

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO

March 19, 2020

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. EMERGENCY DECLARATION**
Attached is the official proclamation of a local emergency declaration.
- B. CITY ACTIVATES EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, CLOSES FACILITIES**
Information about our Emergency Operations is attached.
- C. MODIFIED PUBLIC COUNTER SERVICES**
Information from the website about our modified counter service.
- D. CITY SUSPENDS STREET SWEEPING CITATIONS & WATER SHUT-OFFS**
Attached is information about the City suspending street sweeping citations and water shut-offs.
- E. CITY HALL SERVICES MOVE TO ONLINE, PHONE, EMAIL AND MAIL ONLY**
Information is provided about City Hall Services at this time.
- F. PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**
Capital Improvement Project updates for the Public Works Engineering and Water Services divisions are included for your information.

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

- A.** OC Streetcar construction news for the week of March 16, 2020.
- B.** Southern California Edison notice of additional request to recover additional necessary revenue related to wildfire mitigation during 2018 and 2019.
- C.** OC LAFCO Comprehensive Quarterly Report for FY 2019-20.

- **OTHER ITEMS**

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



Scott C. Stiles
City Manager

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE,
CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES,
DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
EFFECTIVE 12:01 A.M. PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME ON MARCH 17, 2020**

WHEREAS, Garden Grove Municipal Code Section 6.08.070(A)(1) empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to declare the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8550 et seq., including Section 8558(c), authorize the City Manager to proclaim a local emergency when the City is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and, in some cases, death. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated the virus is a tremendous public health threat; and

WHEREAS, Chinese health officials have reported tens of thousands of cases of COVID-19 in China, with the virus reportedly spreading from person-to-person. COVID-19 illnesses, most of them associated with travel from Wuhan, are also being reported in 117 countries, with over 44,000 cases, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern" and on March 11, 2020, the WHO elevated the public health emergency to the status of a pandemic. On January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19. On February 26, 2020, the County of Orange declared a local emergency and a local health emergency. On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in California; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2020, the federal government initiated the suspension of entry of foreign nationals who were in China during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of March 10, 2020, the WHO reported that, to date, 125,048 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 4,613 of which resulted in death, across 117 countries; and

WHEREAS, in declaring a State of Emergency, Governor Newsome indicated that, as of March 4, 2020, there were 129 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including 53 in California, and more than 9,400 Californians across 49 counties in home

monitoring based on possible travel-based exposure to the virus, with officials expecting the number of cases in California, the United States, and worldwide to increase; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom and the California Department of Health on March 11, 2020, issued a statement entitled "California Public Health Experts: Mass Gatherings Should be Postponed or Canceled Statewide to Slow the Spread of COVID-19," determining that gatherings should be postponed or canceled across the state until at least the end of March. Non-essential gatherings must be limited to no more than 250 people, while smaller events can proceed only if the organizers can implement social distancing of 6 feet per person. Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people, while also following social distancing guidelines. Furthermore, essential gatherings should only be conducted if the essential activity could not be postponed or achieved without gathering, meaning that some other means of communication could not be used to conduct the essential function; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom on March 12, 2020 issued Executive Order N-25-20, ordering, inter alia, that all residents are to heed the orders and guidance of state and local public health officials; and

WHEREAS, the President Donald J. Trump on March 13, 2020 declared a national emergency to provide disaster funding, speed up the United States response to the crisis created by COVID-19, and to offer maximum flexibility to attack the problem; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove has the power to impose measures to promote social distancing including but not limited to limitations on public events; and

WHEREAS, Garden Grove is a densely populated city within Orange County, which is the sixth largest county in the United States, with one of the highest population densities; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen due to the potential introduction of COVID-19 to Garden Grove and Orange County; and

WHEREAS, such conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases, to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, if COVID-19 spreads in California at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other countries, the number of persons requiring medical care may exceed locally available resources, and controlling outbreaks minimizes the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the community, and limits the spread of infection in the community and within the healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as the City's Director of Emergency Services, has the power to declare a local emergency as authorized by Government Code section 8630 and Garden Grove Municipal Code section 6.08.070(A)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the City Manager of the City of Garden Grove as follows:

- A. As contemplated in the Emergency Services Act contained in Government Code Section 8550 et seq., including Section 8558(c), and Chapter 6.08 of Title 6 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code, as of 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020 a local emergency exists based on the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by an epidemic, as detailed in the recitals set forth above.
- B. The area of the City which is endangered/imperiled is the entire City.
- C. During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances, resolutions, and orders of this City, including but not limited to the City of Garden Grove Emergency Operations Plan.
- D. The City Council shall review and ratify this proclamation within 7 days of its effective date as required by state law, and if ratified, shall continue to exist until the City Council proclaims the termination of this local emergency. The City Council shall review the need for continuing the local emergency as required by state law until it terminates the local emergency, and shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.
- E. That the City of Garden Grove orders that, within the boundaries of the City of Garden Grove, the Public Health Experts' recommendations shall be deemed mandatory.

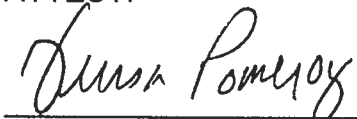
- F. That a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State Law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Garden Grove; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Executed this 16th day of March 2020 to take effect at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time on the 17th day of March 2020.



Scott C. Stiles, City Manager

ATTEST:



Teresa Pomeroy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Omar Sandoval, City Attorney

UPDATE: City Activates Emergency Operations, Close Facilities

In Response to State's Stronger Guidelines on Coronavirus

March 15, 2020

UPDATE (3/18/20; 5:20 p.m.)

The City of Garden Grove has activated its Emergency Operation Centers to respond to issues pertaining to COVID-19. The City has also undertaken immediate health and safety measures in accordance with state guidelines for all City facilities, programs, and events that will be in effect through March 31, 2020. This is in response to an updated policy on gatherings, recently issued by the California Department of Public Health and Governor Gavin Newsom, intended to protect public health and slow the spread of COVID-19.

"It goes without saying that the City's first priority, in any situation, is always the health and wellbeing of its residents, visitors, students, businesses, and employees. We're facing some of the most challenging times we've ever seen, but it's extremely important that we continue to work together to support, respect, and help each other, and assess our own personal situations with logical thought and calmness," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones.

The Garden Grove Police Department will be on a heightened alert to public safety issues regarding COVID-19. In order to limit any unnecessary contact or exposure to COVID-19, the [Garden Grove Police Department's front lobby will be closed to all walk-in visitors](#). All non-emergency police business will be conducted by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling the police department's non-emergency number at (714) 741-5704.

9-1-1 should continue to be used for emergency calls; non-emergency calls should be made to (714) 741-5704.

The Garden Grove Municipal Service Center, 13802 Newhope Street, will be closed. Services will be provided by phone, online, email or mail. For more information, visit ggcity.org/modified-services.

The following City facilities will be closed, and all programs and classes will be cancelled through March 31, 2020:

- H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue
From Monday, March 16 through Wednesday, March 18, the City will provide a limited number of take-home meals on a first-come, first-served basis for seniors, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the senior center parking lot. Beginning Thursday, March 19, Meals on Wheels OC will provide seniors with take-home frozen meals to replace the Lunch Café congregate lunch program. For more information, seniors should contact the center at (714) 741-5253, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way; Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Drive; Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue; Garden Grove Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street
For questions regarding pending or future bookings for the Community Meeting Center or Courtyard Center, please call (714) 741-5262.
- Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, 12661 Sunswept Avenue
For additional information call (714) 741-5768.
- Tiny Tots program
In accordance with the [Garden Grove Unified School District's suspension of classes](#)
- Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, 11402 Magnolia Street
Limited services offered. Please call (714) 530-7413 for more information.

The following City-sponsored events will be cancelled or postponed:

- **Compost Giveaway (March 21);**
- Eggscavation (April 11) and
- Magnolia Park Family Resource Center 20th Anniversary (April 18) A future date for the Magnolia Park 20th Anniversary event will be announced.

See Also

[Coronavirus](#)

[Modified Public Counter Services](#)

[Street Sweeping Citation Water Shut-Offs Suspended](#)

[City Hall Services Move to Online, Phone, Email, or Only](#)

- **Call to Duty Police Memorial (May 21)**
- **Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception (May 26)**

Effective immediately, all Garden Grove City Hall services will convert exclusively to online, or by telephone, email, or mail only. For general information, call (714) 741-5000 or visit ggcity.org/coronavirus or ggcity.org/modified-services.

- Building & Safety: (714) 741-5307
- Planning Services: (714) 741-5312
- Engineering: (714) 741-5192
- Business Tax: (714) 741-5074
- Utility Billing: (714) 741-5320
- Community Services/Parks & Facilities: (714) 741-5200
- **Housing Authority: (714) 741-5150**
- **Public Works: (714) 741-5375**
- **Animal Care: (714) 741-5565, #1**
- **Water/Sewer Services: (714) 741-5395**
- **Water/Sewer Engineering: (714) 741-5346**
- All other departments, call (714) 741-5000, or visit the [department pages](#)

The Tuesday, March 24 Garden Grove City Council Meeting and Housing Authority meeting will be held in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center Council Chamber, however to follow the suggested 6-foot distance between individuals, public seating will be moved to the adjoining Constitution Room. Public comments may be submitted in advance to the City Clerk's Office via email at cityclerk@ggcity.org. Meetings will continue to be livestreamed via the City's GGTV3 YouTube Channel at youtube.com/GardenGroveTV3. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.



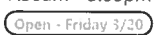
The [Orange County Fire Authority](#) will be [closing public access to countywide facilities through March 20 only](#), and suspend public activities such as school programs, tours, and in-service training until further notice. **Residents will continue to have access to sandbags at the following locations:**


- OCFA Station #82, 11805 Gilbert Street**
- OCFA Station #83, 12132 Trask Avenue**
- OCFA Station #84, 12191 Valley View Street**

The City of Garden Grove will continue working closely with the Orange County Health Care Agency and respond to any other statewide policy guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our community. The public is encouraged to check the City's Coronavirus webpage at ggcity.org/coronavirus or the Orange County Health Care Agency's website at ochealthinfo.com for updated information.


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City Hall Hours

-  **Monday thru Thursday**
7:30am - 5:30pm
-  **Alternating Fridays**
7:30am - 5:00pm
-  **Open - Friday 3/20**

 **Calendar**
[Friday & Holiday Closure Schedule](#)

Contact


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[Garden Grove, CA 92840](#)

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Modified Public Counter Services

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Parks, Facilities and Contract Classes

For general information, call during normal business hours: (714) 741-5200; email recreation@ggcity.org; or visit ggcity.org/community-services.

Water Billing

Water bill payments can be made:

1. Over the phone: (888) 867-2992
2. Online: ggcity.org/water
3. By mail
4. Drop off check payment in the drop box in the front of City Hall
5. Purchase a money order and drop it in the drop box in the front of City Hall

Late water payments will be accepted without penalty if paid by Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Water service disconnections have been postponed until March 31, 2020.

To inquire about your water bill, start or stop water services, call (714) 741-5078 or visit ggcity.org/finance/water-billing

For emergency water service: (714) 741-5704

Business Tax

1. To apply for a business license or pay business tax, call during normal business hours: (714) 741-5074
2. For general information, visit ggcity.org/finance/business-tax

Building & Safety

To inquire about building permit(s), plan check or building inspection(s), visit ggcity.org/building-and-safety; call during normal business hours: (714) 741-5307; or email building@ggcity.org

Code Enforcement

For general information, call (714) 741-5350 or email codeenforcement@ggcity.org.

Planning Services

To inquire about land use or zoning matters, visit ggcity.org/planning; call during normal business hours: (714) 741-5312; or email planning@ggcity.org

Engineering

To inquire about land development, capital projects or traffic, visit ggcity.org/engineering; call during normal business hours: (714) 741-5192; or email rjacot@ggcity.org

Water Services

To inquire about repairs, operations, engineering and sanitation services, visit ggcity.org/pw/water; call during normal business hours: (714) 741-5346; or email pw@ggcity.org.

Parking Citation Payments

To find, pay or appeal your citation, the following options are provided:

1. Pay over the phone: (800) 453-1606
2. Pay online: pticket.com/gardengrove
3. By mail (check or money order): City of Garden Grove, P.O. Box 409 Tustin, CA 92781
4. Drop-off box located in front of City Hall (check or money order)

Important Numbers for Appointments Flyer Translations (PDF)

- [English](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

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City Suspends Street Sweeping Citations and Water Shut-Offs

March 17, 2020

UPDATE (3/18/20; 5:13 p.m.)

To provide some relief to the community facing the challenges of the coronavirus outbreak, the City of Garden Grove will immediately postpone the issuance of street sweeping parking citations and any discontinuation of water service for non-payment, through Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Late water service payments will be accepted without penalty if paid by Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

"Garden Grove wants to do what's best for our community and lend a hand wherever we can. City and community working together is how we're all going to get through these very difficult times," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones.

Utility payments can be made online at ggcity.org/water, over the phone at (888) 867-2992, or mailed to Garden Grove City Hall, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove 92840. Non-cash payments may be placed in the drop-off box located in front of Garden Grove City Hall.

For more information on City closures and changes in City services in accordance with state guidelines pertaining to COVID-19, go to the City's coronavirus webpage at ggcity.org/coronavirus.

City Hall Hours

 **Monday thru Thursday**

7:30am - 5:30pm

 **Alternating Fridays**

- News
- Events
- GGTV3
- CityWorks

City Hall Services Move to Online, Phone, Email, or Mail Only

March 18, 2020

Effective immediately, all Garden Grove City Hall services will convert exclusively to online, or by telephone, email, or mail only.

Water bill payments can be made online at ggcity.org/water, over the phone at (888) 867-2992, mailed to Garden Grove City Hall, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove 92840, or non-cash payments may be placed in the drop-off box located in front of Garden Grove City Hall.

Walk-in appointments for other City Hall services will no longer be available. For a listing of City Hall services available by phone, online, or email, please visit ggcity.org/modified-services, access the City's coronavirus page at ggcity.org, or call City Hall's main number at (714) 741-5000.

These measures are in line with the latest health orders issued by the County of Orange. For more information, visit the Orange County Health Care Agency website at ochealth.com.

From now through March 31, 2020, the City will not be shutting-off water service due to non-payment. Late water service payments will be accepted without penalty if paid by Wednesday, April 15, 2020.



For regularly updated City information, please visit the City's coronavirus webpage at ggcity.org/coronavirus or social media channels.

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- [Street Sweeping Citation Water Shut-Offs Suspenc](#)

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PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Project Status Report

March 16, 2020

ENGINEERING DIVISION - CAPITAL PROJECTS

The following are capital construction and design projects under the administration of the Engineering Division and their present status. This covers approximately the next 6 months.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

3245 – Orange County Streetcar (DAI)

The project proposes to construct an at-grade streetcar from the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC) to the NE corner of Harbor Blvd & Westminster Ave

- Low Bidder: Walsh Construction Const. Amt: \$220.5M
- NTP: 3/4/19 Est. Project Completion: 2021
- Length: 4+miles

7414 – Cannery-Imperial Storm Drain from GG Blvd to Gilbert (NICK)

Proposed storm drain from GG Blvd and Cannery to Imperial and Gilbert.

- Low Bidder: Vasilj Low Bid: \$3,578,650 Award Contract: June 25, 2019
- Construction start: Aug 5, 2019 Construction status: 65%
- Anticipated completion date: April 2020
- NB Magnolia closure ended 2/10/20.

7281 – Bike Trail in OCTA Railroad right-of-way from Stanford to Brookhurst (MIKE S.)

Federal grant received thru OCTA and administered by Caltrans for proposed 3200' long, 20' wide bike and pedestrian path in the former railroad right-of-way

- Awarded: 11/12/19 Low Bid: \$1.904M Low Bidder: Los Angeles Engineering
- Pre-Construction Mtg: 12/17/19 **Construction start date: Feb 3, 2020**
- Duration: 90 working days – approximately 6-8 months (Signal Poles may be delayed)
- Contractor is currently 90% complete grading the bike trail alignment. Lighting conduit complete. Bulb-out at Stanford and Nutwood 90% complete.

DESIGN PROJECTS

7212 – Brookhurst Street Rehabilitation – Lampson to Chapman L=2640 ft (NICK)

Budgetary Estimate = \$1.6M

- Advertisement: Estimated to start last week of March.
- Construction will follow completion of Bike Trail project traffic signal pole installation
- Final striping will potentially be done by Planning Dept Design status: 95%
- Two catch basin repairs – 9558 Katella & 9635 Chapman
- Residential Streets: La Vaughn, Russell & Earle (Est. \$120,000)

7215 – Euclid Street Rehabilitation – Lampson to Chapman L=2640 ft (NICK)

Budgetary Estimate = \$1.7M

- Includes relandscaping medians for lower water consumption & pavement protection
- Project will remove all evergreen trees
- Design status – Plans 95%
- SCE is preparing plans for electrical service to Calsense controller
- *Potential construction timing **conflict with sewer project** on Euclid N of Lampson*

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7287 – Euclid/Westminster Intersection Improvement – ROW Acquisition (MIKE S.)

Proposed improvement: southbound right turn lane & EB right turn lane

- Granted **\$834,721** from OCTA in grant funding for construction. City will provide 25% match (\$278,240)
- Estimated Construction Cost: **\$1.1M**
- Edison (still...) preparing vault & pole relocation plans. Meet March 17 to discuss.

7292 – Magnolia Street Rehabilitation – Shelly to Katella L=3300 ft (NAVIN)

12/09/19 – Project Change, New Budgetary Estimate = \$1.6M

- Scope: Grind 2" of asphalt and replace with new asphalt & replacement of 2 grooved cross gutters.
- Status: Started – 50% Complete

7292 – Lampson Ave Rehabilitation – Brookhurst to Nelson L=3900 ft (NAVIN)

Budgetary Estimate = \$722k

- Scope: Grind 2" of asphalt and replace with new asphalt
- Status: 70% complete
- Final striping will be done by On-Street Bike Trail Project by Planning Dept.

7292 – Brookhurst Microsurfacing – Westminster Ave to Trask L=2550 ft (NAVIN)

Budgetary Estimate = \$150k

- Scope: Route and crack seal then microsurface with reinforcing fibers
- Caltrans Permit: Traffic control plans received by Caltrans. Work hours for work near 22 freeway from 10pm Fri to 10am Sat
- Status: 90% complete

72XX – Ward Street Rehabilitation – S'ly City Limits to Hazard L= 1.25 mi. (NICK)

City boundary follows centerline of street

Budgetary Estimate = \$1.25M City of Westminster is Lead Agency

- Scope: Grind 2" of asphalt and replace with new asphalt
- Schedule: Go to construction late 2020 or early 2021
- Status: Will get cooperative agreement started

7216 – Local Streets Rehabilitation – SW of Katella & Brookhurst (KAMYAR)

- Estimated construction cost: ~\$0.7 M - - Budgeted for construction FY 20/21
- Design status: Plans 30%

3240 – Pavement Condition Consultant (MIKE S.)

Capital Projects has taken over the pavement condition analysis for all the streets in Garden Grove from PW/Streets Maintenance Division. NCE hired 5/23/17

- Due to submit PMP report to OCTA in June 2020.
- 5-yr Pavement Management Plan for arterial and local streets - Complete
- NCE completed street survey in December 2019 for 2020 PMP. 2020 report being prepared.

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7214 – Acacia Storm Drain

(MIKE S.)

Water ponds in several front yards in the area & streets are alligatored

- Boundary: GG Blvd, Magnolia Street, Lampson Ave & Dale Street
- Proposed Master Plan of Drainage, Line B-3
- Rough field survey completed. Hydrology study – 90% complete

7201 – Civic Center Drive – Median & Parking Modifications

(MIKE B.)

Modify CCD median island and install angled parking in NB lanes

- Survey info received.
- Concept plans started – Construction anticipated in 2020

VAR – Traffic Signal Synchronization Projects (Multijursdictional) (DAI, KEN, JUAN)

These projects will synchronize the traffic signals on 3 arterials and will upgrade the equipment at all the intersections listed below:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Status</u>	
• Brookhurst Street	Timing implemented	Const. 100%
• Magnolia Street	Design complete	Const. 20%
• Katella Avenue	Consultant awarded project	Design 0%

7141 – Garden Grove Blvd Traffic Signal Synchronization

(KEN)

Multi-jurisdictional signal timing project from Valley View to Bristol. Includes upgrades to all signal controllers, cabinets, video detection, preemption and Traffic Mgmt Center

- Consultant selected – Advantec Design: 50%
- Kick-off Meeting 10/16/19

7150 - Trask and Roxey New Traffic Signal

(JUAN & KEN)

HSIP Grant \$310,000 Progress: Design 95%

- Pending Caltrans E-76 for construction

7151 - Trask and Newland Traffic Signal Mod

(JUAN & KEN)

HSIP Grant \$310,000 Progress: Design 95%

- Pending Caltrans E-76 for construction

7152 - Speed Radar Signs at Various School Locations

(JUAN & KEN)

HSIP Grant \$249,000 Progress: Design 95%

- Pending Caltrans E-76 for construction

7130 – Chapman at Lamplighter Traffic Signal

- Design status: Complete
- Project on hold due to funding issues

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Magnolia Street – Utility Undergrounding – GG Blvd to Orangewood (NICK & MARK)

- Cost for undergrounding has increased to \$550/lf: total = \$5.8M in 2020 dollars
- Edison:
 - has reduced the scope of work to accommodate the available budget
 - is revising and refining plans with new scope.
 - anticipate advertisement of the project in spring 2020. Construction fall 2020

7425 – Line B-5 Storm Drain (NICK)

Due to formidable challenges with various alignments, Capital Projects will take a closer look at those challenges and determine the best alignment for the proposed storm drain from its present end 150 feet N of Westminster Avenue on Newland Street

- Alignment study on hold pending completion of other storm drain projects

Euclid SB Right Turn Lane at Trask (MARK)

City acquired property from the Nazarene Church in fulfillment of a former grant from OCTA.

- Complete plan set complete. ROW acquisition complete.
- Construction cost estimate: \$400k

Grooved Cross Gutter Replacement (NICK)

There are currently 10 known grooved cross gutters at various locations around the city. These will be replaced with regular cross gutters and modifications to the existing streets to adjust surrounding grades.

- DESIGN COMPLETE. Construction will proceed as funding becomes available.
- The grooved cross gutter on Lampson at Groveview is proposed with the **Lampson Ave Rehabilitation** project in 2020.
- The grooved cross gutter on Katella & Homeway and Laurianne & Dewey are proposed with the **Magnolia St. Rehab** project in 2020.
- Designing grooved cross gutter on Chapman at Jasper St (W Garden Grove)

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PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - STATUS REPORT

March 16, 2020

WATER SERVICES DIVISION

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

SANITARY SEWER

- **CIP Project 96 & 99 (Ward Street Sewer Improvement Project # 7824** – GGSD has awarded contract to Paulus Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$719,809. This project will replace 820 feet of 8-inch VCP sewer with 210 feet of 10-inch VCP sewer and 514 feet of 12-inch VCP sewer in Ward Street from McFadden Avenue to Davit Avenue, and from Bolsa Avenue to 200 feet north of Bolsa Avenue.

Project Limit: Ward Street (Davit Ave. to McFadden Ave. & Bolsa Ave. to 200' North of Bolsa Ave.)

Contractor: Paulus Engineering

Contract Amount: \$719,809

NTP: November 15, 2019

Working Days: 75

Status:

- Construction at 15%.

- **Sewer Main Lining and Spot Repairs Projects 1&2- Project #7839** – This project consists of rehabilitating approximately 17,430 linear-feet of 8-inch sewer using UV-Cured Glass Reinforced Plastic cured-in-place liner. The project will be at various locations throughout the City. The project will also include 9 spot repairs, 421 sewer lateral reinstatements and 69 top hat sewer lateral seals.

Project Limit: Various Locations throughout the City

Contractor: Insituform Technologies

Contract Amount: \$1.1M

NTP: January 6, 2019

Working Days: 150

Status:

- This project includes 70 reaches of sewer to be lined.
- Contractor has started installing lining on March 9, 2020. 3 reaches have been installed.

- **Sewer Main Replacement Project 1- Project #7840** – The Sewer Rehabilitation Plan Phase 1, Sewer Main Replacement Project 1 (at Euclid Street, Pinehurst Court, Nelson Street, Pine Street, Pearl Street, Allen Drive, Stanford Avenue, Euclid Park, Trask Avenue, and Wilson Street) is one of many projects designed to address defective sewer pipe throughout the City under the GGSD System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance Plan of 2012. The sewer improvements consist of

approximately 30 feet of 6-inch diameter, approximately 5,440 feet of 8-inch diameter and, 1,290 feet of 12-inch diameter extra strength Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP). It also includes the construction of 27 new manholes, modification of 2 existing manholes and 124 sewer house reconnections.

Project Limit: Throughout the City
Contractor: CHI Construction
Contract Amount: \$2,705,830
Working Days: 185

Status:

- District has approved the project; Waiting for document to finalize the contract.
- Anticipate to have pre-construction meeting at the end of March.

UNDER DESIGN

SANITARY SEWER

- **Partridge Lift Station Improvements Project** –The District has been experiencing frequent pump clogging caused by wet wipes from the tributary area. The District is considering to install a new grinder at the upstream of the lift station. Staff has hired AKM to provide a preliminary design of the grinder installation for the Partridge Lift Station.

Project Limit: Partridge Lift Station

Status:

- Consultant has submitted 70% plans and specification
- **SSMP Update** – The California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) requires each waste agency to develop a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). The SSMP must be self-audited at least every two (2) years and updated every five (5) years. The last SSMP for GGSD was prepared in 2015. The engineering staff is working with Brent and his staff to prepare the 5-year update to include all the significant changes since the 2015 report.

Status:

- Staff has finalized the report.
- It will be submitted for GGSD approval at the end of April.
- **CIP Project 92 (Donegal Drive Sewer - GGSD Project #7835)** – GGSD Board awarded a design contract to JIG Consultants on 1/26/2016. Kick-off meeting was held on 3/10/2016.

Project Limit: Donegal Drive (Medison Cir. to Bolsa Ave.)

Status:

- The consultant has completed approximately 60% of the design. Alternate alignment required due to the portion of the existing alignment being sandwich between block wall and houses.

WATER

- **Water Master Plan Update** –Staff has awarded a contract with West Yost Associates, Inc. for the Water Master Plan (WMP) update. The WMP update will reflect any changes that have occurred impacting the water system since the 2008 Water Master Plan. The WMP update will include an update to the hydraulic model and capital improvement plan.

Project Limit: N/A

Consultant: West Yost

Status:

- West Yost has submitted the SCADA Master Plan Report. The report has called out a \$7.8M CIP over the course of five years.
 - West Yost has presented the results of the existing system analysis and the capital improvement costs.
- **Magnolia Reservoir and Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation Project (GG Project #7402)** – The reservoir repairs consist of crack and joint repair, construction of seismic curb, roof waterproofing, rust spot repair, and the addition of a fall protection system. The repair work for the pump station consists of replacement of the existing engine and booster pump, replacement of the existing exhaust system, replacement of the existing catalytic converter, replacement of two 10-inch butterfly valves, replacement of the 10-inch check valve, refurbishment of the existing flow control valve, and replacement of the roof and existing removable dormer.

Project Limit: Within the existing facilities (No traffic impact).

Status:

- Finalized design document.
- **Public Works Yard Block Wall** – Civiltec Engineering has completed the design. Building Department reviewed and approved the plans.

Project Limit: Within the existing facility (No traffic impact).

Status:

- This project will be packaged with one of the water facility projects in the future.

SANITARY SEWER SHARED

City of Anaheim

- Anaheim continues to resist updating 1986 Shared Sewer Agreement. The main stumbling block is that they do not want to lower the current d/D ratio of 0.75.

City of Santa Ana

- Santa Ana has agreed to include GGSD's portion of Westminster Sewer upgrade in their design and construction. Santa Ana City Council and GGSD Board have approved the reimbursement agreement between the City of Santa Ana and GGSD for this project.
- Santa Ana and GGSD staff agreed on the areas and contents of the shared sewer agreement. The final draft has been reviewed by attorneys. Santa Ana City Council approved the shared sewer agreement in August 2017. GGSD Board approved the agreement in October 2017.

City of Orange

- Water Services has initiated the conversation with City of Orange to draft a share sewer agreement. We have researched with the City Clerk to see if there is any existing share sewer agreement. The City Clerk did not find any.

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Fwd: Construction News

From :
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From: "OC Streetcar" <ocstreetcar@octa.net>
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Construction News Week of March 16, 2020

Two-Hour Free Parking

Since December 1, the first two hours of parking are free in parking structures in Downtown Santa Ana.

Water Pipeline Work

Crews continue to perform water pipeline work and storm drain installation work along the project route, which include excavation, trenching, installation of water pipelines, and road work and restoration. Water pipeline and storm drain installation work requires temporary parking and lane restrictions.

Access will be maintained for all residents and businesses.

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

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

The banner features a dark background with white text and icons. On the left, a speech bubble contains the text 'Download the OC Streetcar App' next to a smartphone icon. To the right, three circular icons represent 'PROJECT UPDATES' (a train), 'TRAFFIC MAP' (a map), and 'WORK LOCATIONS' (a wrench and hammer). Below the banner are two square icons: a play button and the Apple logo.

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SEGMENT 1 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

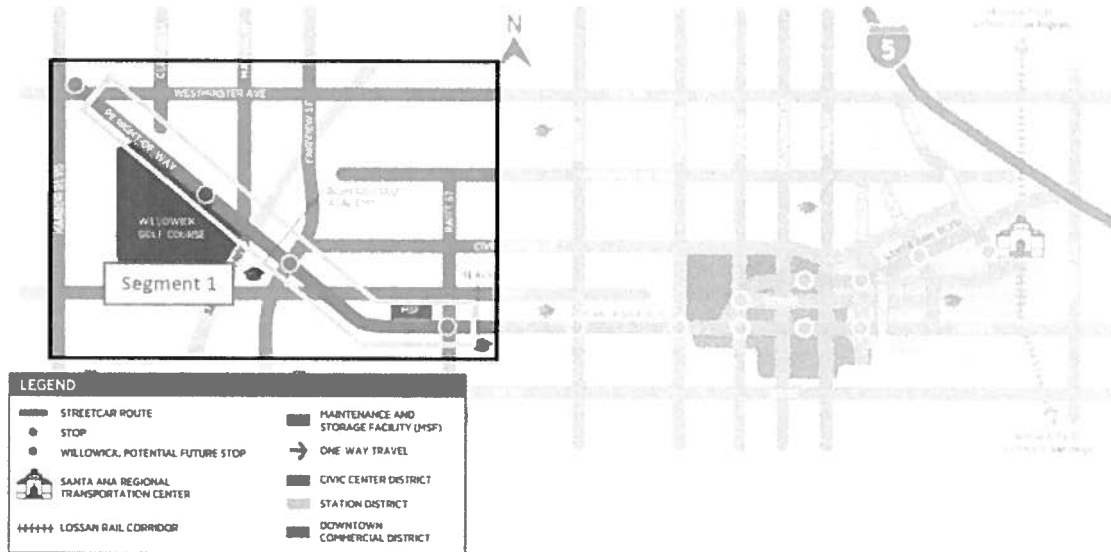
Intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Westminster Ave. to Raitt St.

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

- Preliminary work at the site of the future Maintenance Storage Facility
- Ongoing work including excavation and material hauling within Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW)
- Santa Ana River Bridge construction
- Westminster Avenue Bridge construction
- Water pipeline installation and testing at the PEROW on Fairview Street
- Potholing for storm drain installation at the PEROW on 5th Street

Water pipeline work will generally move west to east and will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures on Fairview Street.

Potholing for storm drain installation will require temporary lane closures and parking restrictions on 5th Street.



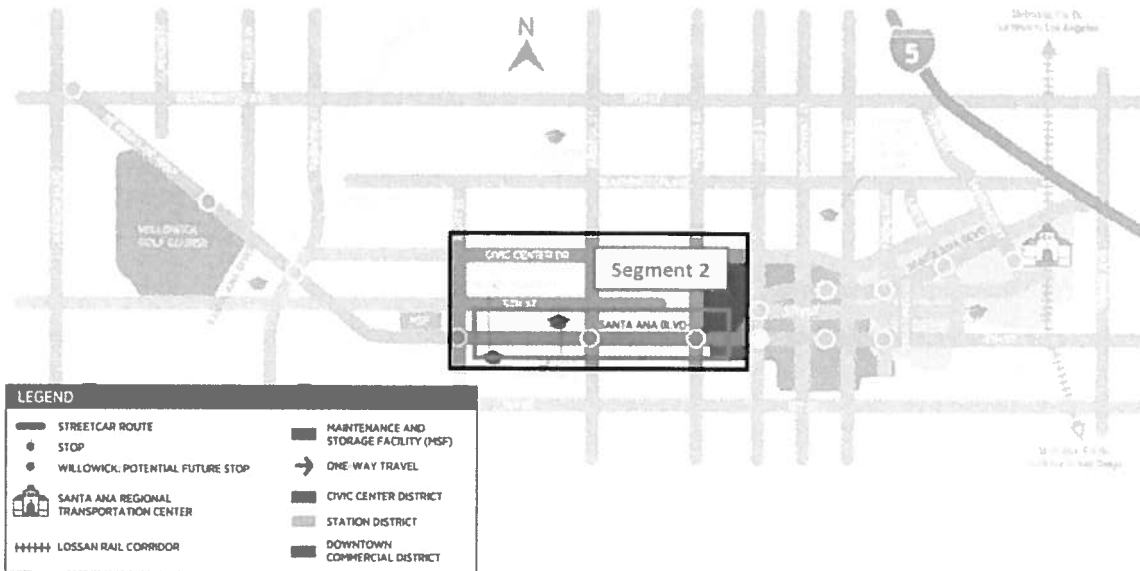
SEGMENT 2 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Raitt St. to Parton St.

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

- Water pipeline installation on W. Santa Ana Boulevard, from Shelton Street to Parton Street
- Asphalt work and restoration on W. Santa Ana Boulevard

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



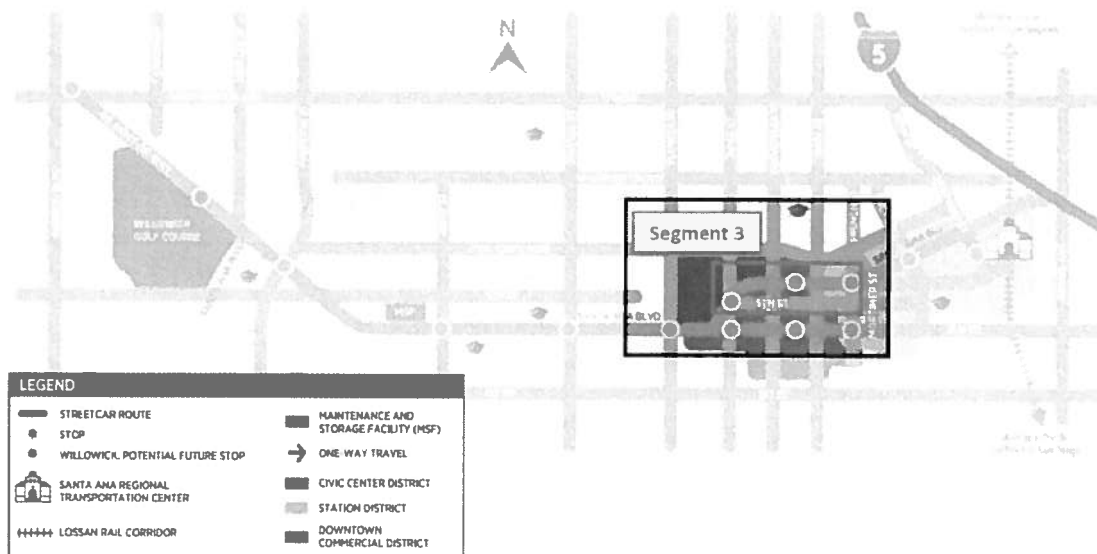
SEGMENT 3 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES Ross St. to Mortimer St.

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

- Water pipeline installation in Sasscer Park
- Water pipeline installation at the intersection of Ross Street and W. Santa Ana Boulevard
- Water pipeline installation at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Main Street
- Storm drain installation at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Sycamore Street
- Water pipeline and storm drain installation at the intersection of 6th Street and Mortimer Street
- Asphalt work and restoration on W. Santa Ana Boulevard

Water pipeline work will generally move west to east and will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures on W. Santa Ana Boulevard.

Storm drain installation work will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures on W. Santa Ana Boulevard, Broadway, Sycamore Street, and 6th Street and Mortimer Street.



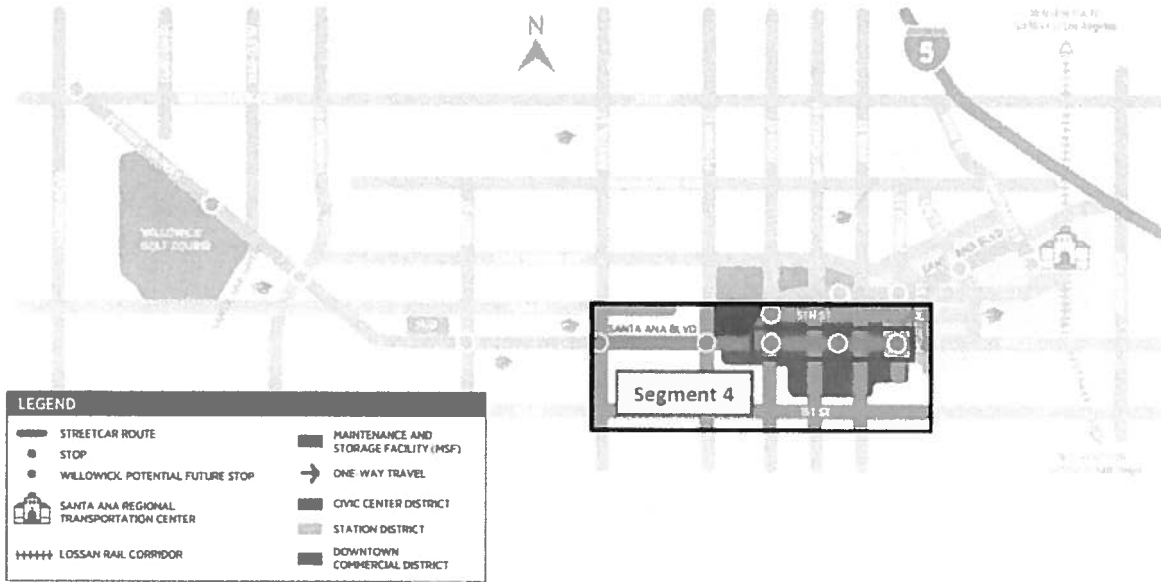
SEGMENT 4 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES Ross St. to Mortimer St.

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

- Water pipeline installation during the night on 4th Street, from Ross Street to Broadway
- Storm drain installation at the intersection of 4th Street and Spurgeon Street
- Asphalt work and restoration on 4th Street

Water pipeline work will generally move west to east and will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures on 4th Street.

Storm drain installation work will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures on 4th Street and Spurgeon Street.



SEGMENT 5 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Mortimer St. to SARTC

- Water pipeline installation at the intersection of E. Santa Ana Boulevard and Lacy Street

Water pipeline installation work will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures on E. Santa Ana Boulevard and Lacy Street..



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

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March 10, 2020

BY Garden Grove City Clerk's Office

Re: Southern California Edison Company's Notice of additional request to recover additional necessary revenue related to expenditures it made during 2018 and 2019 for wildfire mitigation activities and programs (Track 2). (A.19-08-013)

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 5, 2020, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submitted an additional request in its 2021 "General Rate Case" (GRC) application, Docket Number A.19-08-013, to recover additional necessary revenue related to expenditures it made during 2018 and 2019 for wildfire mitigation activities and programs. This is known as "Track 2" of the GRC. The California Public Utilities Commission requires SCE to send notices to customers when it requests a rate increase.

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

Very truly yours,

/s/ Gloria Ing

Gloria Ing

Enclosure



NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL REQUEST TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S GENERAL RATE CASE APPLICATION A.19-08-013

Important Information About SCE'S Requested Rate Increase

Why am I receiving this Notice?

On February 20, 2020 Southern California Edison (SCE) submitted an additional request in its 2021 "General Rate Case" (GRC) application to recover additional necessary revenue related to expenditures it made during 2018 and 2019 for wildfire mitigation activities and programs. This is known as "Track 2" of the GRC. The California Public Utilities Commission requires SCE to send notices to customers when it requests a rate increase.

Why is SCE requesting this rate increase?

SCE delivers your electricity. Every four years, SCE must file what is known as a GRC application with the CPUC. GRCs set rates that customers pay to fund SCE's day-to-day operations, including maintenance for its equipment and electricity grid upgrades.

The purpose of SCE's recent "Track 2" submission in its current GRC is for SCE to cover its costs for wildfire mitigation programs and activities from 2018 and 2019 that are not already reflected in customer rates. This includes costs for its employees to inspect and repair poles and distribution lines and for vegetation management activities intended to reduce wildfire risk. These costs are recorded in three CPUC-approved regulatory memorandum accounts.

How does the rest of the process work?

This application has been assigned to a Judge, who will consider all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt SCE's application, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners.

The California Public Advocates Office (CalPA) has reviewed this application. CalPA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. CalPA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about CalPA, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email **PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov** or visit CalPA's website at **www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov**.

How could this affect my monthly bill?

If SCE's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill would increase by approximately \$5.36 in 2021. The impacts will be less for lower-income residential customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program: \$3.62 in 2021.

The rates and percentages shown to the right are averages and are not the exact changes you may see in your bill. Changes in individual bills depends on how much energy each customer uses.

Bundled service customers' average rate impacts:

Customer Group	Current Average Rates as of July 2019 (cents/kWh)	Proposed Average Rates as of January 2021 (cents/kWh)	Total Change (cents/kWh)	Percentage Change (% Increase)
Residential	18.1 cents/kWh	19.1 cents/kWh	0.9 cents/kWh	5.2%
Lighting — Small and Medium Power	17.3 cents/kWh	17.9 cents/kWh	0.7 cents/kWh	3.9%
Large Power	12.4 cents/kWh	12.8 cents/kWh	0.4 cents/kWh	2.9%
Agricultural	13.7 cents/kWh	14.2 cents/kWh	0.5 cents/kWh	3.6%
Street Lighting	25.5 cents/kWh	25.7 cents/kWh	0.2 cents/kWh	0.9%
Standby	10.2 cents/kWh	10.4 cents/kWh	0.2 cents/kWh	1.7%
Total	16.3 cents/kWh	17.0 cents/kWh	0.7 cents/kWh	4.3%

Note: Total percentage system revenue increase including bundled and non-bundled service customers is 4.9%.

Orange County LAFCO Comprehensive Quarterly Report



**Second Quarter FY 2019-20
(November 2019 – February 2020)**

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INTRODUCTION

This Comprehensive Quarterly Report provides an update on projects and activities, a summary of the outreach efforts and an overview of the agency's current budget and investment portfolio performance for the months of November 2019 through February 2020.

FY 2019-20 WORK PLAN PROJECTS

During the second quarter, OC LAFCO staff participated in meetings and discussions involving an anticipated project application, initiated the South Orange County Unincorporated Communities project, and participated in a number of CALAFCO activities. The following sections provide updates on the progress of the Commission's FY 2019-20 Work Plan achieved during this quarter.

ACTIVE AND ANTICIPATED PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Santa Margarita Water District Annexation of the City of San Juan Capistrano Water and Wastewater Utilities

In January, the governing boards of the Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) and the City of San Juan Capistrano both approved an Annexation Agreement related to transfer of the water, recycled water and wastewater systems from the City to the District. In February, the SMWD Board approved a resolution to submit a formal application to OC LAFCO for the annexation of the utility systems. This application will represent a multi-year effort that involved coordination and ongoing discussions between the District, City and OC LAFCO. Once the application is received, OC LAFCO staff will prepare the analysis and process the application in conformance with the statutory requirements. It is anticipated that the proposal will be considered by the Commission in early Summer.



FOURTH CYCLE OF SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEWS.

During this quarter, staff has focused on the review of data and other documents provided by Orange County Sanitation District and Municipal Water District of Orange County, the two regional agencies identified for MSRs in the 2019-20 work plan. Additional meetings and ongoing dialogue with the agencies will be required as part of the MSR preparation process. The remaining MSRs included in this year's project, which include the County service areas and the Southwest and Southeast MSR regions, have been delayed due to other Commission projects, such as the San Juan Capistrano utilities annexation to the Santa Margarita Water District. It is expected that activity related to these MSRs will be resumed during the third and fourth quarters.

Additionally, during this quarter significant progress was made in developing the MSR Dashboard, a dynamic and interactive web-based tool displaying demographic and other data on special districts, cities and other service providers in Orange County. The program is designed to provide a profile of each agency and incorporate an on-line tool that will allow the updating of demographic information regularly. The Dashboard and another technology tool, the Shared Services Program, are scheduled to be presented to the Commission in the Spring.

The purpose of revising a third web-based program, the Fiscal Trends Program, is to present a general depiction of the financial health of local agencies. This quarter, staff began an effort of updating the content and structure of the program, with completion anticipated this Summer.

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES

One of the strategic areas identified by the Commission for the FY 2019-20 Work Plan was to engage the South Orange County Unincorporated Communities (SOCUC) to assist with identifying a pathway to future governance. During this quarter, OC LAFCO staff began meeting with the communities to encourage participation in this effort and to receive preliminary feedback on



Presentation to the
Cota de Caza Planning Advisory Committee

potential areas of mutual interest or challenges for the unincorporated communities in the region. The communities of Coto de Caza, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Stonecliffe and Wagon Wheel will be invited to participate in a joint meeting to be held this Spring.

Relatedly, staff continued to conduct quarterly meetings with the representatives of Rancho Mission Viejo to discuss the timeline for the development of its properties.



A visit with the Ladera Ranch Civic Council

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Election of OC LAFCO Officers for 2020

Each year, the Commission elects the officers of the Board. At the January meeting, the Commission re-elected Cheryl Brothers as Chair and Douglass Davert as Vice Chair. Chair Brothers is currently the Mayor of the City of Fountain Valley and has served as a LAFCO City Member since 2013. Vice Chair Davert is currently the Board President of East Orange County Water District and has served as a LAFCO Special District Member since 2018. Chair Brothers and Vice Chair Davert, together with Immediate Past Chair, Derek McGregor, will serve as the members of the agency's Executive Committee for 2020.

CALAFCO Activities and Awards

The CALAFCO Annual Conference was held in Sacramento on October 30 through November 1, 2019. The OC LAFCO staff participated in the planning process for the conference and served as coordinators and panelists for several sessions. The conference featured sessions on LAFCO's role involving facilitating responses to local catastrophes and issues related to the lack of housing, and the independence of LAFCO.



A session on "Preparing Complex MSRs"

Each year, during the annual conference, CALAFCO recognizes outstanding achievements by LAFCOs and individuals throughout the state. This year, OC LAFCO was awarded the Project of the Year which recognizes an organization for a project-specific program that involved complex analysis, community involvement, and an outstanding solution. The award recognized the leadership and effort of the Commission and staff for the City of San Juan Capistrano Water and Wastewater Utilities Municipal Service Review. In announcing the award, CALAFCO noted that this MSR resulted in a solution that ultimately will improve the efficient delivery of water and wastewater, two vital and highly regulated municipal services, to the City's communities. The award presenter also emphasized that the outcome of this project serves as a model of the importance of MSRs, which is a key mandate for all LAFCOs.



OC LAFCO receives CALAFCO "Project of the Year"

During the second quarter, staff also actively participated in the planning for the CALAFCO 2020 Staff Workshop. This year, the workshop will be co-hosted by Orange and Imperial LAFCOs and held in Newport Beach, March 24 – 26, 2020. OC LAFCO staff has worked collaboratively with the City of Newport Beach on the development of a mobile workshop that will highlight projects within the Newport Harbor. The workshop will also include panel consisting of representatives from the County, City, and South Coast Water District who will share their experiences on delivering services to coastal residents and activities that require multi-agency collaboration.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND OUTREACH EFFORTS

External relations efforts conducted during this quarter provided the opportunity for staff to make educational presentations and to work with representatives from the County, cities, and special districts, and other OC LAFCO stakeholders on key Commission projects. A listing of those efforts is provided in the chart below.

OC LAFCO Presentation to State-wide Property Tax Managers

In February, Executive Officer Carolyn Emery made a presentation to approximately 150 people attending the Property Tax Managers' Sub-Committee of the California State Association of County Auditors conference in Orange County. Ms. Emery provided background on LAFCO's legislative mission and highlighted the relationships between LAFCOs and the County Auditors. The session was very interactive, with the audience seeking additional information on LAFCO processes, statutory requirements and the Revenue and Taxation Code.



California State Association of County Auditors

OUTREACH AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS Second Quarter FY 19-20	
November Meetings	
Coto de Caza Planning Area Committee	
4th Cycle MSR Stakeholders	
Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee	
Center for Demographic Research Management Oversight Committee	
Orange County Council of Governments	
Orange County Business Council Infrastructure Committee	
Community Advisory Group- El Toro Water District	
CALAFCO Legislative Committee	
December Meetings	
Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee	
Orange County Business Council Infrastructure Committee	
Orange County Council of Governments	
CALAFCO Legislative Committee	
CALAFCO Southern Region Executive Officers	
Newly Appointed City Manager of Huntington Beach	
Newly Appointed General Manager of Trabuco Canyon	

January Meetings
Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee and Quarterly
CALAFCO Southern Region
CALAFCO Legislative Committee
Orange County Council of Governments
Center for Demographic Research Technical Advisory Committee
February Meetings
Ladera Ranch Civic Council
Rancho Mission Viejo Quarterly Update
California State Association of County Auditors Property Tax Managers' Sub-Committee
Newly Appointed City Manager of Costa Mesa
Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee
Center for Demographic Research Management Oversight Committee
CALAFCO Legislative Committee
El Toro Water District- Community Advisory Group

FY 2019-20 BUDGET OVERVIEW

This report provides a budget update for the period of November 2019 through February 2020. During this reporting period, the agency continued its efforts to provide services and programs effectively and efficiently. The following budget review details the bank account balances and provides a comprehensive overview of OC LAFCO revenues and expenditures for the period ending February 29, 2020 (see page 9).¹ The total budget approved by the Commission for FY 2019-20 is \$1,258,650.

Revenues

By the first of November, the agency had received all of the apportionments from the funding agencies for a total of \$1,124,500. OC LAFCO also earns interest from its investment portfolio. To date, OC LAFCO has earned a total of \$19,507 in interest which is 108.4% of the amount anticipated for the year.

Another source of OC LAFCO revenue is the application filing fees. These filing fees are not used for budgeting purposes and are shown in the quarterly overview as revenue within the Special Fund column. The Special Fund column in the chart on page 9 includes an accounting of application revenues and expenses incurred during this fiscal year.

¹ All financial statements contained in the CQ report are on an accrual accounting basis.

Expenditures

The total General Fund expenditures as of the period ending February 29, 2020 are \$683,776 or approximately 54 percent of the total budget. The following table provides the comparison of the percentage of actual funds used and the target levels for the current fiscal year.

Total FY 2019-20 Funds Used			
	1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period
Target	33%	66%	100%
Actual	26%	54%	--

Balances and Investment Report

The following table illustrates the balance of OC LAFCO's bank accounts as of February 29, 2020:

As of 2/29/20	Balance
770-Payroll Account	\$343,749
Wells Fargo Checking	138,282
Wells Fargo Savings	210,703
Total	<u>\$692,734</u>

To maximize funds, apportionment fees are deposited in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and OC Fund accounts. Throughout the fiscal year, funds are transferred from the investment accounts to the bank accounts to cover the agency's operational expenses.

The following table illustrates the balance of OC LAFCO's investment portfolio as of February 29, 2020:

As of 2/29/20	Balance
LAIF	\$ 512,911
OC Fund	\$ 488,596
Total	<u>\$1,001,507</u>

Balance Sheet²

This report includes a balance sheet to provide a better understanding of OC LAFCO's financial status. This financial document summarizes the agency's assets and liabilities as of February 29, 2020.

² Unaudited – Subject to Change

Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission

Period Budget Overview

July 1, 2019 - February 29, 2020

	1st Period	2nd Period	YTD	YTD	TOTAL	General Fund
	General Fund	General Fund	General Fund	Special	FY 19/20	%
				Revenue	Budget	
				Funds		
Revenue:						
Addition/(Use) of Unreserved Equity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,150	0.0%
LAFCO Apportionment	1,124,500	-	1,124,500	-	1,124,500	100.0%
Filing Fees	-	-	-	17,425	-	0.0%
Misc Revenue	156	-	156	-	-	0.0%
Interest & Dividends	7,197	12,310	19,507	-	18,000	108.4%
Total Revenue	\$ 1,131,853	\$ 12,310	\$ 1,144,163	\$ 17,425	\$ 1,258,650	90.9%
Expenditures:						
Salaries	\$ 162,962	\$ 151,983	\$ 314,945	\$ 5,138	\$ 498,500	63.2%
Hourly Employees	5,221	2,990	8,211	-	10,000	82.1%
Benefits & Insurance						
Optional Benefit Plan	-	18,500	18,500	-	18,500	100.0%
Deferred Compensation	4,753	4,343	9,097	-	15,400	59.1%
Retirement Benefits	57,254	52,160	109,414	-	176,900	61.9%
Health Insurance	18,177	16,600	34,777	-	56,700	61.3%
Retiree Health Benefits	6,631	6,016	12,647	-	20,200	62.6%
Dental Insurance	1,849	1,658	3,507	-	5,600	62.6%
Life Insurance	194	146	340	-	600	56.6%
Workers Compensation	-	3,756	3,756	-	3,800	98.8%
Medicare	2,464	2,487	4,951	-	7,400	66.9%
Salary Continuance	585	536	1,120	-	1,800	62.2%
Accidental Death Insurance	39	32	71	-	150	47.5%
Executive Car Allowance	3,000	1,200	4,200	-	7,200	58.3%
Total - Benefits & Insurance	94,947	107,434	202,381	-	314,250	64.4%
Information Technology	2,838	2,217	5,055	-	10,000	50.5%
Telephone & Internet	5,068	3,109	8,177	-	16,200	50.5%
County of Orange	1,153	446	1,599	-	5,500	29.1%
General Liability Insurance	4,684	5,163	9,847	-	16,000	61.5%
Memberships	13,875	9,967	23,842	-	33,800	70.5%
Office Equipment/Supplies	2,001	4,321	6,322	-	10,000	63.2%
Professional Services:						
Legal	6,516	2,431	8,947	673	60,000	14.9%
Accounting/Audit	10,735	10,314	21,049	-	43,100	48.8%
Human Resources	-	-	-	-	9,000	0.0%
Mapping/Archiving	1,133	1,133	2,267	-	7,200	31.5%
Other Professional Services	-	-	-	-	60,000	0.0%
Total - Professional Services	18,384	13,878	32,263	673	179,300	18.0%
Investment Admin Fees	242	104	346	-	600	57.6%
State Board of Equalization	-	-	-	6,000	-	-
Public Noticing	-	-	-	5,614	2,000	0.0%
Unincorporated Areas Program	-	1,856	1,856	-	6,000	30.9%
Rents/Maintenance	25,970	8,082	34,052	-	79,800	42.7%
Equipment Leases	2,129	1,879	4,008	-	7,200	55.7%
Comm. & Staff Expense	1,825	2,866	4,691	-	7,000	67.0%
Comm. Stipends & Taxes/Fees	2,141	1,871	4,012	-	16,200	24.8%
Professional Development	6,817	50	6,867	-	22,000	31.2%
Transportation/Travel	9,182	4,774	13,956	-	18,300	76.3%
Commission Meeting Expense	919	428	1,347	-	6,000	22.5%
Total Expenditures	360,357	323,419	683,776	17,425	1,258,650	54.3%
Total Net Income (Loss)	\$ 771,495	\$ (311,109)	\$ 460,387	\$ -	\$ -	

OC Local Agency Formation Commission
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2019

	Feb 29, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
County Acct-Payroll	343,749
Wells Fargo Checking	138,282
Wells Fargo Savings	210,703
OC Fund	488,596
Investment Acct - LAIF	512,911
Fair Market Value Adjustments	513
Total Checking/Savings	1,694,754
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expenses - Other	26,569
Retirement Prepaid Expense	68,929
Total Other Current Assets	95,498
Total Current Assets	1,790,252
Fixed Assets	31,640
Other Assets	
Pension Deposit	179,912
Def. Outflows Pension Related	469,088
Deferred OPEB Contributions	10,852
Deferred Outflows OPEB Related	3,274
Security Deposit	10,235
Total Other Assets	673,361
TOTAL ASSETS	2,495,253
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accrued Liability	61,705
Compensated Absenses	40,857
Salaries Payable	16,369
Total Current Liabilities	118,931
Long Term Liabilities	
Deferred Inflows OPEB Related	6,546
Net OPEB Liability	126,448
Net Pension Liability	1,582,703
Def. Inflows Pension Related	259,339
Deferred Lease Incentive	13,909
Total Long Term Liabilities	1,988,945
Total Liabilities	2,107,876
Equity	387,377
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,495,253

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**SOCIAL MEDIA
HIGHLIGHTS**



Post Performance for **Garden Grove Police Department**

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	 <p>Tue 3/17/2020 1:00 pm PDT #GGPD32 #GardenGrove #WereInThisTogether</p> <p> Post</p>	4,701	4,664	19.5%	917	137	15	50
	 <p>Sat 3/14/2020 8:30 pm PDT Although there are currently no known cases in #GardenGrove, out of the abundance of caution and follow</p> <p> Post</p>	10,516	9,995	10.9%	1,150	162	29	49














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	 <p>Wed 3/18/2020 7:00 pm PDT LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB? The deadline to apply for a part-time summer position with the City of Garden Grove is now open.</p> <p> Post</p>	1,075	1,011	7%	75	1	1	1
	 <p>Wed 3/18/2020 1:14 pm PDT Coronavirus CISA Please be cautious and mindful of potential scam communication.</p> <p> Post</p>	846	809	3.1%	26	9	0	1
	 <p>Wed 3/18/2020 12:47 pm PDT Please note this order is not an order to shelter in place. For more information, please visit www.ggcity.org</p> <p> Post</p>	791	733	11.6%	92	9	2	3
	 <p>Wed 3/18/2020 11:30 am PDT For the latest updates and more information, visit ggccity.org/coronavirus #GG195</p> <p> Post</p>	1,346	1,227	3.7%	50	8	1	2









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	 <p>Tue 3/17/2020 2:18 pm PDT An update from OCTA... #GG1956</p> <p>f Post</p>	1,184	1,155	11.7%	138	8	0	1
	 <p>Tue 3/17/2020 11:44 am PDT The City of Garden Grove is suspending street sweeping citations and water shut-offs to provide</p> <p>f Post</p>	21,698	21,197	12.9%	2,805	517	108	168
	 <p>Mon 3/16/2020 6:01 pm PDT Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones addresses the community on the coronavirus outbreak and provid</p> <p>f Post</p>	3,477	3,482	24.4%	847	106	9	19
	 <p>Mon 3/16/2020 10:18 am PDT For more information visit ggcity.org/coronavirus or ggcity.org/news/updated-city-</p> <p>f Post</p>	2,857	2,800	9.8%	280	27	5	15

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Profile	Post by Published Date ▼	Impressions	Reach	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares
	 <p>Fri 3/13/2020 4:40 pm PDT ***Urgent update from the Garden Grove Unified School District*** A coronavirus informational webp</p> <p>f Post</p>	2,647	2,648	12.5%	330	46	2	29
	 <p>Fri 3/13/2020 11:00 am PDT A "BiGG" welcome to ... The City would like to welcome Barrio, Tiran's Auto Corp, Integrity It Services</p> <p>f Post</p>	1,309	1,299	3.8%	50	4	2	2
	 <p>Thu 3/12/2020 6:00 pm PDT Today is the first day the U.S. Census Bureau will mail information to residents. Be on the lookout for</p> <p>f Post</p>	1,826	1,794	3.2%	59	13	0	3
	 <p>Thu 3/12/2020 1:29 pm PDT Home City of Garden Grove DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES' POSITIONS IS MONDA</p> <p>f Post</p>	35,572	27,836	6.5%	2,313	42	7	13

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	 <p>Thu 3/12/2020 11:28 am PDT In an effort to help local fathers navigate the journey of parenthood, the Buena Clinton Youth and Fa</p>	2,230	2,155	8.1%	181	44	0	2

 Post













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Profile	Post by Published Date	Impressions	Potential Reach	Video Views	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Likes	@Replies
	 <p>Wed 3/18/2020 7:00 pm PDT LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB? The deadline to apply for a part-time summer position with the City!</p> <p> Tweet by Ana P.</p>	N/A	3,890	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<p>Wed 3/18/2020 1:15 pm PDT Please be cautious and mindful of potential scam communication regarding COVID-19 or the Coronavirus. For more information, visit the</p> <p> Tweet</p>	N/A	3,436	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<p>Wed 3/18/2020 12:47 pm PDT Please note this order is not an order to shelter in place. For more information, please visit ggcity.org/coronavirus #GG1956</p> <p> Retweet with Comment</p>	N/A	3,422	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	 <p>Tue 3/17/2020 11:44 am PDT The City of Garden Grove is suspending street sweeping citations and water shut-offs to provide</p> <p> Tweet</p>	1,478	6,027	N/A	13.3%	197	19	0


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Profile	Post by Published Date ▼	Impressions	Potential Reach	Video Views	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Likes	@Replies
	Mon 3/16/2020 6:03 pm PDT Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones addresses the community on the coronavirus outbreak and provides information on City measures. For more information, visit ggcity.org/news/updated-c...	937	3,382	N/A	6.3%	59	2	1
	 Tweet							
	Mon 3/16/2020 4:40 pm PDT For more information, visit ggcity.org/coronavirus or ggcity.org/news/updated-c...	1,249	3,379	N/A	8.8%	110	1	2
	 Tweet							
	Mon 3/16/2020 10:19 am PDT For more information visit ggcity.org/coronavirus or ggcity.org/news/updated-c...	138	3,375	N/A	5.8%	8	0	0
	 Tweet							
	Mon 3/16/2020 10:04 am PDT Garden Grove Unified School District is offering a free drive-through and walk-up meal programs beginning today, March 16! Visit ggcity.org/news/updated-c...	2,285	3,834	N/A	0.6%	14	6	0
	 Retweet with Comment							

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Profile	Post by Published Date ▼	Impressions	Potential Reach	Video Views	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Likes	@Replies
	 <p>Sun 3/15/2020 11:26 am PDT The City of #GardenGrove has activated its Emergency Operation Centers with facilities, program</p> <p> Tweet</p>	1,405	3,478	N/A	3.9%	55	3	1
	 <p>Sat 3/14/2020 2:29 pm PDT COVID-19 UPDATE In keeping with an updated policy on gatherings intended to protect public health & slow</p> <p> Tweet</p>	1,567	3,351	N/A	3.3%	51	2	0
	 <p>Fri 3/13/2020 11:00 am PDT The City would like to welcome Barrio, @Integrityitsolu & EcoSolar USA to the City's shop-local program, </p> <p> Tweet by Ana P.</p>	1,662	3,360	N/A	0.4%	7	0	0
	 <p>Thu 3/12/2020 6:00 pm PDT Today is the first day the @uscensusbureau will mail information to residents. Be on</p> <p> Tweet by Ana P.</p>	1,913	3,334	N/A	0.8%	15	0	0

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	 <p>Thu 3/12/2020 1:30 pm PDT DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES' POSITIONS IS MONDAY, MARCH 16 You can apply and l</p>	1,729	3,334	N/A	0.6%	11	0	0



Tweet

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NEWS ARTICLES

NOTES

DISNEYLAND

Gobert donating more than \$500K after positive test

Trump: 'It's bad; it's bad'



PHOTOS BY
Visitors take selfies in front of Sleeping Beauty Castle during the last day before Disneyland closes due to coro.

Fans enjoy a final day before the park's closure

CORONAVIRUS

Clippers, Kings, Lakers, Staples Center to pay event staff during hiatus

PUBLIC HEALTH

UC Irvine cancels graduation ceremonies

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Disneyland: Closure of theme park over pandemic could cost the SoCal economy \$400 million

CORONAVIRUS

2nd Marine at MCAS Miramar tests positive for coronavirus

Practice facilities of Ducks, Kings close their doors

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

SUNDAY

Sunday, March 15, 2020 \$2.00 FOUNDED IN 1905 FACEBOOK.COM/OCREGISTER TWITTER.COM/OCREGISTER

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PANDEMIC

VIRUS EXPECTED TO SURGE IN U.S.



MARCIO JOSE SAICHEZ — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travelers wait to check in their luggage at Los Angeles International Airport on Saturday. President Donald Trump has expanded his ban on most Europeans entering the United States to include people from Britain and Ireland to try to slow the spread of the new coronavirus.

Washington, D.C.:

The nation's leaders confront outbreak with new tools and angst

By Colleen Long, Michael Balsamo and Amer Madhani
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced Saturday that the United States will expand its European travel restrictions to include Britain and Ireland as the U.S., armed with new tools against the pandemic, braced for it to get worse before it gets better. The government's top infection expert warned that COVID-19, which is caused by the novel coronavirus, may surge within the nation in coming days.



ALEX BRANDON — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trump speaks during a news conference about the coronavirus in the James Brady Briefing Room at the White House on Saturday in Washington.

INSIDE

A6: Coronavirus rolls financial waters for idled cruise industry; key questions about the coronavirus answered.

A7: Realtors see some unease in the housing market; shoppers flock to grocery stores on Saturday.

A13: A second Marine stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar has tested positive for coronavirus.

Southland: Those who are sick are finding that receiving a test for virus can be daunting

Virus may foil best housing market in a decade

By Prashant Gopal and Noah Buhayar
Bloomberg

The U.S. housing market, which was headed for a hot spring-selling season, may not be so healthy after all.

As the expanding coronavirus outbreak slows economic activity, roiling markets around the world, there's a 60% chance of the U.S. economy going into a recession this year, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics Inc. That economic disruption would batter the housing market, despite record-low mortgage rates.

"Housing is being buffeted by two gale forces moving in opposite directions," Zandi said, referring to low rates and virus-fueled economic turmoil. "The question is, what's the end result of all that? In all likelihood, the recession will trump the lower rates."

The virus arrived just in time for the housing market's key season, which was shaping up to be one of the strongest in years. An unusually warm winter brought buyers out early to take advantage of the low rates, and they've had to battle for listings that are more scarce than ever.

Though stocks recovered somewhat Tuesday, markets have plunged in recent days, with down payments for some buyers evaporating. The rapid decline in oil prices last week likely will harm Texas and other states that depend on the energy sector. And as Americans hunker down at home, forgoing vacations and movie dates, service and retail workers may lose their jobs.



PHOTO BY PIERO CRUCIATTI — AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES
Prison Police officers stand guard after an ambulance (Rear) entered the Sant'Anna prison during a protest of inmates' relatives in Modena, Emilia-Romagna, in one of Italy's quarantine red zones on March 9, 2020

PANDEMICS AND OUR LIBERTIES

SACRAMENTO » The coronavirus scare has turned into a full-fledged panic, as the nation cancels public events, classroom activities, European flights, the NBA season, you name it. At the grocery store, the toilet-paper aisle is inexplicably empty and people wander around with face masks even though such precautions do more to calm nerves than stop the spread of a potentially deadly virus that already has infected 130,000 people worldwide.



Steven Greenbut
Columnist

Amid all the fear and uncertainty, a few obvious questions jump to mind. How far off is a vaccine? What's the best way to get more people tested? Is the media overhyping the situation? Are travel bans the most effective way to stop the virus' spread? Does giving government officials emergency powers really protect public health?

Yet based on news articles and social media posts, many leftist commentators are obsessed with a different question: What would libertarians do about a pandemic? It's an odd concern given that libertarians — e.g., those who believe in limited government and a free-market economy — have no power. Every substantive decision is made by politicians willing to flex government muscle.

Coronavirus is a serious national health threat, but it's reassuring Americans aren't so



KIM SUN-WOONG — NEWSIS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Workers wearing protective gears disinfect as a precaution against the new coronavirus at the subway station in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

panicked that they aren't up for philosophical discussions and the promotion of their own political hobby horses. In the mid-1300s, the Black Death killed up to half of Europe's population. There probably wasn't much time to worry about the king's response during that catastrophe.

The headline of one recent Atlantic article declares, "There Are No Libertarians

in an Epidemic." The piece doesn't seriously tackle the matter, given that it is focused on the president's willingness to embrace interventionist policies despite his tirades against socialism. It's a weak premise. This president — and Republicans in general — rarely shy away from big government.

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PHOTOS BY KEITH BIRMINGHAM — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Santa Anita's thoroughbred races Saturday were run before empty seats, a scene trainer Bob Baffert described as "weird" and "strange."

SOUNDS OF SILENCE

Santa Anita like an Old West ghost town as horses race without fans

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CORONAVIRUS SPECIAL REPORTS

HEALTH 101

THE BIG QUESTION IS LIFE OR DEATH

Question: Will the novel coronavirus kill me?

Answer: It can, though it probably won't.

Symptoms of the disease caused by novel coronavirus, COVID-19, generally are mild and take hold over a period that can run between two to 14 days.

Some who are infected don't develop symptoms and never feel ill. And most of the people (8 in 10, according to latest estimates) who do exhibit symptoms recover without

special medical treatment.

However, about 1 in 6 people who get COVID-19 become seriously ill, developing respiratory problems.

But everything about COVID-19 is new. The type of the coronavirus that causes the disease is called the "novel" because it was virtually unknown until December of last year. As a re-

sult, the actual threat posed by COVID-19 is evolving.

Some epidemiologists have looked at data from China, where more than 100,000 people have contracted the disease, and suggested a death rate of 1.5% to 3.4%. By comparison, the types of flu that typically circulate through the United States are much less

lethal, killing only about 0.1% of the people who catch them.

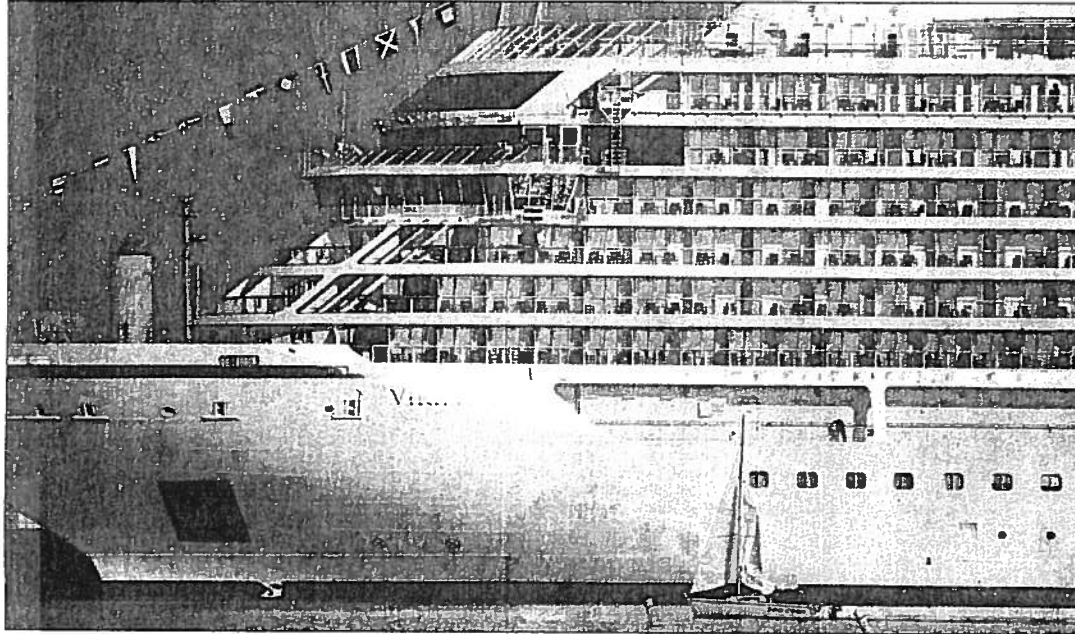
But as health experts learn more about COVID-19, and how it behaves, they're finding that some number of people probably carry the disease without exhibiting symptoms. If true, that could significantly reduce the death rate. Generally, older people and

others with compromised immune systems are most at risk. So far, the disease isn't hitting children with much frequency at all, though Children's Hospital Los Angeles reported a case Friday.

But, again, COVID-19 is a new disease and information about it is evolving.

— Andre Mouchard

TRAVEL AND TOURISM



A sailboat glides past the Viking Sun as it sits docked at Berth 46 in the Port of Los Angeles in January 2018 prior to embarking on its maiden voyage. The cruise industry is at a crossroads regarding its future because of the novel coronavirus and other financial issues.

STAFF FILE PHOTO

Coronavirus roils financial waters for idled cruise industry; Can it survive?

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Active cases
153,584 as of Saturday, 3 p.m.

Nations with the most, per
Johns Hopkins University

China	80,976
Italy	21,157
Iran	12,726
South Korea	9,088
Spain	8,028
Germany	4,374
France	3,872
U.S.	2,689

GERM WAR

The COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on Wednesday. The outbreak began in China in late 2019 and has rapidly spread to more than 140 nations.

By KURT SNIBBE / Southern California News Group

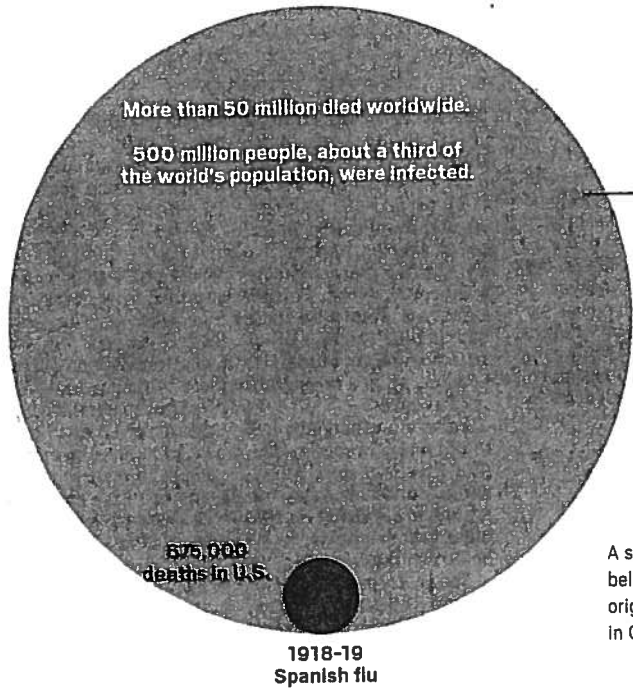
Johns Hopkins University

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PANDEMIC IN PERSPECTIVE

Estimated totals from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

● Worldwide deaths ● Deaths in the U.S.



It's unlikely that the Spanish flu originated in Spain, and scientists are still unsure of its source. The global pandemic lasted two years, with a much deadlier second wave hitting in the fall of 1918. Mortality was high in people 5 or younger, 20-40 and 65 or older.

● 5,789 deaths

2019-2020
COVID-19



**1957-1958
Asian flu**
A subtype of H2N2 believed to have originated from birds in China.



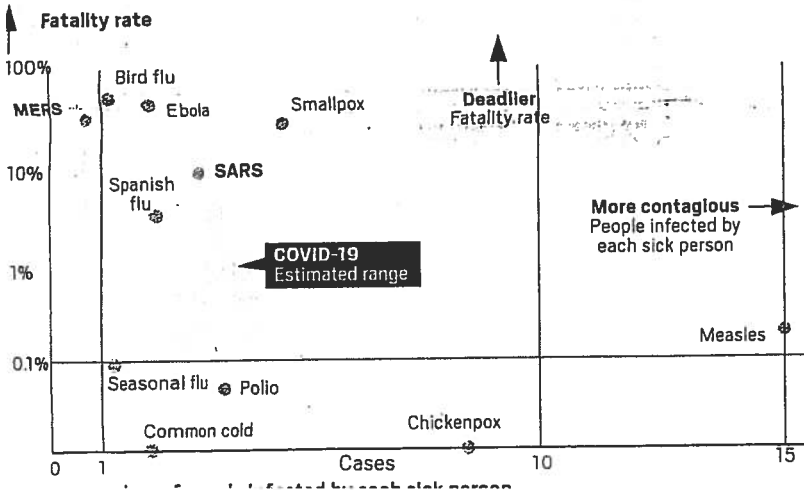
**1968-1969
Hong Kong flu**
The rapid development of a vaccine against the H2N2 virus and the availability of antibiotics to treat secondary infections limited the spread and mortality of the pandemic.



**2009-2010
Swine flu**
By 2010 the CDC reported an estimated 57 million Americans had been sickened and about 257,000 hospitalized. Swine flu had a low death rate of 0.01-0.08%.

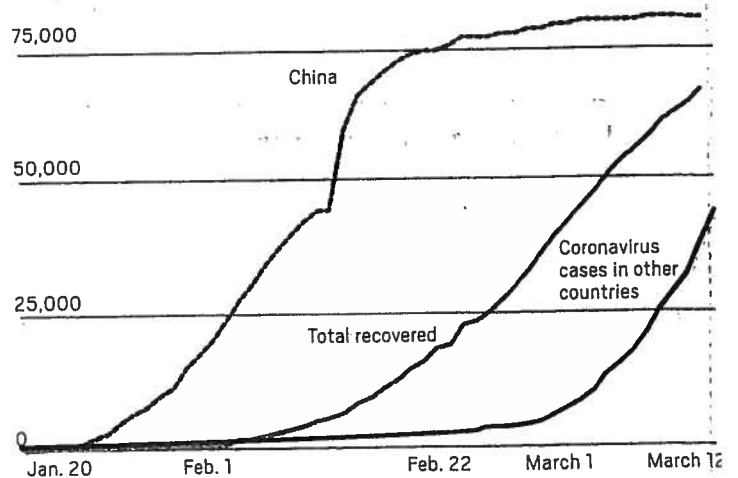
CONTAGIONS COMPARED

Not enough is known about COVID-19 at this point to determine exactly how easily it is transmitted, but the World Health Organization has some estimates based on early data. Early estimates put the number of transmissions between two and four per infected person.



Cases since Jan. 20

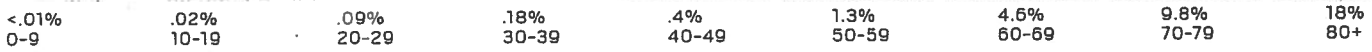
More than 153,000 cases and 5,000 deaths have been reported worldwide in less than two months. The outbreak has spread to 140 countries.



FATALITY RATES BY AGE

A new but not yet peer-reviewed report from Switzerland's University of Bern used data on the outbreak from China's CDC to find a fatality rate. The researchers found less than 1% of people in their 20s die from the virus, while the rate is 18% for those 80 or older.

- People of all ages can be infected by the disease and be carriers.
- Transmission of the disease is still being studied.
- People can carry the disease and not show symptoms.



DEFENDING YOURSELF

The CDC and the White House Coronavirus Task Force say the people most at risk are those over 60 and those with health conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes. They also recommend the following:



1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
2. If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick.
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

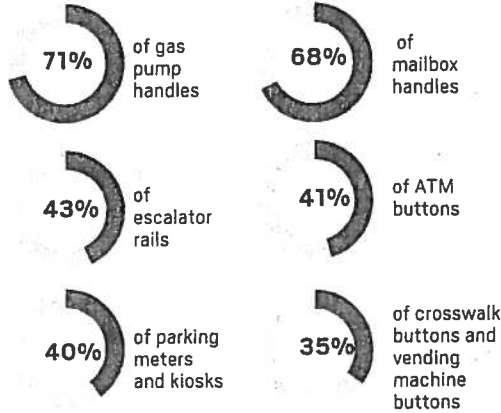
4. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.



5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
6. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

GERM HOT SPOTS

How long coronavirus can linger on surfaces is still being researched. The CDC says current evidence suggests that it may remain viable for hours to days on surfaces. A study released Wednesday showed the virus can remain viable in the air for up to three hours, on cardboard up to 24 hours and on plastic and stainless steel up to three days. A prevention.com study reveals how germ-ridden some surfaces people touch every day are. Results show the proportion of certain surfaces that had high levels of contamination, enough to spread illness.



HANDY TIPS

Not all hand sanitizers are the same. The CDC says sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol can help you avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.

A study published in the Journal of Hospital Infection suggested that coronaviruses could be "efficiently inactivated" with disinfectants that contain "62-71% ethanol, 0.5% hydrogen peroxide or 0.1% sodium hypochlorite within 1 minute." They also said agents that contain "0.05-0.2% benzalkonium chloride or 0.02 percent chlorhexidine digluconate are less effective."



Sources: The Associated Press, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, Bern University, Prevention.com

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OC News

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Sandbags available

During the rainy season, the City of Garden Grove, in conjunction with the Orange County Fire Authority, provides up to 10 free sandbags to residents.

Fire stations provide sand and bags to be filled by the residents. Residents are asked to bring their own shovels. Residents are responsible for transporting as well as disposing of filled sandbags. Proof of residency is required.

Sandbags are provided at the following fire station locations:

- OCFA Station #82, 11805 Gilbert St.
- OCFA Station #83, 12132 Trask Ave.
- OCFA Station #84, 12191 Valley View St.

For more information, contact the Orange County Fire Authority at 714-638-6344.

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OC preps steps in case of virus

County issues response to global pandemic

Community health mitigation decisions and strategies are crucial to slowing the transmission of COVID-19 (commonly known as novel coronavirus) in Orange County.

While the County of Orange risk levels are still low, the county wants to be prepared in the event additional guidance and/or guidelines on COVID-19 come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), respectively.

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“Minimizing risk through social distancing whenever possible which includes limiting attendance at large gatherings.

“Maintain vigilance and personal readiness which includes being prepared if there is COVID-19 in your household or a disruption of

daily activities in your community. For example, maintain a supply of medications, food and other essentials in your house.

“These guidelines provide essential protections to individuals at risk of severe illness and to health care and other critical infrastructure workforces. Preventing a sudden, sharp increase in the number of people infected with COVID-19 will help minimize disruptions to daily life and limit the demand on health care providers and facilities.”

All Orange County residents and encouraged to continue to monitor the Orange County Health Care Agency’s website at www.ochealthinfo.com/novel-coronavirus and on their social media channels.

ALL HANDS ON DECK

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For more information, seniors see COVID, page 2



Courtesy photo

Mayor Steve Jones.

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- Utility Billing: 714-741-5320

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City to honor college grads

College Graduates' Reception set for May 26

The city is seeking Garden Grove residents who are graduating this year with

an undergraduate or post-graduate academic degree from any college or university.

Graduates who submit their information at ggcity.org/grads will be invited to the eighth

annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception on Tuesday, May 26, from

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The
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deadline to submit information is Thursday, May 15, 2020.

Hosted by Mayor Steve Jones and the Garden Grove City Council, the free event recognizes local college graduates for their outstanding achievement in higher education. The private reception includes an awards ceremony, catered dinner, giveaways, prizes, and the chance to network with key businesses and organizations in the community.

The city would like to thank the event title sponsors, Garden Grove Tourism Promotion Corporation (G.G.T.P.C.), and all event sponsors for their generous contributions.

For more information, visit the city's website at ggcity.org or call the Office of Community Relations at 714-741-5280.

To view photos from previous events, visit @GardenGroveCityHall on Facebook.

GG ranked low in sleep study

Locals aren't getting enough rest, study shows

Garden Grove has emerged as one of the worst cities for sleep in California, according to new in-depth research by online sleep-industry review and information site, Sleepopolis.

The company compiled a comprehensive list of the best cities for sleep using carefully chosen metrics backed by peer-reviewed scientific studies based on a variety of different factors. These were combined to create an overall sleep score out of 100 for each town on the list. Garden Grove has a sleep score of 85.11, and came in position No. 245 — meaning its residents are getting far less quality sleep than those in other towns and cities in California.

The study found that Los Altos Hills emerged as the best city in the state to have a good night's rest with an overall sleep score of 95.46. North Auburn came in last place on the list with a sleep score of just 84.68.

The key indicators that contribute to Garden Grove's low sleep score include low physical activity rates, high smoking and drinking rates and above average mentally unhealthy days.

Insufficient sleep is linked to serious consequences for your

physical and mental health, leaving you more at risk of fatigue, concentration issues and illness.

“Even though there are many external factors that affect a good night's sleep, there are various ways you can improve your sleep habits with these simple but effective habits,” said Logan Block, spokesperson for Sleepopolis. “A good place to start is evaluating your bedroom — a cool temperature, little noise and light and a good-quality mattress.”

Logan has provided further tips on how to improve the quality of your sleep:

- Keep a consistent sleep schedule. Go to bed and wake up at the same time every night, including weekends. A consistent sleep schedule helps to regulate the circadian rhythm.
- Switch off electronics. If you must watch TV or use your smartphone, wear glasses specifically designed to block blue light, the type of light that has a stimulating effect on the brain.
- Reduce caffeine and alcohol.
- Regular exercise.
- Don't fight it! If you can't sleep, go to another room and do something relaxing until you feel tired.

Video showing girls harassing Asian students at school draws reprimand

The Wave
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2020

Called 'profane, disruptive, disrespectful and hostile' by Garden Grove Unified, mockery included shouts of 'coronavirus'

By Roxana Kopetman
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Two Garden Grove high school students videotaped themselves mocking Asian American students by shouting "coronavirus" during a school cultural assembly and harassing Vietnamese American classmates.

After one of the students posted the video on YouTube, where it went viral, they were blasted by other students and educators. Officials with Garden Grove Unified School District termed the actions depicted on the video as "unacceptable." Others described them as insensitive and racist.

The district, in an unsigned statement issued March 8, said it has opened an investigation into what officials termed "profane, disruptive, disrespectful and hostile words and actions" of the two teenage girls at Bolsa Grande High School, where 60% of the students are of Vietnamese descent. The district has not publicly identified the students by name.

Short video clips from the original account, which since has been shut down, have circulated on social media, garnering thousands of comments in English and Vietnamese.

The girls, who have been described as Latinas, are seen and heard laughing as one screams out "coronavirus" while students wearing Vietnamese outfits appear during an International Week assembly staged on campus March 6. In another clip, one of the girls picks up a traditional large Asian-style hat, puts it on, dances while laughing, then throws it on the ground.

And in a video clip that

drew the attention of Garden Grove police, one of the girls briefly touches or hits the face of an Asian student wearing a face mask after telling her "Hey, b--." Both girls erupt in laughter as the Asian student turns her face away, saying, "No, thank you."

Garden Grove Unified officials said they received numerous reports and copies of the video that shows the two Bolsa Grande students "mocking and harassing many students and adults and specifically mocking/harassing Vietnamese students in an assembly and on the campus."

"The behaviors shown in the video are unacceptable and will not be tolerated by Bolsa Grande or (Garden Grove Unified)," district officials wrote. "Disruptive and bias/hate speech and actions have no place in our schools."

One Bolsa Grande High alumna, Teriann Nguyen, reposted the video clips in a widely shared Facebook post, saying she was angry to see the girls "mock and disrespect my culture and harassing another student because she was wearing a face mask."

The district also said Bolsa Grande Principal Tracy Conway sent a message to students, parents and staff over the weekend, assuring them that the video "does not portray the values of the diverse school and that the imaging presented is inappropriate and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We deeply apologize for the pain this has caused our community."

Students who engage in such behaviors, "including hate/bias speech or activities" will face disciplinary action, said district spokeswoman Abby Broyles, who added that any details of that

discipline are confidential.

Many in the community remain outraged. As of March 11, an online petition calling for the girls' expulsion had been signed by 41,000 people.

Garden Grove police interviewed the girls March 9 and determined no crime was committed, said Lt. Richard Burillo. The face mask-wearing student who was touched by one of the girls told police she didn't believe she was deliberately hit and that she didn't want to press charges, Burillo added.

"It was more of a school conduct issue and should be handled internally by the school district," Burillo said.

In addition to contacting Garden Grove police, district officials also reached out to the nonprofit OC Human Relations agency and the Orange County Human Relations Commission.

The nonprofit agency, which works with the county, has been working with Garden Grove Unified in the wake of the 2019 release of various videos that showed members of the Pacifica High boys water polo team engaging in anti-Semitic activities. One video showed students singing a Nazi marching song while extending their arms in a Hitler salute.

Since that incident, OC Human Relations has offered training to student leaders across the district, and held community meetings, as part of a project to help promote a welcoming environment, said Alison Edwards, the agency's chief executive officer.

"We're living in contentious times," Edwards said. "The more we can all do to promote an Orange County where everyone feels safe, valued and included is some of the most important work we can do right now."

BEST THING I ATE THIS WEEK



PHOTO BY BRAD A. JOHNSON

Pho satay with peanut-chile broth is the house specialty at Pho Hoan Pasteur, a Vietnamese restaurant chain from Canada that has opened a location in Garden Grove.

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The Canadians are here, and they brought this new pho

By Brad A. Johnson
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It's a mostly Canadian thing. And now it's an Orange County thing because a new pho shop has just arrived in Garden Grove by way of Alberta.

Pho Hoan Pasteur operates nine Vietnamese restaurants in Calgary and Edmonton, where the tagline beneath their signage reads, "Fusion Noodle House."

The new OC location marks the brand's first expansion outside of Alberta, and the updated tagline

beneath their sign here reads, "Vietnamese Noodle House."

Despite the more authentic repositioning, the kitchen's specialty appears to be the same: a unique fusion noodle soup called pho satay.

Not to be confused with pho saté, which is a classic pho infused with Vietnamese red chile sauce (saté), this beefy pho draws its name from the Southeast Asian peanut sauce commonly served with grilled meats, or satay. In this case, however, it's more of a mashup that marries

Where: 9689 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove

When: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily

Phone: 714-591-5094

Online: phofoanpasteur.ca

saté with satay. The base of this beef noodle soup is a rich, creamy peanut broth spiked with red chile paste. Though this hybrid concoction is very popular in Canada and Australia, try as I might I haven't been able to find it anywhere in Little Saigon. Wonderfully aromatic and intensely spicy, this just might become your new favorite pho.

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Wednesday, March 18, 2020



CITY HALL SERVICES MOVE TO ONLINE, PHONE, EMAIL, OR MAIL ONLY

Effective immediately, all Garden Grove City Hall services will convert exclusively to online, or by telephone, email, or mail only.

Water bill payments can be made online at <https://ggcity.org/water>, over the phone at (888) 867-2992, mailed to Garden Grove City Hall, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove 92840, or non-cash payments may be placed in the drop-off box located in front of Garden Grove City Hall.

Walk-in appointments for other City Hall services will no longer be available. For a listing of City Hall services available by phone, online, or email, please visit ggcity.org/coronavirus/modified-public-counter-services, access the City's coronavirus page at ggcity.org, or call City Hall's main number at (714) 741-5000.

These measures are in line with the latest health orders issued by the County of Orange. For more information, visit the Orange County Health Care Agency website at www.ochealth.com.

From now through March 31, 2020, the City will not be shutting-off water service due to non-payment. Late water service payments will be accepted without penalty if paid by Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

For regularly updated City information, please visit the City's website at ggcity.org or social media channels, or visit the City's coronavirus webpage at ggcity.org/coronavirus.

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Tuesday, March 17, 2020



CITY SUSPENDS STREET SWEEPING CITATIONS AND WATER SHUT-OFFS

To provide some relief to the community facing the challenges of the coronavirus outbreak, the City of Garden Grove will immediately postpone the issuance of street sweeping parking citations and any discontinuation of water service for non-payment, through Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Late water service payments will be accepted without penalty if paid by Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

"Garden Grove wants to do what's best for our community and lend a hand wherever we can. City and community working together is how we're all going to get through these very difficult times," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones.

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Saturday, March 14, 2020



CITY ACTIVATES EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, CLOSES FACILITIES IN RESPONSE TO STATE'S STRONGER GUIDELINES ON CORONAVIRUS

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Public Information Officer



Thứ Ba, 17 tháng Ba, 2020

**THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE THÔNG BÁO LỊCH LÀM VIỆC TRONG 'THỜI GIAN
KHẨN CẤP' DO ẢNH HƯỞNG CỦA CORONAVIRUS**

Thành phố Garden Grove đã tạm dựng lên Trung tâm hoạt động khẩn cấp (Emergency Operation Centers) để đáp ứng các vấn đề liên quan đến dịch COVID-19. Thành phố cũng đã thực hiện các biện pháp an toàn ngay lập tức theo hướng dẫn của liên bang đối với tất cả các cơ sở, chương trình và sự kiện của Thành phố sẽ có hiệu lực đến ngày 31 tháng Ba, 2020. Đây là đáp ứng về đề nghị hủy bỏ các buổi tụ tập, được ban hành gần đây bởi Bộ Y tế Công cộng California và Thống đốc Gavin Newsom, nhằm bảo vệ sức khỏe cộng đồng và làm chậm sự lây lan của dịch COVID-19.

Thị trưởng Garden Grove ông Steve Jones chia sẻ, "Sức khỏe và phúc lợi của cư dân, du khách, doanh nghiệp và nhân viên luôn là ưu tiên hàng đầu của Thành phố trong mọi hoàn cảnh. Chúng tôi đang đối mặt với một số thời điểm thử thách nhất mà chúng tôi từng thấy, nhưng điều quan trọng là chúng tôi tiếp tục làm việc cùng nhau để hỗ trợ, tôn trọng và giúp đỡ lẫn nhau, và nhận định các tình huống cá nhân bằng suy nghĩ logic và sự bình tĩnh."

Sở Cảnh sát Garden Grove đề cao cảnh giác các vấn đề an toàn công cộng liên quan đến dịch COVID-19. Để hạn chế mọi tiếp xúc, sảnh trước (front lobby) của Sở Cảnh sát Garden Grove sẽ đóng cửa cho tất cả du khách đi bộ (walk-in). Tất cả các hoạt động kinh doanh của cảnh sát không khẩn cấp sẽ chỉ được thực hiện theo lịch hẹn. Các cuộc hẹn có thể được thực hiện bằng cách gọi cho Sở cảnh sát số khẩn cấp tại (714) 741-5704. Các

trường hợp khẩn cấp thì nên gọi 9-1-1; các trường hợp không khẩn cấp nên gọi ở số (714) 741-5704.

Các cơ sở sau đây tại Thành phố sẽ bị đóng cửa và tất cả các chương trình và lớp học sẽ bị hủy cho đến ngày 31 tháng Ba, 2020:

- Trung tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue

Bắt đầu từ Thứ Năm, ngày 19 tháng Ba, các bữa ăn 'Meals on Wheels OC' sẽ cung cấp cho người cao niên các bữa ăn đông lạnh tại nhà để thay thế cho chương trình ăn trưa Lunch Café.

Để biết thêm thông tin, người cao niên nên liên lạc với trung tâm theo số (714) 741-5253, từ 8:00 sáng đến 3:30 chiều, từ Thứ Hai đến Thứ Sáu.

- Trung tâm Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way; Trung tâm thể thao Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Drive; Trung tâm họp cộng đồng Garden Grove, 11300 Stanford Avenue; Garden Grove Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street.

Đối với các câu hỏi liên quan đến các đặt chỗ đang chờ xử lý hoặc trong tương lai cho Trung tâm Community Meeting Center và Courtyard Center, vui lòng gọi (714) 741-5262.

- Trung tâm Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, 12661 Sunswept Avenue

Để biết thêm thông tin, hãy gọi (714) 741-5768.

- Chương trình Tiny Tots, các lớp học của Khu Học Chánh Garden Grove đã tạm thời đóng cửa.

Trung tâm tài nguyên gia đình Magnolia Park, 11402 Magnolia Street, sẽ cung cấp các dịch vụ hạn chế. Vui lòng gọi (714) 530-7413 để biết thêm thông tin.

Các sự kiện do Thành phố tài trợ sau đây sẽ bị hủy bỏ hoặc hoãn lại:

Eggscavation (ngày 11 tháng Tư) và sự kiện kỷ niệm 20 năm Trung tâm tài nguyên gia đình Magnolia Park (18 tháng Tư). Sự kiện Kỷ niệm 20 năm của Công viên Magnolia sẽ được công bố sau.

Tòa thị chính Garden Grove sẽ chỉ mở cho các khoản thanh toán hóa đơn nước; tất cả các dịch vụ khác sẽ chỉ được cung cấp qua điện thoại, qua mạng.

Giấy phép xây cất: (714) 741-5307

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hoặc truy cập ggcity.org.

Tòa thị chính Thành phố Garden Grove, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove CA 92840.
Giờ làm việc: 7:30 sáng - 5:30 chiều, đóng cửa cách mỗi tuần Thứ Sáu (3/27 đóng cửa)



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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 26, 2020**

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DATED: March 19, 2020

DAVID DENT
ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



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**JUDITH MOORE
SECRETARY**

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 19, 2020

1. Notice of Cancellation for the March 26, 2020 Zoning Administrator meeting.
2. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocate," dated March 13, 2020 to March 19, 2020; including information from other government agencies regarding COVID-19.



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The League of California Cities Response to Coronavirus - A Message from Executive Director Carolyn Coleman

March 13, 2020

City Leaders,

As the situation around novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to rapidly evolve, we want you to know that the health and safety of the League community are top priorities. I'm grateful to the city officials who are working diligently with League staff to help all of us respond to the crisis.

We remain in direct communication with Governor Newsom's Office, the California Office of Emergency Services, the California Department of Public Health, as well as federal agencies and local health agencies, and based on their guidance, we are taking action to help city leaders protect their communities, and to protect our employees and maintain League operations.

As you may already know, we have created an [online COVID-19 resource](#) curated specifically for local officials, which is updated on a daily basis and includes yesterday's executive order by Governor Newsom to further enhance state and local government's ability to respond to COVID-19. Among other items, the order "Allows local or state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically." The full executive order can be found [here](#). Item #11 in the executive order also addresses suspension of certain Brown Act rules.

Status of League Events:

Based on current guidance from the [Governor's Office and state health officials](#), and with the concurrence of President Dunbar, we have decided to cancel the Public Works Officers Institute & Expo scheduled March 18-20 in Monterey. In addition, the Policy Committees scheduled to meet in person April 2-3 in Anaheim will be rescheduled and conducted via webinar technology. We will be in touch with committee members next week with details on how we will proceed with these important meetings and regret any inconvenience these changes may cause you. Our goal in making these changes is to reduce the risk of inadvertently contributing to the spread of the coronavirus. We also understand the importance of city leaders being visible and present in their communities during a crisis.

Currently, all other scheduled League events and conferences are moving forward as planned but may be canceled, modified, or postponed depending on updated guidance and in consultation with local health officials. We will notify you if there are further changes. For the status of division meetings, please contact your [Regional Public Affairs Manager](#).

We understand what a difficult time this is for local leaders throughout the state who are on the front lines of responding to the coronavirus pandemic and want you to know you can count on the League to support you. Please contact [Meghan McKelvey](#), Manager of Department and Member Services, with any questions you may have.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep your towns and cities safe and please stay safe yourselves. Our communities need you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Coleman
Executive Director
League of California Cities

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Cities rise to the challenge during coronavirus outbreak

March 18, 2020

Over the past week, Californians have been hit with increasing coronavirus (COVID-19) case numbers, unprecedented regulations, unparalleled closures of schools, restaurants, and stores, and cancelling of events.

As COVID-19 continues to spread through California communities, life is changing dramatically for cities and towns, seemingly by the minute.

While Gov. Gavin Newsom issues executive orders and recommendations in an attempt to minimize the spread of the virus and protect the health and wellbeing of people and businesses, city leaders have quickly moved to enact the state measures and guidance locally to protect people in their communities.

A number of cities such as Culver City, Lynwood, San Jose, and San Francisco, have moved to ban evictions if the inability for the tenant to pay rent is due to the financial impact of the pandemic.

The City of Fresno issued a moratorium on shutting off people's water and stopping garbage services, postponed business license tax payments deadlines, and added an ordinance against price gouging. The city attorneys in Los Angeles and San Diego have also made it clear that taking advantage of the consumers with unfair prices during the coronavirus outbreak will not be tolerated.

Media reports out of Los Angeles and Oakland are documenting the work many cities are doing to try to ensure that those experiencing homelessness in their communities receive greater protection from coronavirus.

In Long Beach, the city council unanimously voted to direct city staff to develop an economic resiliency program which would assist Long Beach families, workers and small businesses affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

"This public health emergency is also an economic emergency," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "We are taking decisive action to support families and small businesses that need support. No one should lose their home due to this crisis and this economics package is just the beginning."

The Lakewood City Council unanimously signed a statement expressing concern about the hoarding and buying of excessive quantities of toilet paper, bottled water, food, and supplies by some shoppers that result in shortages for other residents. City staff designed a poster to

discourage the hoarding, which will be offered to each of the city's grocery stores.

There are certainly more stories of proactive and protective measures by cities to respond to the outbreak that are still undocumented. However, a quick search online shows that nearly every city in California has published a webpage dedicated to coronavirus education and resources for residents and businesses. The state launched a [COVID-19 specific webpage](#) today.

The League [coronavirus resource and response webpage](#), launched a week ago, has attracted 4,387 page visits in just seven days. The webpage curates COVID-19 news, resources, and guidance specifically geared toward local leaders to help navigate the current situation and is updated as new developments occur.

The League remains in direct communication with the Governor's Office, the California Office of Emergency Services, the California Department of Public Health, as well as federal agencies, and updates are going out to city leaders regularly to provide them with the information needed to protect their communities and operations.

Cities that would like to share the actions they have taken in response to coronavirus can contact the communications team at communications@cacities.org.

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Last Call for Session Proposals for the 2020 Annual Conference & Expo

March 18, 2020

The League of California Cities is seeking innovative, cutting-edge topics for its 2020 Annual Conference & Expo which is scheduled for Oct. 7-9 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Gain visibility and contribute to the advancement of your field by taking advantage of this special opportunity before March 30 at www.cacities.org/acproposal.

The League's three-day annual conference features general sessions, workshops, and networking for city elected officials, department staff directors, and stakeholders throughout the state of California. Approximately 1,800 people are expected to attend in 2020 from all sections of city government including mayors, council members, city managers, city clerks, city attorneys, fiscal officers, and other city staff.

How to Submit

Proposals must be submitted online through the proposal form to be considered. There is a word count limit within the title and description of each proposal. Be sure to read the instructions carefully as each type of session has different requirements. For full proposal information please visit www.cacities.org/acproposal.

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from individuals, groups, businesses or organizations, on any topic of interest are welcome. The League encourages session proposals to be creative and current in their programming and format.

Planning Survey Volunteers

Session proposals will be evaluated by a spectrum of League members through an online survey. Evaluation is based on broad appeal to all League members, how current and timely the topic is, originality, innovativeness, interactive elements, creativity, thought/discussion provoking, evidence-based, and the avoidance of product/vendor commercialization.

Planning survey volunteers will receive an emailed packet of session descriptions with a link to the survey in early April, and will have one week to complete the survey. The survey is expected to take between three to five hours to complete, depending on how many changes are proposed to the submitted session.

Following the survey results, the League will share comments from the survey with session

Following the survey results, the League will share comments from the survey with session moderators so that they can tailor the panel to what would be most helpful to attendees.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email your name, title, and city with the subject line *Annual Conference 2020 – Proposal Review* to education@cacities.org.

If you have any questions please send an email education@cacities.org.

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Cities Encouraged to Coordinate with Operators on Beverage Container Redemption Pilot Project Grants

March 18, 2020

The California Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has modified its determination on who can be a grantee in relation to the funding allocated by AB 54 for the Beverage Container Redemption Pilot Project Grant Program.

This program will provide opportunities for California local governments and recycling center operators to improve redemption opportunities for eligible beverage containers and increase recycling rates in unserved convenience zones statewide. Cities are among the jurisdictions that are eligible to apply.

These modifications allow pilot project recyclers (PPR), which are certified to operate in those pilot projects, eligible for grants, and allow PPR operators that use and rely on the equipment and vehicles purchased with the grant funds to own that equipment.

While the jurisdictions and pilot project recyclers will have separate grant agreements under an approved pilot project, the combined amount of grant funds shall not exceed the total amount approved for that pilot project. CalRecycle strongly encourages jurisdictions and PPR operators to work together to determine how the funding will be split to cover the costs of the approved pilot project to ensure the maximum amount allowable does not exceed \$1,000,000.

A jurisdiction must apply for a beverage container recycling pilot project and be approved by CalRecycle before being considered for grant funding. Additionally, a PPR operator must be certified as a pilot project recycler for an approved pilot project to be eligible for funding consideration. Cities should review the Pilot Project Requirements to apply for a project and the Beverage Container Redemption Pilot Project Grant Program link for specific grant requirements.

Application Deadline Extended for Helen Putnam Award for Excellence

March 18, 2020

In light of the disruption that the COVID-19 situation has caused for city officials and staff across the state, the League of California Cities has extended the Helen Putnam Awards for Excellence application deadline to provide cities additional time to complete submissions. The new deadline to apply is close of business on Friday, May 8.

Each year, the League of California Cities honors outstanding work in member cities throughout the state through the League Partner-sponsored Helen Putnam Awards for Excellence.

The award recognizes the successes of California cities that have created innovative solutions to help their communities thrive, implemented resourceful efficiencies, improved public service, and enhanced public trust and support. The award also provides a great opportunity for local communities to celebrate the work of the city.

If your city has accomplished remarkable, inventive work in any of the 12 categories listed below, now is the time to apply. The Helen Putnam Awards for Excellence are also a great opportunity to thank employees and collaborators, connect with residents, and celebrate outstanding contributions that have enhanced the city.

Award categories include:

- CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration Award
- Community Services and Economic Development
- Economic Development through the Arts
- Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, and Community Involvement
- Health and Wellness Programs
- Housing Programs and Innovations
- Internal Administration
- League Partners Award for Excellence in City-Business Relations
- Planning and Environmental Quality
- Public Safety
- Public Works, Infrastructure, and Transportation
- Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government

Your city must be a League member to apply. To qualify, simply demonstrate that your city offered a program or service that has proven measurable and successful within a minimum of one year of actual implementation. Particular attention and credit is given to applications specifically advancing the League's strategic priorities, which are determined each year by the board of directors.

Online entry deadline is Thursday, May 8 at 5 p.m. Submit your application online at www.helenputnam.org.

Please contact Melissa Tualla with any questions at (916) 658-8216.

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Deadline Extended: Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grant Program

March 18, 2020

In consideration of the the evolving COVID-19 situation, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is working on a plan to extend the deadline to submit applications for the Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants.

These grants make a total of approximately \$720,000 available – up to three to five grants between \$150,000 and \$250,000 – to support recovery and resilience activities in California communities affected by wildfires.

Prop. 84, passed in 2006, directed funds to protect natural resources vital to public health, California's economy, and the environment. The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has awarded over \$66 million through Prop. 84 between 2010 and 2018.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for the Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants include local and regional governments (cities, counties, tribes, and metropolitan planning organizations) representing California areas affected by wildfires between 2017 and 2019.

Application Timeline, Guideline and Resources

The program's timeline is currently being revised, based in part on continuing guidance regarding social interactions, as well as the SGC's public meeting schedule, since the council approves the program's grant awards. Although SGC and OPR have not yet confirmed the new submission deadline, they will provide a **minimum three week extension beyond the original March 18 deadline**.

Once SGC and OPR have established a revised submission deadline, they will send announcements to their email lists, and their staff will individually email all applicants who have started applications on the GRanTS application platform. The grant application and guidelines can be accessed through the SGC website.

In the meantime, OPR will continue to answer your questions and remain available to provide updates and information.

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 and California's response, visit the [CDPH website](#). Please also visit the League's [COVID-19 page](#) to get the latest news and resources for cities.

Direct questions about the Proposition 84 Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Grants to [James Crowder](#).

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California City Leaders attend NLC Congressional City Conference

March 18, 2020

Thousands of local officials, partners, and municipal staff left a resounding message of strength in our nation's capital last week for the 55th annual National League of Cities Congressional City Conference.

America's largest legislative conference for local leaders included important policy discussions, engaging general session speakers, collaborative networking opportunities, and a spotlight on the power of cities. League of California Cities President John F. Dunbar, First Vice President Cheryl Viegas Walker, Second Vice President Cindy Silva, Immediate Past President Jan Arbuckle, and League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman led the California delegation of more than a hundred local leaders, along with Joe Buscaino, the NLC president, League of California Cities board member, and Los Angeles city council member.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Spearheads Conversations at the Congressional City Conference

With concerns increasing surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, NLC prioritized programming, resources, and precautionary measures on-site at this year's conference. NLC also provided real-time updates and resources for attendees to take back to their cities, towns, and villages.

"California's city leaders are working around the clock to ensure the safety and wellbeing of their residents," said Coleman. "Now, more than ever, a productive local-federal partnership is vital as we navigate this public healthy emergency."

On March 10, NLC hosted an important town hall moderated by Lindsey Horvath, mayor pro tem of West Hollywood and chair of NLC's Human Development Committee. Horvath's guest, Dr. Oscar Alleyne, chief of Programs and Services at the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) gave a detailed situational summary of COVID-19 and an overview of best practices in public safety and preparing your home, schools, and local communities. Dr. Alleyne's presentation is available [online](#).

Chief Medical Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Dr. Mitchell Wolfe provided a high-level breakdown to city leaders of coronavirus symptoms, preventions, and recommended responses.

"We have engaged with state and local partners on a very regular basis and we're always looking for opportunities to do more" Dr. Wolfe said. "I highly encourage everyone to work with their local

opportunities to do more," Dr. Vione said. "I highly encourage everyone to work with their local health department."

League Officers joined members of NLC's Board of Directors in a meeting with Vice President Mike Pence at the end of the conference to discuss the local-federal partnership needed to address the coronavirus pandemic.

"We discussed the critical coordination needed to respond to the coronavirus public health emergency and protect the health and well-being of our residents," said Buscaino. "There are a number of issues we can work on together to serve our cities, towns, and villages, and I look forward to productive communication and partnership in the coming weeks."

For city-focused coronavirus resources and information, please visit www.cacities.org/coronavirus or www.nlc.org/coronavirus. The webpages are updated regularly.

NLC Congressional City Conference Concluded Atop Capitol Hill with Advocacy Day

Capitol Hill Advocacy Day was the culmination of all the calls to action during NLC's conference and was a huge success, reaffirming that local and federal officials must lead together and with urgency during these unprecedented times.

California's delegation joined 363 participating local officials across 39 states to meet with congressional members and staff throughout the day. California League leaders discussed the League's 2020 Strategic Priorities and advocated for increased funding for critical grant programs for cities to support housing, transportation, and infrastructure investments. The League's leadership shared these priorities with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Rep. Anna Eshoo, Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, Rep. Mike Thompson, and Rep. Judy Chu.

"The recent global events show how important it is for collaboration and communication across all levels of government," said President Dunbar. "Advocacy Day is an important opportunity for local governments to share the ways in which we can partner with Congress on our shared goals for improving the quality of life for those who live, work, and raise families in California communities."

The local government temporary takeover of Capitol Hill was a success. Overall, 172 members of Congress across key committees listened to the concerns of their constituents and committed to working together.

Pictures from the advocacy trip are available on the League's [Twitter page](#).