

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
January 14, 2016

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year 2014-15 is available for your review.

B. INVESTMENT POLICY

A copy of the 2016 Investment Policy is also available for your review.

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

A. A memo from the Municipal Water District of Orange County with data on monthly water usage along with projections and water supply information.

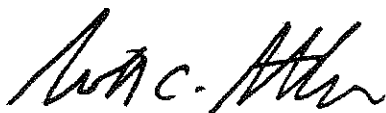
• OTHER ITEMS

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

City of Garden Grove, California



GROVE DISTRICT
ANAHEIM RESORT

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

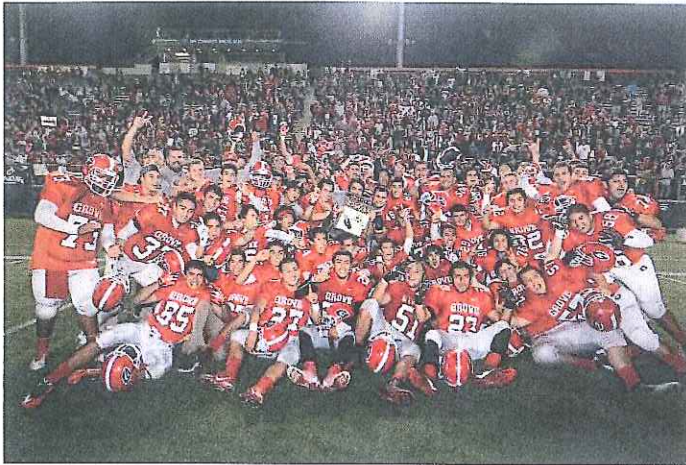
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015



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City of Garden Grove

The City of Youth and Ambition



INVESTMENT POLICY

2016





Memorandum

DATE: January 11, 2016
TO: Member Agencies – MWDOC Divisions Two & Three
FROM: Larry Dick, Director – Division Two
Wayne S. Osborne, Director – Division Three
SUBJECT: Monthly Water Usage Data, Tier 2 Projection & Water Supply Information

The attached figures show the recent trend of water consumption in Orange County (OC), an estimate of Tier 2 volume for MWDOC, and selected water supply information.

- Fig. 1 OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply OCWD Groundwater water was the main supply in November.
- Fig. 2 OC Water Usage, Monthly, Comparison to Previous Years Water usage in November 2015 was below average compared to past three years. Lower usage is primarily due to strong conservation efforts and mandatory restrictions set by the governor.
- Fig. 3 Historical OC Water Consumption OC water consumption was 571,000 AF in FY 2014-15. This is about 50,000 AF less than FY 2013-14 but is about 16,000 AF higher than FY 2010-11 (Fiscal year with lowest usage). Water usage per person was the lowest it has been for Orange County at 164 gallons per day. Although OC population has increased 20% over the past two decades, water usage has not increased, on average. A long-term decrease in per-capita water usage is attributed mostly to Water Use Efficiency (water conservation) efforts. High Temperature, precipitation and the economy all remain indicators to O.C. water consumption.
- Fig. 4 MWDOC "Firm" Water Purchases, 2015 "Firm" water above the Tier 1 limit will be charged at the higher Tier 2 rate. Our current projection of Tier 2 purchases is zero in 2015.

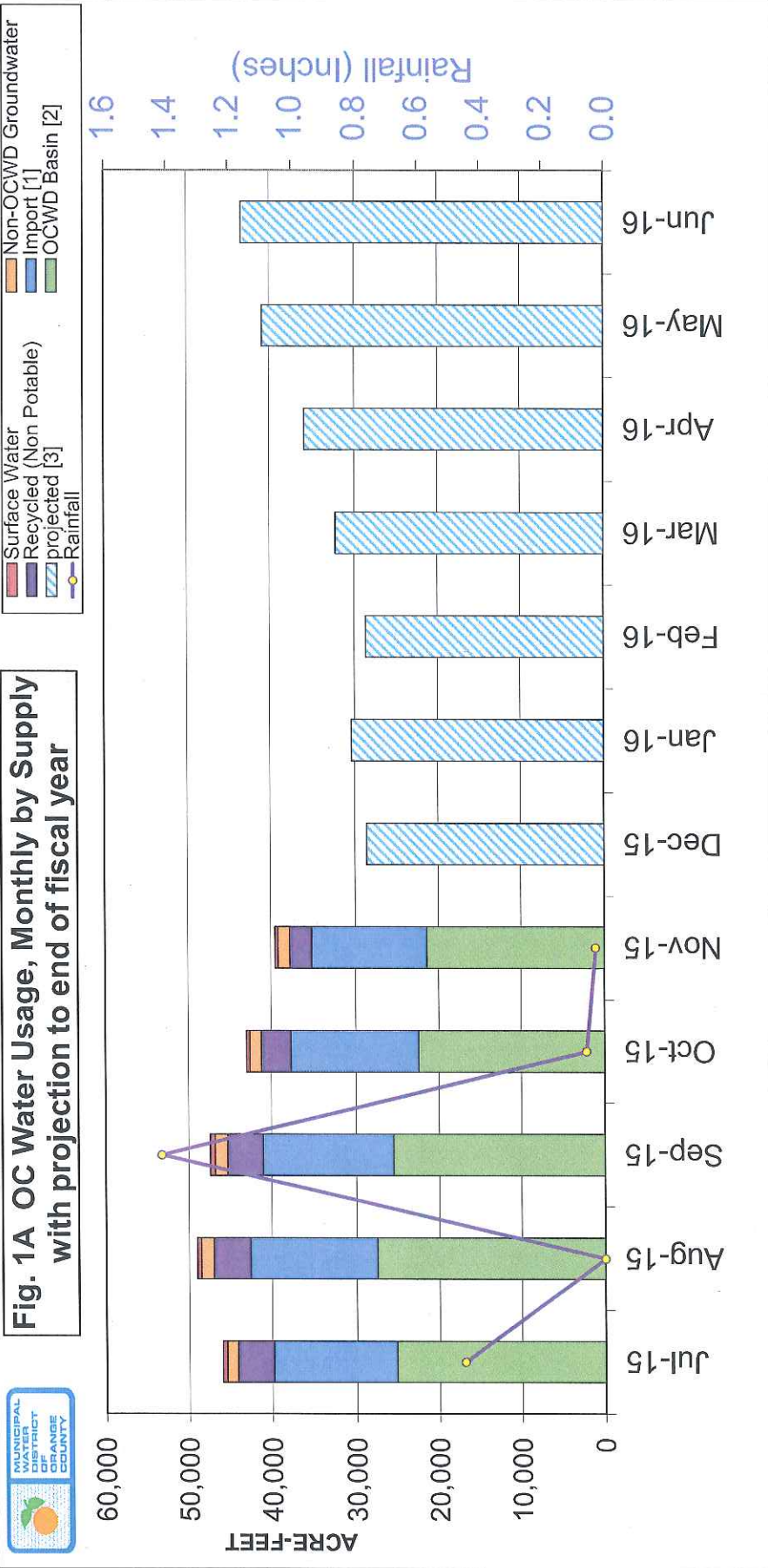
Water Supply Information Includes data on: Rainfall in OC; the OCWD Basin overdraft; Northern California and Colorado River Basin hydrologic data; the State Water Project (SWP) Allocation, and regional storage volumes. The data has implications for the

magnitude of supplies from the three watersheds that are the principal sources of water for OC. Note that a hydrologic year is Oct. 1st through Sept. 30th.

- Orange County's accumulated rainfall through December was below average for this period. This continues the impact of the previous three hydrologic years' below-normal rainfall in reducing those local supplies that are derived from local runoff. El Nino conditions are present and 2015-16 winter is developing into a very strong El Nino event.
- Northern California accumulated precipitation in December was around 94% of normal for this period. The Northern California snowpack is 105% of normal. This follows three below-average hydrologic years. The State of California has been in a declared Drought Emergency since January 2014. The State Water Project Contractors Table A Allocation is only 10% as of the end of December.
- Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation in November was 104% average for this period. The Upper Colorado Basin snowpack was 107% of average as of April 15th. However, this follows two below-average hydrologic years, and this watershed is in a long-term drought. Lake Mead and Lake Powell combined have about 60% of their average storage volume for this time of year. If Lake Mead's level falls below a "trigger" limit at the end of a calendar year, then a shortage will be declared by the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), impacting Colorado River water deliveries for the Lower Basin states. As of Late July Lake Mead Levels were hovering around the "trigger" limit but fortunately levels are expecting to increase from the large amounts of precipitation that hit the Colorado River Basin this summer and spring. The USBR predicts that the "trigger" level will not be hit by the end of 2015.



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



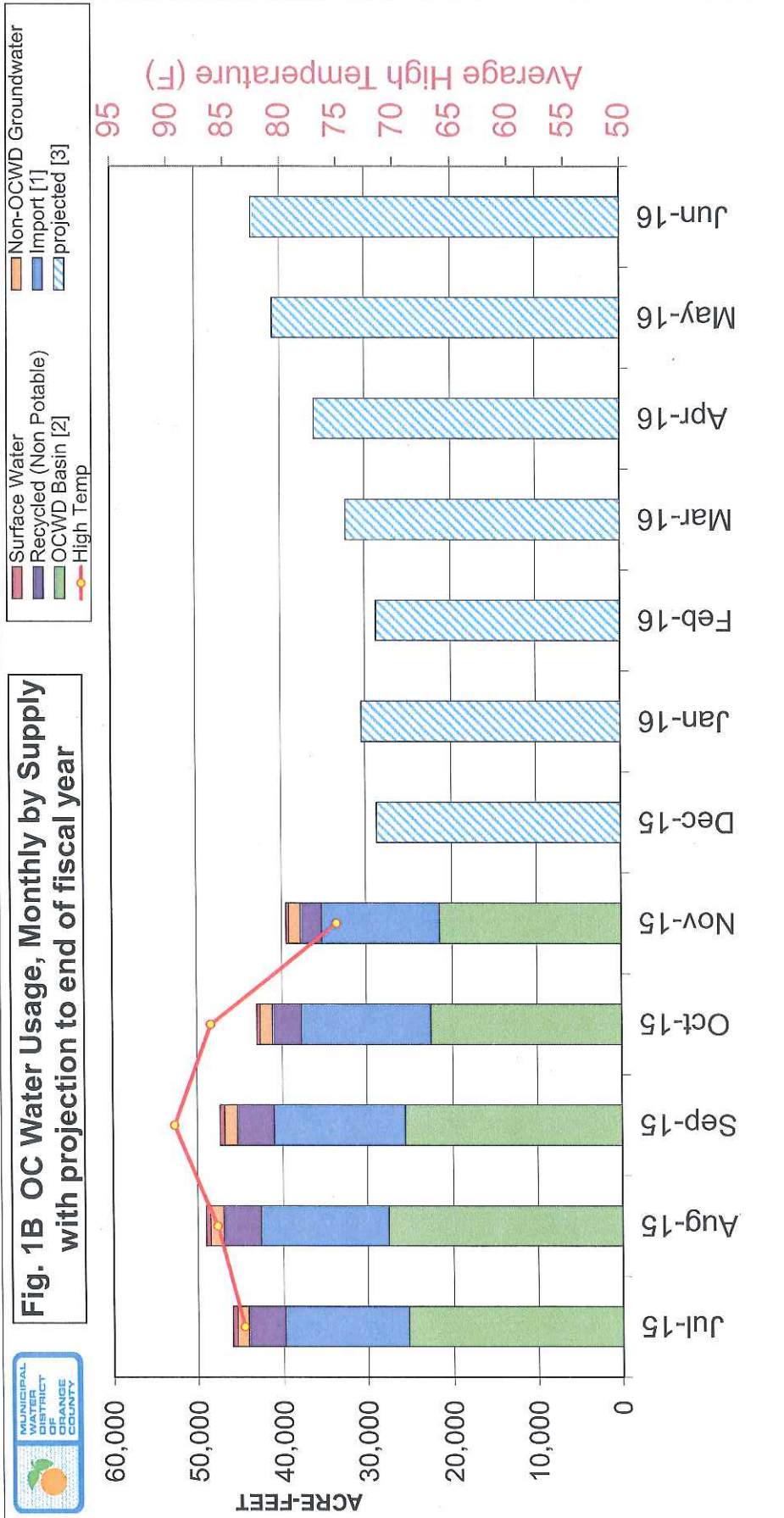
[1] Imported water for consumptive use. Includes "In-Lieu" deliveries and CUP water extraction. Excludes "Direct Replenishment" deliveries of spreading water, "Barrier Replenishment" deliveries, and deliveries into Irvine Lake.

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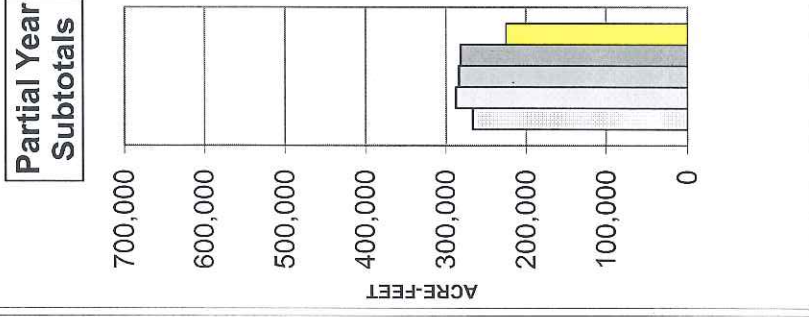
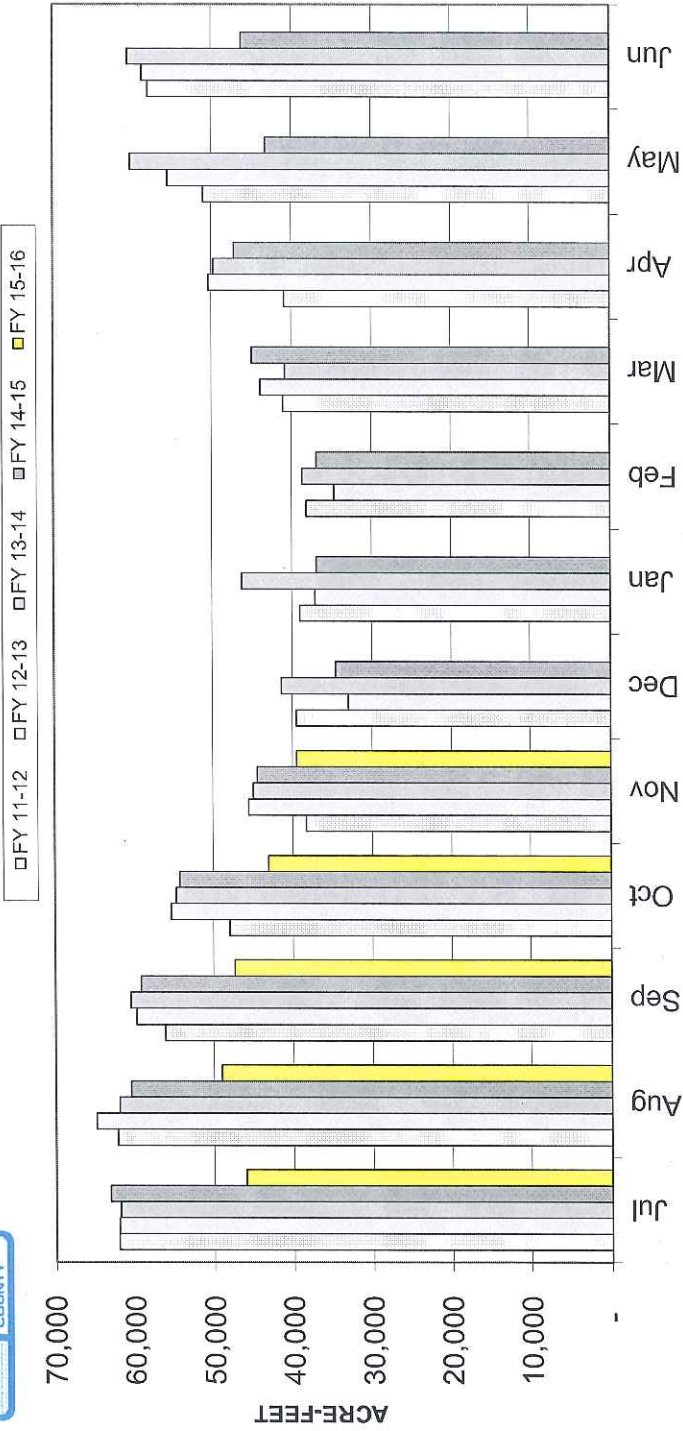
Fig. 1B OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply with projection to end of fiscal year



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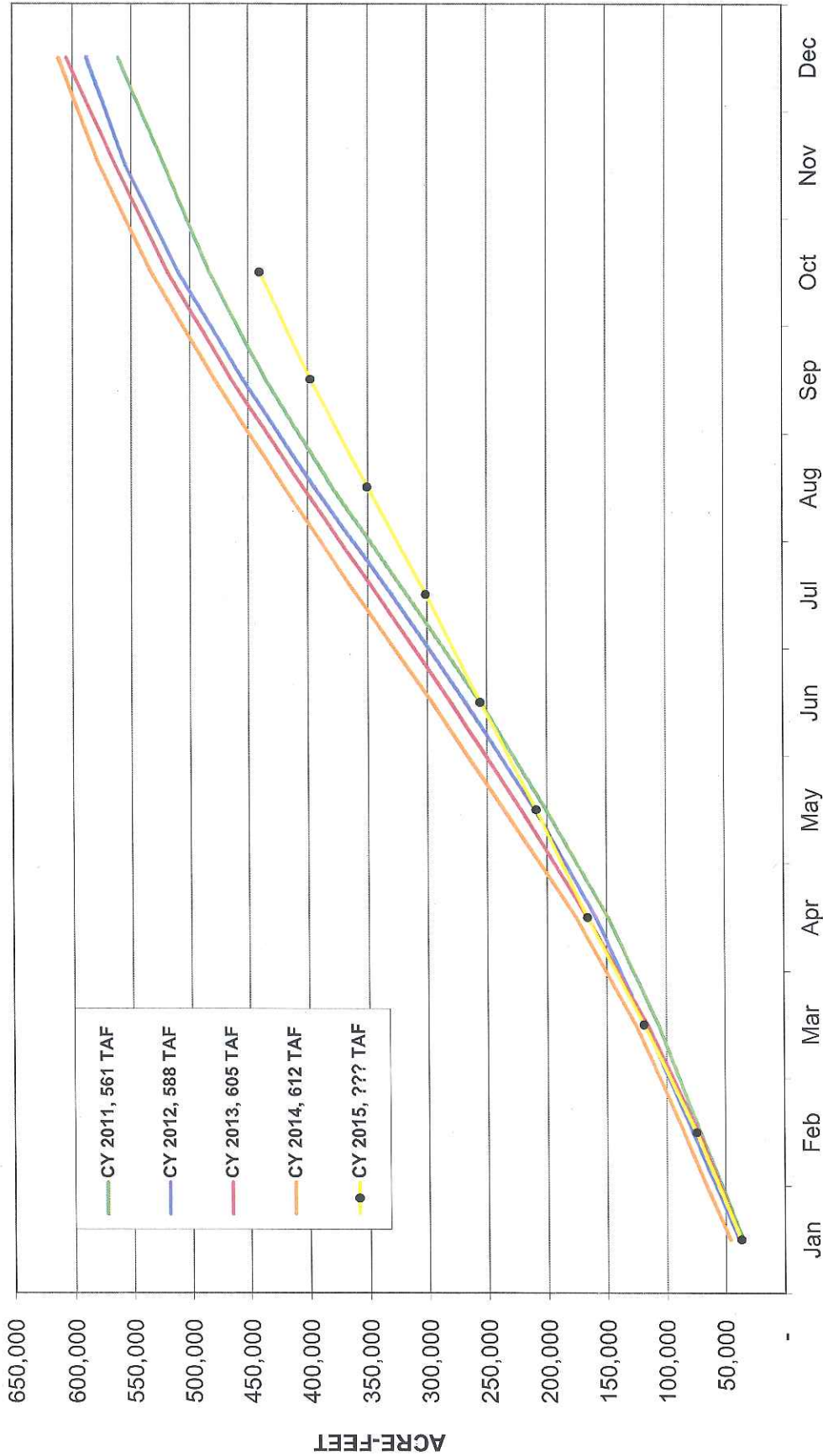
Fig. 2A OC Monthly Water Usage [1]: Comparison to Last 4 Fiscal Years



[1] Sum of Imported water for consumptive use (includes "In-Lieu" deliveries; excludes "Direct Replenishment" and "Barrier Replenishment") and Local water for consumptive use



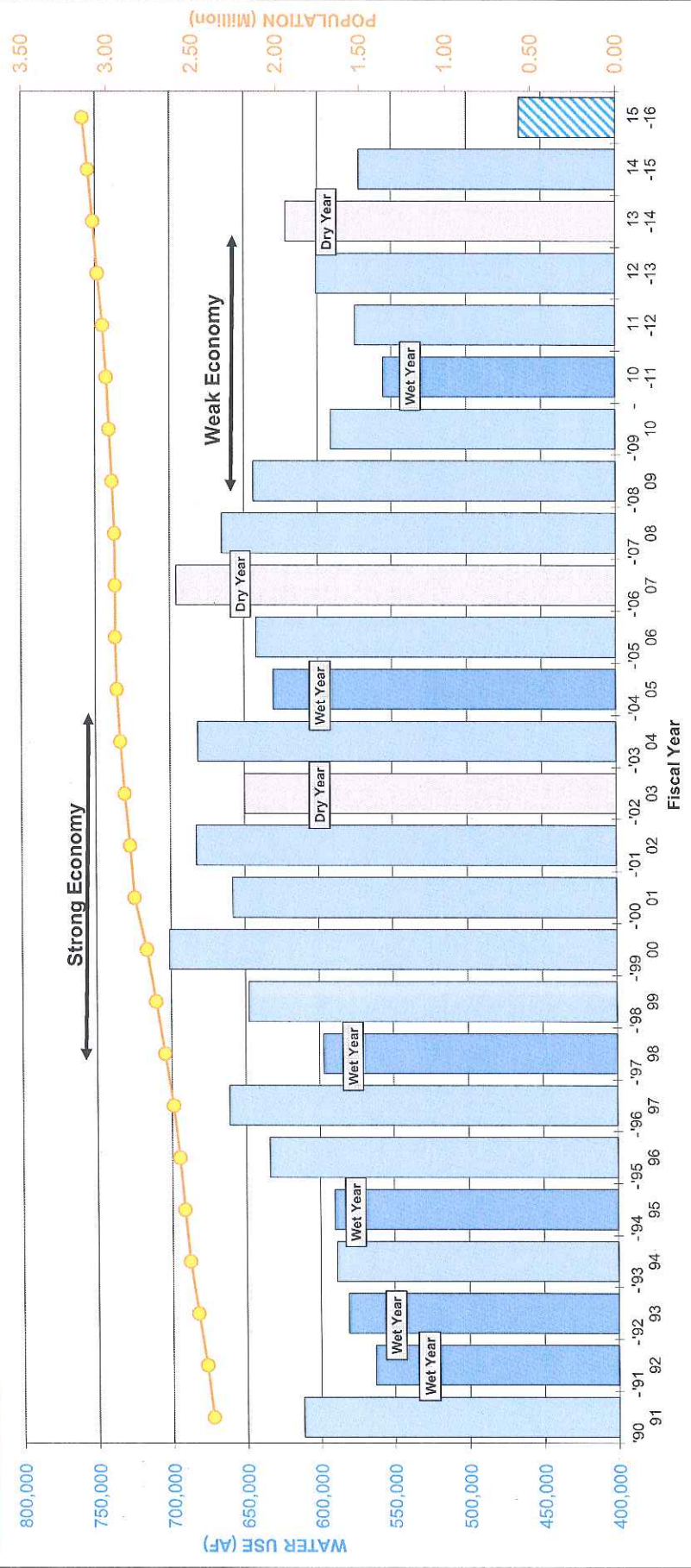
Fig. 2B Orange County Cumulative Monthly Consumptive Water Usage [1]: present year compared to last 4 calendar years



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Fig. 3A HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND POPULATION[2] IN OC

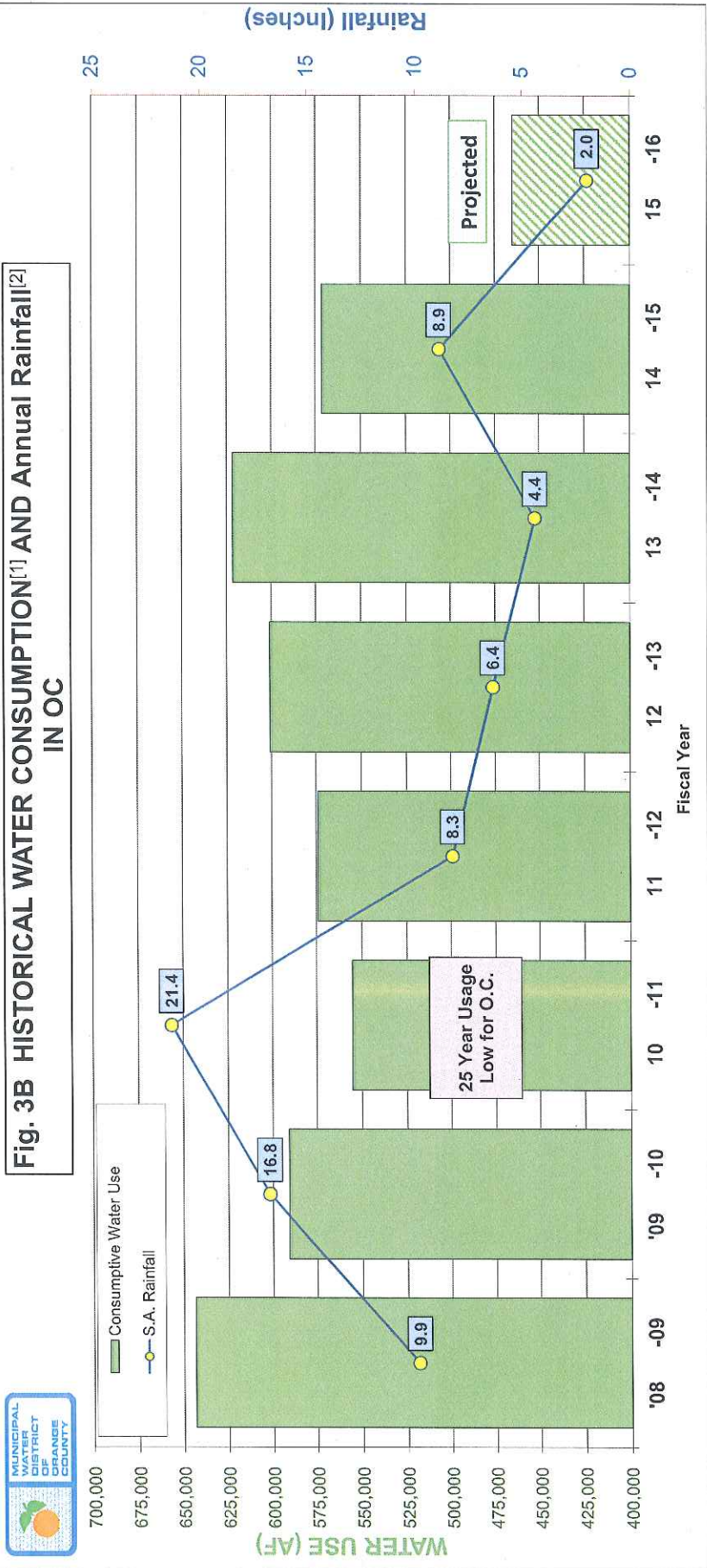


[1] Consumption includes potable, recycled and non-potable usage; excludes Barrier and Spreading water. The most recent data involve some estimation.

[2] Population estimates in the 2000s decade were revised by the State Dept. of Finance to reflect the 2010 Census counts.

[3] Projection of FY 15-16 water use estimated by MWDOC based on partial-year data.

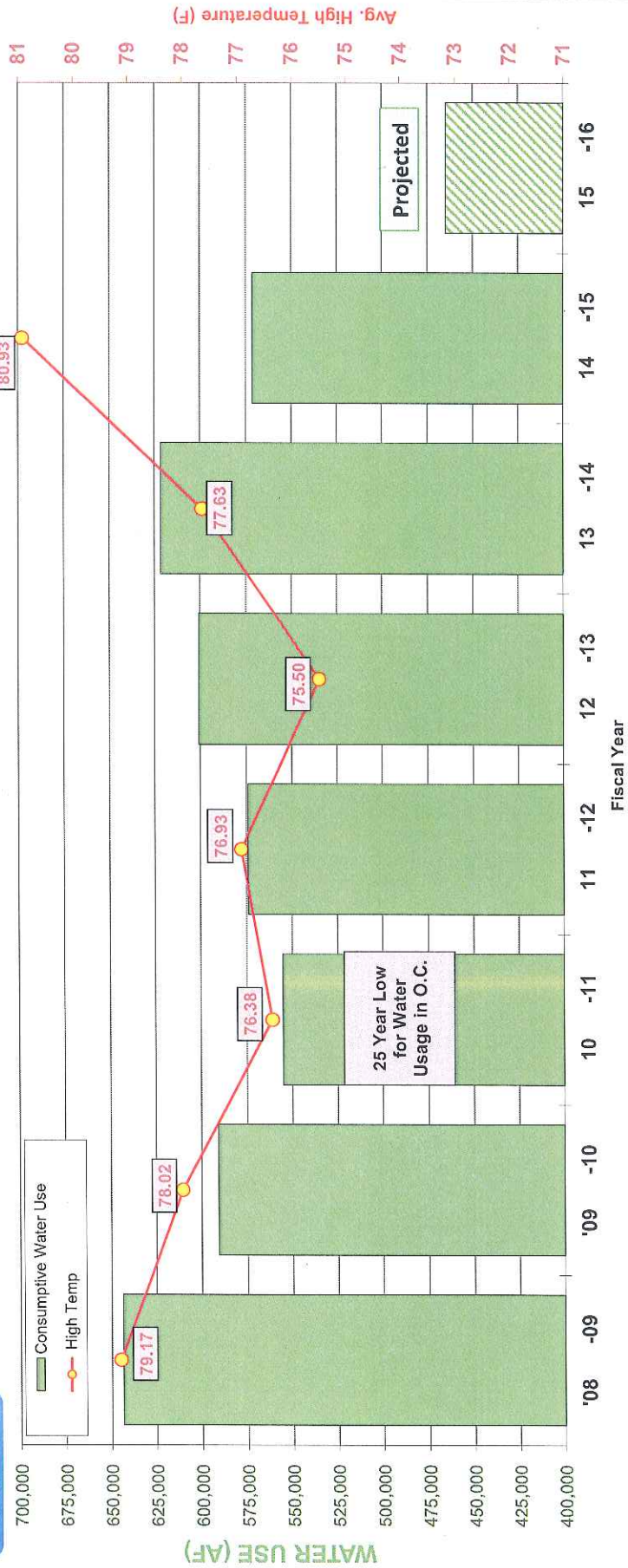
Fig. 3B HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION^[1] AND Annual Rainfall^[2] IN OC



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[2] Rainfall data from Santa Ana Station #121

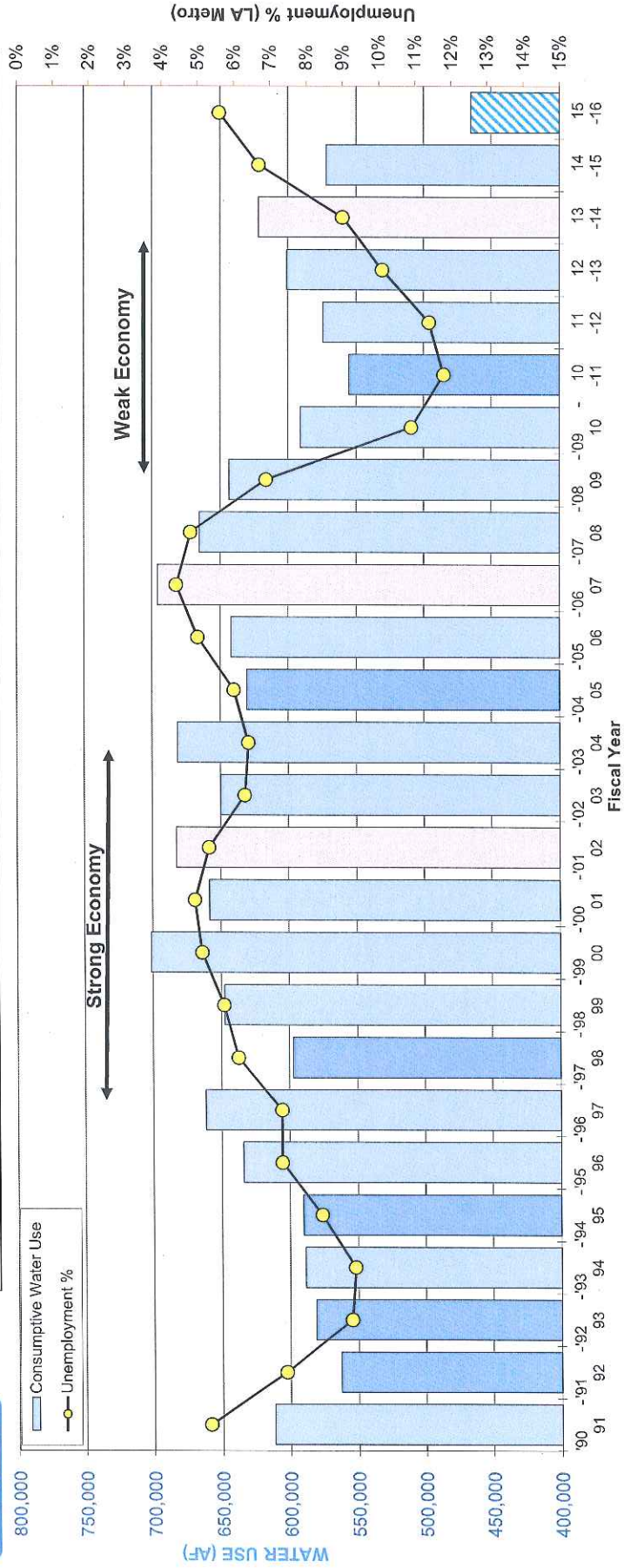
Fig. 3C HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND Annual Average High Temperature[2] IN OC



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[2] Temperature data is from Santa Ana Fire Station, elevation 135'

Fig. 3D HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND Average Unemployment[2] IN OC



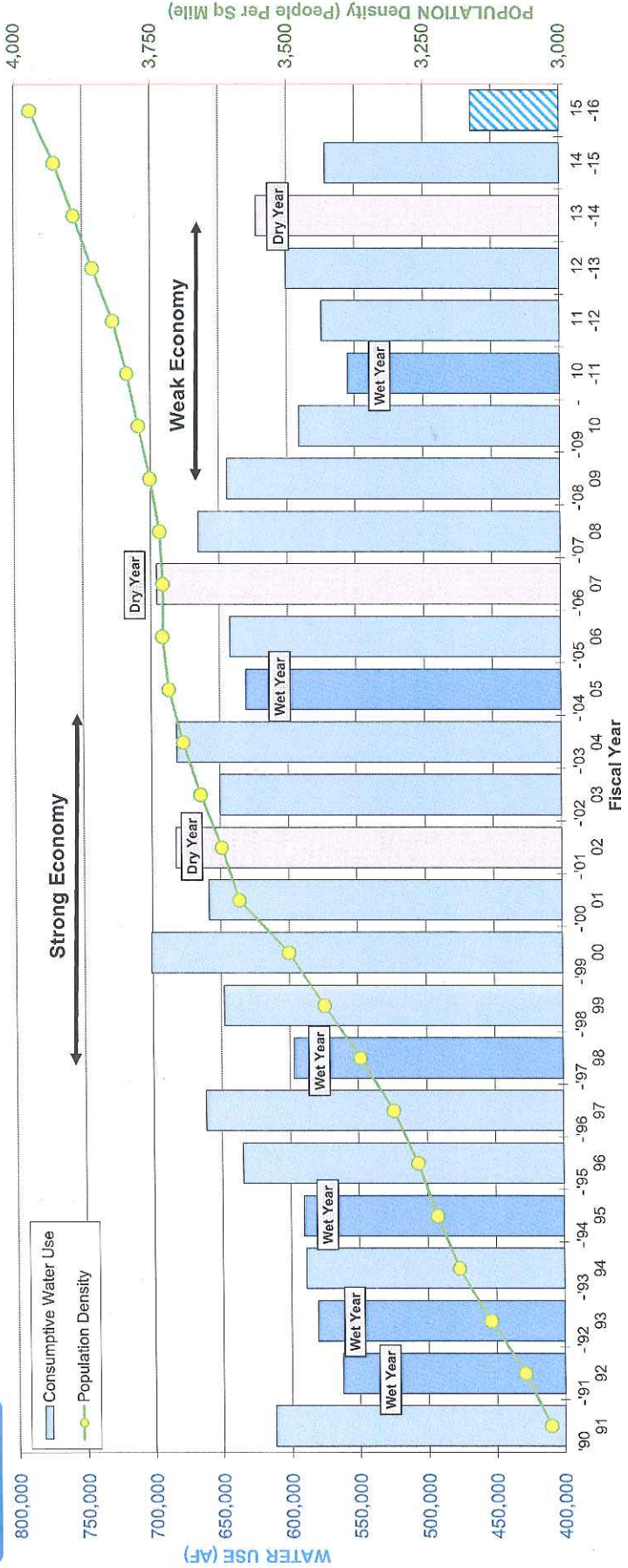
[1] Consumption includes potable, recycled and non-potable usage; excludes Barrier and Spreading water. The most recent data involve some estimation.

[2] Employment Data source Bureau of Labor Statistic: for Long Beach-L.A.-Santa Ana Metro Area

<http://www.bls.gov/lau/>



Fig. 3E HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION^[1] AND POPULATION DENSITY^[2] IN OC

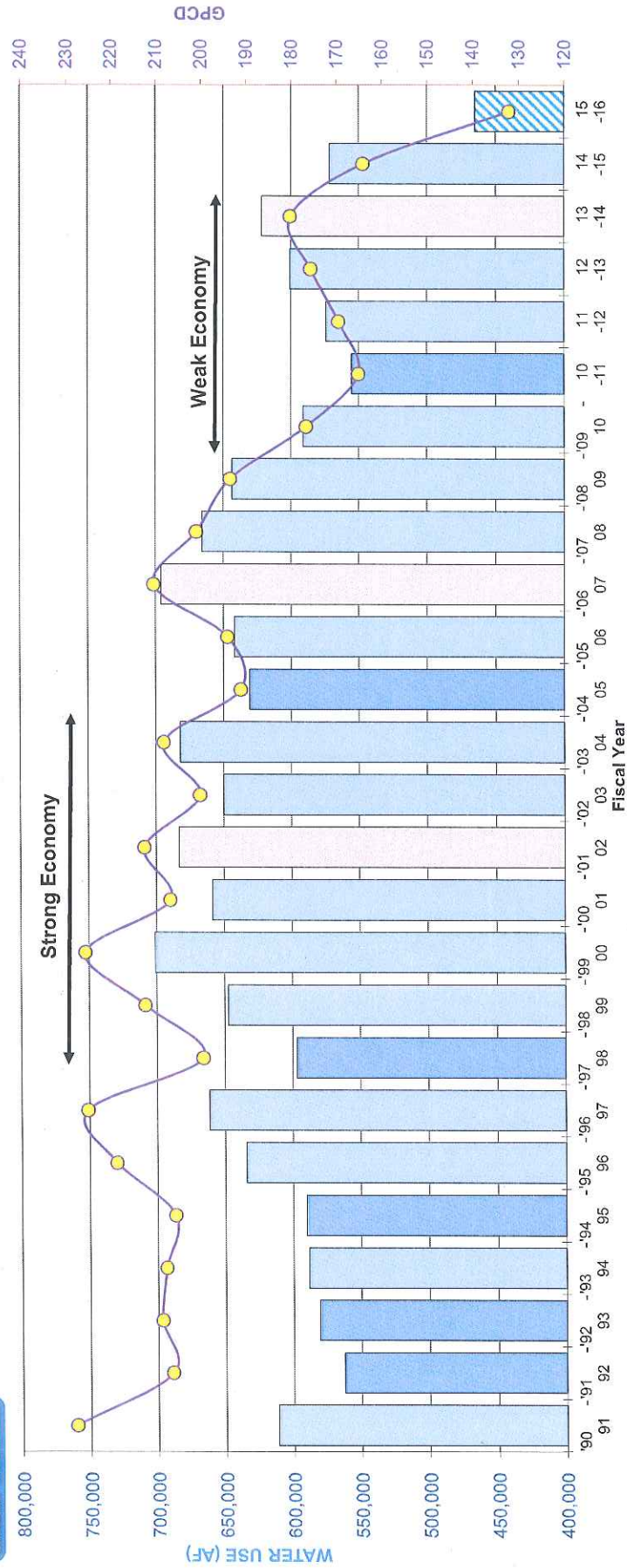


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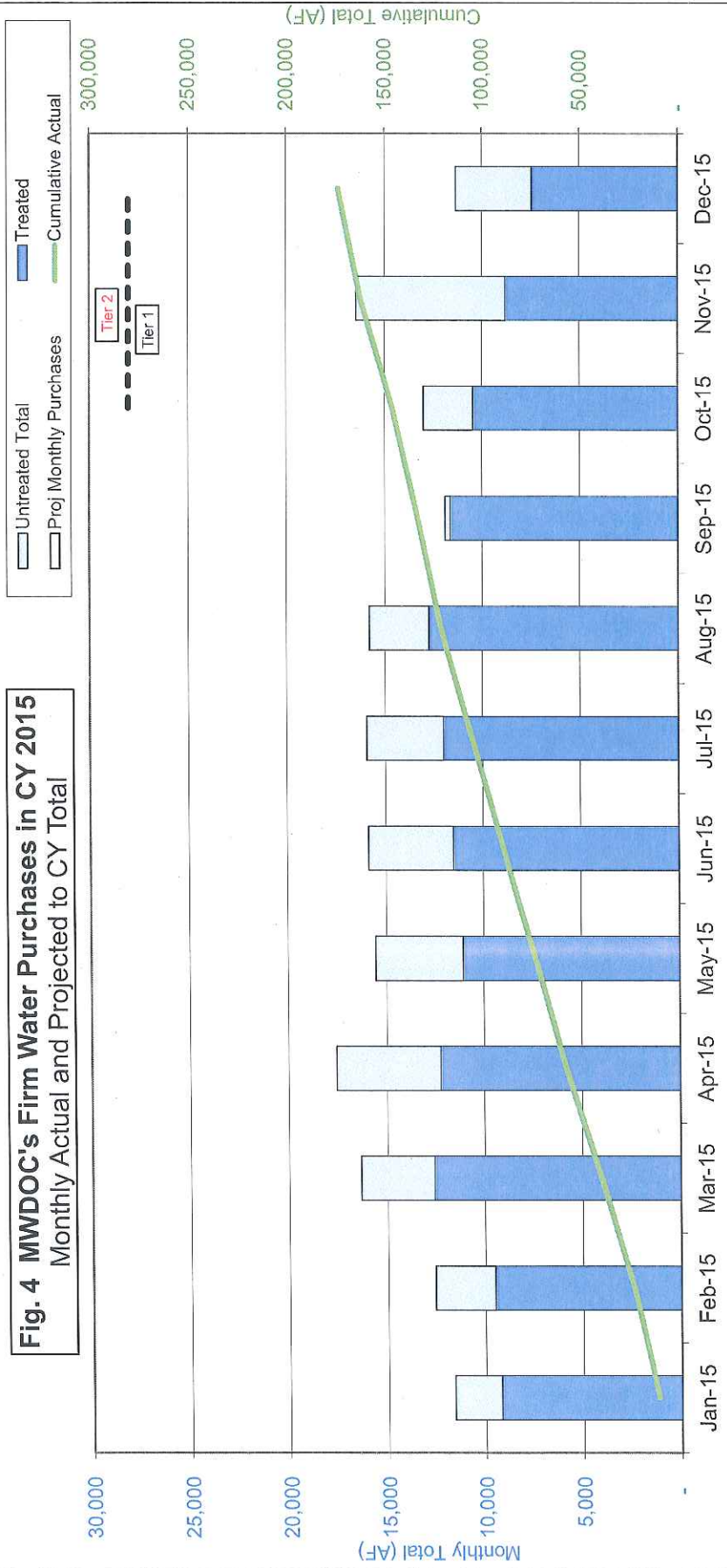


Fig. 3F HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND GPCD [2] IN OC



[1] Consumption includes potable, recycled and non-potable usage; excludes Barrier and Spreading water. The most recent data involve some estimation.
 [2] Gallon per Capita Daily (includes all types of water usage and all type of water users).

Fig. 4 MWDOC's Firm Water Purchases in CY 2015
 Monthly Actual and Projected to CY Total



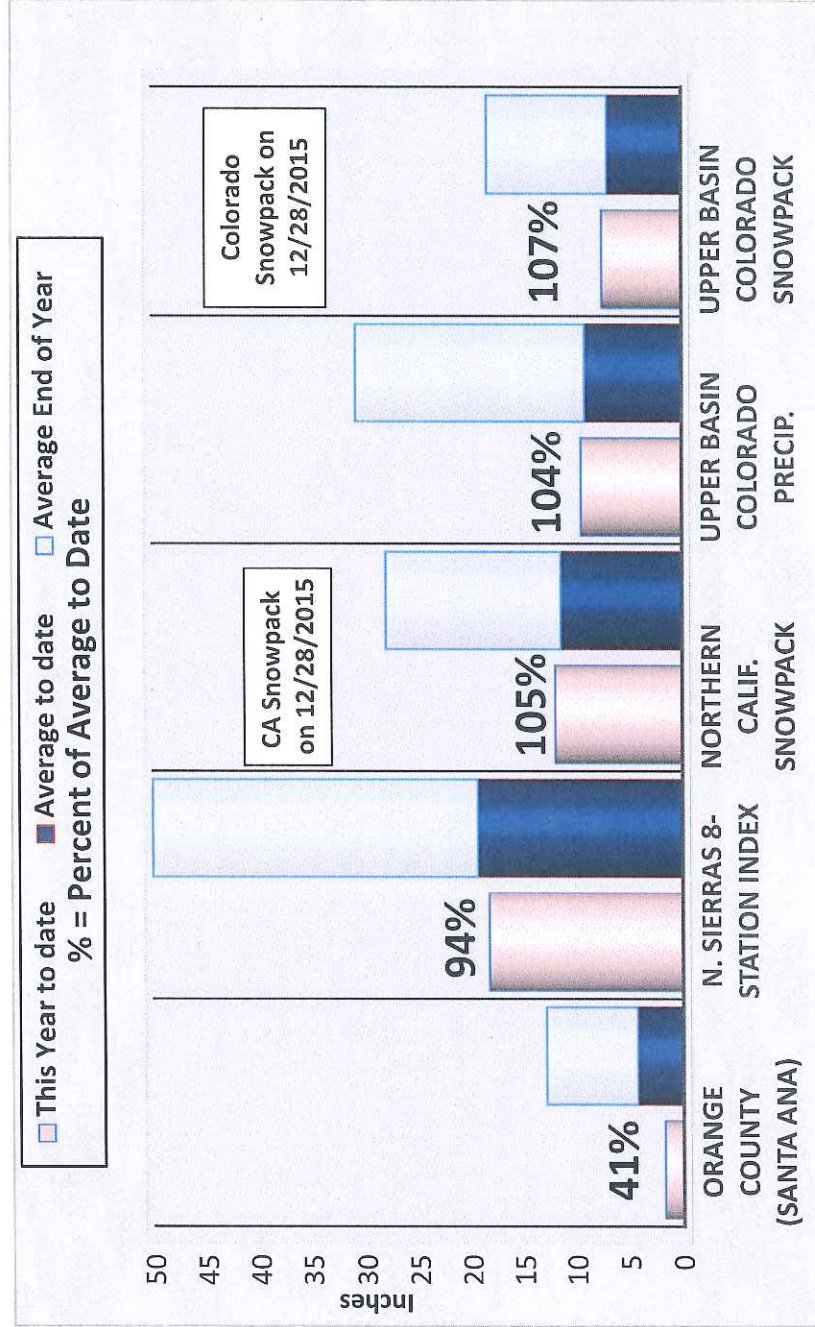
Notes

- "Firm" includes Full Service (both Treated and Untreated) and Barrier water.
- Basin Pumping Percentage (BPP) is the percentage of a retail water agency's total water demand that they are limited to pump from the OCWD-managed groundwater basin. BPP pertains to Basin agencies only. For example, if a Basin agency's total demand is 10,000 AF/yr and OCWD sets the BPP at 72%, then the agency is limited to 7,200 AF of groundwater that year. There may be certain exceptions and/or adjustments to that simple calculation. OCWD sets the BPP for the Basin agencies, usually as of July 1st. Import demands for Jan.-Jun. were with BPP of 72% for Basin agencies; for Jul.-Dec. they are projected with BPP of 70%.



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Accumulated Precipitation for the Oct.-Sep. water year, through early January 2016



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

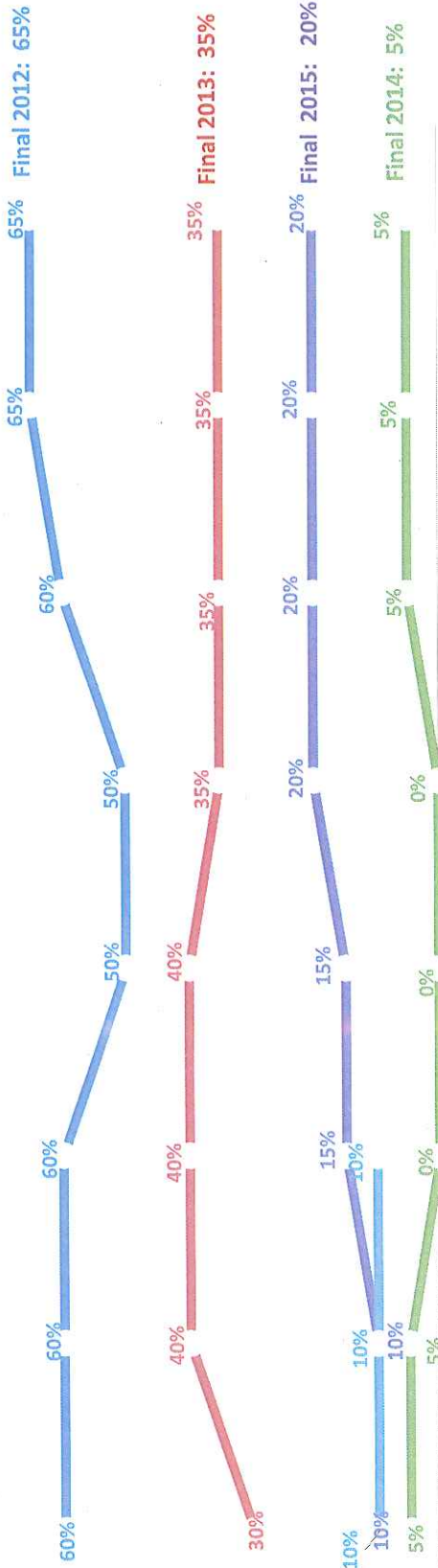




SWP TABLE A ALLOCATION

FOR STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS

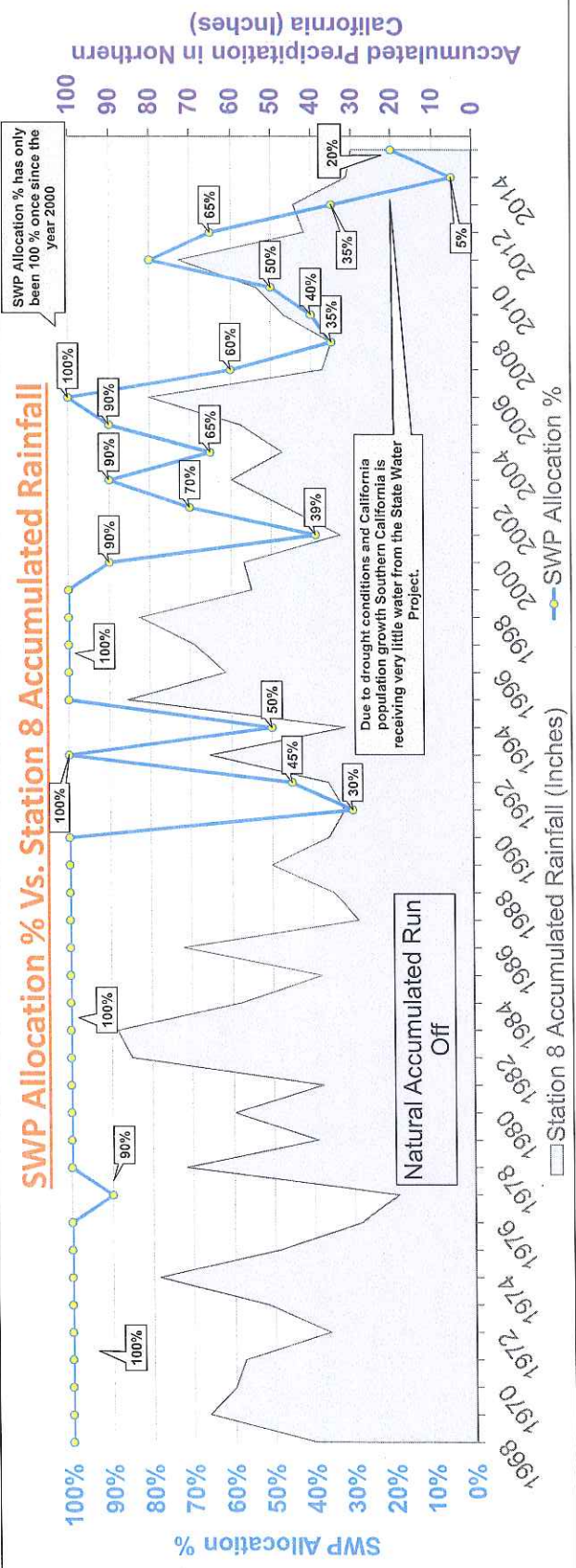
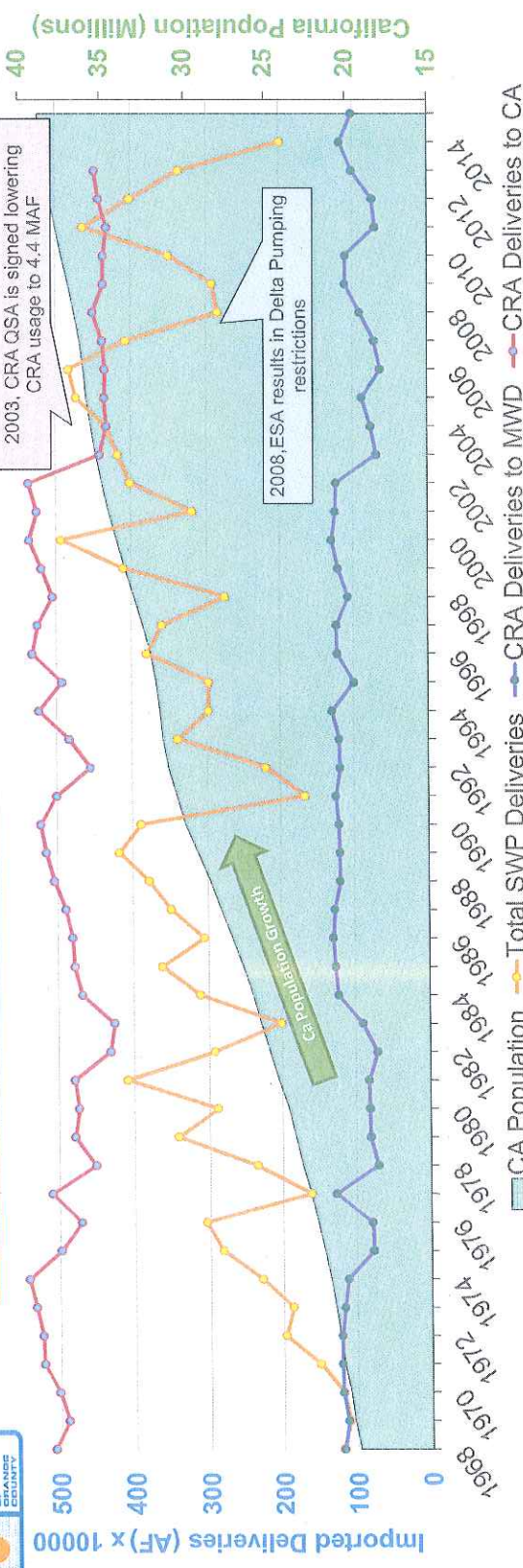
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Final 2012: 65%
 Final 2013: 35%
 Final 2015: 20%
 Final 2014: 5%

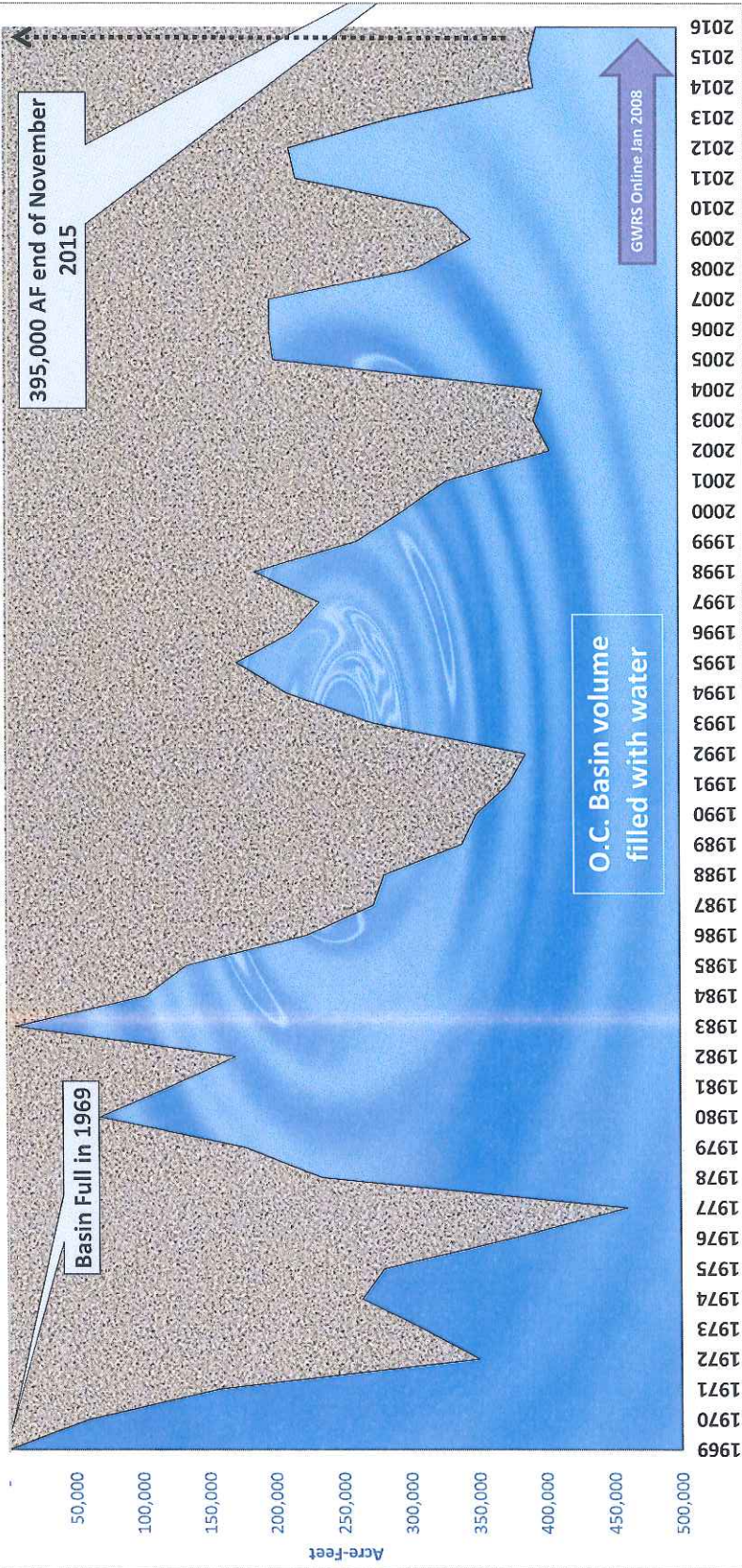
- Water Year 2012
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Imported Water Deliveries Vs. California Population Growth



O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft

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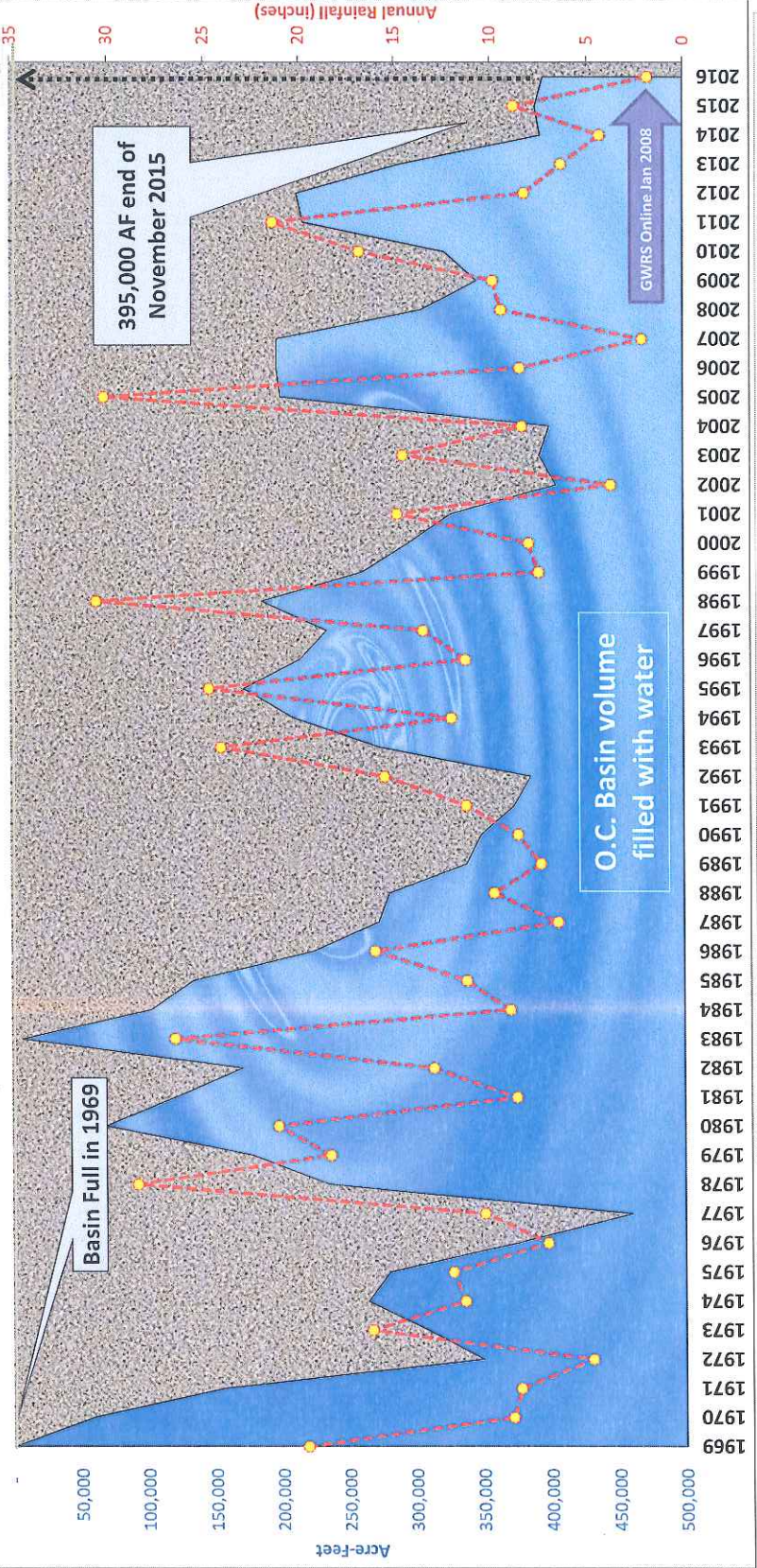
~ Accumulated Overdraft (dewatered volume) shown as white area, excluding the volume stored by Metropolitan. source: OCWD



O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft Vs. Annual Rainfall

Annual, 1969 to Present

- Stored Vol (AF)
- Dewatered Vol (AF)
- Annual Rainfall (Inches)



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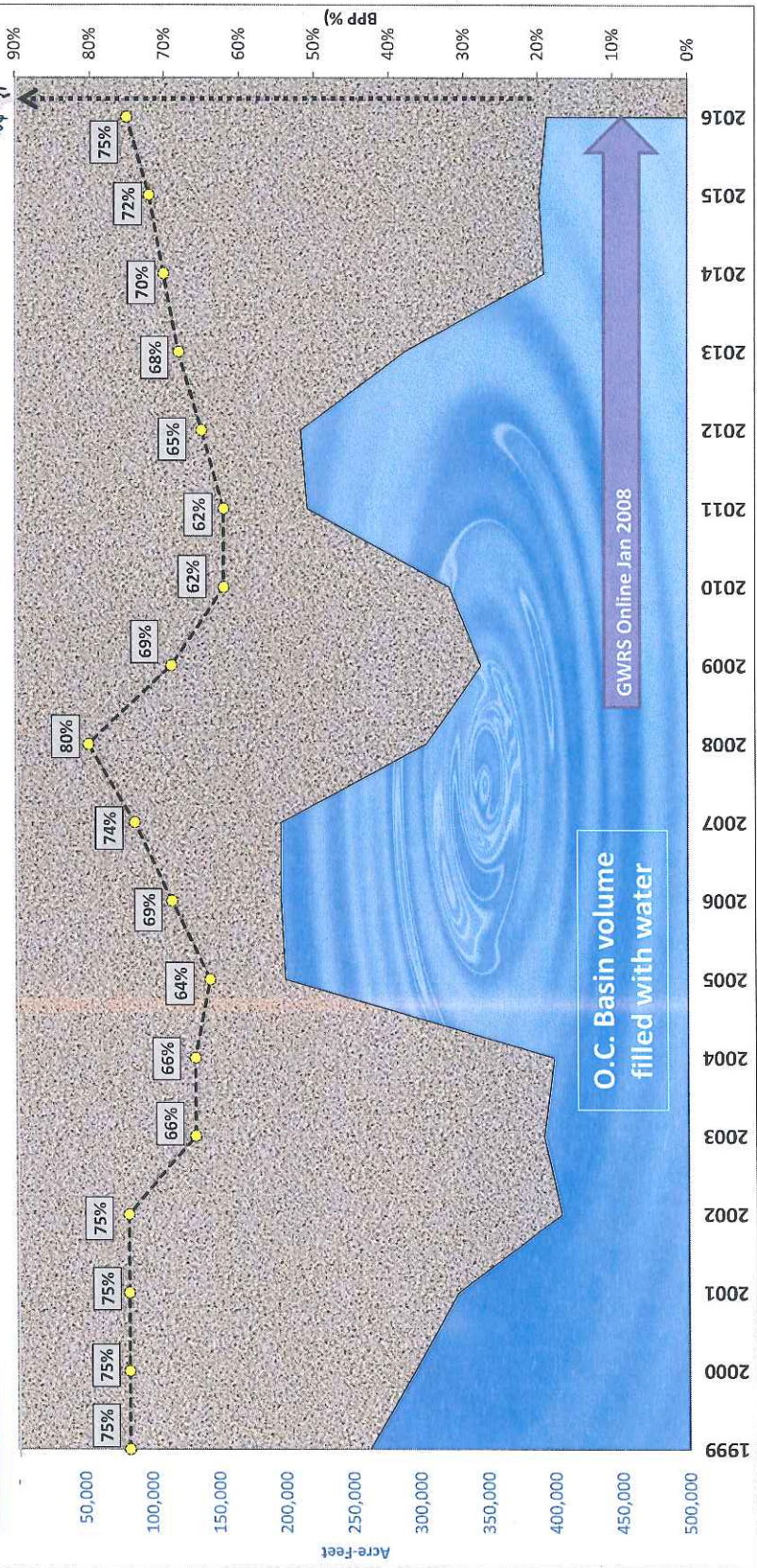


O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft Vs. BPP %

Annual, 1999 to Present



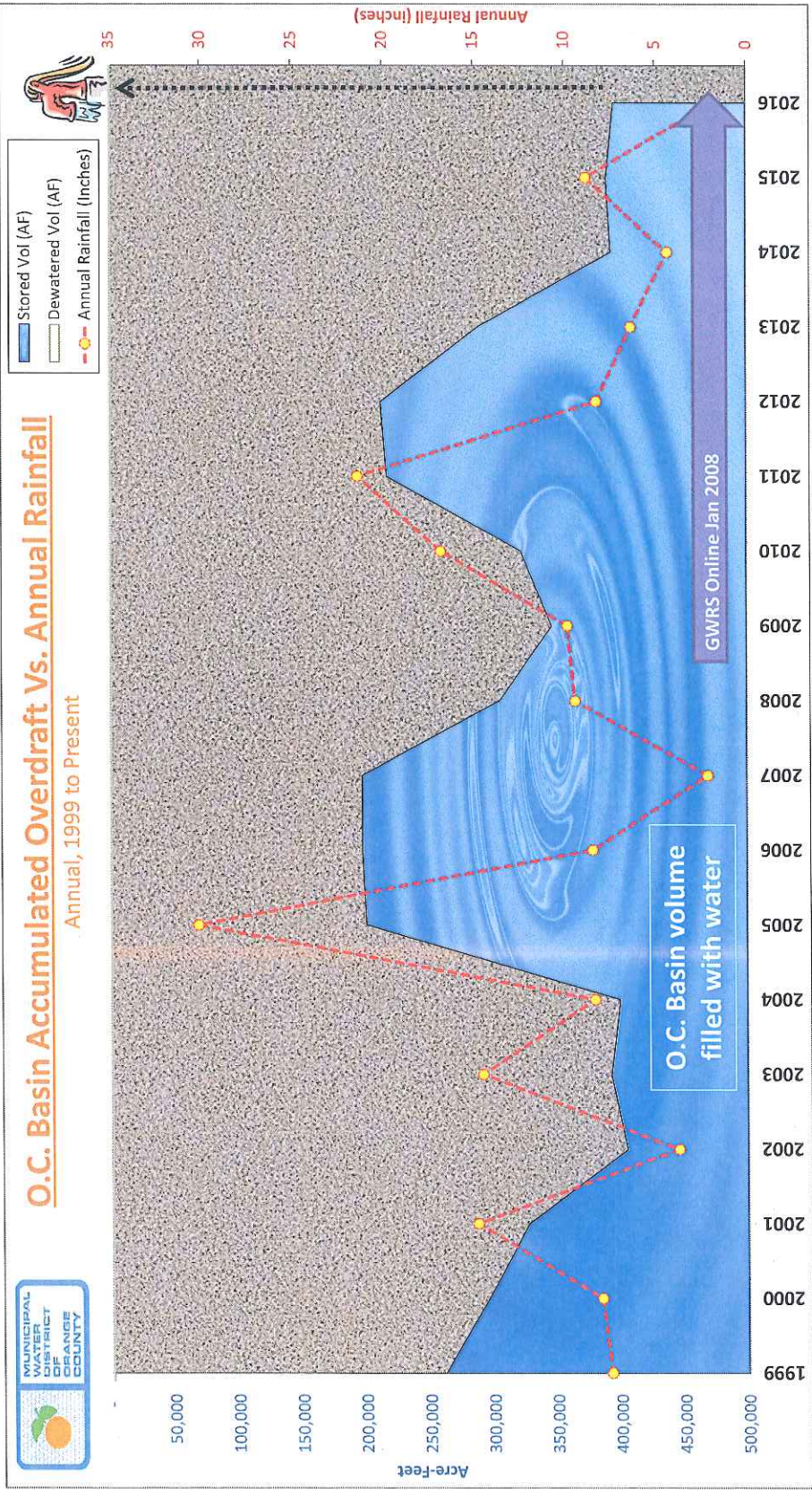
Stored Vol (AF)
 Dewatered Vol (AF)
 BPP %



O.C. Basin volume filled with water

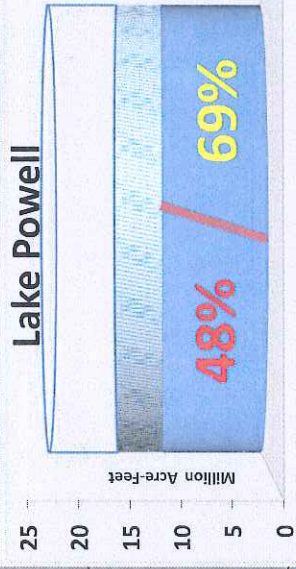
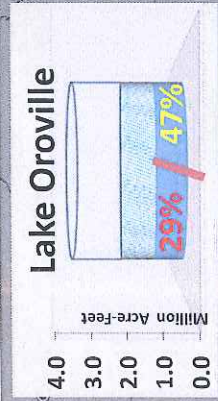
GWRS Online Jan 2008

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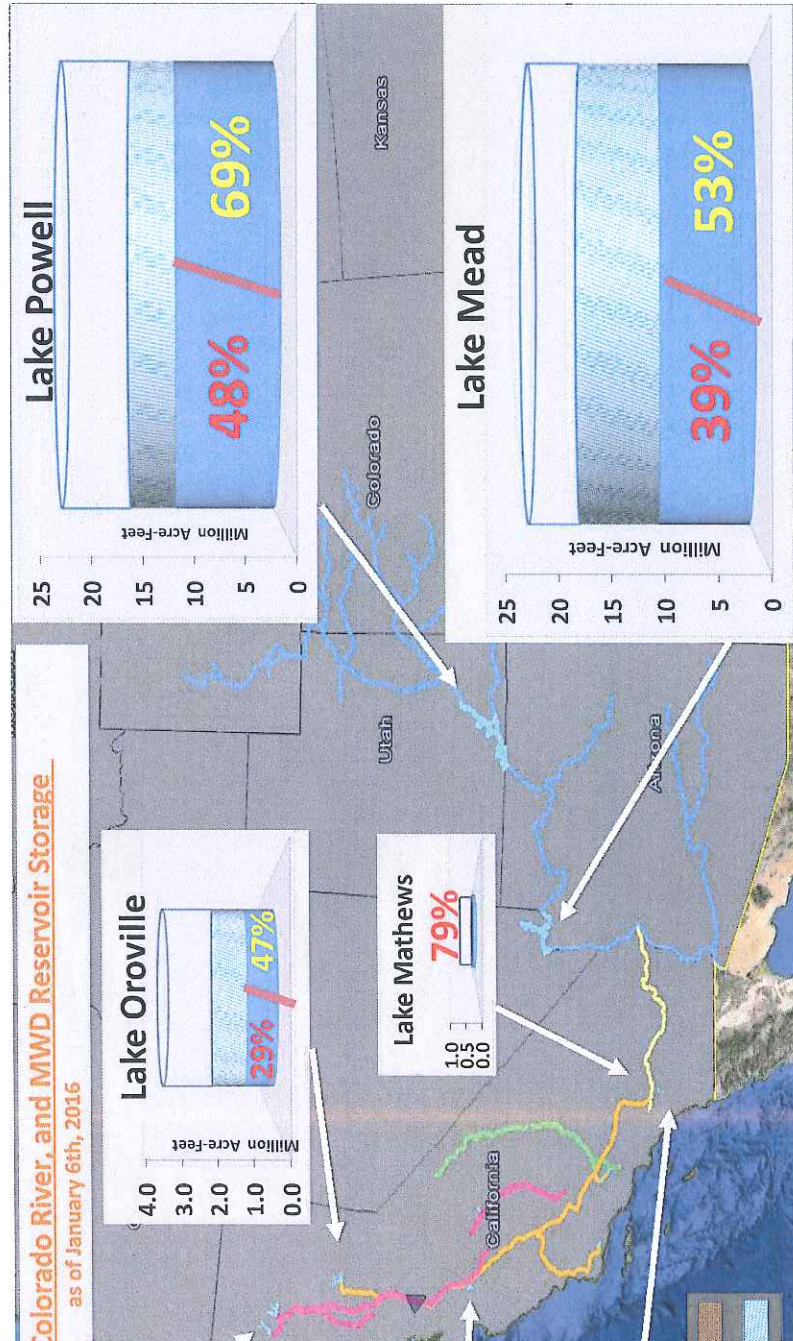


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State Water Project, Colorado River, and MWD Reservoir Storage
as of January 6th, 2016



% of Capacity
% of Historical Avg.



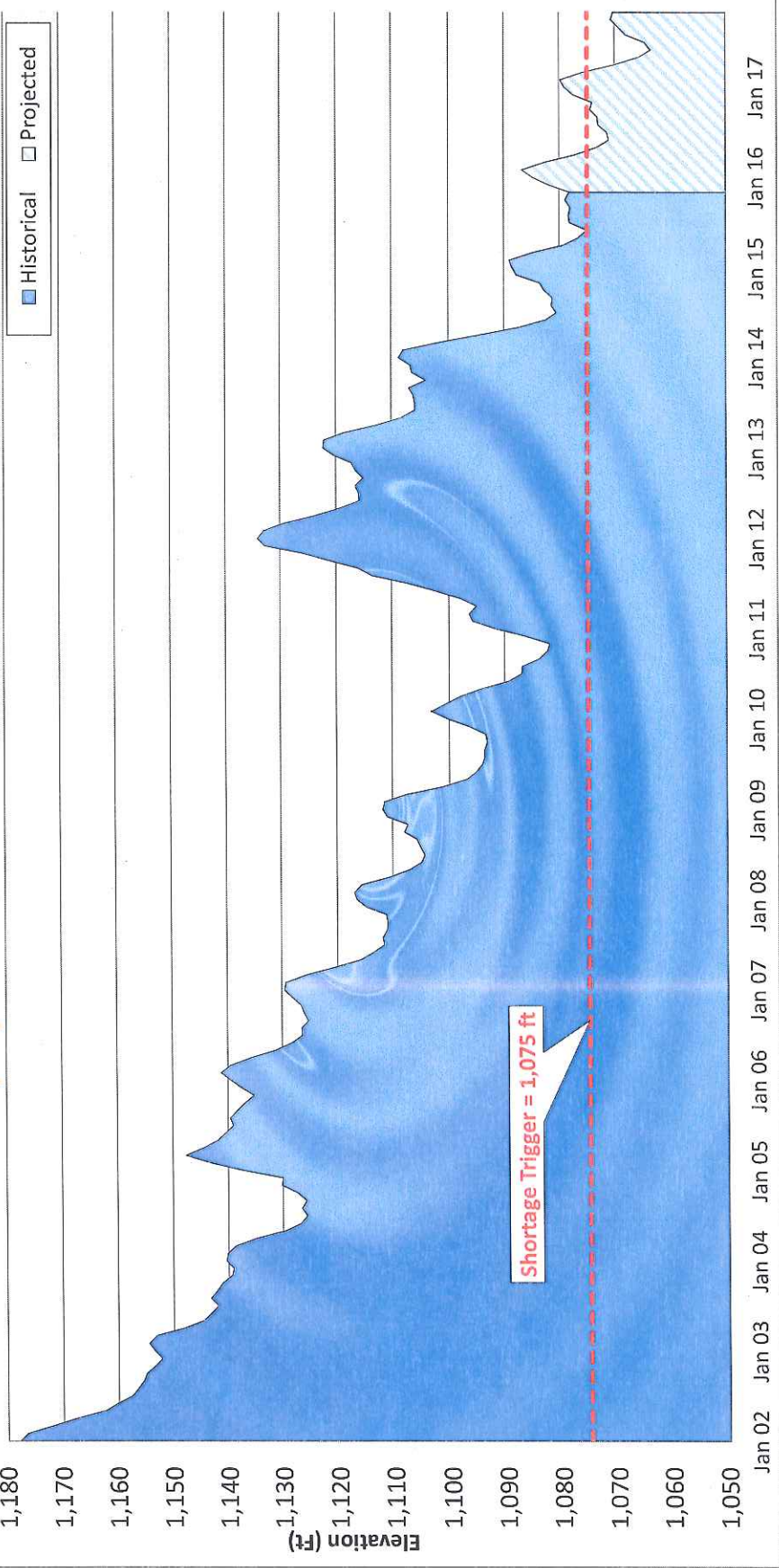
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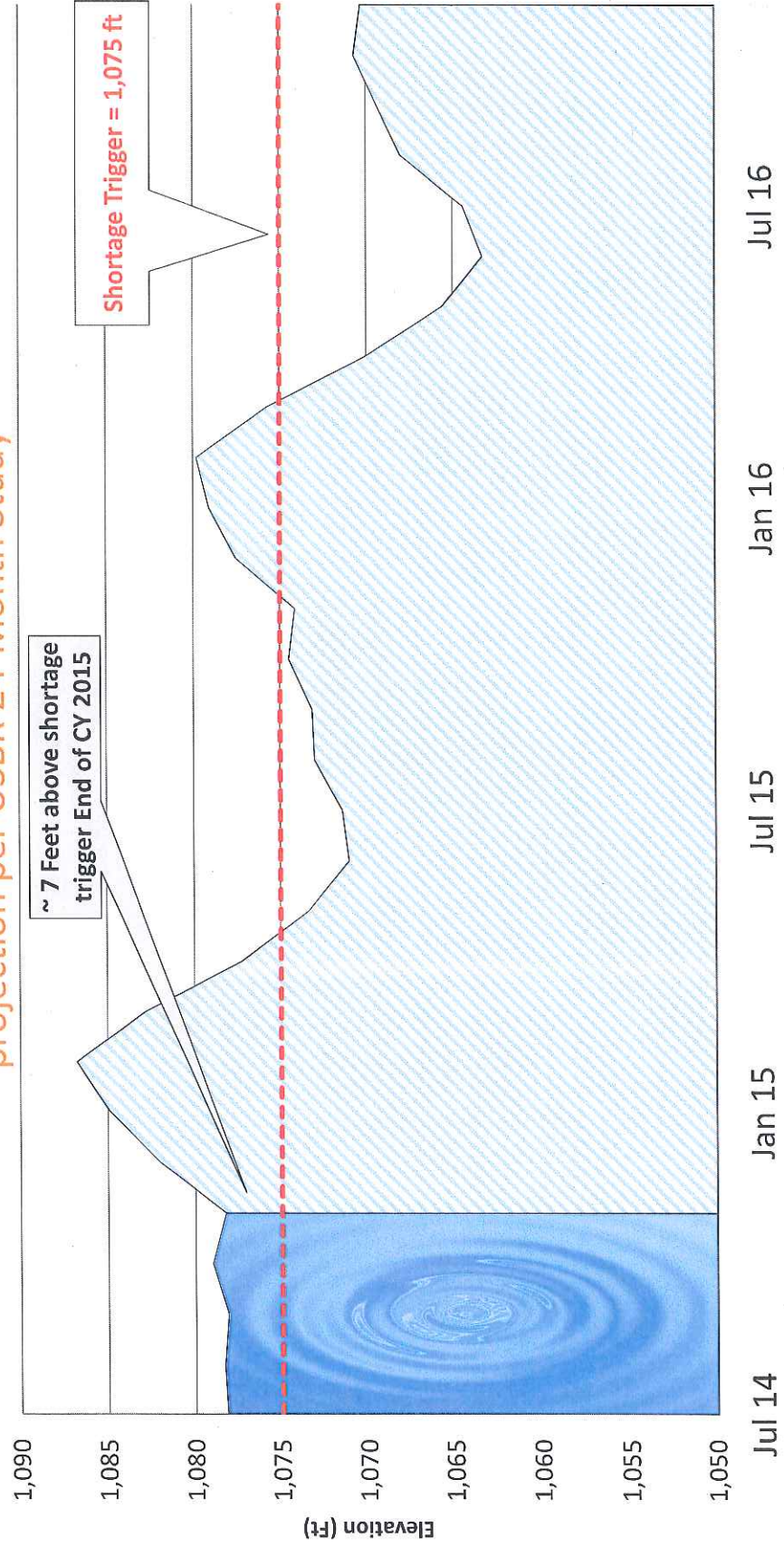
Lake Mead Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study



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



■ Historical □ Projected



~ 7 Feet above shortage
trigger End of CY 2015

Shortage Trigger = 1,075 ft

Weekly Memo 1/14/16

NEWSPAPER

ARTICLES

Orange County News
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Newspaper moves to new location



Photo by Brady Rhoades

The Orange County News has moved its news operation from its former Cypress headquarters to 7441 Garden Grove Blvd. in Garden Grove. As always, we can help with legal advertising and now, news. Stop by for a visit!

Garden Grove ready for El Nino

With early preparations and safety measures already in place, the City of Garden Grove stands at the ready for 2016's first round of El Niño rainstorms to hit Southern California this week.

The city encourages all residents to stay informed and take necessary actions to lessen the consequences of flooding that may occur as a result of high-intensity rainstorms.

Since 1988, following El Niño in 1997, the city's Public Works Department has completed 13 storm drain projects, cleaned out flood channels, and sealed as many residential streets as possible in anticipation of another El Niño season.

During the latter part of 2015, the Garden Grove Police Department conducted outreach efforts to assist a number of homeless living in the dangerous Orange County flood channels.

The Garden Grove Fire Department has established an El Niño webpage, available on the City's

website www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us, with information and safety guidelines in case of flooding. A flood zone map is also accessible via the City's website.

Up to 10 free sandbags are available to Garden Grove residents only at the following fire stations: No. 2, 11805 Gilbert St.; No. 3, 12132 Trask Ave.; and No. 4, 12191 Valley View St.

Residents are requested to bring their own shovels. Sandbags will be delivered to disabled or elderly residents by appointment only by calling 714-741-5375.

A recorded El Niño hotline has been established to provide important information and resources 24-hours a day. The hotline number is 714-741-5270.

Visit the City and Fire Department Facebook and Twitter for the latest information and updates. Download the City's free Mobile App at Google Play or the Apple Store, to receive instant emergency notifications.

Orange County News
Jan. 14, 2016

GG plans for Star Wars half-marathon

Second annual event set
for Jan. 17

The 2016 Star Wars Half Marathon takes place on Sunday, Jan. 17, rain or shine.

Thousands of runners, joggers and walkers are expected to participate in the 13.1-mile event, which encompasses various streets in Garden Grove and Anaheim. Streets affected will experience temporary road closures between the hours of 4 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Note the following temporary road closures in Garden Grove. Commuters are encouraged to plan accordingly.

- Harbor Boulevard (5:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.): restricted access between Katella and Chapman Avenues;

RUN:

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- Chapman Avenue (5:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.): closed eastbound between Euclid Street and Harbor Boulevard. Westbound lanes will be open;
- Euclid Street (5 a.m. to 9 a.m.): closed between Chapman Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard;
- Main Street (5 a.m. to 9 a.m.): restricted access between College Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard;
- Acacia Parkway (5:15 a.m. to 9 a.m.): closed between Grove Avenue and Euclid Street;
- Stanford Avenue (5 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): closed eastbound

- between 9th and Euclid streets. Westbound lanes will be open;
- 9th Street (5:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): closed between Stanford Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.
- Garden Grove Boulevard (5:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): closed westbound between 9th Street and Harbor Boulevard. Eastbound lanes will be open. Additionally, westbound Garden Grove Boulevard will have restricted access between Euclid Street and Century Boulevard.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be onsite during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes. Residents and businesses in the affected areas have received prior notice.

Spectators dressed in cosplay and street performers will be cheering the runners on in several specified locations: corner of Stanford Avenue and Euclid Street; Village Green Park, lo-

cated at Euclid and Main Streets; near Home Depot, located on Garden Grove Boulevard; and Harbor Town and Country Shopping Center, located on Harbor Boulevard. The community is invited to cheer on the runners as they travel down Garden Grove's main thoroughfares.

The Star Wars Half Marathon runs in conjunction with Disneyland Resort's second annual Star Wars Half Marathon Weekend, hosted by runDisney.

The weekend events include the Star Wars Half Marathon, Star Wars Rebel Challenge, Star Wars 10K, Star Wars 5K, runDisney Kids Races and runDisney Health and Fitness Expo.

For more information on the Star Wars Half Marathon Weekend, visit www.rundisney.com/star-wars-half-marathon.

For information on Garden Grove street closures, contact the Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit at 714-741-5898.

Get your grub on in our community

Orange County News
Jan. 14, 2016

Azteca continues to thrive, and new restaurant is a pleasant surprise



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

As many of you know, I used to write a food column for this paper called "No Baloney Tony."

I can never quite get the foodie part out of my system.

On Saturday, I visited Azteca Restaurant in Garden Grove for the simplest of snacks. Just something to hold me over until dinner. Menudo, washed down, of course, with a cerveza.

Azteca, which was owned for many years by JJ. Jauregia and sold more than a year ago to a new owner, is probably the best-known

restaurant in Garden Grove. It's not just the food. It's the insane amount of Elvis memorabilia that J.J. collected over the years.

Well, I can report that the King is still ever-present and the quality of food has not diminished. Or... at least the quality of the menudo. Mmmm.

The next day, I was cruising around Garden Grove and popped into Broken Rice & Noodle at 9924 Garden Grove Blvd. in Garden Grove, which opened about two months ago.

First off, it's attractive. And it's clean. I enjoyed fresh noodles and ox tail. This isn't a food column so I won't turn it into one, but I will say I think this is a fine addition to Garden Grove, which, along with Westminster, is known as the noodle capital of Orange County and maybe the United States. I mean, everyone knows you can

get good noodles here. Good Pho. Good pork and beef. Broken Rice didn't disappoint.

This is a bit of a downer, but I also stopped by the Westminster Civic Center and, to my dismay, stumbled upon several homeless folks with all their belongings. Just hanging out in front of the community center. Just sad.

A reminder: Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

I know we here at the paper will be thinking about that transcendent man.

And remembering his words. I choose, during this time of great political unrest, to reflect on this ideal and hope that we can live up to it: "We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

Do you have a question, comment or news tips for Tony? Email her at tonyontown@yahoo.com.

Fighter pilot to speak at Elks event

The Garden Grove Elks #1952 is hosting a lunch and presentation featuring Dan Delane, retired USAF, at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 14 at the lodge, 11551 Trask Ave.

During some of the darkest days of the Cold War, the US Air Force was charged with the responsibility to guarantee that the United States and our allies would absolutely rule the skies over any field of conflict. To do this, they needed a fighter plane that was fast, agile, and versatile.

America's engineers answered that need with the F-15 Eagle. Its powerful engines enabled it to climb to altitude in a hurry, respond instantly to the pilots' throttle movements, and to fly and fight at supersonic speeds. Its radar could find and identify

threat targets quickly and accurately, and provide that data to the aircraft's weapons computer, which could instantly command any of the wide variety of weapons the pilot chose to employ.

But, of course, this magnificent weapon system was only as good as the pilots who flew it. They had to be the best of the best.

We are fortunate to have one of those best of the best who is willing to describe for us some of the skills needed to command the Eagle, and some of the thrills experienced by the privileged few who had the opportunity to do so. Dan Delane, Eagle Driver, was one of them.

For information about this event, call Tim Brown at 562-547-0780.



NICK AGRO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Orange City Fire Department members, led by Capt. Erik Nogle, left, climb up the banks of the Santa Ana River.

Firefighters get ready for El Niño emergencies

By **ART MARROQUIN**
STAFF WRITER

The call came in for a man, clad in a red shirt, who fell from the 57 into the Santa Ana River, not far from Angel Stadium.

The swift-water rescue training exercise spurred 25 firefighters from Anaheim,

Orange and Garden Grove into action, leading to partial closures of nearby bridges spanning Orangewood and Chapman avenues.

Several firefighters quickly removed the heavy coats, boots

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and other protective gear typically worn to battle blazes. For this type of rescue, they slipped on lightweight sneakers, yellow bicycle helmets and life vests that would help them to move freely – and safely – in any fast-moving water.

On the bridges, about 25 feet above the riverbed, other firefighters rolled out inflated fire hoses that would serve as a lifeline for potential victims who may be swept down the river.

“People are tired of hearing about El Niño, but it’s here and we need to be prepared,” said Battalion Chief Chris Boyd of the Orange Fire Department, who led the drill on a recent Friday morning.

Firefighters from throughout Orange County

typically train at least once a year on how to rescue people who might fall – or jump – into the Santa Ana River, its tributaries and local flood-control channels. OC-FA firefighters at stations in Irvine, Buena Park, Mission Viejo and Placentia are trained for swift-water rescues.

After several years of drought, the refresher course is particularly relevant this season with the arrival of the ferocious storm system known as El Niño. Orange County typically averages about 13 inches of rain from October to May, but El Niño is expected to produce more than double that amount during the same time, according to the National Weather Service.

“The most challenging part is not knowing where the person is at,” said Capt. Aaron Mooney of the Anaheim Fire Department, who

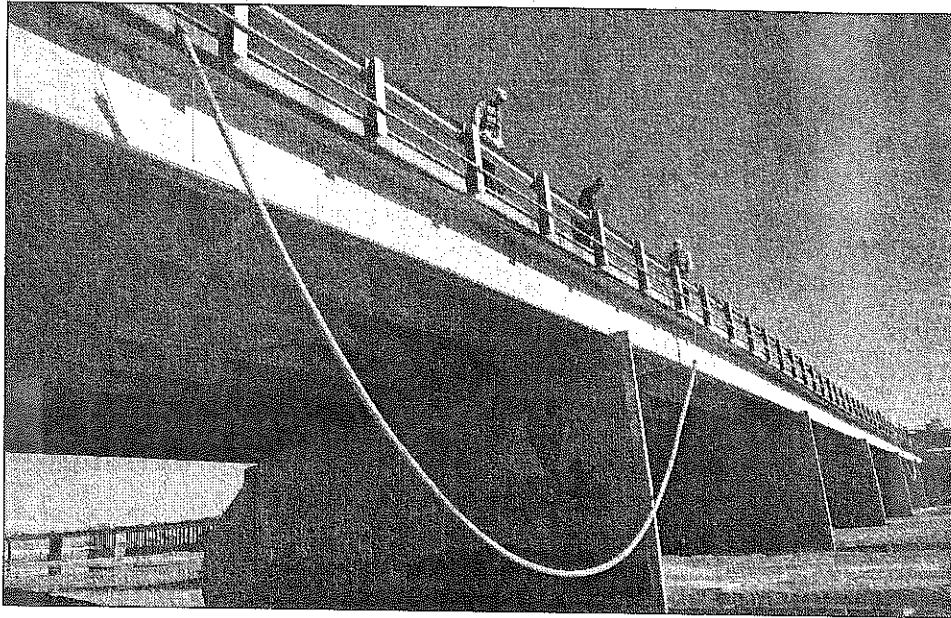
offers shore-side support to firefighters who get into the water.

The first round of El Niño storms roared into Orange County last week, leading to four calls for swift-water rescues, Capt. Steve Concialdi of the Orange County Fire Authority said. A man in his mid-40s was swept into the Brea Creek on Jan. 5 and traveled about a mile down the water before he was able to pull himself out of the water. The following day, a homeless woman was carried away by fast-moving water in a draining ditch in Garden Grove. Firefighters were called, but a Garden Grove police officer pulled the woman to shore.

“Even 1 foot of fast-moving water could catch you off guard,” Concialdi said.

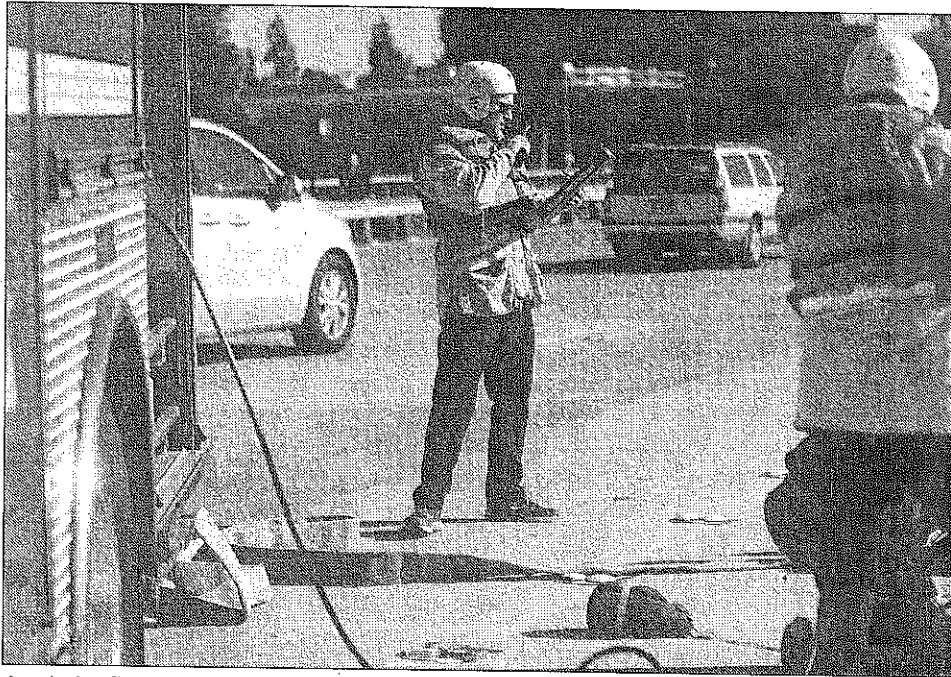
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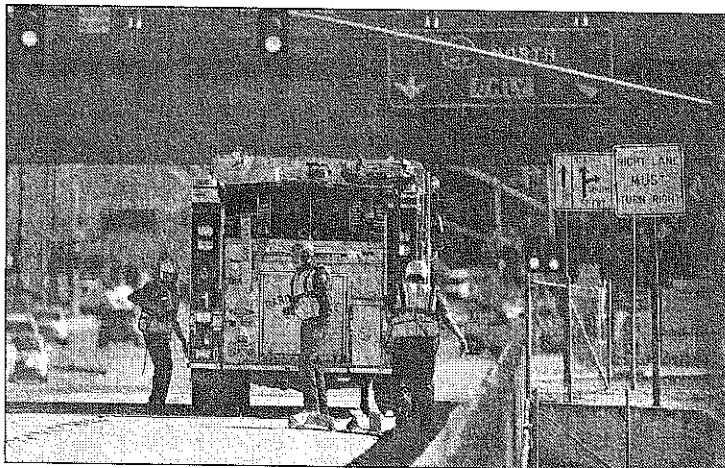


PHOTOS: NICK AGRO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Firefighters from Anaheim, Orange and Garden Grove run a swift-water rescue drill from the Orangewood Avenue bridge over the Santa Ana River.



Anaheim firefighters participate in a swift-water rescue drill along with the Orange and Garden Grove departments.



Garden Grove Fire Department firefighters prepare for training at the Orangewood Avenue bridge.

Spaces available at Spring Festival

Westminster is accepting applications from vendors who would like to have a space in the city's annual Spring Festival.

The festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 19 at the Civic Center.

The event brings out entertainment, crafts, com-

mercial vendors, food booths and more for the enjoyment of the few thousand visitors.

Each vendor space is 10-by-10 feet.

You must bring your own equipment, tables and supply of electricity.

For Westminster-based

vendors, the fee to reserve a space is \$20 for nonprofits, \$30 for craft vendors, \$40 for food vendors and \$90 for commercial vendors.

For non-Westminster vendors, fees are \$10 more for each category.

Information: 714-895-2860.

Garden Grove Journal / Register
Jan. 14, 2016



ANNA REED, FILE PHOTO

The Westminster Spring Festival, shown here in 2014, is in the planning stage again.

City demographics meetings still a go

Garden Grove's next round of informational meetings on district elections is planned for later this month, despite legal challenges over how many districts there should be.

Under a settlement between the city and a former City Council candidate, Garden Grove will move to district elections by November.

Under the settlement, there would be five districts that each select a council member from within its borders.

The council would then select who among them would be mayor.

The Central Garden Grove Neighborhood Association is challenging the settlement, and is trying to retain the right to select the mayor by a city-wide vote. If successful, the number of districts could change.

Despite the possible change in the number of districts, the city still is moving forward with its meetings to inform the public about the process of drawing maps and and get input.

Citizens can meet with a demographer from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Jan. 28 and 29 and Feb. 1 and 2 at City Hall, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 30 in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St.

Residents must make an appointment three days in advance by calling 714-741-5035 or by sending an email to districtelections@gardengrove.org.

Tet Festival launches bus campaign

By **CHRIS HAIRE**
STAFF WRITER

Marketing officials for the 2016 OC Tet Festival are trying something new for the annual Lunar New Year celebration: for the next several weeks, until Feb. 14, an Orange County Transportation Authority bus will travel along Bolsa Avenue in Little Saigon wrapped entirely in a Year of the Monkey advertisement.

Organizers of the Tet Festival, which will be held in Fountain Valley from Feb. 12 to 14, unveiled the bus Sunday at Mile Square Regional Park, where the Vietnamese Community of Southern California will move its three-day party after two years in Garden Grove Park.

About 200 people attended the unveiling.

"It's about doing something grand and attracting people from outside the local community," Tuan Nguyen, festival chairman, said. "It's also to boost morale."

The advertisement - in Vietnamese on one side and En-



COURTESY OF THE 2016 OC TET FESTIVAL

glish on the other - cost the festival about \$7,900, said Eric Carpenter, a spokesman for the transportation authority, which is helping sponsor the event. The festival paid for the cost of making the ad, but was given the space on the bus for free. Typically, a full-length ad would cost \$11,000 a month, Carpenter said.

The bus serves Route 64 from Tustin to Huntington Beach, Carpenter said. It travels along Bolsa Avenue and makes stops at the Asian Garden Mall and the Westminster Mall.

The transportation authority has also produced about 20,000 fliers encouraging people to use

public transportation to get to the festival. OCTA will distribute those fliers at libraries, community centers and other places.

"The partnership helps publicize the festival while giving OCTA the opportunity to promote public transportation as a way to attend the festival," Carpenter said in an email. "Our goal is to get more people on the bus to the festival and to help them discover how convenient and affordable riding the bus is."

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Tickets are on sale for State of the City lunch

Tickets for Garden Grove's annual State of the City luncheon are on sale for \$40 until Jan. 22.

The city will also have a limited number of tickets available at the door. The luncheon is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 11767 Harbor Blvd.



Nguyen

During the luncheon, Mayor Bao Nguyen will give his goals for the year, in areas such as community engagement, business partnerships and economic growth.

The city will post the transcript of Nguyen's speech on its website afterward.

Information: 714-638-7950 or gardengrovechamber.com.

Garden Grove Journal / Register
Jan. 14, 2016

City launches El Niño preparation hotline

Garden Grove has set up a 24-hour hotline to offer tips about surviving whatever El Niño might bring, with information on various resources available to residents.

The hotline number is 714-741-5270.

The city's website also hosts an El Niño Web page that provides information on where to get sandbags, how to prepare emergency kits and what to do if evacuating your home becomes necessary.

Garden Grove officials also plan on posting useful information about storms, flooding and other aspects of El Niño on its Facebook page and Twitter account.

Man pleads guilty in shooting, car chase

CITY NEWS SERVICE

SANTA ANA • A 27-year-old man with a prior conviction pleaded guilty Thursday to multiple felonies charging him with shooting a man with a pellet gun before leading police on a chase through several Orange County cities, and was immediately sentenced to three years in prison.

Westley Alvarez got in a dispute Sept. 26 with a man he knew from their neighborhood in Santa Ana, according to Cpl. Anthony Bertagna of the Santa Ana Police Department.

The victim asked Alvarez if he had broken into his car earlier, prompting the defendant to get out of a veh-

icle he had stolen, retrieve a BB gun from the trunk and shoot the man with it multiple times from six or seven feet away, Bertagna said.

Later that day, Alvarez came back to the victim's home and tried to run him over in the stolen Honda Accord, according to Roxi Fyad of the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

The victim took a picture of the stolen car and its license plate as the suspect drove away, Bertagna said.

Santa Ana police spotted the car Oct. 12, and when officers tried to pull it over, a chase was triggered through Santa Ana, Fountain Valley and Garden Grove, Bertagna said.

Alvarez was also intoxi-

cated when he led police on the chase, Bertagna said.

Alvarez pleaded guilty to a count of assault with a deadly weapon likely to produce great bodily injury, grand theft auto with a prior conviction, theft with a prior conviction of taking a vehicle, buying or receiving a stolen vehicle or equipment with a prior conviction, evading police, evading police against traffic, and driving under the influence of a drug causing injury, all felonies.

Alvarez also admitted misdemeanor counts of assault with a deadly weapon other than a gun and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Jan. 9, 2016

Police arrest man with stolen van full of stolen goods

By **ALYSSA DURANTY**
STAFF WRITER

COSTA MESA • A man was arrested early Thursday morning after police found him in a stolen van that was full of stolen goods, officials said.

Costa Mesa police responded at 1:55 a.m. to the Ramada Inn, 1680 Superior Ave., after "someone called in about a suspicious male who was tampering with a vehicle, checking doors and looking in cars," Sgt. Mike

Manson of the Costa Mesa Police Department said.

The man was initially on foot, but when police arrived, they found him sitting inside a parked Chevrolet Astro van.

He was later identified as Mario Macias, 32, of Costa Mesa, said Costa Mesa police Lt. Joyce LaPointe.

Officials found the van Macias was in was reported stolen in Westminster, Manson said.

After they detained Macias, authorities then found

the van "was full of stolen property," Manson said.

Some of the items, which police refused to describe, may be connected to reported burglaries in Costa Mesa and Garden Grove.

Investigators arrested Macias on suspicion of possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of stolen property.

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GARDEN GROVE

Strawberry Stomp: The Sister City Association of Garden Grove on Tuesday will ask the City Council to sponsor its third annual Strawberry Stomp 5K. The race is on Memorial Day weekend during the Strawberry Festival, though which day has not been announced. Sponsoring the race would cost the city \$7,400.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
chaire@ocregister.com

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Jan. 9, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Sister city: Ten high school students arrived in Garden Grove on Saturday from Anyang, South Korea, as part of the 27th annual Sister City Exchange Program. The students will spend 10 days in Garden Grove, staying with local families and touring the city, Orange County and Los Angeles. Garden Grove students will go to South Korea in April.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707

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Jan. 13, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Mayor's speech: Tickets for Garden Grove's annual State of the City Luncheon are on sale for \$40 until Jan. 22. The city will have a limited number of tickets available at the door. The luncheon is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan 27 at Embassy Suites Hotel, 11767 Harbor Blvd. Information: 714-638-7950 or

gardengrovechamber.com.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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Jan. 11, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Dual immersion: The Garden Grove Unified School District is hosting parent informational meetings about its new Spanish dual-immersion program at 9 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Monroe Elementary Language Academy, 16225 Newhope St. in Fountain Valley. The 9 a.m. meeting is in Spanish and the 5 p.m. meeting is in English. Kids must be kindergarteners in the fall. Info: 714-663-6143.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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Jan. 14, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Holiday closures: City Hall will be closed Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The H. Louis Lake Senior Center, at 11300 Stanford Ave., will also not open Monday and the city will not do street sweeping. Information on street sweeping: 714-741-5375.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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Jan. 12, 2016

Orange County Water District receives 'AAA' rating

Underscoring the Orange County Water District's (OCWD; the District) commitment to sound financial management, Fitch Ratings affirmed its 'AAA' rating on Monday. The District's financial performance was cited as being "exemplary, marked by strong financial policies, limited fixed expenditures, and a history of increasing rates in line with operating and capital costs."

Since 2008, OCWD has maintained the 'AAA' rating assigned by Fitch, which benefits the District and local water rate payers by allowing it to borrow money more easily and at lower interest rates. This results in a cost savings for the 19 water retailers served by the District and their more than 2.4 million customers.

The district manages the groundwater basin in north and central

Orange County that provides approximately 72 percent of this region's water supply. District revenues are derived primarily from annual assessments on groundwater users and property taxes, both of which have proven to be stable over time. This is one of numerous positive credit considerations that were taken into account when affirming the District's high rating.

"Maintaining a strong financial portfolio helps the District better weather economic downturns, variations in water demand, major equipment failures and catastrophic events," said OCWD President Cathy Green. "This is made possible through the board's support of robust financial policies that encourage conservative fiscal management," she added.

The district's favorable financial position has allowed it to provide

greater water reliability for the region by financing and securing funding for critical capital projects like the Groundwater Replenishment System and its Initial Expansion, while also affording the ability to adequately manage and maintain the District's complex operations. This has garnered OCWD a reputation as a global leader in groundwater management, water reuse and water quality.

The district will continue to maintain strong financial policies that support its mission of providing an adequate, reliable and high-quality water supply to local water retailers at the lowest reasonable cost and in an environmentally responsible manner.

For more information about the district, please visit www.ocwd.com and to learn more about its world renowned Groundwater Replenishment System, visit www.gwrssystem.com.

OCWD is committed to enhancing Orange County's groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly and economical manner. The following cities utilize the groundwater basin managed by OCWD: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster and Yorba Linda.

Orange County News Jan. 8, 2016

City of Garden Grove

Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1183

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, second floor, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide and Install a Fully Integrated Audio Visual System for the Garden Grove Police Department. Contractors interested in submitting a proposal for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-proposal meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the Garden Grove Police Department, located at 11301 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. A copy of the RFP document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Questions can be directed to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016. Proposals received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: January 8, 2016

Sandy Segawa, C.P.M.,

Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1186

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide One New and Unused Utility Bed Pick-Up Truck per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: January 8, 2016

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M.,

Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
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SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN GROVE



CONTACT: Rachot Moragraan (714) 741-5249

Monday, January 11, 2016

EXCHANGE STUDENT AMBASSADORS ARRIVE IN GARDEN GROVE FROM ANYANG, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Sister City Association of Garden Grove is pleased to welcome ten high school students representing Anyang, Republic of Korea as part of the 27th annual Sister City Exchange Program, which fosters positive relations between the City of Garden Grove and its sister city, Anyang, Republic of Korea.

The students arrived on January 9 to begin a 10-day tour of Garden Grove and Los Angeles with local host families. Activities include meeting Garden Grove's Mayor and City Council, touring city facilities, spending time at local high schools, a day at Knott's Berry Farm, enjoying a bonfire in Huntington Beach, sight-seeing at Los Angeles areas of interest, and visiting the University of Southern California.

The students will be recognized by the Garden Grove City Council during a reception on Tuesday, January 12, followed by a Community Spotlight at 6:30 p.m., in the Courtyard Center, located at 12732 Main Street.

High school students from the Garden Grove Unified School District will be visiting Anyang in April. For more information about the Sister City Association, please call Rachot Moragraan at (714) 741-5249.

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**P.O. Box CI
Garden Grove, CA 92842-1564**

2016 PROPOSED ITINERARY
ANYANG STUDENT VISIT
JANUARY 9-17

Saturday, January 9 – *James & Kearstyn & Moo*

- 9:00 AM Arrive at LAX
- 12:00 PM Welcome reception at West Grove Park Clubhouse
(5372 Cerulean Ave., Garden Grove)
Hosts will meet/pick up their students
Light refreshments will be served

Sunday, January 10 – Kevin & Tisha

- Morning With host family
- 12:00 PM Beach Party & Potluck
Host families & Student Ambassadors & Sister City Board Members are all invited
Meet North Side of Huntington Beach Pier on steps
- 4:00 PM Beach Party ends – Fee11 free to stay and watch the CA sunset

Monday, January 11 – *Kearstyn & Susan, drivers/chaperones – Berni & Moo, additional drivers*

- 7:30 to
8:00 AM Meet at McDonald's for breakfast
(Garden Grove Blvd/West of Euclid St.)
- 9:30 AM Knott's Berry Farm
- 5:30 PM Host families pick up students from Knott's Berry Farm

Tuesday, January 12 – *Kris Beard & Tisha*

- 7:20 AM Meet at Community Meeting Center
(11300 Stanford Ave. – West Parking Lot)
- 7:40 AM Visit Los Amigos High School
- 12:00 PM Eat lunch at High School – lunch ends at 12:50 – leave by 1:00 PM
- 1:30 PM City Hall, Police, Fire, Library tour
- 5:00 PM Reception with City Council
- 6:30 PM City Council Meeting
- 7:15 PM Pick up students from City Council meeting

Wednesday, January 13 – Kevin & Sheryl

- 7:00 AM Meet at Community Meeting Center (West Parking Lot)
- 8:00 AM Tour of University of Southern California (USC)
- 10:00 AM Visit Coliseum and California Science Center
- 12:00 PM Journey to Space 3D Imax Movie
- 1:00 PM Dog Haus for lunch
3335 S. Figueroa, Suite D
Los Angeles, CA
- 2:30 PM Griffith Observatory
- 4:15 PM Water is Life planetarium show
(Tickets must be purchased at the Observatory)
- 5:00 PM Leave Griffith Observatory
- 6:15 PM Host families pick up students at Community Meeting Center

Thursday, January 14 – Kearstyn & Susan

- 7:30 AM Meet at Community Meeting Center (West Parking Lot)
- 8:30 AM Los Angeles City Hall & Disney Concert Hall & Page Museum & LACMA
- 9:30 AM Meet with Consul General @ Korean Consulate
- 11:00 AM Page Museum
(can see City Lights & Levitating Mass & Tar Pits also outside)
- 12:00 AM Lunch at food trucks on Wilshire?
- 1:30 PM Autry Museum (closes at 4 PM)
Tour is scheduled for 2 PM
- 5:30 PM Dinner at New Seoul BBQ Buffet Restaurant
Sponsored by One Heart Women's Club
- 7:00 PM Host families pick up students at New Seoul BBQ Buffet
9902 Garden Grove Blvd.

Friday, January 15 – Moo (Kevin & Tisha will coordinate day at GGHS)

- 7:15 AM Meet at Community Meeting Center (West Parking Lot)

- 7:30 AM Garden Grove High School (includes lunch)
Depart by 12:45 PM
- 2:00 PM Battleship USS Iowa and Korean Friendship Bell
Depart by 5 PM
- 6:00 PM Dinner & Karaoke at Cafeoke Ding Dong Dang
Hosts/Student Ambassadors are invited to join the Karaoke fun! Please RSVP
- 8:00 PM Host families pick up students at Cafeoke Ding Dong Dang
(9738 Garden Grove Blvd, Ste 9, Garden Grove)

Saturday, January 16

Free day with host families

Sunday, January 17 – *Kearstyn & Susan & Moo*

- 7:15 AM Meet at Community Meeting Center (West Parking Lot)
- 11:10 AM Depart from LAX



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Mark Ladney (714) 741-5382
Public Works Department

Monday, January 11, 2016

PROJECT GO NEEDS YOU IN 2016!

If your New Year's Resolution is to keep Garden Grove looking its best, then Project GO is for you!

Coordinated through the Garden Grove Public Works Department, Project GO (Graffiti Off), is a volunteer and community-based program to rid Garden Grove neighborhoods of unsightly graffiti.

There are two ways to help. You can report graffiti to the Graffiti Hotline at (714) 741-5382. You can also volunteer a few hours per month by participating in one of the pre-scheduled graffiti paint-out days listed below. Volunteers must provide own transportation and supervision.

Paint-out days are held one Saturday a month on the following dates in 2016: January 30, February 27, March 12, April 23, May 7, June 18, July 30, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 19, and December 17.

The success of this program relies on the help of volunteer participation and citizen involvement, so let's keep GOing!

If you are interested in volunteering and want to help your community please contact the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5382.

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

Liên lạc: Mark Ladney, (714) 741-5382
Ban Công Tác Công Cộng

Thứ Năm, 14/1/2016

THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE ĐÓNG CỬA LỄ MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Thành phố Garden Grove xin thông báo sẽ đóng cửa City hall và trung tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center vào ngày Thứ Hai, 18 tháng 1, 2016 nhân dịp ngày lễ Martin Luther King Jr.

Hơn nữa, phục vụ quét đường cũng sẽ nghỉ vào ngày này. Thứ Ba, ngày 19 tháng 1, Thành phố sẽ mở cửa lại như thường lệ.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, liên lạc về Ban Công Tác Công Cộng tại số điện thoại (714) 741-5382.

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Ban Phục Vụ Công Cộng

Thứ Tư, 13/1/2016

PROJECT GO KÊU GỌI CỘNG ĐỒNG THAM GIA BÀI TRỪ TỆ NẠN VIẾT VẼ BẬY TRÊN TƯỜNG

Ban Công trình Công Cộng (Public Works) của Thành phố kêu gọi cư dân trong cộng đồng tham gia giúp đỡ cho chương trình Project GO, được thành lập để gia tăng công tác bài trừ tệ nạn viết vẽ bậy trên tường cho người dân trong cộng đồng.

Những cá nhân, hội đoàn, đoàn thể có thể đóng góp một vài tiếng trong ngày để giúp đỡ làm sạch những hình ảnh vẽ bậy trên tường. Có hai cách để giúp đỡ. Cư dân có thể liên lạc với số điện thoại hotline (714) 741-5382. Quý vị cũng có thể volunteer vài giờ mỗi tháng bằng cách tham gia vào một trong những ngày Thứ Bảy trong tháng theo lịch trình được liệt kê dưới đây. Các tình nguyện viên phải tự túc việc đi lại và giám sát riêng.

Những ngày sắp tới Project GO dự định tổ chức là Thứ Bảy, 30/1; 27/2; 12/3; 23/4; 7/5; 18/6; 30/7; 27/8; 24/9; 22/10; 19/11 và 17/12.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc (714) 741-5382.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

January 14, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Cancellation Notice for the January 21, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated January 7, 8, and 13, 2016.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 14, 2016 – February 4, 2016

Thursday	January 14	9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		10:00 a.m.- Noon	"PJ Party" hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center H. Louis Lake Senior Center Dining Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Courtyard Center
Sunday	January 17	5:30 a.m.	2 nd Annual Star Wars Half Marathon Disneyland Resort - Anaheim/Garden Grove (Harbor Blvd./Garden Grove Blvd./Main St./Euclid St./Chapman Ave.)
Monday	January 18		City Hall Closed
Thursday	January 21	10:00 a.m.	Tom's Farm Excursion coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
Friday	January 22		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	January 26	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Courtyard Center Activity Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	January 27	11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Garden Grove State of the City Luncheon 2016 Embassy Suites, 11767 Harbor Blvd.
		2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center
Thursday	January 28	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Saturday	January 30	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Thursday	February 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The Regular Meeting of the
Garden Grove Planning Commission
Scheduled for January 21, 2016
has been cancelled.

JUDITH MOORE
SECRETARY



Jan. 7, 2016

Issue #2

Governor Releases Balanced FY 2016-17 Budget Stressing Fiscal Prudence, Proper Planning for Future Recession

Proposal Includes \$3.6 Billion for Road System Maintenance and Repair

Gov. Jerry Brown this morning released his proposed \$170.7 billion budget (\$122.6 billion General Fund spending) for the fiscal year that begins July 1 in a short press conference where he repeatedly warned that California must not be lulled into a false sense of security by the economic recovery.

Similar to last year, Governor Brown, now in his fourth term, cautioned that there have been 10 recessions since World War II. He supported his argument with charts demonstrating the rise and fall of revenues and years of massive deficits followed by small surpluses. Economic expansions typically last five years, but California is now in its seventh year. Thus he stressed that while the state should enjoy another year of a balanced budget, new programs cost money, stating: "This is not a candy store where you can pick out whatever you want."

California's financial picture is in a dramatically different place than when Governor Brown assumed his third term of office in 2011. At that time, California was struggling with a \$26.6 billion budget deficit. Today, California has paid off much of its accumulated debts from past budgetary borrowing and is building a strong Rainy Day fund strengthened by voters in through Proposition 2 of 2014. The state now has a projected \$4.7 billion in reserves, which will increase to \$6 billion by the end of FY 2016-17. Governor Brown is proposing to add an additional \$2 billion to the account by the end of FY 2016-17, for a total of \$8 billion.

A stable and disciplined state budget with growing reserves is good for both the larger economy and for cities. California cities have had long experience with the tendency of the state to look to local governments to help patch its budget gaps.

Rather than proposed takeaways, the budget has many positive aspects for cities, including proposed allocations of \$3.1 billion in cap and trade funds, allocation of water bond funds, drought and disaster assistance proposals, a proposed \$25 million incentive fund to encourage the siting or reentry facilities and implementation steps on the recently-enacted medical marijuana regulatory package. No new proposals are made affecting redevelopment dissolution.

It was disappointing that the Governor did not include a significant funding proposal for affordable housing. However, when asked if he supported the California Senate's No Place Like Home proposal that would use Prop 63 dollars for permanent supportive housing for homeless mentally ill, Governor Brown carefully said it was worth looking into while also commenting on the high cost to build one unit of affordable housing.

Of major importance to the League and cities, the Governor's budget contains the \$3.6 billion transportation funding proposal he introduced late last year. The Fix Our Roads Coalition, of which the League is a member, issued a statement. The coalition thanked the Governor for his leadership and commitment to this urgent issue at the state and local levels and commended the conference committee and stakeholders who continue to work tirelessly on making fixing our roads a priority. Additional details on the Governor's transportation proposal are below.

Transportation

Funding

The Governor's transportation funding proposal remains essentially the same as his criteria released in early September 2015. The proposal would provide an annual amount of funding of \$3.6 billion, and represents a solid baseline for ramping up Legislative discussions in 2016.

One-half of the funding (\$1.8 billion) would go to cities and counties for street maintenance, complete street projects, public transit and state-local partnership funding projects. Of this amount, \$1.01 billion would be allocated by formula for local streets and roads maintenance, \$523 million of which will go to cities each year based on population. An additional \$100 million would be set aside for a complete streets competitive grant program.

The revenue package required to fund the proposal relies on adjusting the variable gas tax to reflect historical averages, indexing the entire gas tax for inflation and \$2 billion from a \$65 per-vehicle highway user fee. Additional elements include \$500 million in Cap-and-Trade revenues, \$100 million in CalTrans efficiencies, and \$500 million from an 11-cent increase in the diesel tax indexed for inflation (to support the trade corridor enhancement program and other highway and road improvements). The Governor also proposes to speed up repayment of \$879 million in transportation-related loans from special funds, including \$148 million to the Traffic Congestion Relief Program.

Benefits to California residents will exceed the costs. Although the Administration projects the package will cost vehicle owners approximately \$10/month, these same vehicle owners are paying an average of \$762 annually to fix their vehicles due to poor road conditions.

The Governor's budget proposal assumes adoption of the proposal. Cities, however, should note that if a funding package is not adopted, transportation revenues are expected to decrease. Details on funding estimates, to reflect available revenues if the Governor's proposal is not adopted, will be released in the coming weeks.

Motor Vehicle Account Fix

The Governor also proposes a \$10 increase to the vehicle registration fee to address an ongoing deficit in the Motor Vehicle Account (MVA). MVA funds activities of the Department of Motor Vehicles, California Highway Patrol, and Air Resources Board.

Green Decal Program

The Green Decal program allows transitional and partial zero-emission vehicles use of High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) lanes as single-occupancy vehicles. The state reached the statutory cap of 85,000 decals last year, and the Governor plans to ask for an extension. Details were not released.

Redevelopment Dissolution

The Governor's proposed budget summary reports that since FY 2011-12 and projected through FY 2016-17, redevelopment dissolution will have returned a total of \$6.8 billion in property taxes to K-14 schools. This consequently allows the state to reduce its General Fund expenditures under Proposition 98 education funding requirements by a similar amount.

The cumulative total received by counties, special districts and cities over this same period is projected to be \$5.1 billion. Cities are anticipated to receive \$643 million over FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17. The budget document also summarizes the comprehensive changes to the redevelopment dissolution process made by SB 107, Chapter 325 of 2015, which was placed into print and passed by the Legislature on the final day of the 2015 legislative session. The Administration makes no new proposals in this area for FY 2016-17.

Cap and Trade Allocations

The budget proposes to allocate \$3.1 billion from Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds, which includes the balance of auction proceeds that were not allocated in FY 2015-16. The Cap-and-Trade expenditure plan proposes:

Continuous Appropriation (60 percent of annual auction proceeds)

- \$500 million for High-Speed Rail Projects
- \$100 million for Low Carbon Transit Operations
- \$200 million Transit and Intercity Rail projects
- \$400 million Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program

One-time Appropriation (40 percent of annual auction proceeds in plus balance of FY 2015-16 auction proceeds)

- \$400 million for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital program for additional competitive grants to support capital improvements to integrate state, local and other transit systems, including those located in disadvantaged communities, and to provide connectivity to high-speed rail. (See Transportation Funding section above.)
- \$100 million for the Department of Transportation to administer the Low Carbon Road Program, which will prioritize disadvantaged communities, and provide competitive grants for improvements to local streets and roads that encourage active transportation, such as walking and bicycling, transit, and other carbon-reducing road investments. (See Transportation Funding section above.)
- \$500 million for the Air Resources Board's Low Carbon Transportation Program to provide incentives for low carbon freight and passenger transportation, including rebates for zero emission cars, vouchers for hybrid trucks and zero-emission trucks and other uses.
- \$25 million for the Energy Commission for Biofuel Facility Investments.
- \$100 million for the Strategic Growth Council to administer the Transformational Climate Communities Program to support local climate actions in the state's top 5 percent of disadvantaged communities. Funding will support projects that integrate multiple, cross-cutting approaches to reduce GHG emissions.
- \$40 million for the Air Resources Control Board for black carbon woodsmoke.
- \$20 million for the Air Resources Control Board refrigerants.
- \$100 million for the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery to provide financial incentives for capital investments that expand waste management infrastructure, with a priority in disadvantaged communities. Investment in new or expanded clean composting, anaerobic digestion, fiber, plastic, and glass facilities is necessary to divert more materials from landfills.
- \$30 million for the Department of Food and Agriculture for water and energy efficiency.
- \$60 million for the Energy Commission for water and energy technology programs and appliance rebates.
- \$60 million for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for wetland and watershed restoration.
- \$150 million for CAL FIRE to support forest health programs that reduce GHG emissions through fuel reduction, reforestation projects, pest and diseased tree removal, and long-term protection of forested lands vulnerable to conversion.
- \$30 million for CAL FIRE to Urban Forestry programs.
- \$20 million for the Natural Resources Agency for urban greening projects.
- \$30 million for the Department of General Services to implement Executive Order B-18-12 that requires state agencies to reduce GHG emissions by 10 percent by 2015 and 20 percent by 2020.
- \$20 million for the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (I Bank) to leverage private investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in public buildings that will save money by using less energy.
- \$15 million for the Conservation Corps for Energy Corps. This funding will support 10 crews and approximately 100 corps members to conduct energy audits and install energy efficiency and water conservation upgrades in public buildings over the next several years.
- \$75 million for the Department of Community Services and Development for energy efficiency upgrades and weatherization.
- \$60 million for UC and CSU for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

Environmental Quality

Emergency Drought Response

The Governor's budget proposes to provide an additional \$323.1 million (\$212.1 million General Fund) on a one-time basis to continue immediate response to the ongoing drought.

Key allocations would include:

- \$77.4 million for CALFIRE for enhanced fire protection.
- \$42 million for the Department of Water Resources Emergency Salinity Barriers in the Delta.
- \$5 million for the Department of Water Resources to provide emergency drinking water support for small communities, including addressing private wells.
- \$21.4 million for the State Water Resources Control Board to continue enforcement of drought-related water rights and water curtailment actions and provide grants for emergency drinking water projects.
- \$18.4 million for the Department of Social Services to continue the Drought Food Assistance Program.
- \$7.5 million for the Department of Community Services and Development to provide emergency assistance to unemployed farmworkers, including housing, utility and job training assistance.
- \$15 million for the Department of Water Resources for urban water conservation and Save Our Water Campaign.
- \$12 million for the Department of Water Resources to implement statewide actions, including operation of the drought management operations center, water transfer support and water supply modeling.
- \$26.7 million to continue to provide local communities with technical guidance and disaster recovery support related to the drought, distribution of bottled water, and response and recovery training and credentialing program for local agencies.

California Water Action Plan

In furtherance of the California Water Action Plan, which was released in 2014, the budget would allocate:

- \$385 million Prop. 1 for multiple agencies to support projects that meet the state's commitments under the Klamath Agreements (\$250 million), the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (\$90 million), and the San Joaquin River Settlements (\$45 million).
- \$100 million for the Department of Water Resources to enhance flood protection in the Central Valley by repairing levees.
- \$80 million Prop. 1 for the Department of Water Resources to design and implement projects that expand habitat and suppress dust at the Salton Sea, a critical resting stop for migratory birds.
- \$3.6 million for the Delta Stewardship Council to implement the Delta Science Plan and incorporate the WaterFix Delta conveyance project into the Delta Plan.
- \$3 million for the Department of Water Resources to identify water delivery operational improvements in extreme conditions and evaluate long-term climate change impacts on statewide water supplies.
- \$1.2 million for the Department of Water Resources to strengthen coordination and performance evaluation across state and regional agencies and develop a long-term investment and financing strategy for the Water Action Plan.

Department of Toxic Substances Control

The budget proposes an additional \$1.2 million for the Hazardous Waste Control Account and continuation of eight limited-term positions on a permanent basis to support timely permitting actions and improve the clarity, consistency, protectiveness, and enforceability of permits issued.

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

In addition to providing resource management and wildfire protection services, CALFIRE also staffs local fire departments through reimbursement agreements with local governments. The budget proposes the following allocations:

- \$17 million and 95.9 positions to increase staffing levels in CALFIRE's 21 Emergency Command Centers, along with the two regional and Sacramento Command Centers, to address the increased volume of emergency calls during periods of historic increased fire activity.
- \$7 million and 12.8 positions to acquire, install, and support Automated Vehicle Location and Mobile Data Computer devices in all CAL FIRE emergency response equipment.

Department of Parks and Recreation

The Department of Parks and Recreation has undergone significant reform over the last few years. The budget proposes to continue to strengthening the State Parks System by allocating the following:

- \$112 million repayment to the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund.
- \$60 million for high-priority deferred maintenance projects in the state parks system.
- \$690,000 for a two-year pilot project to implement a community liaison project within the two largest urban population centers in the state, Los Angeles and the Bay Area. These liaisons will work with community-based organizations and nonprofit groups to create culturally relevant interpretive and environmental programs.

Department of Conservation

The Department of Conservation administers programs responsible for the sustainable management and development of the state's land, energy, and mineral resources. The budget would allocate \$1.4 million to enable the Department to test sensitive gas pipelines on a more periodic basis and accurately map pipelines to identify potential threats.

Proposition 39

Voters approved Prop. 39 in 2012 to increase state corporate tax revenues. For FY 2013-14 through FY 2017-18, the measure requires half of the increased revenues, up to \$550 million per year, to be used to support energy efficiency. The budget proposes the following:

- \$365.4 million to support school district and charter school energy efficiency projects.
- \$45.2 million to support community college energy efficiency projects and clean energy job development programs.

Public Works

The Governor's budget summary outlines efforts to renew its focus on the California Conservation Corps, a program the Governor created in 1976. It makes the following adjustments:

- \$15 million increase from Cap and Trade funds for the Energy Corps Program. (See Cap and Trade Allocations section above.)
- \$5 million for Forest Health Improvement Projects in the highest fire risk areas of the state.
- \$2.6 million from the General Fund for a Butte Fire Center.
- \$400,000 General Fund increase for residential center site selection evaluation in Pomona, Napa, and Ukiah.
- \$19.7 million General Fund increase for renovation at the Auburn Center.

In conjunction with the release of the proposed FY 2016-17 budget, the Governor also released the state's 2016 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan. Cities should note that the Infrastructure Plan focuses solely on the needs of State-owned and operated facilities, and does not include the needs of local facilities.

Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act Implementation

The Governor's budget proposes \$30 million and 126 positions in various state agencies to implement and regulate the newly created Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. Specific allocations would include:

- **Department of Consumer Affairs:** \$1.6 million in FY 2015-16 and \$3.8 million from the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act Fund and 25 positions in FY 2016-17 to

create the Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation within the Department, to regulate transportation, storage, distribution and sale of medical marijuana, in addition to licensing, investigation, enforcement, and coordination with local governments.

- **Department of Public Health:** \$457,000 in FY 2015-16 and \$3.4 million in FY 2016-17 to add 14 positions to the Department to undertake regulatory responsibilities associated with the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act.
- **Department of Food and Agriculture:** \$3.3 million in FY 2015-16 and \$3.4 million from the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act Fund and 18 positions in FY 2016-17 for the following activities:
 - Provide administrative oversight for the Medical Cannabis Cultivation Program.
 - Promulgate regulations, issue cultivation licenses, and perform an Environmental Impact Report.
 - Establishing a “seed-to-sale” tracking program with assistance from the Board of Equalization to use unique identifiers to track movement of medical marijuana and related products throughout the distribution chain.

Local Public Safety

City Law Enforcement Grants Totaling \$26 million

- \$20 million for increasing positive outcomes between local police and the homeless community, persons with mental health issues, and high-risk youth populations.
- \$6 million for competitively awarded grants to local law enforcement agencies for programs strengthening relationships between law enforcement and local communities.

Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015

- \$10 million to local law enforcement agencies for costs incurred through June 2017 related to increased citizen complaint reporting activities as required by AB 953 (2015). The Administration plans to work with law enforcement entities to develop an allocation methodology for these funds and the overall program that limits future mandate reimbursement claims related to AB 953.

Community Corrections Performance Incentive Grants

- \$127.9 million to provide incentives for counties to reduce the felony probationers that are returned to prison

Continuum of Care Reform

- \$26.8 million (including \$18.1 million from the General Fund) for county probation departments to implement reforms required by AB 403 (2015) to support the foster youth system.

Local Criminal Justice Facility Construction

- \$250 million in competitively awarded grants to counties that previously received only a partial award or no award from the state, to replace or renovate county jails and improve custodial housing, re-entry, rehabilitative programming, mental health services, and other treatment space, particularly for offenders with longer term sentences. The grants will entail a 10 percent county match requirement, reduced to 5 percent for smaller counties. This is part of an on-going state effort to invest in and support local criminal justice system needs in the wake of AB 109/Public Safety Realignment and Prop. 47.

Office of Emergency Services

- \$35.2 million increase to support the Office of Emergency Services' responsibility for emergency preparedness and response. This proposal includes a one-time \$20 million General Fund augmentation to purchase wildland fire engines, which will be placed throughout the state as part of the State Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System. In addition,

this proposal includes \$4.2 million General Fund for both the Fire and Rescue Branch and the Law Enforcement Branch to expand the capacity to respond to major fires and other natural and man-made disasters throughout the state. This also includes \$5 million General Fund to support Statewide Disaster Programs.

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Prop. 47 Funds

- \$19 million allocation in Prop. 47 funds for the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to use for mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, and diversion programs.
- Prop. 47, combined with court-ordered and self-imposed county jail population caps, and Public Safety Realignment, have reduced average daily inmate population by 8,700. In FY 2015-16, that population will be reduced by an additional 4,700 as a result of resentencing and avoided new admissions.
- Prop. 47 requires state savings to be redirected to the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund, to reduce truancy, support drop-out prevention programs in K-12 schools, increase substance abuse treatment services, and increase victim services grants. The Department of Finance estimates a net savings of \$29.3 million, and the first transfer of these savings is due to occur in August 2016.

Inmate Rehabilitation and Re-entry

- \$400 million to the Division of Rehabilitative Programs. This division operates 13 prison-based re-entry hubs for offenders who are within four years of release and have been assessed as moderate-to-high risk re-offenders and moderate-to-high need for services. These programs focus on behavioral treatment programming, including substance abuse treatment, anger management, family relationships, and criminal thinking.
- \$15.2 million for expansion of substance abuse treatment programs to correctional institutions that currently lack such a program.
- \$32.1 million to continue the Community Re-entry Program, linking offenders to community-based rehabilitative services (including employment, education, medical care, mental health care, housing, family reunification, and social support). This is a voluntary program allowing eligible male inmates to complete their sentences in the community in lieu of confinement in prison.

Siting Incentive Grants for Cities and Counties

The budget proposes \$25 million General Fund for incentive payments to cities and/or counties that approve, between Jan. 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, new long-term permits for hard-to-site facilities that improve public safety and support the criminal justice system through the provision of services, such as substance use disorder treatment, mental health, and reentry programming. The Administration will work with city and county stakeholders during the spring to develop an allocation methodology while also safeguarding existing permitted facilities.

Drug Contraband and Interdiction

- \$7.9 million for expanded efforts to reduce illegal drugs and contraband at 11 prisons, including Calipatria, Solano, and the facility in Los Angeles County.

Lifer Population: Expanded Programs and Services

The Department will begin efforts to develop a program that provides six-month transitional housing locations closest to communities in which life-term inmates will be released. Additionally, the Department has taken steps to allow offenders placed in transitional housing immediate access to community leave passes, phones and visitation, and to place these parolees in an appropriate service or treatment program based on their needs assessment.

- \$10 million is proposed to be allocated for the following program expansions:

- \$3.1 million for Parolee Service Center Beds (these centers provide a host of services including employment, job search, placement training, computer supported literacy, victim awareness, and substance abuse education)
- \$3.4 million for In-Prison Long Term Offender Program – covering a variety of services including substance abuse treatment, anger management, family relationships, victim impact, employment readiness, and criminal thinking. This will increase the number of available slots by 1,700.
- \$423,000 for the Offender Mentor Certification Program, a voluntary 10-month program in which long-term and life-term inmates are trained and certified as mentors for alcohol and drug counseling.
- \$3.1 million for the Pre-Employment Transitions Program, focusing on employment preparation, job readiness, job search skills, and education on community resources designed to help with transitioning back into society.

Reduction of Segregated Housing Units (SHU) at Pelican Bay State Prison

- As a result of the settlement in the *Ashker v. Brown* lawsuit, the Budget contains a reduction of \$28 million to reflect a reduction by several thousand beds, which will be converted to a lower, appropriate housing security level, as part of the Department's move away from indeterminate terms for inmates assigned to the SHU, to determinate terms for behavior-based violations. This includes implementation of plans to allow inmates to transition from the SHU into the general inmate population on an accelerated basis.
- \$5.8 million for additional investigative staff to monitor gang activity in prisons as the new segregated housing policy is implemented.

Compliance with Three-Judge Panel Population Cap

- As part of its ongoing oversight of the state prison system, the federal court ordered the state to downsize its total prison population to 137.5 percent of design capacity by Feb. 28, 2016. As of Dec. 9, 2015, the prison population was at 136 percent of population.
- To help the state remain in compliance, the Administration plans to maintain the current levels of in-state and out-of-state contract beds in private correctional facilities, and will seek legislative authorization for this beyond Dec. 31, 2016.

Additional Population Reduction Measures

The Board of Parole Hearings implemented the Youthful Offender Parole Program as required by SB 260 (2013), which provides youth offender parole hearings for those convicted of a felony offense prior to their 18th birthday and sentenced to state prison.

- The Governor's budget includes a \$3.7 million allocation to implement an expansion of this program.
- There is a separate \$3.3 million allocation (FY 2015-16) and a \$6 million allocation (FY 2016-17) to expand the existing female Alternative Custody Program to males, in compliance with the outcome of the *Sassman v. Brown* lawsuit.

Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)

The Governor proposes the following increases for the Department of Industrial Relations:

- Nine positions and \$1.4 million to the Labor and Workforce Development Fund to review and investigate additional cases associated with the Private Attorney General Act.
- 19.5 positions and \$3.2 million to the Labor Enforcement and Compliance Fund to address increases in caseload.
- Nine positions and \$1.8 million to the Labor Enforcement and Compliance Fund to address a backlog of wage claim adjudication hearings.

State Retiree Health and Pension Costs

Following the 2012 Public Employees' Pension Reform ACT (PEPRA), the Administration remains focused on addressing the current \$72 billion unfunded liability that exists for retiree

health care benefits. If left unchecked, the cost of unfunded healthcare liability is projected to grow to \$300 billion by FY 2047-48.

Strategies suggested by the Administration include: State and employees equally sharing in the prefunding of normal costs for future retiree health care for future workers. The Administration successfully negotiated a prefunding agreement with Bargaining Unit 9 (professional engineers). The Administration is now entering contract negotiations with state public services agencies (e.g. police and fire) to move in the same direction for future employees. Although there are no direct proposals to local governments, the Administration is encouraging municipalities to move towards a shared cost model for future retiree healthcare benefits.

Community Services

Child Care

The budget proposal increases funding subsidized child care programs, including an increase of 7,030 slots for full-day State Preschool, a 4.5-percent increase to the Regional Market Reimbursement Rate, and a five-percent increase for license-exempt providers.

Libraries

Increase ongoing funding to the California Library Services Act by \$1.8 million and invest an additional \$3 million on a one-time basis. These funds will be used to strengthen statewide and regional services for public libraries.

Workforce Development

- \$200 million in support to expand career technical education courses through the Strong Workforce Program at California Community Colleges.
- \$48 million for career technical education programs that expand on existing regional capacity and labor market demands for the Career Technical Education Pathways Program at California Community Colleges.

Special Needs Housing

Developmental Disabilities

The budget includes \$80 million for targeted investments in the developmental services system. Specifically establishes a four bed Alternative Residential Model Homes Rate - \$46 million (\$26 million Gen Fund). The rates for these homes are old and were originally based on a six-bed model. The smaller four bed model is increasingly used by regional centers.

Next Steps

The Department of Finance will begin releasing draft trailer bill language in the next month that will include details of the proposal. The Assembly and Senate Budget Committees will also begin hearings to review program-specific details. In May the Governor will release his revised budget proposal for the coming fiscal year that must be passed by June 15 to take effect July 1.

California City Solutions: Paramount Collaborates to Create A Unique Outdoor Fitness Facility

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. The city of Paramount's Salud Park was submitted in 2015 for the CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration award category.

Paramount is one of the smallest cities in Los Angeles County in terms of land area, yet one of the most densely populated. There is little open space other than the park system, which is below the 6.1 acres per 1,000 persons recommended by the National Parks and Recreation Association. Collaboration between multiple agencies turned a strip of Southern California Edison's right-of-way on the city's densely-populated Westside it into what is known today as Salud Park, an outdoor fitness facility and open space park, enhancing the quality of life for residents. *For more, see Page 2.*



Jan. 21 Early Bird Registration Deadline Fast Approaching for Feb. 5 Municipal Law Symposium

Ensuring Integrity in 21st Century California: Water & Public Works in Our Arid State

Scheduled for Feb. 5 in Sacramento, the 2016 Municipal Law Symposium will focus on the challenging issues public agency attorneys face in the areas of water and public works. After the early bird registration ends on Jan. 21, the cost to participate increases from \$150 to \$175. *For more, see Page 2.*

The city is largely a working-class community, with per capita income mostly in the lower range and according to the latest U.S. Census figures, 78.6 percent of the city's population is Latino. A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2010 study reported that U.S. Latinos under-utilize health care, have low rates of health insurance and higher rates of obesity and diabetes. According to studies by the Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation and Leadership Training at Long Beach State, as Latino immigrants adapt to U.S. cultural norms, their nutritional practices deteriorate. The Los Angeles County Department of Health reports that Paramount's obesity rates are close to 30 percent.

Paramount city officials are always trying to figure out how to meet the challenge of creating more open space with limited resources and because of high land costs and water cutbacks it has been difficult to build new parks. The city though, worked to create small pocket parks, which have been recognized by the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council.

City leaders had a vision of creating something unique, such as a fitness facility that could function as an outdoor gym and sought out Southern California Edison's (SCE) utility right-of-way on the city's densely-populated Westside. They wanted to create a 10-acre area featuring a fitness park with pathways, tracks, sporting fields, exercise equipment, a plaza for instructional classes, and a sand volleyball court. Thousands of existing acres of SCE's right-of-way are leased to private entities, but are not actively used.

The idea was well received by SCE and organizational collaboration soon began. Participating organizations included: the city of Paramount, SCE, the state of California, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and the Paramount Unified School District.

City staff held six community meetings over a three-month period to gather opinions from residents for the general design. It had applied for a state grant to cover the funding. The city was awarded Proposition 84 grant funds because of the high quality of the project's planning, obvious need for park space in Paramount, and the projects shovel-ready status. The \$42 million in state grant funds received covered the project's total costs. Only three other similar cities in the Southeast Los Angeles County area were also chosen to receive grant funds.

Paramount and SCE worked closely in devising a facility that could serve residents while preserving the utility's criteria for development along its transmission corridors including access, security, and maintenance needs. The plan included a bike track that doubles as an access road for service vehicles to reach the transmission towers, and the track and athletic field are mostly located out from under the transmission lines.

Once the design process was complete, the PUC studied the project intensely before approving it and set the lease rate. The Los Angeles County Fire Department was very vigilant in terms of working out the unique safety issues on the right-of-way and other requirements.

The city also worked with the Paramount Unified School District as Salud Park is adjacent to one of the district's elementary schools and provides easy access for students to take advantage of the many fitness offerings.

Paramount ultimately completed this public resource at a low cost. The lease agreement with SCE, for instance, calls for the city to pay just \$4,600 a year for the first five years, with minor increases every five years thereafter. The PUC established these terms.

Salud Park has increased the total park acreage in Paramount by 25 percent. The facility features a decomposed-granite pathway for walkers and joggers and a first of its kind for the city 440-yard, rubberized, running/jogging track.

The infield of the track is a synthetic turf area available for a variety of sports. This synthetic turf allows for year-round use, since there is no need to replant natural grass, sometimes necessary due to heavy usage and rainstorms. All this saves significant water costs. And while there are natural turf areas elsewhere, the majority of the landscaping is drought-tolerant.

Outdoor exercise equipment includes elliptical, rowing machines, legs presses, and more. The plaza provides space for instructional fitness classes. Completing the amenities is the sand volleyball court.

Fitness is the focus of the park. It provides the residents of Paramount with a free gym membership, available for use seven days a week, a long-term public benefit. As such, there are no other traditional park uses such as playgrounds or picnic tables.

Residents consistently fill the park from morning through evening. When it opens, there are lines of folks waiting to get in. When it closes, the park is crowded. Families spend quality time playing sports and exercising, individuals jog, kids ride their bikes, and seniors stroll and sit in the sun.

Residents have volunteered to lead aerobics/zumba exercise classes. Others share their talents by serving as trainers, showing visitors how to use the gym-quality equipment safely and efficiently.

With the cost of joining a private gym, this facility saves Paramount residents hundreds of thousands of dollars. Additionally, the inter-agency cooperation that created Salud Park saved the city millions of dollars during tough economic times, which ultimately can be used for other residential programs and services. The state of California recognized the value of Salud Park in its 2015 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

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Panels will focus on: water rights, drought, and enforcement; water issues related to CEQA and land use; alternative water supplies, including storm water, groundwater, and recycled water; water and public works finance issues including those related to Proposition 218; and conflicts of interest, including an update on the new FPPC Regulations and conflict of interest issues relevant to public works projects.

Titled "Ensuring Integrity in 21st Century California: Water & Public Works in Our Arid State," the symposium will be held on Feb. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento.

[Register online.](#)

This annual event is co-sponsored by the Municipal Law Institute of the League of California Cities®, McGeorge School of Law, the County Counsels' Association and the State Bar of California Public Law Section.

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Medical Marijuana Clean-up Bill Moves Forward

The Senate Governance and Finance Committee today approved the medical marijuana cultivation clean-up measure, AB 21 (Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey and Wood) on a vote of 6-0. Supported by the League, the California Police Chiefs Association, and several individual cities, AB 21 would remove the March 1, 2016 deadline for local governments have cultivation regulations in effect or face state pre-emption. The bill will next go to the Senate Health Committee, where it is set for hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

In the Senate Health Committee, there may be an effort to add provisions on patient access, which might conflict with local control. The League advises member cities to continue plans to enact cultivation bans, as this bill has many more hurdles ahead.



City Officials Encouraged to Volunteer for Road Usage Charge Pilot Program *Signup Online for Pilot that Begins Summer 2016*

California drivers have an opportunity to participate in the state's study whether a road usage fee could fund California's transportation system by signing up to be part of the Road Usage Charge Pilot Program. Launching this summer, the nine month pilot program pilot will help the California Transportation Commission (CTC) study whether a road user fee is a sustainable long-term alternative to the current gas tax, which is not adequate to meet the state's transportation needs. Information gathered from 5,000 volunteers will help inform the Legislature's decision on whether to implement such a program statewide. *For more, see Page 2.*



California Economic Summit Releases 2016 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity

The California Economic Summit announced the release of its 2016 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity, which puts forward a plan to achieve multiple ambitious goals — the One Million Challenges — each one vital to expanding sustainable economic growth in California. *For more, see Page 2.*

The CTC has a [website](#) featuring resources, information and an [electronic volunteer registration form](#). A detailed [FAQ](#) includes information about the program.

No actual fee will be collected during the study. Instead the CTC will be examining several ways to measure and calculate road usage. Participants will submit simulated payments as part of the study and will have the opportunity to select from a variety of options to report mileage. Some use technology and others do not.

Background

It is no secret that California's roads, bridges and highways are deteriorating rapidly because there is not a dedicated funding source for maintenance and repair. TRIP, a national transportation research firm, determined that the average California driver pays \$762 annually for repair costs resulting from the state's poor road conditions. According to the 2014 [biennial California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment](#), California's local system will face a \$78.3 billion funding shortfall by 2024.

Created by SB 1077 (2014), The California Road Usage Charge Pilot Program is actively recruiting volunteers to participate in the study. The criteria and parameters of the program were drafted by the CTC's Technical Advisory Commission that executed a thorough process that included public meetings, public opinion surveys and focus groups, stakeholder feedback and more.

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The Roadmap is the result of collaboration by the Summit's network of business, equity, environmental and civic organizations to sharpen strategies at the 2015 California Economic Summit in Ontario, where leaders pledged to work together to meet the One Million Challenges.

What's In the Roadmap

Built on successes in advancing goals shared across the state's economic regions, the Roadmap lays out what the Summit aims to accomplish in 2016.

A detailed set of action plans highlights the next steps to make progress in three benchmarks essential to the California economy:

- One million more skilled workers: With wages stagnating and income inequality rising — and millions of Californians struggling to make ends meet in low-wage jobs — industries from health care to manufacturing are still struggling to find skilled workers. The Summit has set a goal of closing this looming “skills gap” by supporting the formation of regional civic organizations that can align the state's expansive training and education programs with the needs of employers.
- One million more homes: With housing supply falling far below demand — driving up housing prices and rents beyond what millions of Californians can afford — the Summit will also lead a comprehensive effort aimed at reducing the costs and increasing the supply of all types of housing near transit and jobs.
- One million more acre-feet of water each year: With Californians using substantially more water each year than the state's infrastructure can reliably supply, the Summit will support the expansion of watershed management solutions that can help regions conserve, capture, and re-use enough water to achieve a sustainable water balance.

To read the [2016 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity](#) or learn more information, visit www.CAEconomy.org.

For questions about the Roadmap, contact info@caeconomy.org or (916) 244-1525.

White House Opens Champions for Change Program Nominations, Summer Opportunity Workshop

Over the summer many young people and their families lose access to critical supports that keep them safe, healthy and engaged in learning and meaningful work experiences. The summer “opportunity gap” contributes to gaps in achievement, employment, and college and career success, particularly for low-income students. Studies also show that providing summer opportunities help divert youth from criminal involvement and reduce violence. To meet this challenge, state and local leaders, community-based organizations, private sector and philanthropic leaders, schools and other youth-serving agencies are coming together to create a set of supports that enable strong transitions from school year to school year and from high school to college and careers.

In recognition of the innovative and effective summer jobs, learning, and meals partnerships in cities, towns and counties, the White House and the National Summer Learning Association will convene a Champions of Change event to highlight leaders who are turning summer from a time of loss into a time of great gain. The White House is asking local governments to help identify and honor individuals who are dedicating their time, talent and resources to strengthen and expand summer learning, meals and jobs opportunities for young people.

A summer opportunity workshop will be held in addition to honoring Champions of Change in summer opportunity. People from around the country will hear what’s working, learn about new resources, share best practices, and meet new partners.

Under President Obama’s leadership, opportunities for more enriching summers have grown significantly. Summer opportunities have expanded through the My Brother’s Keeper Initiative; the AmeriCorps program, which provides critical staffing for summer programs across the country; the growth of the USDA Summer Meal Programs, which leverages community sponsors to provide meals to all children and teens in eligible areas across the country; and the new vision for summer school and expanded models for summer jobs, which serves more youth and provides onramps to career pathways, spurred by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Please submit nominations by 5 p.m. EST on Thursday, Jan. 21. Nominees may include the following types of individuals who are investing in, operating or advocating for high-quality summer learning, meals and jobs opportunities:

- School leaders
- Nonprofit leaders
- Advocates
- Program directors
- Private Sector Leaders
- Philanthropic Partners
- Faith Based Leaders
- State & Municipal leaders
- Civic Technologists
- Student Leaders

Keynote Speakers Announced for the Public Works Officers Institute and Expo in March

Register by Feb. 16

The League of California Cities® recently announced its keynote speakers for the 2016 Public Works Officers Institute and Expo scheduled for March 9-11 at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento. This conference is for professionals of all career levels and offers education on the latest developments in public works, leadership, managing transportation, infrastructure, water, waste programs and more.

Keynote speakers for this event are:

Wednesday Opening Keynote: Journalist Dan Walters

Start the conference off with Dan Walters as he discusses the State of California: Past, Present and Future, with a spin towards the daily dealings of those in the public works profession. Mr. Walters has been a journalist for more than half a century, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. He is certain to bring some new insights to the challenges your jurisdictions face.

Friday Closing Keynote Speaker: American Physician and Retired NASA Astronaut, Story Musgrave

Experience the evolution of Story Musgrave's personal and professional life in terms of unpredicted opportunities and challenges. How does throwing hay bales and fixing farm equipment as a farm kid lead to a full college scholarship, fixing aircraft and tanks as a Marine mechanic in Korea, to fixing broken people as a trauma surgeon, to being the chief mechanic on the Hubble Space Telescope? One little step at a time. It is about preparing for the unknown, acquiring the tools and skills for when the unknown happens and doors open, you can jump into the appropriate opportunities, meet their challenges and obtain your goals. It is about growing such a diverse set of cross disciplinary skills that you not only respond to the future but you are able to create the future for yourself using forward looking forensics.

View the [announcement and full agenda](#) for more information about the Public Works Officers Institute. If you have any questions, please contact [Brian Sanders](#) at (916) 658-8238 with any questions.
