) or call (714) 741-5280. Sponsors must provide logo of at least 300 dpi quality. Electronic form is available at [ggcity.org/grads](http://ggcity.org/grads).

### Payment:

Make checks payable to the Garden Grove Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Mail or deliver payment by Monday, March 20, 2023 to:

City of Garden Grove  
Attn: Office of Community Relations  
11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840







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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

### **LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE SOCIAL CHALLENGE**

The City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Unified School District invite local high school students, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, to participate in the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, aimed at supporting local small businesses. Students are invited to create a 30- to 60-second "foodie" video at a Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café of their choice, and submit their original work online, at [ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove](http://ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove), by Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Submissions will be showcased on the Foods of Garden Grove Instagram and TikTok, @foodsofgardengrove. All participants will be entered into an opportunity drawing to win a \$100 gift card. Three winners will be chosen at random.

Videos must be the original work of the student and feature one of the Foods of Garden Grove businesses. Videos must be uploaded without music or voice over. Choice of music and voice over can be indicated in the submission form.

The social challenge is part of the City's Foods of Garden Grove program showcasing the city's vibrant food culture through a prominent list of 150 select eateries. Through the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, students can create a unique "foodie" experience featuring their favorite meals and beverages.

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FOODS OF  
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# SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

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Learn more at [ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove](http://ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove).

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 23, 2023**

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The Tribune  
May 19, 2023

# Police heroes are honored

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MAY 19, 2023 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



NICHOLSON PIPES AND DRUMS at the “Call to Duty” Memorial on Thursday (OC Tribune photos).

**By Jim Tortolano/Orange County Tribune**

Much of society may have turned its back on police, but Garden Grove hasn’t, former GGPD chief Kevin Raney said at Thursday’s 36th Annual “Call to Duty” Memorial.

The event honors the memory of Garden Grove police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty: Sgt. Myron Trapp (1959), Reserve Officer Andy Reese (1970), Officer Donald Reed (1980), Officer Michael Rainford (1980), Master Officer Howard Dallies (1993) and Lt. John Reynolds (2021).

After lauding the six fallen officers and speaking of the pressures of the profession, he referred to the “really difficult time to be a police officer ... given, in some areas, the overall lack of support for law enforcement.”



**FORMER POLICE CHIEF** Kevin Raney.

He cited recent legislation which – he feels – have made the job of a police officer more difficult or dangerous, and noted that persons in law enforcement are under greater scrutiny than ever before. However ...

“From my own experience, Garden Grove has always had a very supportive community, a very supportive city council and a very supportive city manager. They understand how difficult this job is and they prioritize law enforcement,” he said, adding “I hope you would find the good in the fact that Garden Grove supports their police officers, they support their police department.”

In addition to Raney’s comments and closing remarks by current Police Chief Amir El-Farra, there was a presentation of the patriotic poem, “My Name is Olde Glory” by Ed DesBiens and the Pacifica High School JROTC, two songs by the Bolsa Grande Concert Choir – including “America the Beautiful,” singing of the National Anthem by Orange County Sheriff’s Deputy Andrew Hernandez and a 21-gun salute.

The Nicholson Pipes and Drums and GGPD Honor Guard opened and closed the ceremonies, and a helicopter flyover was the final touch. Capt. Brian Dalton served as master of ceremonies.

The Tribune  
May 24, 2023

# Lampson sewer work to start

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MAY 24, 2023 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



**CONSTRUCTION** on Lampson Avenue at Springdale Street in West Garden Grove (City of GG photo).

Beginning Monday, June 5 through September 2023, Lampson Avenue from Springdale Street to Lamplighter Street in Garden Grove will undergo a sewer improvement project causing temporary traffic delays.

To facilitate construction work, eastbound Lampson Avenue will be closed, reducing traffic to one lane in both directions. Motorists are asked to use alternate routes to avoid congestion. Access to residences and schools around the construction area will be maintained at all times.

Eastbound Lampson traffic will be detoured south at Springdale Street to Stanford Avenue east; or north on Springdale Street to Chapman Avenue east, to Knott Avenue south. Normal work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; however, the lane closure will be maintained 24/7.

One of many projects designed to minimize sewer capacity issues, the Lampson Avenue Sewer Improvement Project includes rehabilitating the Lamplighter Street sewer, from Killarney Avenue to Lenore Avenue, and the Lenore Avenue sewer, from Lamplighter Street to Springdale Street. The project consists of constructing approximately 1,440 feet of new piping and installation of seven new manholes. The project is funded by the Sewer Fund.

For more information, contact Associate Engineer Liyan Jin at (714) 741-5977.

The Tribune  
May 24, 2023

# Celebrating kindness with Andrea and Taylor Perez

BYOC TRIBUNE STAFFON MAY 24, 2023 • ( 2 COMMENTS )



**TAYLOR PEREZ AND ANDREA PEREZ** are ready for this year's Strawberry Festival. This year's theme is "Celebrating Kindness." (OC Tribune photo).

**By Jim Tortolano/Orange County Tribune**

For about a year, the name of Andrea Palladino Perez, president of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association and the festival itself have been pretty much inseparable.

So has the festival and the live representation of the "Strawberry," Andrea's daughter Taylor, who dons the costume and reminds people not only of the four-day event but also the good works it does by helping raise money for a wide variety of good causes.

"I'm a volunteer by nature," said Andrea, 55, whose day job is as a librarian at Garden Park Elementary School in West Garden Grove. "A professional volunteer." She joined the GGSFA seven years ago and now is in charge of it all.

"It's a very time-consuming job," she said. Is this year's festival going to be as big a hit as last year's, with record attendance and funds raised? "Yes, I hope so. I'm a little nervous, honestly."

Understandable, since the festival is one of the largest such events in the Western U.S. and is run entirely by volunteers who – like Andrea – receive no wages or salary for many hours, days and weeks of work.

So why put that much effort into it?

“People love the festival,” she said. “This one is the 63rd year. People bring their families. Grandparents bring their grandchildren. It’s a family-friendly environment, it’s free and it brings the community together.”

Speaking of family, Taylor, 21, is a student at Cal State Fullerton who’s has been wearing the berry costume for years.

“I’m the only one who fits into it,” she said, smiling. Which goes both ways. “I like to make the kids smile. I like to see the excitement on people’s faces. Infants, babies, toddlers, grandparents come up and take photos of them with me. I feel like I’m a celebrity.”

The celebration starts on Friday and continues this Memorial Day weekend through Monday. You can see Andrea and Taylor in the parade on Saturday morning, mom riding in a car and daughter on foot, both doing their berry berry best to help continue a hometown tradition.

## **2023 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival**

### **Schedule**

Friday 1-10 p.m.

Sat-Sun 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Monday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### **Location**

Village Green park

Main and Euclid Streets in  
downtown Garden Grove

### **Parade**

Starts Saturday at 10 a.m.

9th Street west on Chapman  
Avenue and south on Euclid  
Street, end at Stanford Ave.

### **Theme**

Celebrating Kindness

### **Grand Marshals**

Vera Jimenez, KTLA (celebrity)

Tony Adkins/CHOC (theme)

The Tribune  
May 24, 2023

# Mariners best in California?

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MAY 24, 2023 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



PACIFICA Mariner softball team should be highly ranked in state and nation (GGUSD athletics).

After Pacifica's gritty 15-9 win over Norco in the CIF-SS softball title game on Friday, the Mariners are now ranked third in the state by Cal-Hi Sports.

## Prep Sport Spotlight

The Orange County Register has the M's number one in Orange County and, of course The Tribune has them first in our coverage area in West Orange County area.

Max Preps hasn't yet posted its national and state rankings, but after defeating Norco – which had been rated fourth in the U.S. – the Mariners could well end up in the top three. We will let you know.

## Garden Grove Gold Rush

The seven high schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District brought home 31 league championships during the 2022-23 school year.

Garden Grove and La Quinta tied with six each, followed by Los Amigos and Santiago (five each), Bolsa Grande (four), Rancho Alamitos (three) and Pacifica (two).



It should be pointed out that these teams play in four different leagues – Big Four, Empire, Garden Grove and Golden West – with varying levels of competition.

## Sign right here on dotted line



MARINA HIGH athletes signing college letters of intent (HBUHSD photo).

Last Thursday, 20 student athletes at Marina High School signed national letters of intent to play sports at four-year colleges and universities.

Here's the list:

1. Presley Anderson – Women's Wrestling – University of the Cumberland
2. Emmi Burdine – Field Hockey – Sweet Briar College
3. Jordyn Chrisco – Women's Wrestling – Life University
4. Lily Ensley – Women's Water Polo – Concordia University
5. Samantha Esparza – Women's Soccer – Idaho State University
6. Ethan Faulkner – Men's Soccer – Penn State Brandywine
7. Mia Grasse – Softball – Milligan University
8. Alexa Hartenberg – Rugby – Drury University
9. Haden Hernandez – Men's Wrestling – Missouri Valley College
10. Mika Ikemori – Women's Tennis – University of California, Davis
11. Hailey Jamison – Cheer – Alma University
12. Adrian Jimenez – Men's Wrestling – Missouri Valley College
13. Gabriella Lopez – Track – University of California, San Diego
14. Destiny Marquez – Women's Wrestling – University of the Cumberland
15. Makayla Mathis – Softball – Eastern Kentucky University
16. Collin Miskelly – Baseball – Long Beach State University
17. Khang Nguyen – Track – University of California, Berkeley
18. Heather Nugent – Softball – Trinity College
19. Sai Preciado-Meza – Women's Wrestling – University of the Cumberland
20. Dominique VadeBoncoeur – Women's Volleyball – Concordia University.

The Tribune  
May 24, 2023

# Rock concert gets approval

BYOC TRIBUNE STAFFON MAY 24, 2023 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



THE FIRST “HIGH AND MIGHTY” concert in the Village Green in 2017 (City of Garden Grove photo).

Rock on, says the Garden Gove City Council.

At Tuesday’s meeting the city council voted 7-0 in favor of approving a two-day “High and Mighty” music festival on Aug. 17-18, 2024 at Village Green park.

That will be a revival of the “High and Mighty” event held in August 2017, which was well-attended and generally considered a success.

The original event involved creating a fenced-in concert area which features carnival rides, craft beer bars and a “vendor village.”

Organizer of the event is LFA (Large Format Assemblies), which operates the Garden Amp amphitheater in the Village Green. Since then the LFA has staged hundreds of music concerts and other events in the facility which formerly housed Shakespeare Orange County.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

The Tribune  
May 22, 2023

# Welcome to Strawberry RFD

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MAY 22, 2023 • ( 1 COMMENT )



1964 Miss Garden Grove court with strawberries (GGSFA photo).

Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones often refers to his home town as “our little Mayberry.”

Of course, the Big Strawberry is much closer to “big” than little, with a population of about 175,000 people. (Fun fact: Garden Grove has more people than 25 state capitals). But he’s right in the sense that it often has a small-town feel and never more than on Memorial Day weekend.

That’s when the Strawberry Festival – now in its 63rd version – turns the Village Green park in the downtown area into something out of, well, “Mayberry RFD.”

Organized and run entirely by volunteers, the event covers four days and brings as many as a quarter of a million people to town to experience something that’s a sweet throwback to a simpler time of cotton candy, Ferris wheels, parades and calliope music.

The event has survived changing times and ethnic mix, several recessions, a pandemic and more. As a testament to its enduring appeal, after two years of COVID-19 hiatus, the 2022 event was arguably the biggest and most successful ever.

This is the place for first dates, fun-scary rides, establishing and returning to traditions and – of course – a wide variety of strawberry-based desserts.

The folks who remember the good old days of the late 50s and 60s when Garden Grove was evolving from its rural past into its suburban next stage when there were strawberry fields (or strawberry stands) every third corner are now in their 70s and 80s. “Closing time” for that generation is not too far off.

The Strawberry Festival, as much as anything else, was the red thread that took this place from town to city to almost-big city. If you want to revisit the good old days or discover what they were like, I’ll meet you at Main and Euclid for ... here comes the pun ... “Strawberry RFD.”

*P.S. Thanks to Ammy and crew for doing it all for us.*



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Thursday, May 25, 2023



## **CITY RECOGNIZES OVER 70 LOCAL COLLEGE GRADUATES**

On Tuesday, May 22, 2023, the City of Garden Grove recognized over 70 residents at the 2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception for their achievements in higher education. Graduates received local, state, and federal certificates of recognition, and over \$8,000 in opportunity cash prizes, gift cards, and services.

During the private event, Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones noted the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event and encouraged graduates to build their careers and raise their families in Garden Grove.

"There are several different career disciplines represented in the Class of 2023 that include technology, medicine, science, social work, and education. All of those careers have major employers here in Garden Grove," said Mayor Jones. He added, "When it comes to raising a family, schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District are rated as some of the highest-achieving in the nation."

Master's sponsors for the event were DTN.TECH, Garden Grove Unified School District, Garden Grove Shell #1, and Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim South.

For event photos, information, and complete lists of graduates and sponsors, visit [ggcity.org/grads](http://ggcity.org/grads).





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Monday, May 22, 2023

**DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR  
FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE**

This Sunday, May 28, 2023 is the last day to submit videos for the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, a unique opportunity for local high school students to be featured on the Foods of Garden Grove social platforms. From all the submissions received, three will be selected at random to receive \$100 gift cards. To participate, students must be enrolled in the Garden Grove Unified School District, be in grades 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, and create a 30- to 60-second foodie video at a Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café. To submit a video, visit [ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove/social-challenge](http://ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove/social-challenge).

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 28, 2023**



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Tuesday, May 23, 2023

## **3-MONTH LAMPSON AVENUE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO BEGIN JUNE 5**

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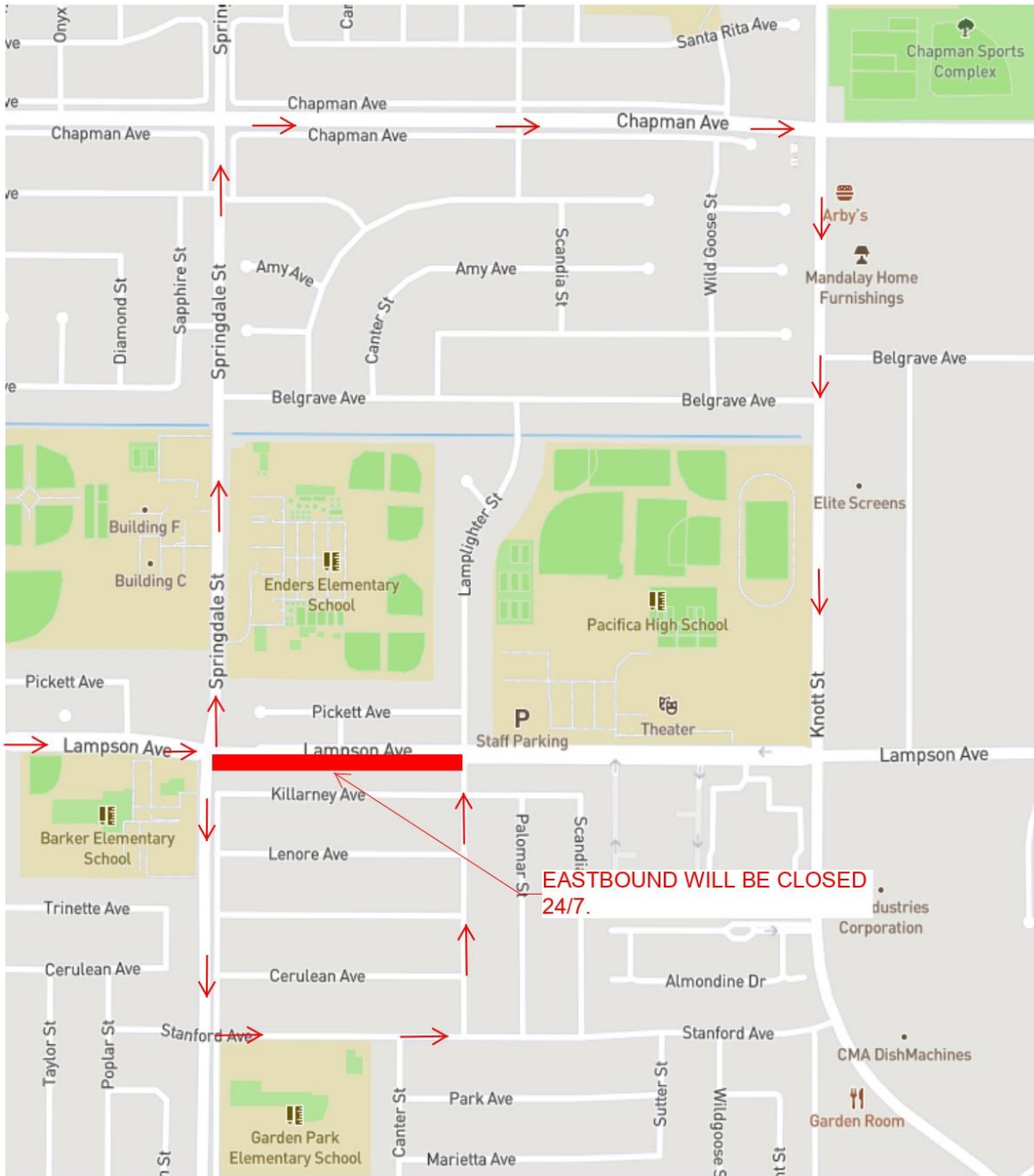
Eastbound Lampson traffic will be detoured south at Springdale Street to Stanford Avenue east; or north on Springdale Street to Chapman Avenue east, to Knott Avenue south. Normal work hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; however, the lane closure will be maintained 24/7.


One of many projects designed to minimize sewer capacity issues, the Lampson Avenue Sewer Improvement Project includes rehabilitating the Lamplighter Street sewer, from Killarney Avenue to Lenore Avenue, and the Lenore Avenue sewer, from Lamplighter Street to Springdale Street. The project consists of constructing approximately 1,440 feet of new piping and installation of seven new manholes. The project is funded by the Sewer Fund.

For more information, contact Associate Engineer Liyan Jin at (714) 741-5977.



# Lampson Ave./Springdale St. Sewer Improvement Project



1" = 694 ft	Detour Plan	05/22/2023	
<p>This map may represent a visual display of related geographic information. Data provided here on is not guarantee of actual field conditions. To be sure of complete accuracy, please contact the responsible staff for most up-to-date information.</p>			

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**May 25, 2023**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the June 1, 2023 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. Notice of Cancellation of the June 8, 2023 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from May 19, 2023 to May 25, 2023.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 25, 2023 – June 30, 2023

Thursday	May 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>  \$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	May 26- May 29		Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street
Saturday	May 27	8:00 a.m.	Strawberry Stomp 5K Historic Main Street, 12987 Main Street
Monday	May 29		City Hall Closed – Memorial Day
Thursday	June 1	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	June 2		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	June 8	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC  \$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Tuesday	June 13	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	June 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	June 16		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	June 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	June 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
Friday	June 30		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**JUNE 1, 2023**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: May 25, 2023

JOSH LINDSAY  
CHAIR



**GARDEN GROVE**

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION  
OF THE  
GARDEN GROVE  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: May 25, 2023

DAVID DENT  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



# Cities need more money, not less, for housing and homelessness

*May 24, 2023*

The League of California Cities today sent [a letter urging legislative leaders](#) to provide \$3 billion in ongoing funding to help cities boost the supply of affordable housing and reduce homelessness. The letter is part of a [broader effort](#) to ensure cities have the resources they need to protect their most vulnerable residents.

The letter comes in the aftermath of Gov. Gavin Newsom's [revised state budget](#) proposal. The May Revision largely maintains previous commitments for homelessness. However, it proposes zero ongoing funding for homelessness, as well as \$367.5 million in reductions and \$345 million in deferments in much-needed housing funding.

The Legislative Analyst's Office issued its [final analysis](#) of the proposal on Tuesday, urging the state to make more spending cuts.

Cal Cities is standing strong behind its position that now is the time to invest in affordable housing. Delaying or eliminating nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars for housing programs will only exacerbate the housing affordability crisis and, ultimately, increase the number of Californians living on the streets, under bridges, or in their cars.

Cal Cities is equally adamant that the state needs to provide a permanent home in the budget to help cities address homelessness. Cities cannot solve the housing and homelessness crisis alone. According to a [statewide survey](#) conducted by Cal Cities, nearly 85% of cities have implemented programs to prevent and reduce homelessness. However, nearly 90% of those cities are concerned about their ability to fund those services.

The May Revision is just one step in a series of lengthy budget negotiations that will stretch on throughout the year. To get involved, [send a letter to the Budget Committee chairs](#) urging them to support Cal Cities' ask for ongoing funding to help cities boost the supply of affordable housing and reduce homelessness. For more information contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).





# The wait is over. Here are the bills that survived the suspense file

*May 24, 2023*

The legislative sword of Damocles has fallen, the results are tallied, and the verdict? The first [suspense file](#) of 2023 was mostly good for cities. Multiple high-priority, positive measures passed out of suspense with little to no amendments, and several problematic measures were held or significantly amended.

Among the League of California Cities-supported measures that passed off suspense are two high-profile mental health care bills, a measure that would speed up housing and commercial projects, a bill that would provide more flexibility for organic waste diversion, and a bill that would streamline local government assistance resources and funding opportunities.

Lawmakers also stopped several measures that would have made it harder for police to protect communities.

Of course, bills with negative impacts also passed out of suspense. An expansion to [SB 35 \(Wiener, 2017\)](#) passed — albeit with significant amendments — as did a bill that would require the state pension system to divest from fossil fuels. Lawmakers held a measure that would have created a grant program for overdose response teams but let two other fentanyl-related measures pass.

A twice-yearly process, the suspense file allows the powerful appropriations committees to review the fiscal impact of bills before they go to the respective legislative floor for a full debate. Of the 1,171 bills sent to the suspense file, the committees killed just over 300. The surviving measures must pass their house of origin by June 2.

During his [May Revision](#), the Governor urged lawmakers to avoid sending him bills with hefty price tags. The Legislative Analyst's Office initially called that budget proposal "[predicated on optimistic estimates](#)." Today, they followed up with a much [more dire prediction](#). In other words, there is a significant amount of work left in the year and limited funding. Below is a breakdown of the top bills that made it off suspense — and those that did not escape the chopping block.

## **Community Services**

Two high-priority behavioral health measures, [SB 43 \(Eggman\)](#) and [SB 363 \(Eggman\)](#) advanced to the Senate floor. Both bills seek to modernize parts of California's behavioral health treatment system to ensure that people with the most acute needs receive the

care they need. The two measures support Cal Cities' [2023 Advocacy Priorities](#), which seeks to secure increased funding and resources to prevent and reduce homelessness.

Although the Legislature has placed a lot of emphasis on accountability tied to state funding this session, lawmakers elected to hold [SB 7 \(Blakespear\)](#) and [AB 550 \(Schiavo\)](#) on suspense. SB 7 would have created new housing obligations for cities based on their point-in-time counts; AB 550 would have required cities to annually agendaize those results and discuss plans to solve related issues. While Cal Cities appreciated the intent of SB 7 and AB 550, it had a concern position for both bills. What cities need the most to make meaningful progress is ongoing funding.

Cal Cities is also focused on finding ways to address the statewide substance use crisis and was pleased to see [AB 33 \(Bains\)](#) and [SB 19 \(Seyarto\)](#) pass off the suspense file. The measures would help better coordinate the state's efforts to reduce fentanyl deaths and prevent overdoses. Unfortunately, the Cal Cities-supported [AB 24 \(Haney\)](#) — which would have required bars, gas stations, public libraries, and residential hotels to have opioid overdose reversal kits — was held.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 595 \(Essayli\)](#) Animal shelters: 72-hour public notice: euthanasia: study  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Held)
- [AB 67 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) Homeless Courts Pilot Program  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 262 \(Holden\)](#) Children's camps: safety and regulation  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 531 \(Irwin\)](#) Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2024  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 963 \(Schiavo\)](#) The End the Foster Care-to-Homelessness Pipeline Act  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- [AB 1215 \(W. Carrillo\)](#) Pets Assistance With Support Grant Program: homeless shelters: domestic violence shelters: pets  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed as amended)
- [AB 1321 \(Bonta\)](#) California Coordinated Neighborhood and Community Services Grant Program  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [SB 37 \(Caballero\)](#) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- [SB 321 \(Ashby\)](#) Literacy: libraries: Local Public Library Partnership Program  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)

## **Housing, Community, and Economic Development**

Since most housing and land use bills have little direct cost to the state, these measures are usually not placed on the suspense file. Instead, they move directly out of their appropriations committee to the Assembly or Senate floor for a vote. Still, lawmakers took action on several priority housing bills in appropriations, most notably [SB 423 \(Wiener\)](#).

The measure — which was significantly amended in committee — would modify and expand [SB 35 \(Wiener, 2017\)](#). Under the expansion, all cities would need to approve certain multifamily housing developments by-right, without discretion, public input, or environmental review. Cal Cities opposes the measure and will report on the amendments once they are in print.

[AB 1490 \(Lee\)](#) also passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The author recently amended the measure to allow cities to maintain greater discretion over certain housing

projects, conduct environmental reviews, and impose objective design standards. While these amendments are helpful, the measure continues to limit cities' ability to enforce maximum density, maximum floor area ratio, additional parking, or additional open space standards. Cal Cities remains opposed to the measure and is seeking additional amendments to address these concerns.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 309 \(Lee\)](#) Social Housing Act  
Cal Cities Position: Opposed unless amended (Status: Passed as amended)
- [AB 519 \(Schiavo\)](#) Affordable Housing Finance Workgroup: affordable housing: consolidated application process  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [SB 4 \(Wiener\)](#) Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions  
Cal Cities Position: Support if amended (Status: Passed as amended)
- [SB 634 \(Becker\)](#) Low Barrier Navigation Center: opportunity housing: use by right: building standards  
Cal Cities Position: Opposed unless amended (Status: Held)

## Public Safety

Although Cal Cities suffered a setback earlier this year with [Proposition 47 reform](#), the results of the first suspense file were much more favorable for cities. [SB 719 \(Becker\)](#), a measure that would have required law enforcement agencies to allow real-time access to their radio communications, was held in suspense. The proposed bill ran in direct conflict with federal privacy laws and would have required cities to make costly equipment procurements or decryptions.

[AB 642 \(Ting\)](#) was also held on suspense. Cal Cities opposed this measure, as it would have set arbitrary parameters for the usage of facial recognition software in officer-worn cameras. Investigators throughout the state have used this technology to solve crimes and prohibiting it would be a disservice to public safety.

Cal Cities is also opposed to [AB 742 \(Jackson\)](#), which passed off suspense with amendments. This measure would prohibit the use of police canines when apprehending and arresting suspects. K9s are an important, non-lethal tool that helps law enforcement de-escalate dynamic, life-threatening situations.

Proposed measures like these do not properly take into account community realities. De-escalation needs additional investment, not restriction. Other priority bills include:

- [AB 40 \(Rodriguez\)](#) Emergency medical services  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed as amended)
- [AB 462 \(Ramos\)](#) Overdose response teams  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- [AB 474 \(Rodriguez\)](#) State Threat Assessment Center: transnational criminal organizations  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 701 \(Villapudua\)](#) Controlled substances: fentanyl  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 1168 \(Bennett\)](#) Emergency medical services (EMS): prehospital EMS  
Cal Cities Position: Sponsor (Status: Passed)
- [AB 1360 \(McCarty\)](#) Hope California: Secured Residential Treatment Pilot Program  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)

- [SB 641 \(Roth\)](#) Public health: alcohol and drug programs: naloxone  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)

## Revenue and Taxation

Against the backdrop of a \$31.5 billion budget deficit, fluctuating revenue forecasts, and economic uncertainty, the appropriations committees approved several measures with significant fiscal impacts. How the Legislature and Governor tackle these factors will be the defining issue of this session and a top priority for Cal Cities. One thing is clear, there will be plenty of fiscal fireworks.

For now, it's all good news for cities. A Cal Cities-sponsored measure, [AB 972 \(Maienschein\)](#), passed off suspense. The bill would coordinate, align, and streamline local government assistance resources to ensure every community has the same opportunity to compete for state funding opportunities by convening a statewide, cross-agency working group.

[SB 569 \(Glazer\)](#) — also supported by Cal Cities — passed off suspense as well. This bill would provide financial relief to over 3 million low-and middle-income renters by increasing the renter's tax credit for inflation going forward and expanding eligibility to low-income renters.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 84 \(Ward\)](#) Property tax: welfare exemption: affordable housing  
Cal Cities Position: Concerns (Status: Passed as amended)
- [SB 96 \(Portantino\)](#) Historic Venue Restoration and Resiliency Act  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [SB 588 \(Allen\)](#) Property taxation: welfare exemption: lower income households: cap  
Cal Cities Position: Concerns (Status: Passed)

## Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

This year, the Legislature advanced several bills related to electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, including [AB 1504 \(McCarty\)](#). Earlier versions of this measure would have forced cities to permit, by-right, EV charging stations and battery storage devices in the public right of way. Cal Cities secured several hard-won amendments to the bill, which was then ultimately held in suspense.

In more good news, a longstanding Cal Cities priority, [AB 41 \(Holden\)](#), advanced to the Assembly floor. The bill would update certain anti-discrimination requirements to increase access to high-quality video and broadband services in low-income and unserved communities. The Cal Cities-opposed [AB 965 \(Carrillo\)](#) also moved forward. The bill would require a local agency to batch process broadband permits. Cal Cities successfully forced amendments that struck out harmful provisions to cities and is seeking further changes so that the bill reflects existing federal requirements and provides more flexibility to cities.

Other priority measures include:

- [SB 706 \(Caballero\)](#) Progressive Design Build: Local Project Delivery Methods  
Cal Cities Position: Co-Sponsors/Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 400 \(Rubio, Blanca\)](#) Design Build: Local Project Delivery Methods  
Cal Cities Position: Co-Sponsor/Support (Status: Passed)

- [AB 334 \(Rubio, Blanca\)](#) Public Contracts: Conflicts of Interest  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 744 \(Carrillo\)](#) Transportation Planning: Use of Data  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed as amended)
- [AB 1637 \(Irwin\)](#) Gov Domain Names  
Cal Cities Position: Opposed (Status: Passed as amended)
- [AB 735 \(Berman\)](#) Utility Workforce Development  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- [SB 670 \(Allen\)](#) Vehicles Miles Traveled  
Cal Cities Position: Concerns (Status: Held)
- [AB 1297 \(Quirk-Silva\)](#) Public Bathroom: Inventories  
Cal Cities Position: Concerns (Status: Passed)
- [AB 1594 \(Garcia\)](#) Medium- and Heavy-Duty ZEV: Public Fleets  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed as amended)

## Environmental Quality

The appropriations committees approved several key environmental measures, including [AB 573 \(E. Garcia\)](#). The bill would address one of Cal Cities' top priorities: securing more flexibility for cities' [SB 1383 \(Lara, 2016\)](#) organic waste diversion requirements. AB 573 would help cities in the state's rural and border regions meet SB 1383's compost procurement targets when in-state facilities are unavailable or cost-prohibitive.

Cal Cities is also focused on ways to increase affordable housing production. One overlooked issue is the burdensome and slow timelines associated with connecting homes and commercial projects to the electric grid. The Cal Cities-supported [AB 50 \(Wood\)](#) — which passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee — would help speed up the process. The bill would require the California Public Utilities Commission to establish clear expectations for how quickly utilities are expected to deliver service to new customers. AB 50 also seeks to improve utility planning and information sharing.

Other bills include:

- [SB 272 \(Laird\)](#) Sea Level Rise Planning  
Cal Cities Position: Neutral (Status: Passed as amended)
- [SB 69 \(Cortese\)](#) CEQA Document Requests  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Passed as amended)
- [AB 460 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#) State Water Board Authority  
Cal Cities Position: Pending (Status: Passed as amended)
- [AB 1572 \(Friedman\)](#) Non-functional Turf (Passed as amended)  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Passed as amended)

## Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

Of Cal Cities' seven policy areas, the governance space yielded the least favorable outcomes for cities. [SB 252 \(Gonzalez\)](#) — which would require CalPERS to divest from fossil fuels by 2031 — made it out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. At a time when local budgets are tight and CalPERS' financial returns are uncertain, this bill could significantly increase cost pressures on local budgets.

It is critical that CalPERS has healthy investment returns. Divestment makes achieving the returns needed to maintain the plans' fiscal health more challenging. Cal Cities opposes SB 252 (Gonzalez).

[AB 1484 \(Zbur\)](#) and [AB 504 \(Reyes\)](#) also moved off the suspense file with minimal changes. Both bills would make it harder to provide essential services. AB 1484 would allow temporary employees to be automatically included in the same bargaining unit as permanent employees at the request of the bargaining unit. AB 504 would allow public employees to participate in strikes even if they are not members of the striking union by declaring sympathy striking a human right. Cal Cities opposes both measures.

### **Next steps**

Policy committees will not meet again until June. Lawmakers are racing to get their measures approved by their respective houses before June 2. Any bill that passes its house of origin must then go through policy committees and a floor vote again, this time in the other house.

Cal Cities will keep up the fight for city priorities, including the need for ongoing funding to reduce homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing. To get involved, keep an eye out for [action alerts](#) and more in-depth legislative stories in *Cal Cities Advocate*.



## Award-winning affordable housing project in

## Fillmore breaks the mold

*May 24, 2023*

### #LocalWorks

Location may be everything when it comes to housing, but aesthetics is a close second. This is doubly true for affordable housing, which is often mired in social stigma. Affordable housing historically had a purposeful, “low budget” look. In other cases, insufficient long-term funding resulted in inadequate or completely nonexistent maintenance.

Consequently, many people are now skeptical of new affordable housing projects. Getting these projects approved by the community requires close collaboration between all stakeholders. The [award-winning](#) Mountain View Apartments in Fillmore is an example of that collaboration in action.



The 77-unit community provides affordable homes for over 150 individuals, families, and seniors, as well as people formerly experiencing homelessness. The apartments have a wide range of on-site services, including after-school programs and a community room with Wi-Fi and computer stations, as well as case management and life skill training for residents in need of extra support

“People who don’t know what Mountain View is walk on the site and have one of two reactions,” said Doug Menges, the executive vice president for developer Many Mansions. “Hey, are any of the condos/townhouses available for sale here? Second: This reminds me of a beach community.”

The apartments opened late last year. Rosa was one of the first tenants. A single mother, Rosa worked hard to stabilize her life and is now the assistant manager at Goodwill in Fillmore. However, she could only afford a studio apartment, and her two older children had to live with their grandparents.

“[I am] grateful to Many Mansions for the opportunity to live in an apartment that is the right size for my family,” Rosa said.

### Breaking the stigma and finding the funding

Construction projects are usually governed by two truisms. Construction rarely goes smoothly, and vacant land is vacant for good reasons. In this case, the land was an abandoned orchard surrounded by above-ground utilities. There were no curbs or gutters. There was, however, a large gully, and an eight-foot grade difference from the highway.



Competing demands and laws can also slow down construction. “There are no more easy properties in California,” said Kevin McSweeney, the city’s planning and community development director.



Many Mansions and the city rose to the challenge. The city amended its general plan and changed the site's zoning from commercial highway to high-density residential. This allowed the developers to build 35 units per acre, making the project financially feasible.

There was also an early disagreement about the building's façade. "We do a very in-depth review at the very beginning that includes all involved city departments," McSweeney said. "When you propose something, city staff will respond with a really long letter. You are going to know exactly what we think."

In this case, Many Mansions proposed a tan, stucco box design typical of inexpensive housing. The city countered with something more unique — the award-winning color and material scheme — which the developers accepted.

"If we want to continue build[ing] affordable units, they have to look nice," McSweeney said. "The moment we build one that looks like tenement housing in New York or New Jersey, we'll never be able to build another one."

For affordable housing, this means that each unit must appear independent and not feel like part of a "complex." According to McSweeney, this creates a sense of ownership that allows a tenant to say, "That is my unit." The units should also have porches or balconies that let people "step outside and enjoy [the] fresh air." [Features like this](#) help reduce the social stigma of affordable housing. After the developers changed the design, the process went smoothly. "The actual permitting process went very quickly once we secured the design," Menges said. "All throughout the process, they worked hand in hand with us in getting the zoning right. The city was always available, always returned our calls. When we would stop in — which was often — to city hall, they were always to talk to us. There were no surprises."



The city also helped advertise the apartments, gave Many Mansions a place to interview applicants and conduct outreach, and provided temporary parking for construction workers on city-owned land.

For their part, Many Mansions met with the community often and early, something Menges says is key to getting these projects approved. "The hot topics are always going to revolve around parking, water, trees, followed by traffic," Menges said. "In terms of Mountain View, we addressed the parking early on

because we actually provided more parking than we were required to do. We saw the condition of the street and wanted our residents to walk safely to the elementary school.”

According to both men, residents were thrilled about the project. In the end, the major hurdle was not the land’s unusual slope or the city’s review process. It was funding. It took six years to complete the project. In the end, the housing authority, along with a combination of state funding and tax credits made the project a reality.

“The funding in California is so competitive,” Menges said. “It’s really acquiring the different funding that took the most amount of time.”

#### [Up next for Fillmore: housing for people making just above low-income wages](#)

The city is working on several other notable housing projects and programs. McSweeney is particularly focused on finding developers willing to build housing for people making just above low-income wages — the area with the greatest demand. At this income level, most people do not qualify for subsidized rent but still have trouble paying market-rate rent.



One possible policy change is specific to a four-block neighborhood near city hall. The homes were built before World War II. When the city adopted its zoning ordinance, it identified the neighborhood as a commercial highway. As a result, homeowners could not receive construction loans and many homes fell into disrepair. Due to the size of the lots, it is unlikely those homes will ever become storefronts.

The city plans to change the zoning to high-density residential. “For a homeowner, they probably won’t realize that until two to three years when they try to get a construction loan,” McSweeney said “It will help them immensely and it will help the city.”

A subdivision of 130 condominiums is also under construction and 222 apartments for people making just above low-income wages are in the development pipeline. More moderate-income projects are on the way.

“For Fillmore, that’s a lot,” McSweeney said.

Like any city, Fillmore has its fair share of challenges going forward. Fillmore is the first city outside Los Angeles County and is surrounded by agriculture and forests. Residents like the “slower pace of life,” which means there is a lot of political pressure to keep the region's character intact.

But there’s also a demand for housing — something McSweeney is confident the city can meet. “We are on target to meet [our housing numbers] ... both affordable and moderate, McSweeney said.

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