

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

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. FY 2016-17 BUDGETS ADOPTION CALENDAR
Kingsley Okereke provides a schedule for the presentation and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budgets by June 30, 2016.
- B. INSTALLATION OF FENCE AT WESTHAVEN PARK
Bill Murray informs you of the installation of a fence around the perimeter of Westhaven Park for the Reservoir Rehabilitation Project to begin mid-June 2016.
- C. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS LOG
A copy of the Public Records requests for March, 2016 is provided by the City Clerk for your information.

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

- A. Letter from the Government Finance Officers Association informing us that the FY June 30, 2015 comprehensive annual financial report qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- B. Memo from the Municipal Water District of Orange County discussing monthly water usage data, 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

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: INSTALLATION OF FENCE AT WESTHAVEN PARK

From: William E. Murray
Dept.: Public Works
Date: April 11, 2016

The installation of a perimeter fence around Westhaven Park to prohibit vehicular traffic onto the Westhaven Water Storage Reservoirs will commence within next few months as a part of the Westhaven Reservoir Rehabilitation Project. As it was communicated via a previous manager's memo, this is one of the highest priority security improvements identified and recommended in the Engineering Evaluation and Condition Assessment Report of Concrete Storage Reservoirs completed by Simon Wong Engineers for the City of Garden Grove.

The Westhaven Reservoir Rehabilitation Project is advertised for construction bids due in the early part of May 2016. It is anticipated that the construction to start around the middle of June 2016, and be completed by December 2016. Attached please find the site plans showing the fence layout and type to match the existing facility.



WILLIAM E. MURRAY, P.E.
Public Works Director

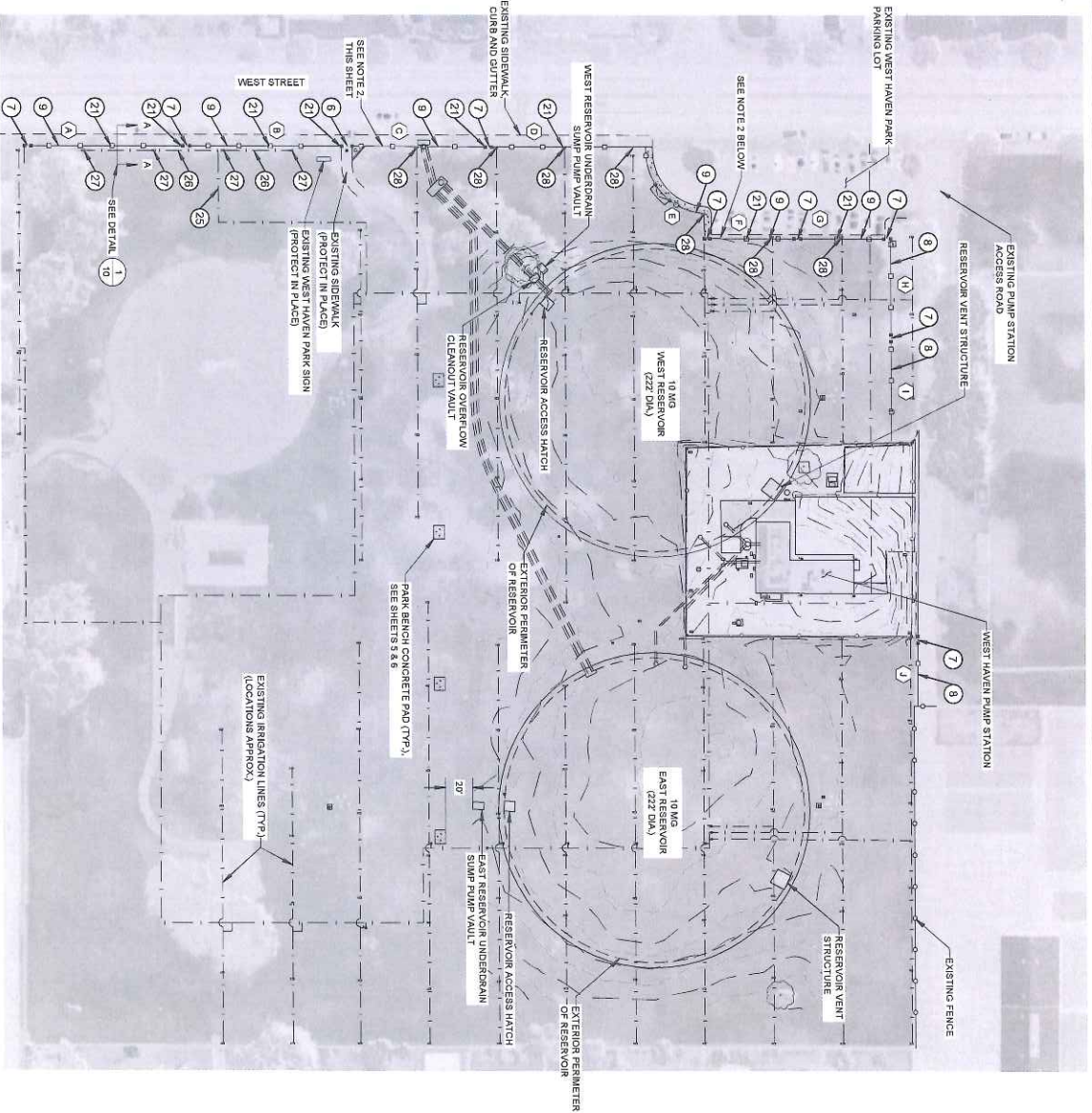


By: Samuel Kim, P.E.
Project Engineer

Attachment: Site Plans

KEY NOTES

1. CONSTRUCT 8' WIDE FENCE OPENING WITH REMOVABLE BOLLARD. SEE DETAILS 9 & 10.
2. CONSTRUCT 3' WIDE FENCE OPENING. SEE DETAIL 12.
3. INSTALL 5' HIGH PERMANENT PERIMETER FENCE. SEE DETAIL 9. SEE DETAILS 9 & 10.
4. INSTALL 5' HIGH PERMANENT PERIMETER FENCE & MOW STRIP. SEE DETAIL 9.
5. APPROX LOCATION OF 4" STEP DOWN IN FENCE. SEE DETAIL 7.
6. RELOCATE 2" PVC SCHEDULE 40 PIPE.
7. RELOCATE 1 1/2" PVC SCHEDULE 40 PIPE.
8. RELOCATE EXISTING ROTATING HEAD WITH HUNTER L40 ROTATING HEAD AT RELOCATED POSITIONING OF PIPING.
9. CUT BACK 1" PVC AND INSTALL NEW HUNTER L40 ROTATING HEAD.



NOTES

1. 10' WIDE GABLE END GATE TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITH 8' WIDE PERIMETER FENCE. THE 10' WIDE FENCE PANELS IN APPEARANCE, GATE TO BE PROVIDED WITH VERTICAL LOCKABLE DROP RODS WITH LOCK SHIELDS AT THE CENTER OF THE GATE. SHIELD SHALL BE IN THE CENTER OF THE GATE. SHIELD SHALL BE IN THE CENTER OF THE GATE. SHIELD SHALL BE IN THE CENTER OF THE GATE. SHIELD SHALL BE IN THE CENTER OF THE GATE.
2. EXISTING IRRIGATION PIPE CONTROL VALVES, CONTROL VALVES, AND ROTATOR HEADS ALONG THE BACK OF SIDEWALK ALONG WEST STREET AND BACK OF CURB IN THE PARKING LOT SHALL BE RELOCATED TO A POSITION STRONG 3 FEET FROM THE INN SIDE OF THE MOW STRIP.
3. CONTRACTOR SHALL MEET WITH CITY PARK DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THE ROTATOR HEADS. RELOCATION SYSTEM, LOCATIONS SHOWN ARE APPROX.
4. CONDUIT AND PULL BOXES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEC REQUIREMENTS.
5. PROPOSED 3' X 10' CONCRETE PADS TO BE INSTALLED AFTER STORMWATER AND CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS ARE REMOVED FROM SITE.

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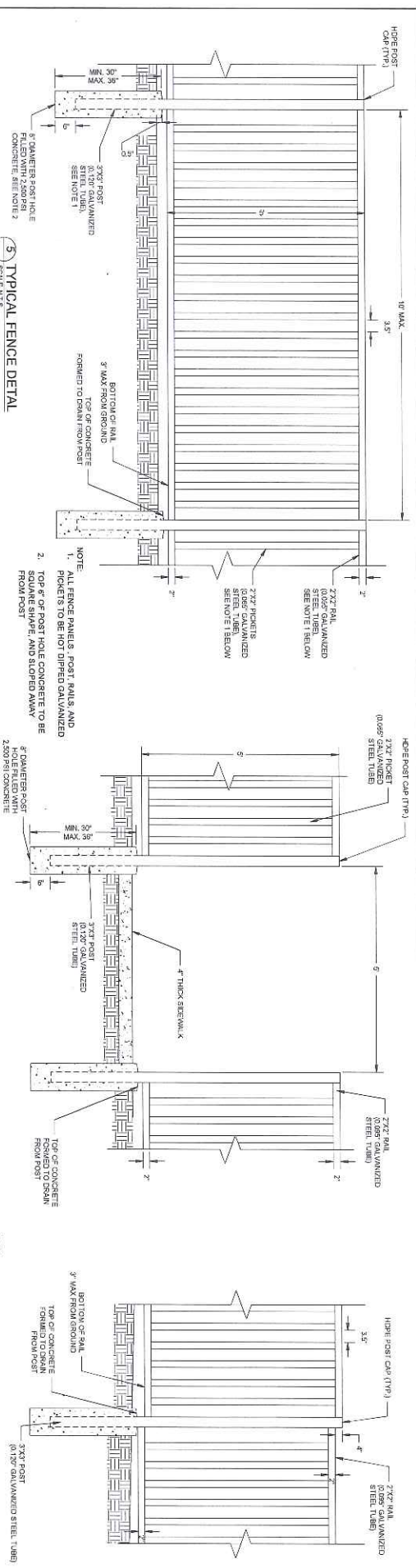
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Department Of Public Works

**WEST HAVEN RESERVOIR REHABILITATION
FINAL SITE AND FENCING PLAN**

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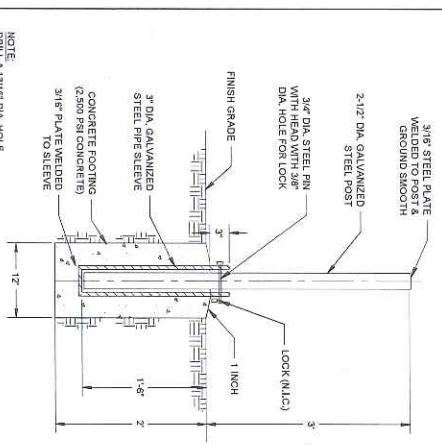
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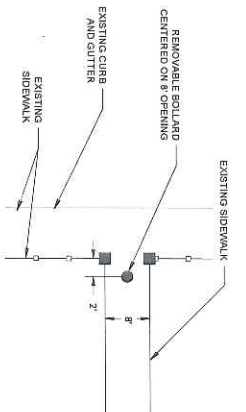
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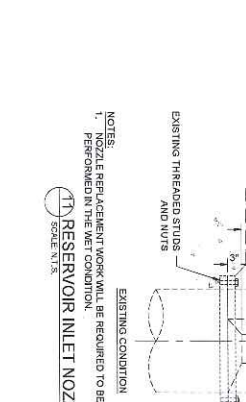


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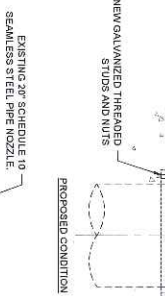
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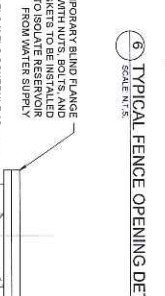
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11 RESERVOIR INLET NOZZLE DETAIL
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12 OVERFLOW DISCHARGE STRUCTURE
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Department Of Public Works

WEST HAVEN RESERVOIR REHABILITATION
CIVIL DETAILS 2

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PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS – MARCH 2016

<u>1693</u>	03/31/16	Cuc Nguyen	Copies of all Code Enforcement complaints/records for the property located at 11412 Dallas Drive, Garden Grove, 92840.	Neighborhood Impr	04/11/16	04/04/16
<u>1692</u>	03/31/16	Sandy Valladares Level2 Security & Automation	List of new Business of the month of March, 2016. Please Include the owner name, business address and phone #	Revenue Management	04/11/16	04/05/16
<u>1691</u>	03/30/16	Judith S Anderson Centec Engineering, Inc.	12752 Brookhurst Street, GG 92840 Fire Department Incident Records, UST, AST installations and removals records, remediation reports, environmental assessment reports, permits to install/remove USTs. We are doing an environmental site assess...	Fire Prevention	04/11/16	04/11/16
<u>1690</u>	03/30/16	LexisNexis	Copy of the Fire Department's Investigation Report for an incident that occurred on January 26, 2016, at the location of 12561 Kensington Lane, Garden Grove, CA.	Fire Admin	04/11/16	04/06/16
<u>1689</u>	03/30/16		Is there anything done to prevent/stop graffiti for the long term on the Trask buildings between Brookhurst and Taft? The graffiti is seen by thousands and it's almost a daily occurrence. Undercover operations, heavier fines, a wall, anti-graffiti...	City Clerk	04/08/16	03/30/16
<u>1688</u>	03/29/16	Van Nghiem, Esq. The Foremost Law Group, APC	PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS REGARDING:	Planning Serv Building Serv	04/18/16	

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1687	03/29/16	Joshua Z. McIntosh	SAIGON SUPERMARKET located at 10131 Westminster Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92843	Police Mgmt Planning Serv	04/08/16	04/04/16
1686	03/28/16	Ken Berry/Steve Bernstein	Good morning. I am writing as a request for information regarding the Neighborhood Improvement Committee. I would like to know who the members are, if they hold a city position and what that position is, what their mission statement or goals are a... Copy of the Fire Department's Incident Report and PreHospital Care Report for an accident that occurred on March 19, 2016, at the Home Depot Parking Lot.	Fire Admin	04/07/16	04/04/16
1685	03/28/16	Teri Bjork <i>Republic Services</i>	Requesting copy of the Traffic Accident Investigation occurred on 3/21/16 Case #16-014739.	City Clerk	04/07/16	03/28/16
1684	03/28/16	Janice Doan <i>State Board of Equalization</i>	I'm unable to find it on your website. Please provide a copy of the business license for: Permit 102 271213 Taxpayer: DUNG BUI DBA: CAFE DIVANG2 Location/St: 14221 EUCLID ST STE AB ...	Revenue Management	04/07/16	04/06/16
1683	03/28/16	Alison Case <i>California Massage Therapy Council</i>	Hi, Denise. CAMTC is seeking a certified copy of the business license and application for a massage establishment in Garden Grove.	Revenue Management	04/07/16	04/04/16

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			Are you still the appropriate person to direct this request to?				
<u>1682</u>	03/28/16	Tyler Watkins <i>Full Function Media</i>	We are reviewing an investigation that took pl... Hello, May I please have a copy of the DDA for the proposed hotel site on the North West corner of Harbor and Twintree with proposed developers, "Land Design." Please and thank you!	City Clerk	04/07/16	03/28/16	
<u>1681</u>	03/28/16	Mr. Bussiere	Historical building permits for property located at 6662 Killarney Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92845. Parcel number: 130-464-15. Please e-mail the PDF documents.	Building Serv	04/07/16	03/28/16	
<u>1680</u>	03/28/16	Chris Kurtz <i>Digital Networks Group</i>	Requesting Bid Tabulation/Pricing results from all bidders for the Garden Grove PD Audio/Visual project that bid on 2/8/16.	Purchasing	04/07/16	04/06/16	
<u>1679</u>	03/25/16	Thy Vo <i>Voice of OC</i>	All communications, including city manager memos, to and from the city manager's office and city council members, for the period of Dec. 1, 2015 until Mar. 25, 2016. Good day: I pray this request finds you in good health and spirits. In 1983, I graduated from the Garden Grove, CA vocational nursing school: Institute of Medical Studies (IMS). Currently, my new employer is unable to	City Clerk Information Systems City Manager	04/18/16		
<u>1678</u>	03/25/16	C. Joyner <i>Institute of Medical Studies</i>		City Clerk	04/04/16	03/25/16	

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1677				locate IMS. Did the scho...				
				Good Afternoon,				
				I was wondering the best way to obtain the most recent building permit report for the city. Any info would be greatly appreciated, thank you for your time.	City Clerk	04/04/16	03/23/16	
1676				Requesting an in-person file review of any/all environmental/fire department records under the property address 12442 Knott Avenue. We are conducting a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (Phase I ESA) of this property. Thank you.	Environmental Comp Fire Prevention	04/04/16	03/24/16	
1675				Request for the awarded General Contractor, Sub-Contractors List, Multiple Prime Contractors (if any), Start & Completion Date, Bid Advertisement Date and Award Date for the following referenced project.	Police Support Serv Purchasing	03/31/16	03/24/16	
				Audio Visual System Install (Garden Grov... To Whom it May Concern:				
				Under the "Public Records Act" and the "Freedom of Information Act of 1971", I would like to request the following Public Records: 1. All City Issued Outstanding/Uncashed checks issued that are 90 days or older and i...	Fiscal Services	03/31/16	03/28/16	
1674					Marina Sadikov Sadikov, LLC			

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1673	03/21/16	Peggy Recktenwall	A copy of the Fire Department's Incident Report for a house fire that occurred on January 29, 2016, at the property located 10011 Green Fern Circle, Westminster, 92683.	Fire Admin	03/31/16	03/28/16
1672	03/21/16	Lori S. Person Investigator - United States Consumer Product Safety Commission	I believe that the Garden Grove Fire Department may have responded to this ... Garden Grove Fire Response and Investigation Report, Photographs, if available. 1900 block of West Sumac Lane, Anaheim, CA. 5:45 a.m. Friday, February 19, 2016. Response by Garden Grove Fire Department - Mattress caught on fire inside of an aptm...	Fire Admin	03/31/16	03/28/16
1671	03/21/16	Amada Lagunas Fulcrum Environmental	Fulcrum Resources Environmental is conducting a Phase I Environmental Assessment at 7351 Garden Grove Blvd. As part of a property assessment, we wish to determine whether government agencies possess records on the subject property that may include...	Fire Prevention	03/31/16	03/24/16
1670	03/16/16	Doris Lane Quest RMG	Good morning, I am doing an internal audit for all franchised Fresenius clinics. Can you please provide me with your most recent franchise agreement or government document listing the franchised trash and/or recycling rates for the following lo...	City Clerk Revenue Management	03/28/16	03/24/16
1669	03/16/16	Sarah Trocchio Rutgers	Good Afternoon,	City Clerk	03/28/16	03/25/16

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1668	03/14/16	Olivia Lee			My name is Sarah Trocchio and I am a PhD student in New Jersey. I am trying to locate the texts of city code (and associated punishments) that were in effect between 1997-2000 for the following offenses: 1.) Panhandling/Begging ...	Fire Admin	04/07/16	03/28/16	
1667	03/14/16				On 03/08/2016, around 12 ~ 1am, the Garden Grove Fire Department was dispatched to my home at 12322 Loraleen Street Garden Grove, CA 92841 for a fire by my garage (trash bins caught fire). My neighbor who lives at 12291 Loraleen Street Garden Grov...	Neighborhood Impr	03/24/16	03/14/16	
1666	03/11/16	Linda Pfankuch			looking for records of homes with code violations.	City Clerk	03/21/16	03/11/16	
1665	03/11/16	Mayra Lopez <i>San Diego ACLU</i>			Marriage Certificate	Police Admn Serv Police Mgmt	04/04/16	03/24/16	
1664	03/10/16	bertha avalos <i>Berman More Gonzalez</i>			Please see attachment.	Fire Admin	04/04/16	03/28/16	
1663	03/10/16	John O'Neill			Celene Dominguez	Building Serv Comm Dev Mgmt	03/21/16	03/11/16	
1662	03/10/16	Mark Phillips			I would like to request digital copies of All building permits Issued in January & February of 2016. Thank You!	Information Systems City Manager	03/21/16	03/21/16	
					Requested records: email correspondence between the Garden Grove City Council members and City Officials (i.e. City Manager, City Clerk and other city management figures) regarding the				

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				proposed maps and sample maps for the voting districts format...				
<u>1661</u>	03/10/16	Mark Phillips		Email Correspondence between the Garden Grove City Council members regarding the proposed maps and sample maps for the voting districts formation.	City Manager	03/21/16	03/10/16	
<u>1660</u>	03/09/16	Thy Vo <i>Voice of OC</i>		All work product for Public Safety Administrative Officer for the period of May 1, 2015 through March 1, 2016.	Information Systems City Manager	04/25/16		
<u>1659</u>	03/09/16	Thy Vo <i>Voice of OC</i>		All work product for Public Safety Administrative Officer for the period Sept. 30, 2014 until Dec. 31, 2014.	City Manager	03/21/16	03/21/16	
<u>1658</u>	03/08/16	Ramon Lopez <i>Painters and Allied Trades Compliance Administrative Trust</i>		PROJECT: Garden Grove Community Meeting Center CONTRACTOR: Harwood Construction Inc. Please see the attached request regarding copies of Certified Payroll Records and Fringe Benefit Statement(s) for the above referenced contractor.	Engr Services Community Serv	04/04/16	04/04/16	
<u>1657</u>	03/08/16	Ramon Lopez <i>Painters and Allied Trades Compliance Administrative Trust</i>		PROJECT: Garden Grove Community Meeting Center CONTRACTOR: Interlog Corp. Please see the attached request regarding copies of Certified Payroll Records and Fringe Benefit Statement(s) for the above referenced contractor.	Engr Services Community Serv	04/04/16	04/04/16	
<u>1656</u>	03/08/16	Brandy Zordan <i>LexisNexis</i>		A copy of the Fire Department Incident Report for a building fire that occurred on February 7, 2016, at the location of 14802 Adams Street in Midway City, CA.	Fire Admin	03/21/16	03/10/16	

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<u>1655</u>	03/08/16	Joshua Z. McIntosh	Good morning ladies. I hope you're all having a good day. I am requesting a list of addresses for our current council members.	City Clerk	03/21/16	03/15/16
<u>1654</u>	03/08/16	Javier Argote <i>home owner</i>	Thanks in advance for your help! vehicle into building. case # 16010355		03/21/16	03/21/16
<u>1653</u>	03/07/16	Nadine Weeden <i>SmartProcure</i>	Dear Denise or Custodian of Public Records, SmartProcure is submitting a public records request to the City of Garden Grove for any and all electronic purchasing records from 11-30-2015 to current. The request is limited to readily available re...	Purchasing	03/17/16	03/08/16
<u>1652</u>	03/07/16	BENJAMIN BUI	10721 Westminster ave Garden Grove ca 92843 contamination/environmental report request.	Environmental Comp Fire Prevention	03/17/16	03/14/16
<u>1651</u>	03/07/16	Kelsey Bostrom <i>A is 4 Adoption</i>	EMT Report from Monday, February 29th, 2016. The patient was Gabrielle Hernandez. She gave birth at the Travelodge Hotel in Anaheim. We need the EMT Report to obtain the birth certificate from Vital Records. Please fax report at 714-556-4026	Fire Admin	03/17/16	03/10/16
<u>1650</u>	03/03/16	Sam Lee	Copies of all Code and Building violations, complaints by tenants and/or neighbors for the property located at 8731 Portsmouth Way, Garden Grove 92841.	Building Serv Neighborhood Impr	03/14/16	03/03/16
<u>1649</u>	03/03/16	Bob Frazee <i>Time Warner Cable Business</i>	New Business applications	City Clerk	03/14/16	03/03/16

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1648	03/03/16	Bruce Welch Waste Control, Inc.	Denise, Can you send me a current copy of the commercial solid waste and recycling rates for Garden Grove? Thanks.	Revenue Management City Clerk	03/14/16	03/10/16
1647	03/03/16	Terry Huguet	Requesting a copy of Fire Incident Report No. G1601655 for an incident that occurred on February 12, 2016, near the intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Flagstone. Would like to receive this information as soon as possible. Thank you.	Fire Admin	03/14/16	03/03/16
1646	03/03/16	David Mao BCEG International Investment - US, Inc.	Record of following: Resolution No. 9172-13 Agreement between City and Land & Design, Inc. Entitlement extension / renewal if any Any other public record / documents related to the project	Economic Dev	03/14/16	03/08/16
1645	03/03/16	Tim Tyler ADP	Requesting a new business list for the last several months,	City Clerk	03/14/16	03/03/16
1644	03/03/16	Sandy Valladares Level 2 Automation	Hello, I am looking to obtain new business list in your City for the month of February 2016, please feel free to respond via e-mail if a fee is required. Thank you.	City Clerk	03/11/16	03/03/16

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1643	03/03/16	Kendra Maher Consulting Solutions Inc	<p>We have been hired to perform an Environmental and Engineering Assessment of the referenced property. In accordance with regulations, we are required to contact local agencies and ask the following:</p> <p>Are there any outstanding Fire Code violat...</p>	Fire Prevention	03/14/16	03/14/16
1642	03/02/16	Donald Smith Time Warner Cable	<p>A list of new businesses for the month of February 2016.</p>	City Clerk	03/11/16	03/03/16
1641	03/02/16	Chloe Adelmann EFI Global, Inc.	<p>This firm is performing a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment at: 11591 Anabel Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92843</p> <p>We are requesting any information regarding: any reports of storage, release or spills of hazardous materials or substances of pet...</p>	Environmental Comp Fire Prevention	03/14/16	03/14/16
1640	03/02/16	Allison Paul CIRB	<p>I would like to request the February 2016 issued permit report. I have attached the blank form to the email.</p> <p>Thanks so much! - Allison Paul</p>	Comm Dev Mgmt Building Serv	03/14/16	03/08/16
1639	03/02/16	Cindy Nguyen	<p>Hi, My name is Cindy Nguyen. My parents house at 11711 EasyWay, Garden Grove 92840 was burnt down on 3/20/2010. We are trying to obtain information for a court case. We want to know if the city kept any file pertaining the case you could send ...</p>	Fire Admin	03/14/16	03/03/16

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1638	03/01/16		<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please provide a new business list from February 1-29, 2016. Please include what is available: Business Name and type, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, and Owner/contact name.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	City Clerk	03/11/16	03/03/16
1637	03/01/16	Kristine Villano Zap Manufacturing, Inc	<p>I would like to request a copy of the most recent Purchase Orders, Bid Award, Contract Agreement, Traffic Sign Agreements or any similar documents with sign costs for finished (new aluminum) traffic signs, specifically: Regulatory, Warning, Guide,...</p>	Street Maint Engr Services	03/11/16	03/03/16
1636	03/01/16	Joshua Z. McIntosh	<p>I am trying to find a copy of the annual audit we were shown before a City Council meeting, a few months ago. This is the same audit presentation where immediately after the presentation we decided that this company would no longer be auditing us....</p>	City Clerk	03/11/16	03/03/16
1635	03/01/16	Jakelin Castillo, Esq. Walter R. Zech, Inc.	<p>Staff Report dated 9/2/14 for item 4-b of the 9/2/14 Traffic Commission meeting. Thank you.</p>	Engr Services	03/11/16	03/03/16
1634	03/01/16	Chris Davis Market Force One	<p>request for February 'new business' email in Excel format</p>	Revenue Management	03/11/16	03/01/16



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April 6, 2016

The Honorable Bao Nguyen
Mayor
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove CA 92840

Dear Mayor Nguyen:

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended **June 30, 2015** qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An award for the Certificate of Achievement has been mailed to:

Kingsley Okereke
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release is enclosed to assist with this effort. In addition, details of recent recipients of the Certificate of Achievement and other information about Certificate Program results are available in the "Awards Program" area of our website, www.gfoa.org.

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

Sincerely,
Government Finance Officers Association

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen J. Gauthier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'G'.

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director

Technical Services Center

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NEWS RELEASE

For Information contact:
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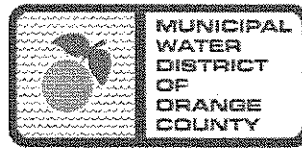
(Chicago)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **City of Garden Grove** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

Kingsley Okereke, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.



Memorandum

DATE: April 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 February.
- Fig. 2 OC Water Usage, Monthly, Comparison to Previous Years Water usage in February 2016 was about low compared to the last 5 years. Lower usage is primarily due to strong conservation efforts and mandatory restrictions set by the governor. Rainfall for February 2016 was below the historical average and temperatures were above average. The February weather outcome resulted in very few O.C. water agencies achieving their SWRCB goal for the month.
- Fig. 3 Historical OC Water Consumption OC water consumption was 571,000 AF in FY 2014-15 (*this includes ~17 TAF of agricultural usage and non-retail water agency Usage*). 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, 2016 “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 2016.

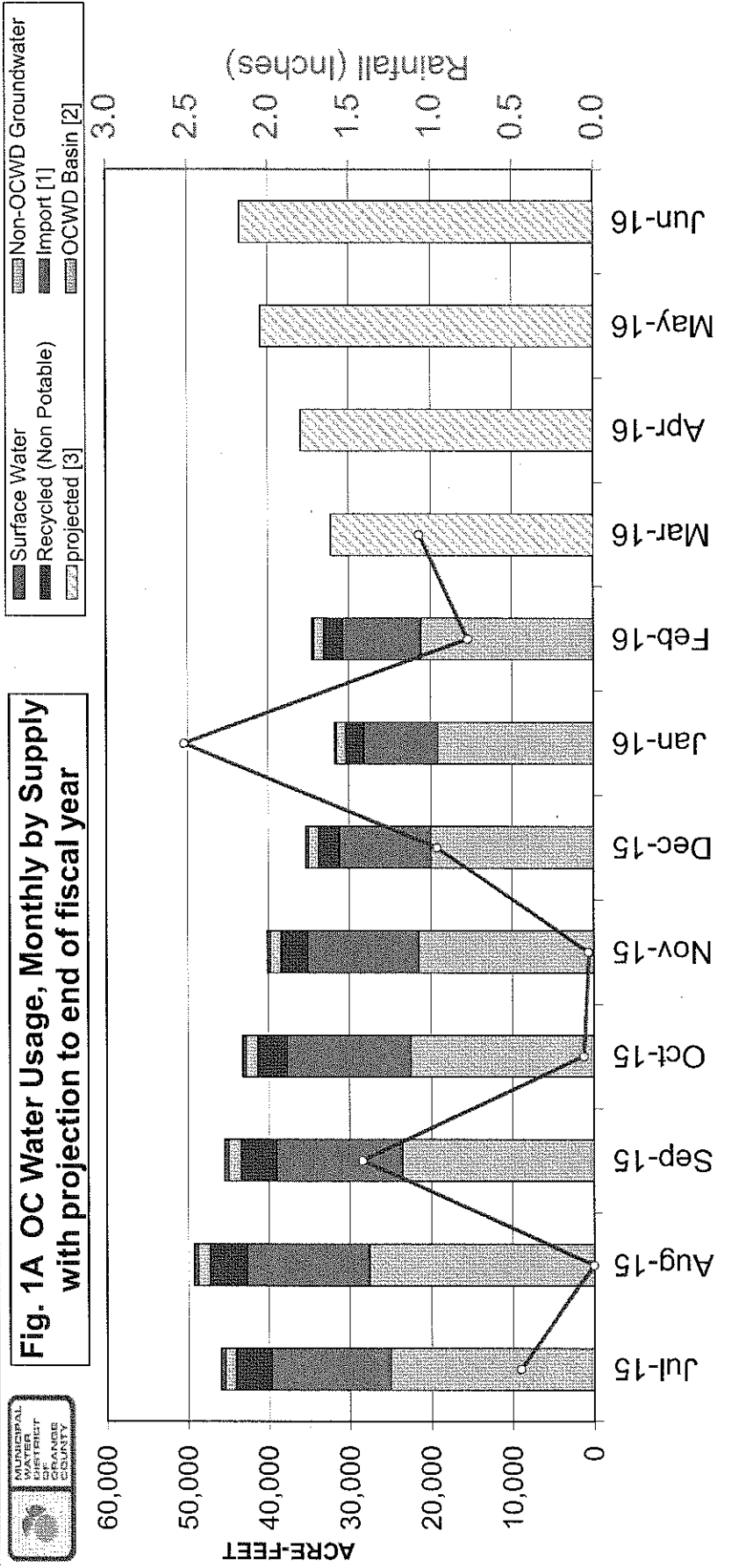
Water Supply Information Includes data on: Rainfall in OC; the OCWD Basin overdraft; Northern California and Colorado River Basin hydrologic data; the State Water Project

(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 March was below average for this period. This continues the impact of the previous four hydrologic years' below-normal rainfall in reducing those local supplies that are derived from local runoff. El Nino conditions are present but unfortunately there has not been amounts of precipitation for Southern California.
- Northern California accumulated precipitation in March was around 130% of normal for this period. The Northern California snowpack is 99% 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 45% as of the end of March.
- Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation in March was 94% average for this period. The Upper Colorado Basin snowpack was 94% of average for this time period. 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 61% 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 2016.



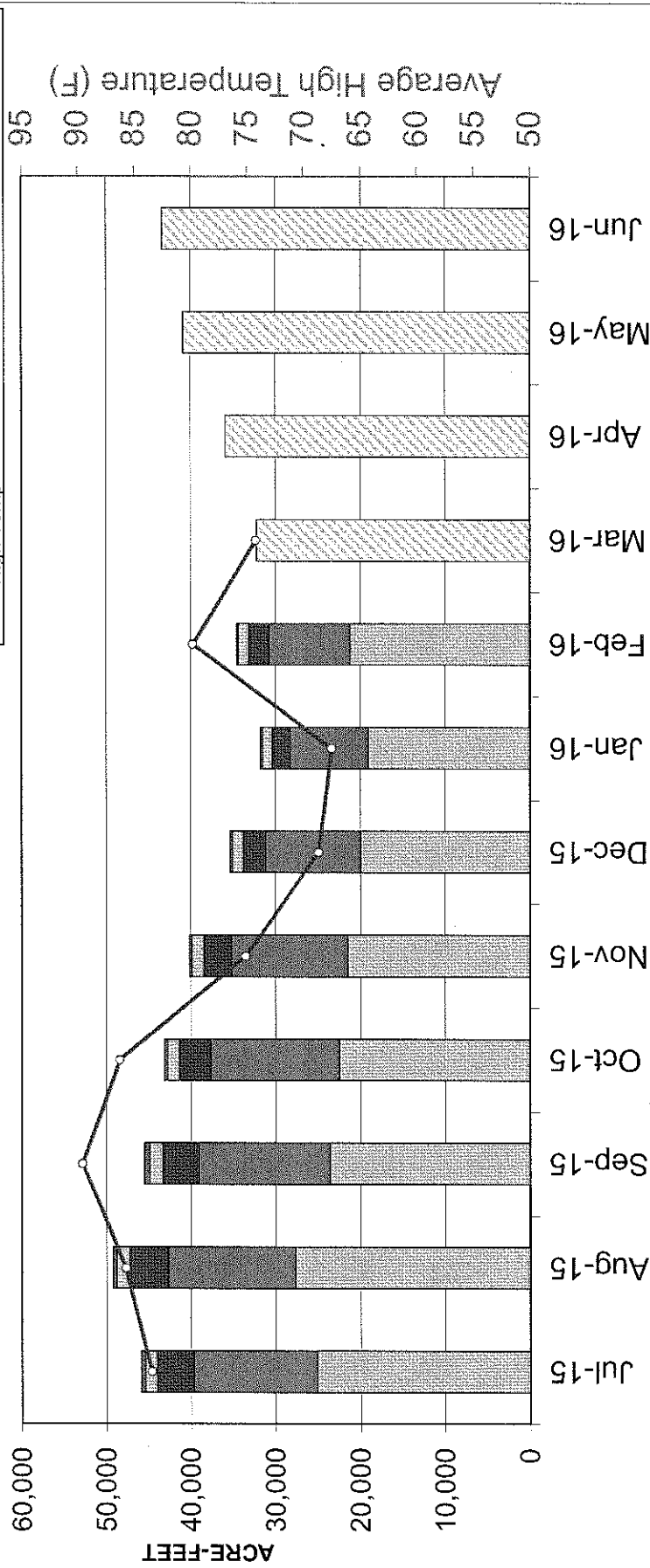
Fig. 1A OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply with projection to end of fiscal year



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 [2] GW for consumptive use only. Excludes In-Lieu water deliveries and CUP water extraction that are counted with Import. BPP in FY '15-16 is 75%.
 [3] MWD's estimate of monthly demand is based on the projected FY 15-16 "Retail" water demand and historical monthly demand patterns.
 [4] Total water usage includes IRWD groundwater agricultural use and usage by non-retail water agencies.



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

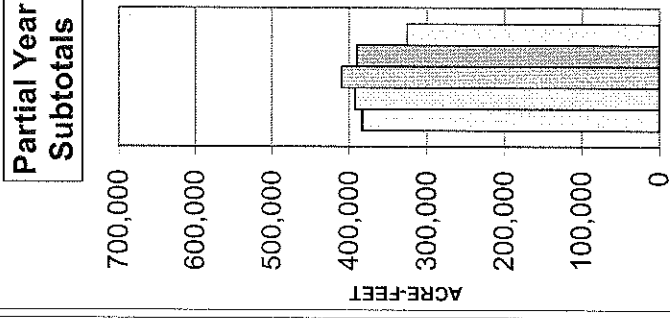
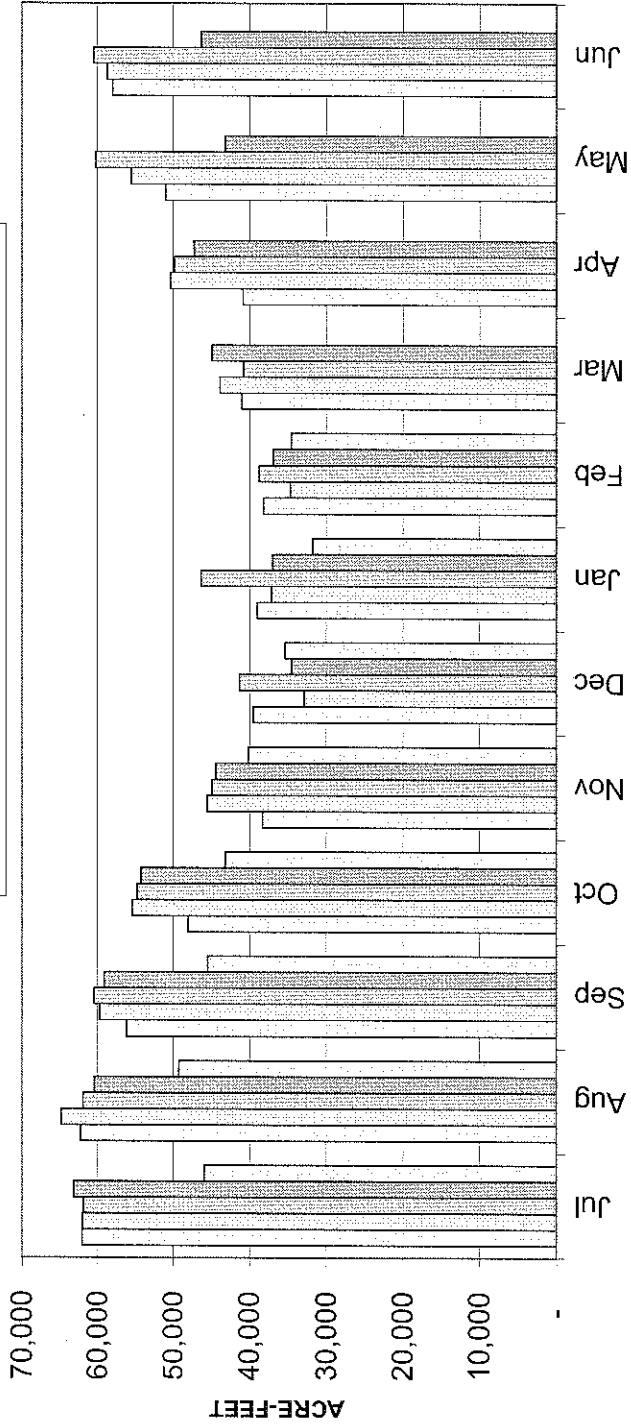


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Fig. 2A OC Monthly Water Usage [1]: Comparison to Last 4 Fiscal Years

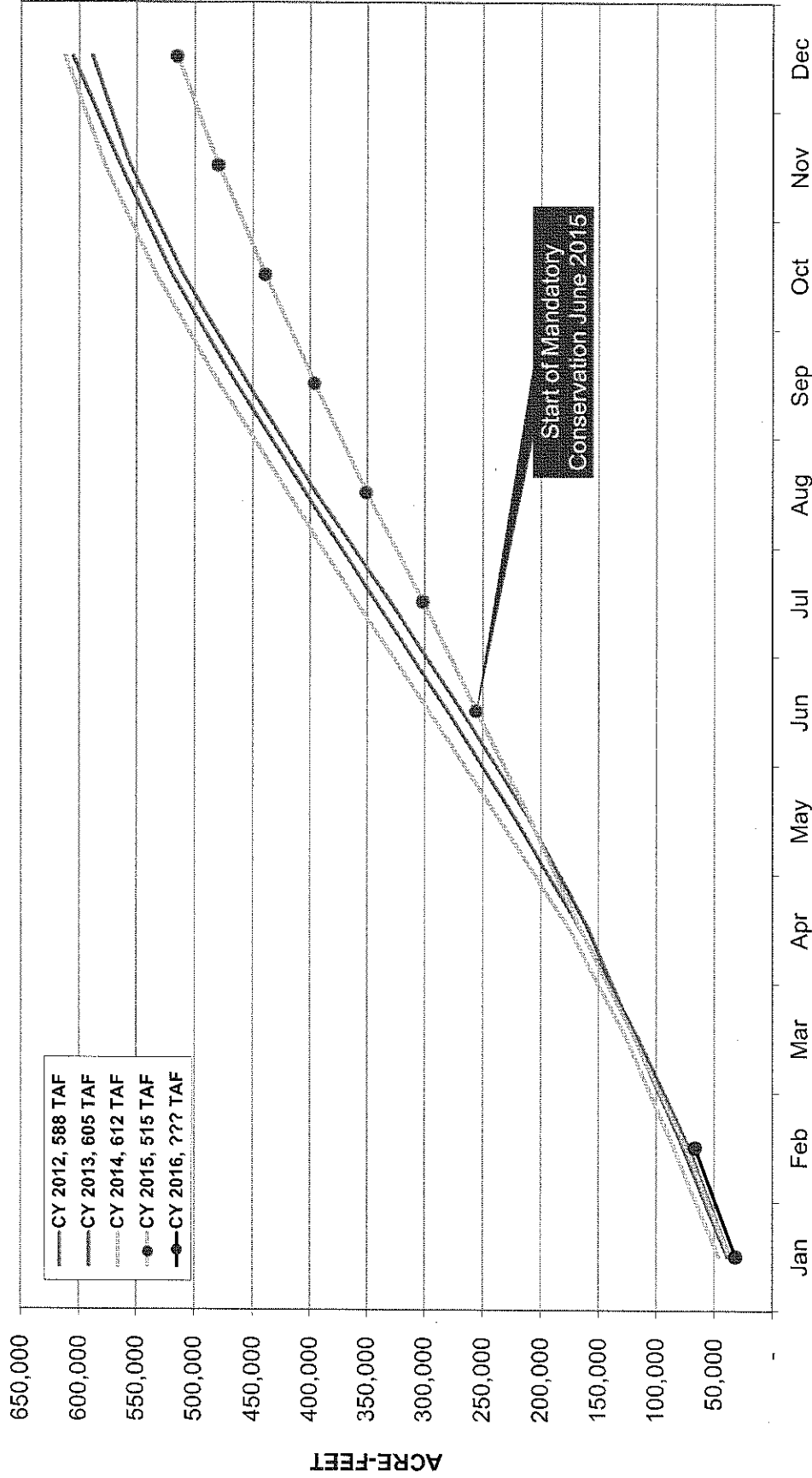
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[1] Sum of imported water for consumptive use (includes "in-Lieu" deliveries; excludes "Direct Replenishment" and "Barrier Replenishment") and Local water for consumptive use (includes recycled and non-potable water; excludes GWRS production, groundwater pumped to waste, and waste brine from water treatment projects.) Recent months numbers include some estimation.



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

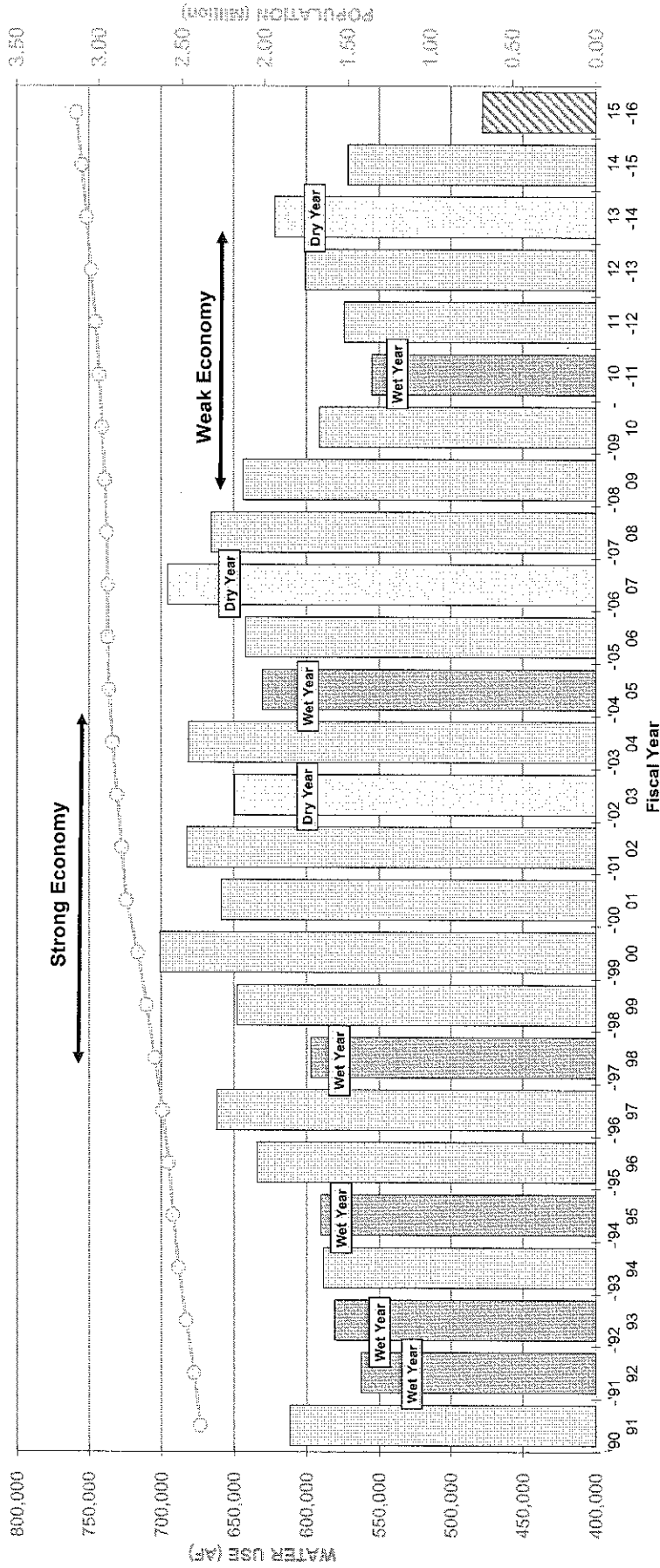


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Fig. 3A HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND POPULATION[2] IN OC

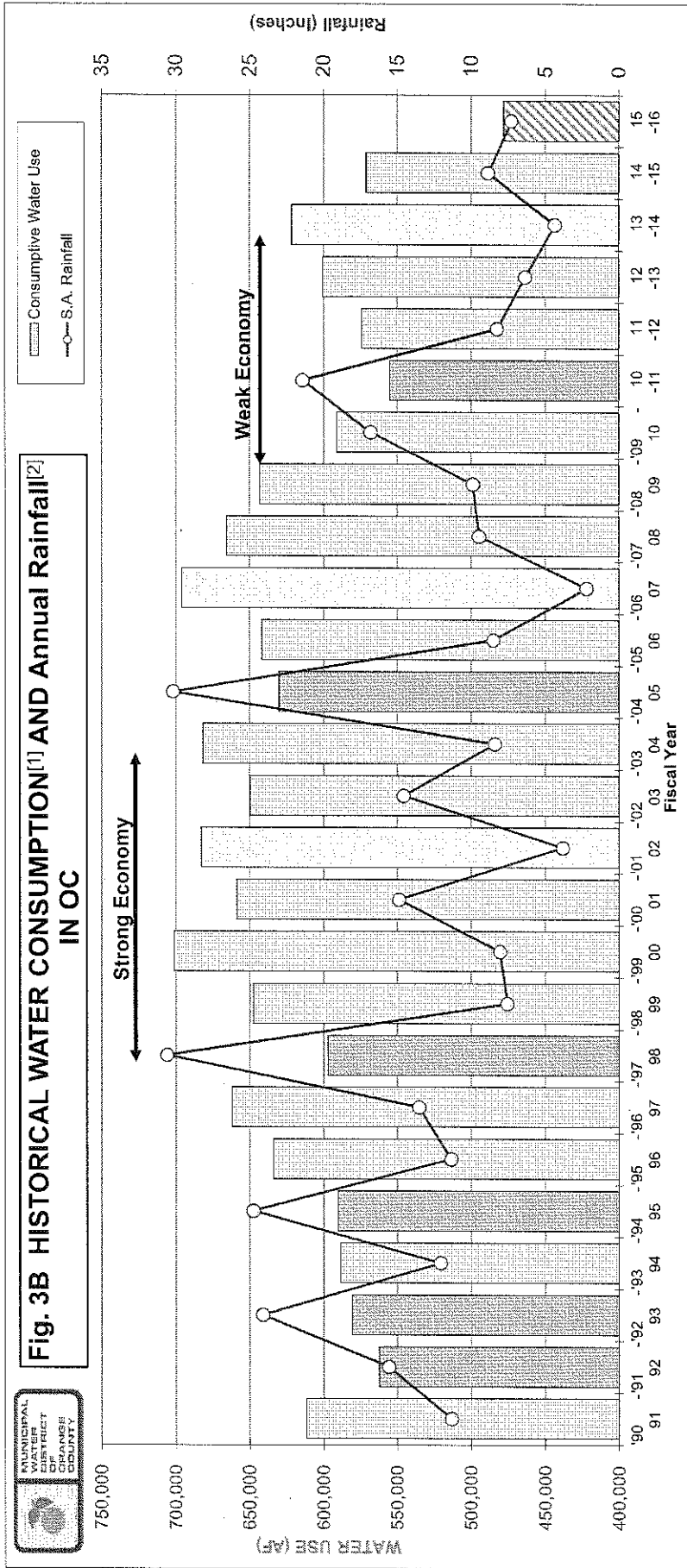
Consumptive Water Use
Population



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

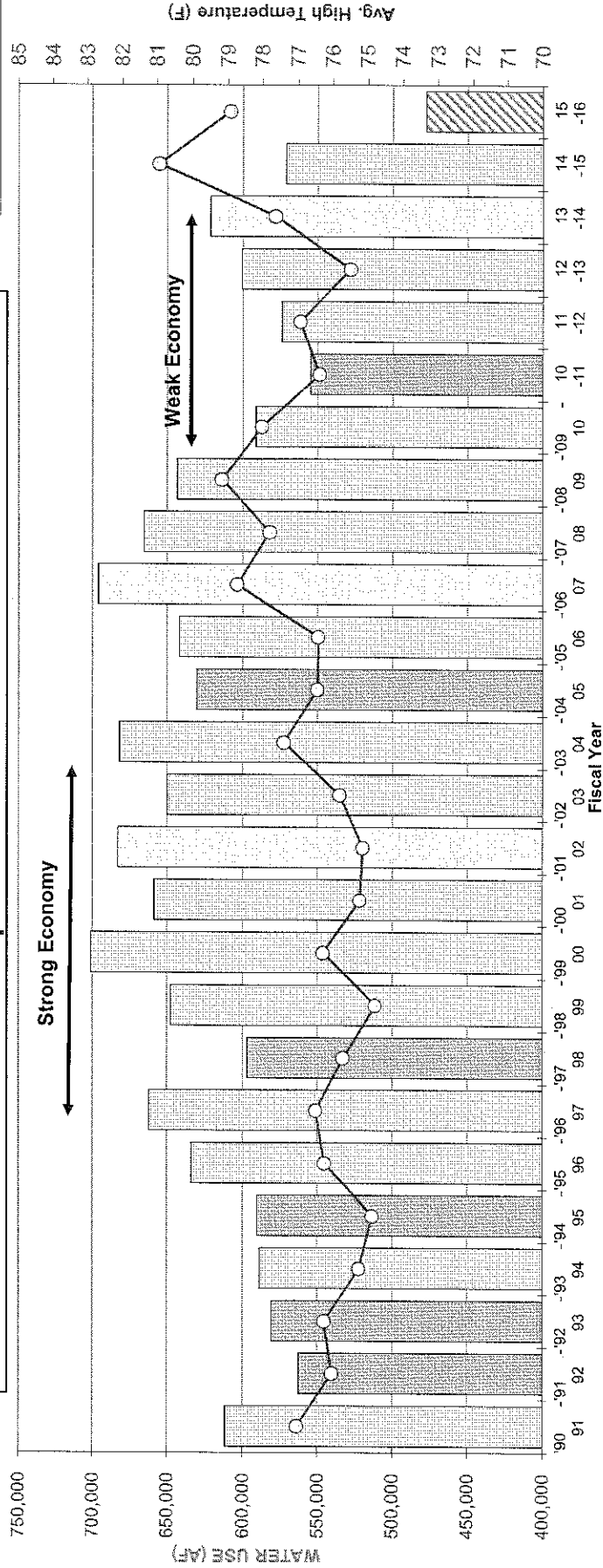


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[2] Rainfall data from Santa Ana Station #121



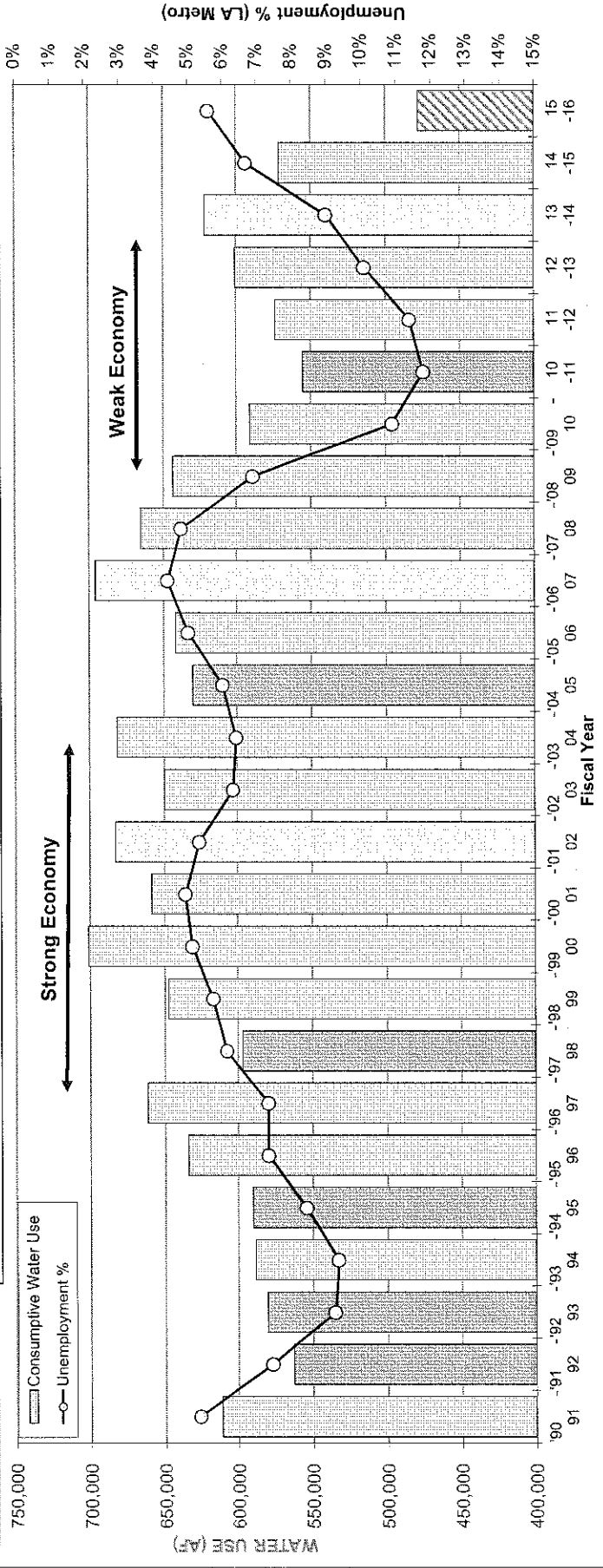
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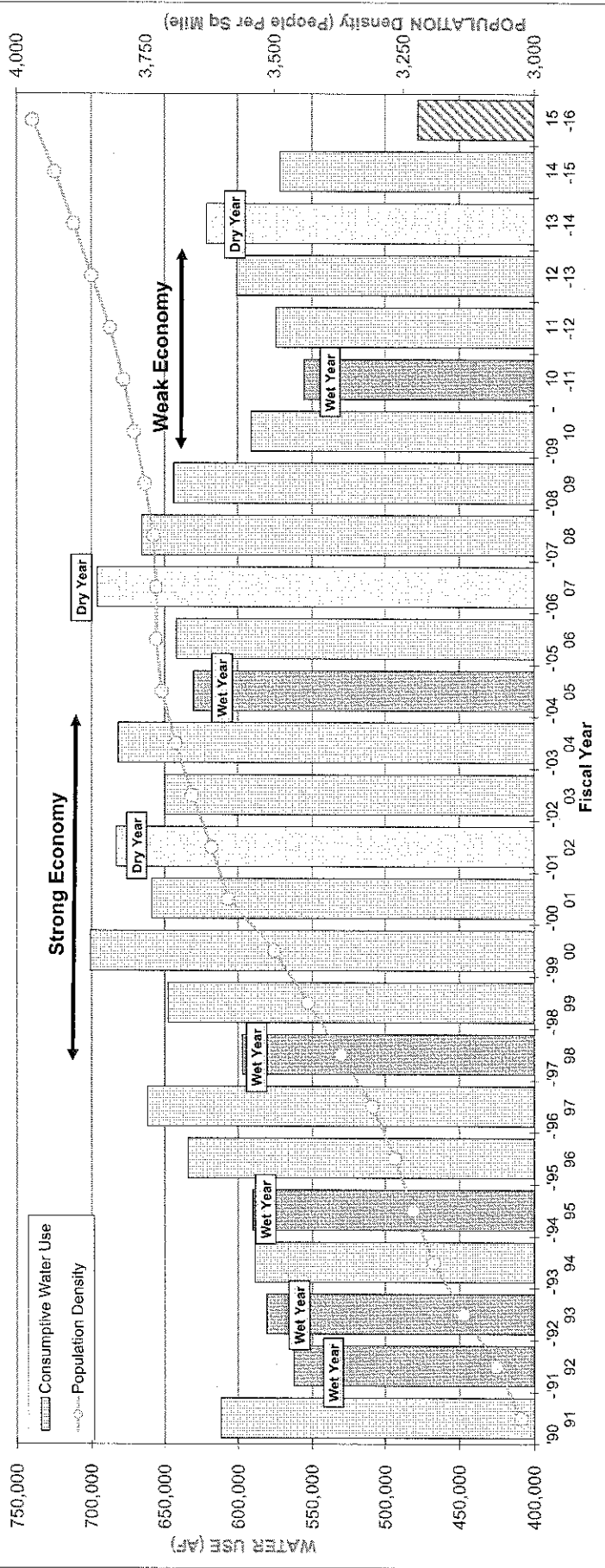
Fig. 3D HISTORICAL WATER CONSUMPTION[1] AND Average Unemployment[2] IN OC



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



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

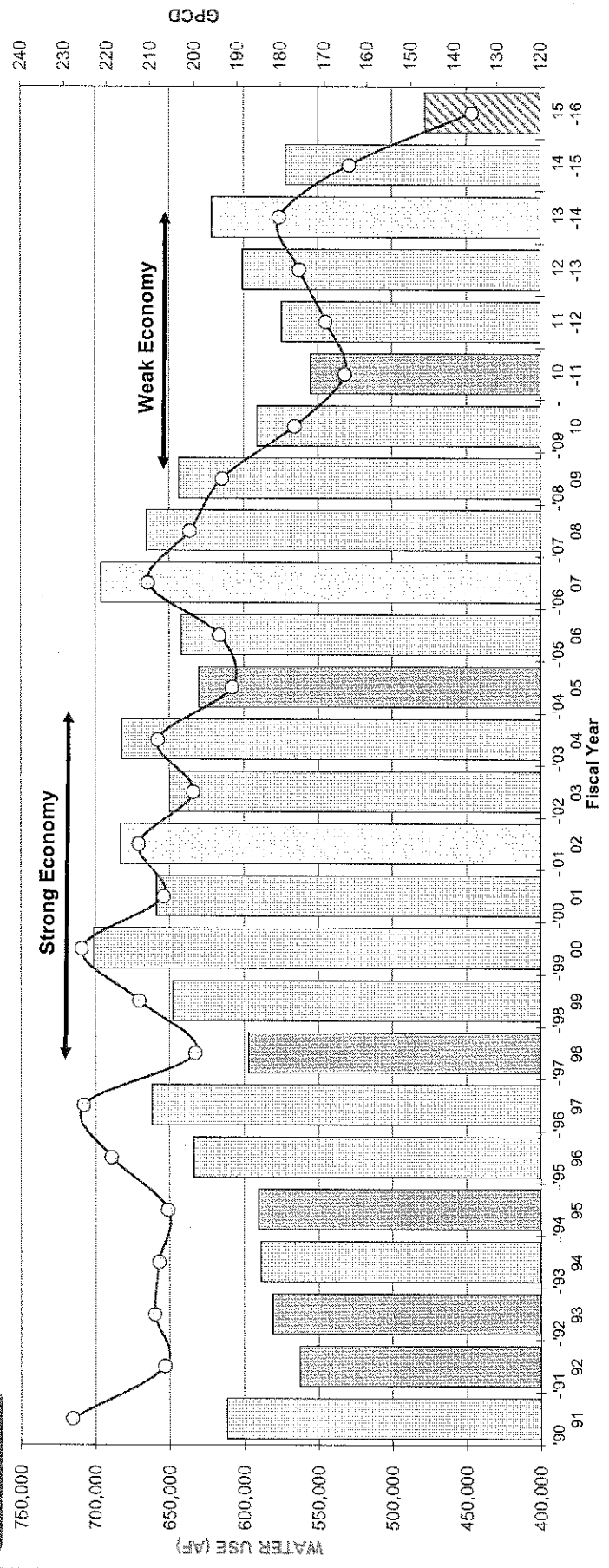


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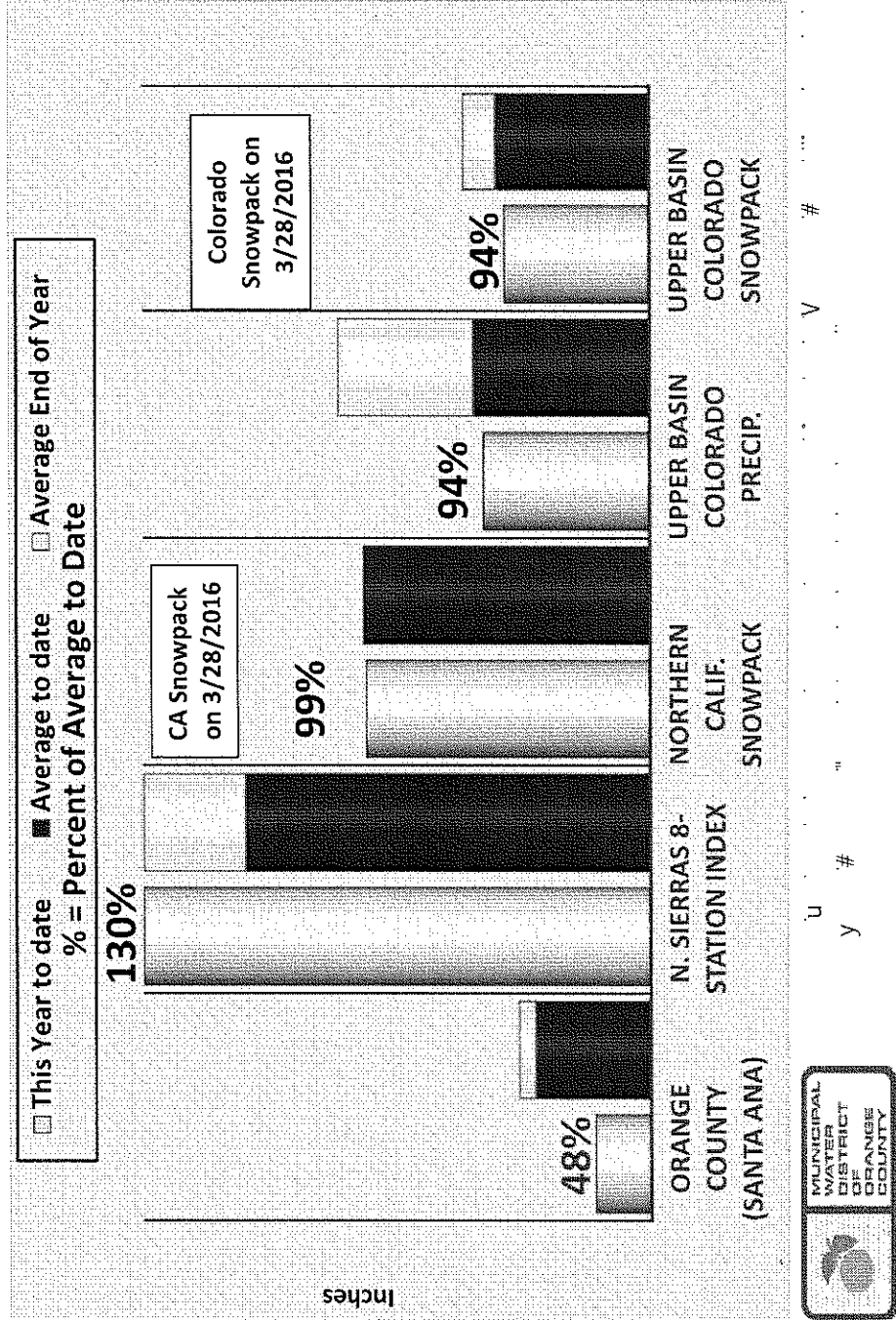
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 [2] Gallon per Capita Daily (includes all types of water usage and all type of water users).

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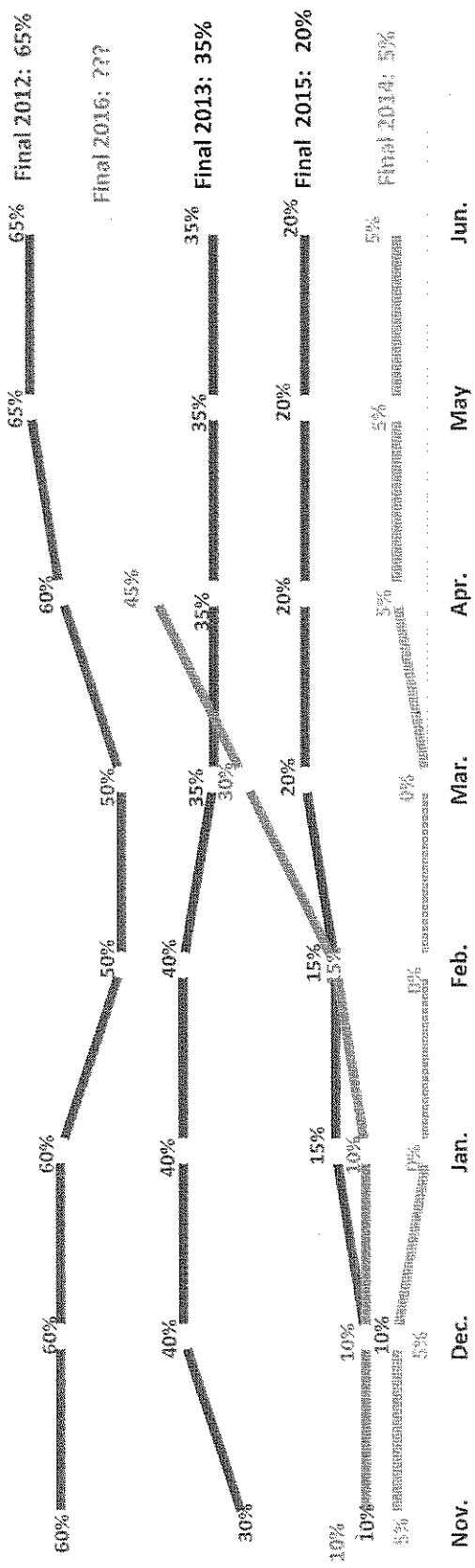
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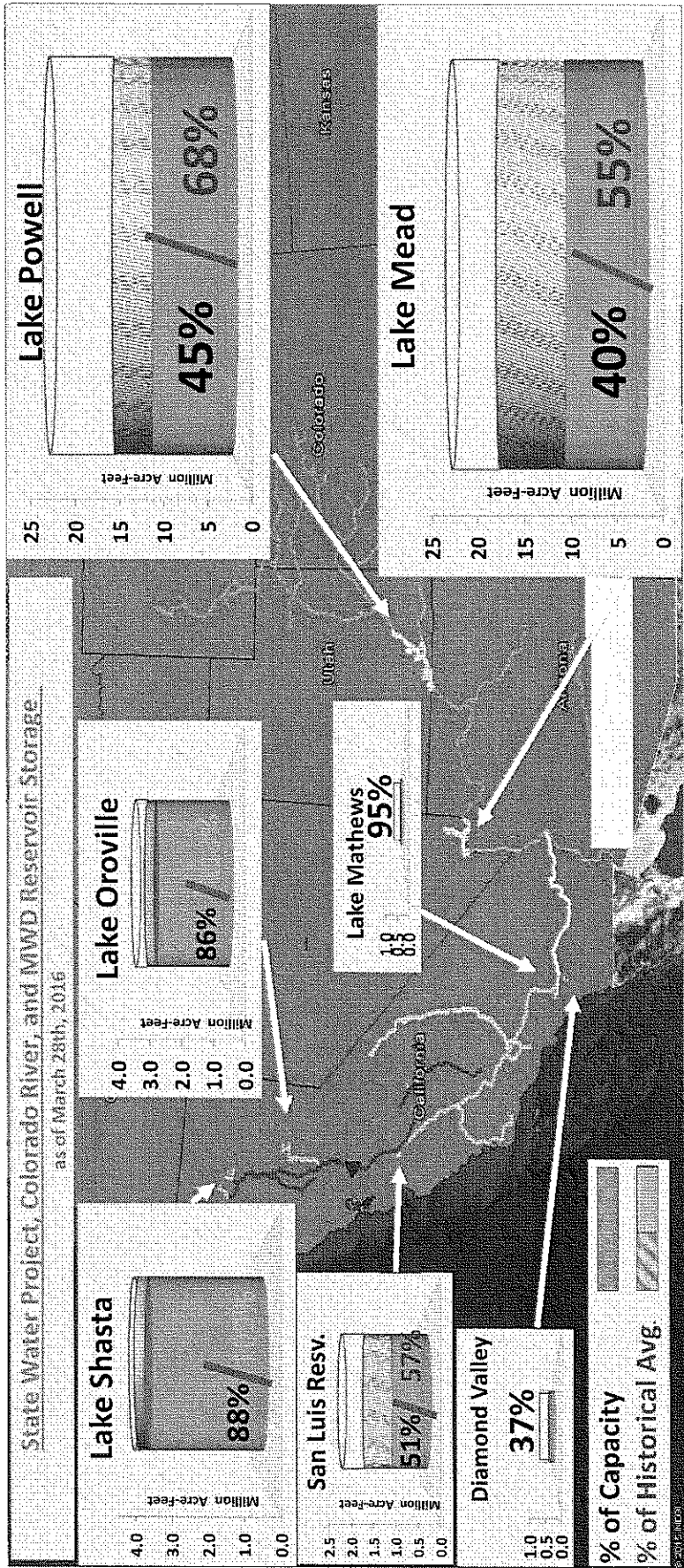
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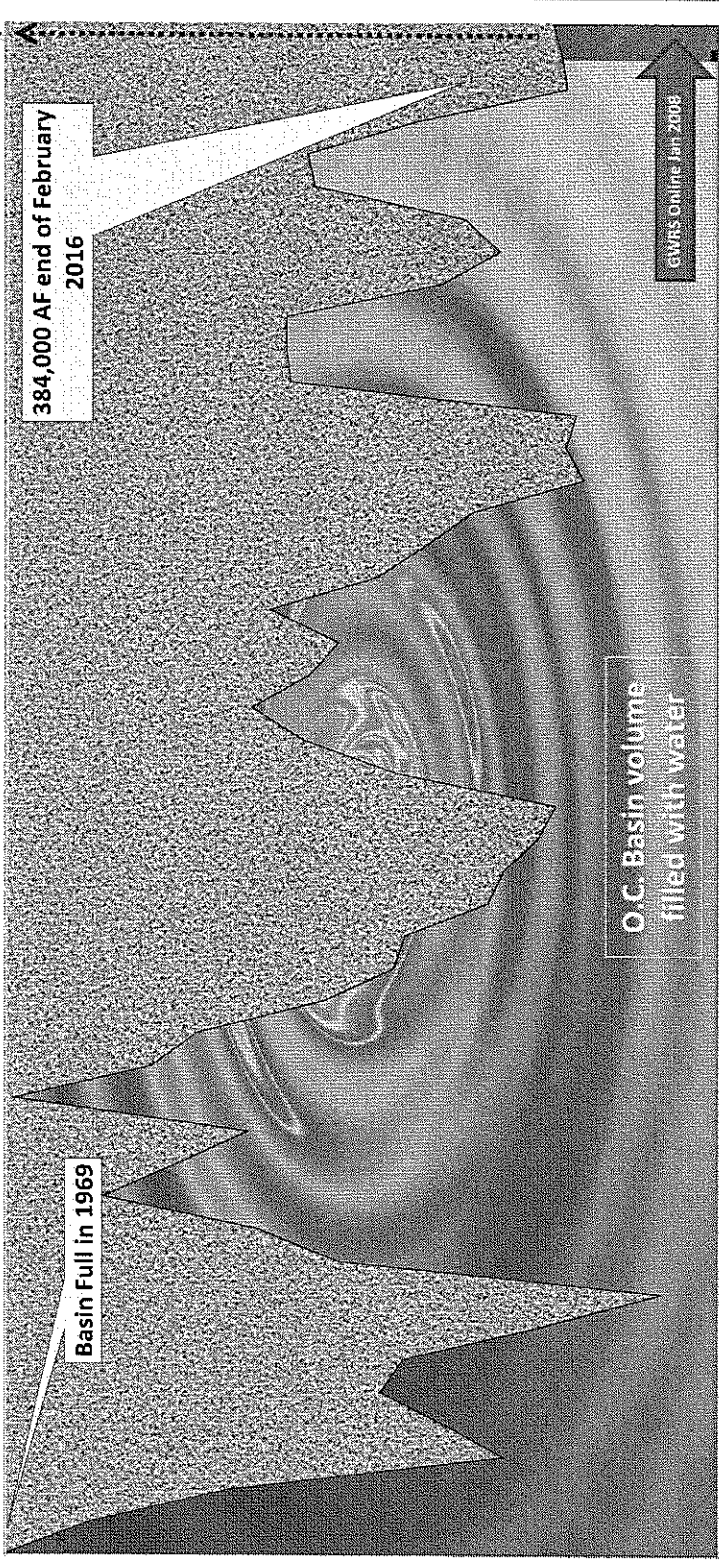
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State Water Project, Colorado River, and MWD Reservoir Storage
as of March 28th, 2016



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Numbers are subject to change

O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft



1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

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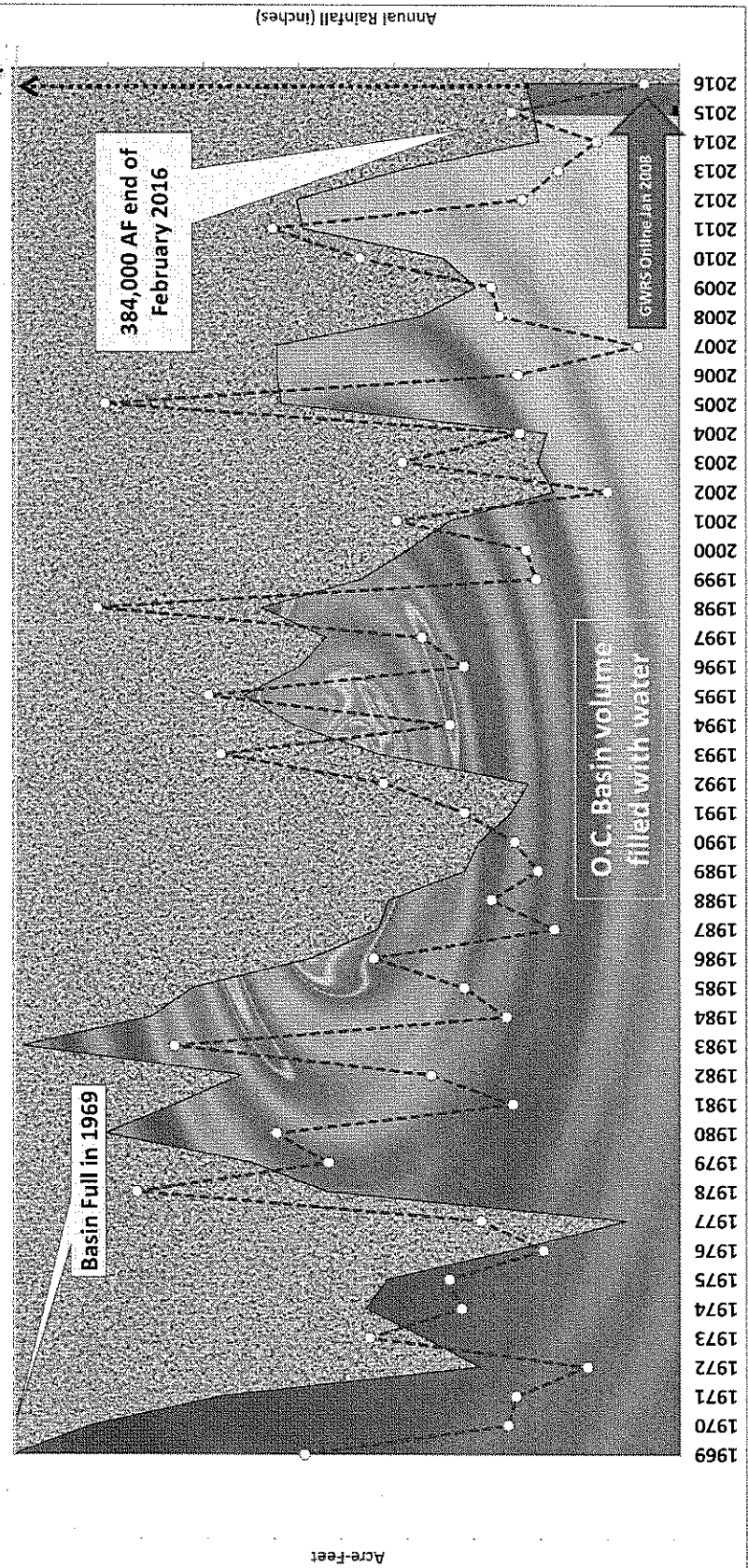


O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft Vs. Annual Rainfall

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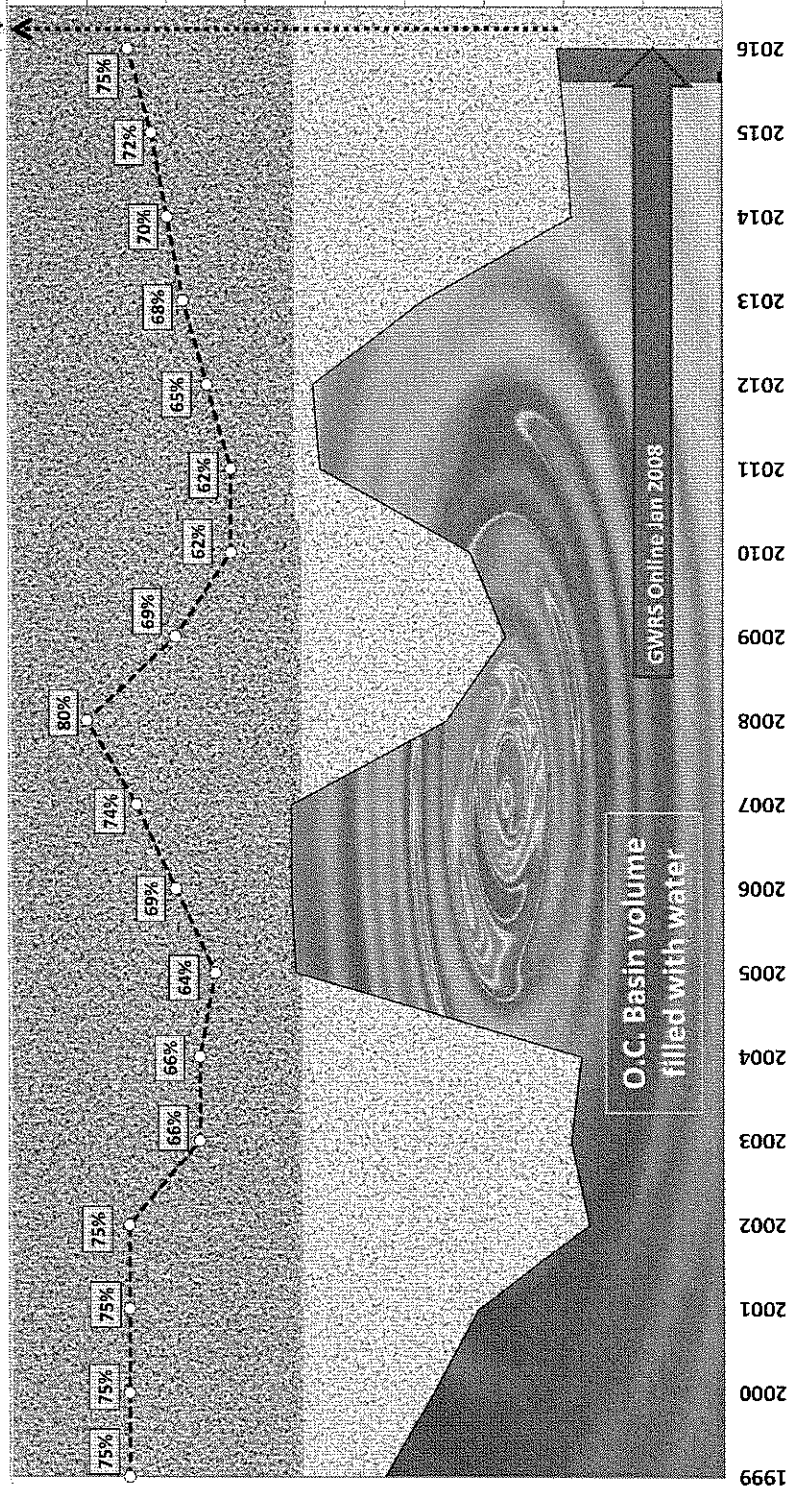
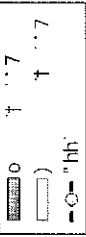


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O.C. Basin Accumulated Overdraft Vs. BPP %



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O.C. Basin volume filled with water

GMRS Online Jan 2008

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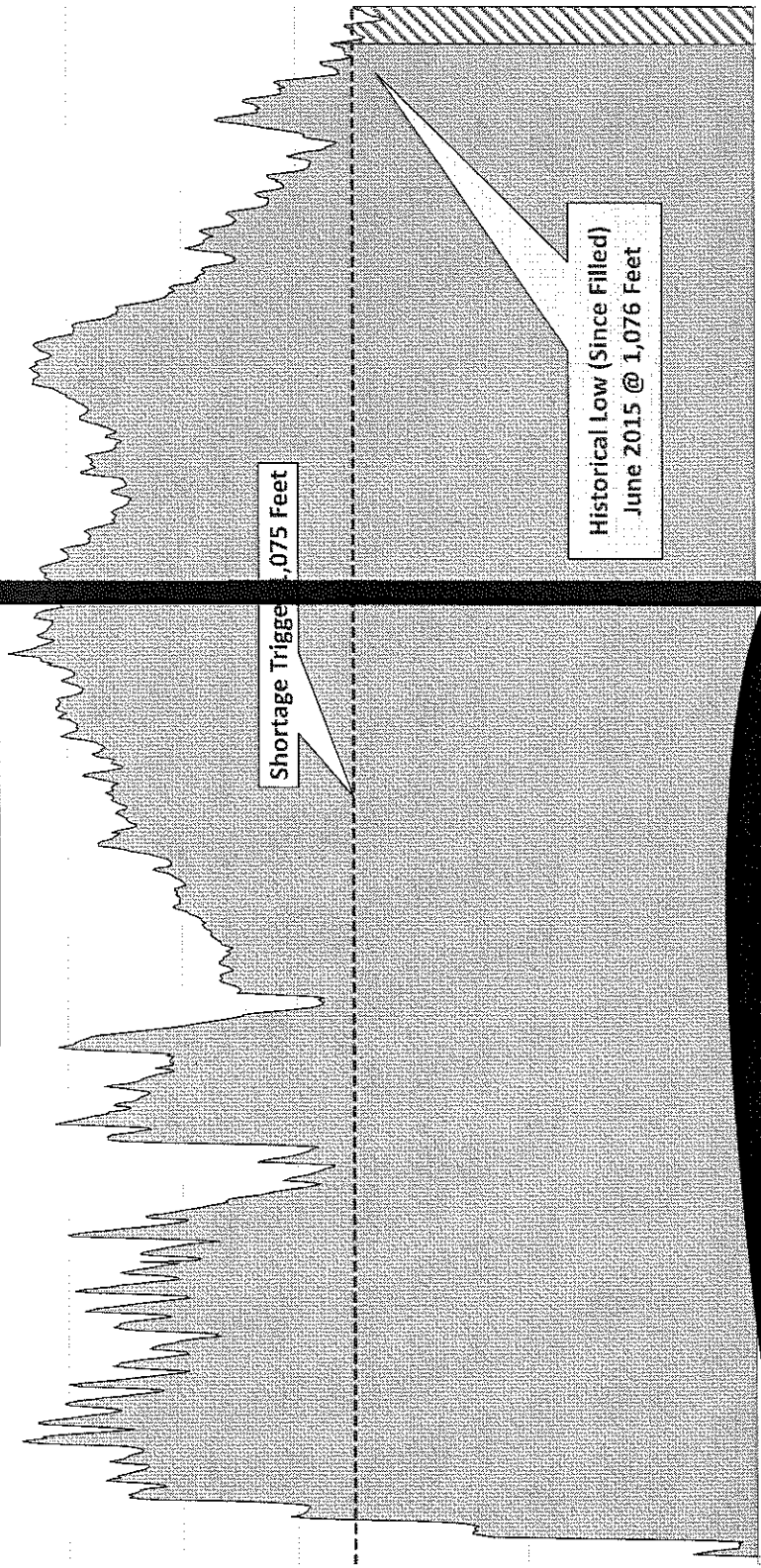
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BPP (%)

Historic Peak July 1983 @
1,225 Feet

Shortage Triggered
1,075 Feet

Historical Low (Since Filled)
June 2015 @ 1,076 Feet



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**NEWSPAPER
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Did your child's elementary school win

a Gold Ribbon?



**ROXANA
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STAFF
WRITER

Orange Unified leads the way with 19 schools recognized by the state.

Across Orange County, 140 elementary schools will be recognized with a California Gold Ribbon award for outstanding educational programs and practices that can be replicated elsewhere, the California Department of Education announced Wednesday.

Orange Unified walked away with the highest number of Gold Ribbons in the county: 19 schools received the distinction.

In a few school districts, such as in Los Alamitos Unified, most or all of their elementary schools won the honor.

And in the Anaheim Elementary district, one winner

is a school embroiled in a court battle with parents who want to convert it into a charter school: Palm Lane Elementary was recognized for its "One Parent at a Time: Building a School Community" program aimed at increasing parent involvement.

"This designation for Palm Lane carries special meaning, and we wanted to share very publicly through this application our unwavering commitment to our families," district spokesman Keith Sterling said.

The award surprised Palm Lane parent Cecilia Ochoa, one of the leaders in a successful petition drive to turn her children's school into a charter. The district last year appealed a court ruling in the parents' favor and the case is pending.

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Ochoa acknowledged that Palm Lane has offered more programs to parents, but she remained critical of the school: "The children are on a low academic level and need a lot of tutoring that they're not getting."

The California Gold Ribbon Schools Award was created last year to replace the California Distinguished Schools awards as the state transi-

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tions to new assessment and accountability systems.

Schools nominate themselves for Gold Ribbons and submit written applications. They must explain, among other things, why the school's model program was adopted and how it benefits students. Finalists receive school visits by officials.

Last year, the state recognized 193 middle schools and 180 high schools statewide. This year, 772 California elementary schools are Gold Ribbon recipients.

Staff writer Chris Haire contributed to this report.

Anaheim Elementary

School District

Adelaide Price
Clara Barton
Palm Lane

Brea Olinda

Unified School District

Arovista
Laurel
William E. Fanning

Buena Park

School District

Arthur F. Corey
Gordon H. Beatty
James A. Whitaker
Mabel L. Pendleton

Capistrano Unified

School District

Carl Hankey K-8
Vista del Mar

Centralia Elementary

School District

Los Coyotes
San Marino

Cypress Elementary

School District

Juliet Morris
Margaret Landell

Fountain Valley

School District

James H. Cox
Isojiro Oka
Robert Gisler
Roch Courreges
William T. Newland

Fullerton School District

Beechwood
Fern Drive
Hermosa Drive
Laguna Road

Orangethorpe
Pacific Drive
Richman
Robert C. Fidler
Sunset Lane
Valencia Park

Garden Grove Unified School District

Ocia A. Peters 4-6
Ocia A. Peters K-3
Parkview
R. F. Hazard
Stanford
Sunnyside

Huntington Beach City School District

Agnes L. Smith
Dr. Ralph E. Hawes
Huntington Seaciff
John H. Eader
Joseph R. Perry
S. A. Moffett

Irvine Unified

School District

Cypress Village
Plaza Vista
Woodbury

La Habra City

School District

El Cerrito

Laguna Beach Unified

School District

El Morro
Top of the World

Los Alamitos Unified

School District

Francis Hopkinson
J. H. McGaugh
Jack L. Weaver
Los Alamitos
Richard Henry Lee
Rossmoor

Magnolia School District

Albert Schweitzer
Baden-Powell
Dr. Peter Marshall
Esther L. Walter
Juliette Low
Robert M. Pyles
Walt Disney

Newport Mesa Unified

School District

Abraham Lincoln
Davis Magnet
Eastbluff
Harbor View
Kaiser
Killybrooke
Mariners
Paularino
Pomona
Roy O. Andersen
Sonora
Woodland

Orange Unified

School District

California
Canyon Rim
Crescent
Fairhaven
Fletcher

Handy
Imperial
La Veta
Lampson
McPherson Magnet
Nohl Canyon
Palmyra
Prospect
Running Springs
Serrano
Sycamore
Taft
Villa Park
West Orange

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Brookhaven
Bryant Ranch
Glenknoll
Golden
John O. Tynes
Linda Vista
Mabel Paine
Morse Avenue
Rio Vista
Ruby Drive
Travis Ranch
Van Buren

Saddleback Valley Unified School District

Glen Yermo

Santa Ana Unified

School District

Abraham Lincoln
Franklin
Walker
Greenville Fundamental
Savanna School District
Cerritos
Hansen
Holder
Twila Reid

Tustin Unified

School District

Arroyo
Barbara Benson
Beswick
C.C. Lambert
Guin Foss
Helen Estock
Hicks Canyon
Jeanne Thorman
Ladera
Loma Vista
Marjorie Veeh
Myford
Peters Canyon
Red Hill
Robert Heideman
Tustin Memorial Academy
Tustin Ranch

Westminster Elementary

School District

C. Fred Schroeder
Dr. Jesse Hayden
Fay Fryberger
Finley
Frank N. Eastwood
Iva Meairs
Neomia B. Willmore
Schmitt
Sequoia

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Patsy Cline musical plays at The Gem

Hear the classic country tunes of Patsy Cline during the opening weekend of "Always ... Patsy Cline" at The Gem Theatre in Garden Grove.

The musical is based on Cline's friendship with a Houston housewife, Louise Seger. The story starts when Seger hears Cline on Arthur Godfrey's variety show, then follows how the two become pen pals.

Seger's character tells the story, while Cline enters into the narrative to sing alongside a live country band. Performances include "Walkin' After Midnight," "Sweet Dreams," "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces" and "Anytime."

Cline is known for paving the way for women in country music. She died in 1963, at 30, in the crash of a private plane.

- Brooke E. Seipel



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Singer Patsy Cline paved the way for women in country music.

If you go

When: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through May 1

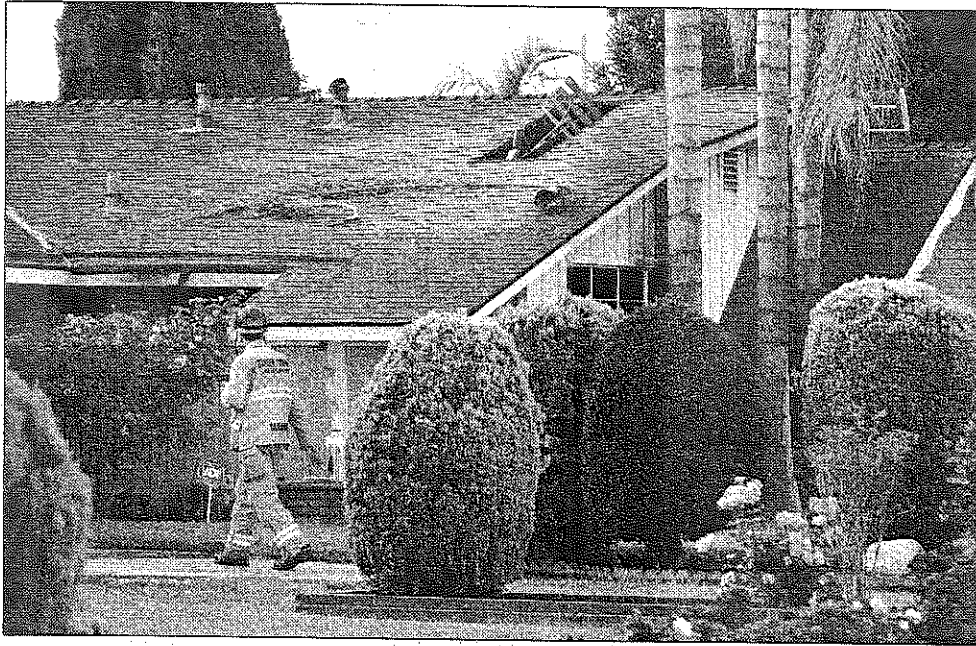
Where: The Gem Theatre, 12852 Main St., Garden Grove

Cost: \$18-\$26

Information: onemore

productions.com or 714-741-9550

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KEN STEINHARDT, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A fire at a house in the 11000 block of Mac Murray Street started in a room that the couple use as an office. The husband was being treated at a hospital for smoke inhalation.

Man injured in Garden Grove house fire

By **ALYSSA DURANTY**
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • An elderly man was injured Tuesday morning after a fire started inside his home, officials said.

At around 6 a.m., the man and his wife were inside their single-story home in the 11000 block of Mac

Murray Street, when a fire started in the room they use as an office, Garden Grove fire Capt. Thanh Nguyen said.

Firefighters found heavy smoke coming from the house when they arrived, but they were able to extinguish the fire within 15 minutes.

Paramedics took the man

to a hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation, but his wife was not injured, Nguyen said.

The fire caused about \$40,000 in structural damage and destroyed \$20,000 worth of contents, officials said.

It was immediately unclear what started the blaze, Nguyen said.

House candidates take a stand on social issues ... or not

The three Democrats vying to succeed outgoing Rep. **Loretta Sanchez**, D-Orange, share the same positions on key social issues of abortion, gun control and LGBT rights. But a close look supports their reputations of sitting in slightly different places along the Democratic political spectrum –

from left to right: **Bao Nguyen**, **Joe Dunn** and **Lou Correa**.



Nguyen



Dunn



Correa

The three support existing federal laws upholding a woman's right to abortion. They also support federal background checks for online and private gun sales, and a 10-round limit for ammunition cartridges.

And the three say they would support federal legislation mirroring the California law allowing transgender students to identify with the gender of their choice and be treated accordingly in terms of bathroom and locker-room use, and sports participation.

But Correa is distinguished by having opposed the California version of the transgender law when he was in the state Senate, citing uncertainty with how the law would be carried out.

"Today, as I see California law being

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STAFF COLUMNIST

implemented, at local and state levels, my concerns have been answered," Correa said last week.

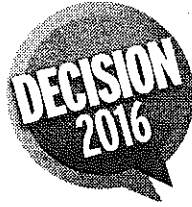
Garden Grove's Nguyen, meanwhile, is the first openly gay elected mayor in the county. His liberal credentials are buoyed by his support of **Bernie Sanders** for president, while Correa and Dunn, who also served in the state Senate, are backing **Hillary Clinton**.

TIME WARNER EXPERIENCE STORE OPENS IN GARDEN GROVE

In an attempt to better connect with customers, **Time Warner Cable** opened an Experience Store in Garden Grove on Thursday. Located at 11935 Valley View St., the store will provide customers with hands-on experience to learn about TWC's services. TWC has 12 Experience Stores in Los Angeles and Orange counties with more than 20 planned in the area by the end of 2016.

GARDEN GROVE

Electoral maps: The City Council will hold public hearings to



get community input on the selection of a six-district electoral map, set to go into effect for the November election, at

6:30 p.m. Tuesday and April 26 in council chambers. The council will then select one of several potential maps. View the maps at ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979

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Third try: The City Council on Tuesday, for the third straight meeting, will discuss District Attorney's Office recommendations to record closed-session meetings and make it policy not to create employment positions without an open meeting. The council agrees on those, but is split on whether to audit the work of a public safety administrative officer.

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Task force: The City Council on Tuesday will weigh whether to spend \$3,050 to send three police officers to the 2016 Internet Crimes Against Children conference April 19-22 in Atlanta. Garden Grove is part of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, a national network of 46 coordinated local task forces. The local chapter is run by Los Angeles.

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Rice cakes: The City Council today will weigh whether to throw its support behind a bill in the state Senate to allow the sale of Vietnamese rice cakes at room temperature for 48 hours after the manufacture date printed on the packaging. Currently, such pastries can only be at room temperature for a day. Rice cakes are popular during Vietnamese holidays.

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Old paint: Residents can recycle old and unwanted paint at Dunn-Edwards Paints, 13011 Brookhurst St., for free during business hours. PaintCare, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit, will dispose of the paint properly. All paint must be labeled and in the original container. Residents can also drop off paint at Sherwin-Williams, 12852 Brookhurst St., and Shilpark Paint, 9001 Garden Grove Blvd.

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City welcome: The City Council on Tuesday welcomed Lisa Kim, Garden Grove's new community and economic development director. Kim, who started April 4, fills the void created in September when Susan Emery, the former community development director, left for Irvine.

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Ups, downs of the theme park economy

The pay at Southland sites is mostly low, but there's a ripple effect.

By HUGO MARTIN

When the \$500-million Wizarding World of Harry Potter attraction opened last week at Universal Studios Hollywood, thousands of parkgoers were already lined up at the park entrance in the predawn darkness, forgoing sleep, warmth and comfort to be part of the Potterfest.

Inside, the queues to buy a \$6.50 cup of frozen butter beer intertwined with the lines to purchase a \$40 repli-

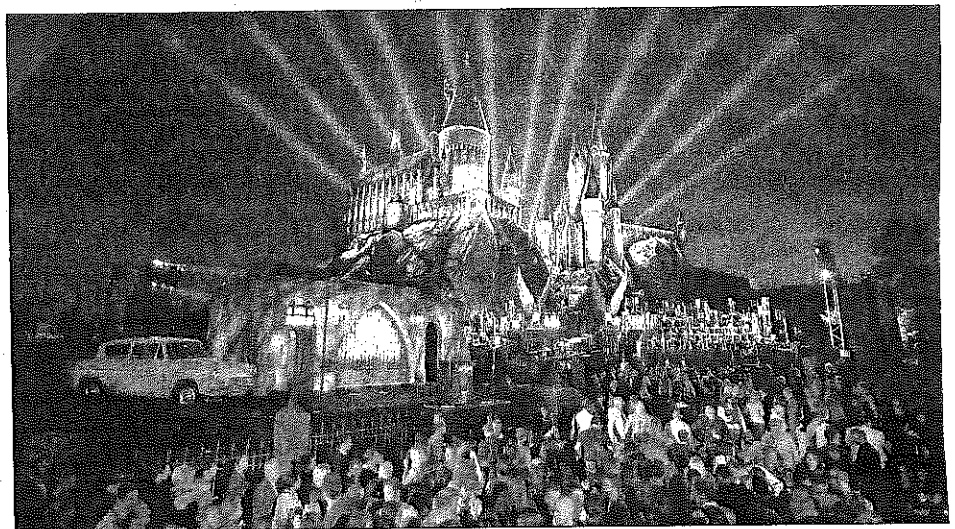
ca wand. Visitors who wanted to jump on the 3-D ride had to stand in line for as long as three hours.

"We got ready in the dark and had cold showers to get here for the opening," said Jody Maiden, who, along with her 12-year-old daughter Reina, had spent \$600 on souvenirs by 8:30 a.m.

The new Harry Potter attraction is off to a smashing start, but it is only one of several new big-ticket expansions that are expected to boost Southern California's \$44-billion tourism industry.

From Disneyland in Anaheim to Legoland California in Carlsbad, theme parks and tourist attractions have launched multimillion-dollar [See Parks, C7]

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GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

THE CREATION of Hogwarts castle at Universal Studios Hollywood sparked high-paying design and construction jobs, even though they were temporary.

Theme park projects

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boost economy

[Parks, from C1]

lar expansion and renovation projects over the last year. And the \$300-million Great Wolf Lodge, a hotel and indoor water park, was opened this year by a Wisconsin resort operator with help from \$47 million in redevelopment funds from the city of Garden Grove.

But the effect on the local economy is mixed.

Southern California theme parks have broken records on spending and attendance in the last year, but most of the jobs created and supported by theme parks and other tourist attractions are minimum-wage, entry-level positions, such as ride operators, waiters, bartenders and cooks, economists say.

"Lots of these jobs tend to be on the lower-paying end," said Kimberly Ritter-Martinez, an economist for the Kyser Center for Economic Research at the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp. "A lot of these jobs are for people just entering the workforce."

Economists welcome the tourism industry investments, but they say the region's middle class needs higher-paying jobs in fields such as construction and manufacturing.

"We are pleased to see the growth in these projects, but we have to grow in all sectors of middle-class jobs, and we are not seeing that," said Robert Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable, an organization of the state's top business executives.

Still, there are benefits to the investments at theme parks.

For example, the 200-foot-tall Hogwarts castle at the new Harry Potter attraction created high-paying design and construction jobs, even though such positions were temporary.

Another positive of the tourism growth, Ritter-Martinez said, is that theme park attractions must be freshened up on a regular basis to promote repeat visits.

"To keep people returning, they have to keep updating and adding new experiences," she said.

Theme parks' spending spills over into related industries, such as hotels and restaurants.

"It's a lot more than just low-income jobs," Roy Weinstein, an economist and president of Los Angeles-based Micronomics Inc., said of theme park projects. "It's restaurants and hotels. It's big businesses as well as Uber and taxis and all of the rest of it."

Anaheim is a good example.

The city's convention center and the Disneyland Resort, which takes up 4% of Anaheim's total acreage, together generate nearly half of the city's annual \$286-million general fund revenue.

The resort supports more than 2,600 jobs in businesses outside its two theme parks, such as hotels and restaurants, according to the city.

Those numbers are likely to grow now that Walt Disney Co. has begun construction of what is expected to be the biggest expansion in the history of Disneyland: a new 14-acre land based on the scenes and characters of the blockbuster "Star Wars" franchise.

Disney estimates that the expansion, with a projected price tag of nearly

\$1 billion, will boost resort staffing 5% to 30,400 employees. A completion date has not been announced for the project, which will replace a special events stage, a petting zoo and a restaurant, and will change the alignment of the venerable Disneyland Railroad.

"Our substantial investment in a 'Star Wars'-themed land means thousands of construction jobs and new positions at the resort and beyond, as well as economic growth that benefits the entire community,"

Disneyland spokeswoman Suzi Brown said.

Entry-level theme park jobs often lead to higher-paying careers, industry experts say.

James Leonard, 28, works at Disneyland's new Launch Bay attraction, where park visitors meet and take photos with "Star Wars" characters, including Darth Vader.

But Leonard is also a part-time student, studying computer programming with the hope of someday developing attractions at

Disneyland. "I love my time with the company and would definitely like to stay," he said.

The shoulder-to-shoulder crowds at theme parks such as Disneyland indicate that such investments are paying off.

"It tells me that they are very optimistic and attendance numbers continue to be strong," Ritter-Martinez said.

At Universal Studios Hollywood, the new Harry Potter attraction replaced the aging Gibson Amphithe-

atre and features eight retail shops, two new rides, a restaurant and a pub. It is part of a larger \$1.6-billion upgrade to the park and surrounding studio facilities that has added 3,000 jobs since 2012.

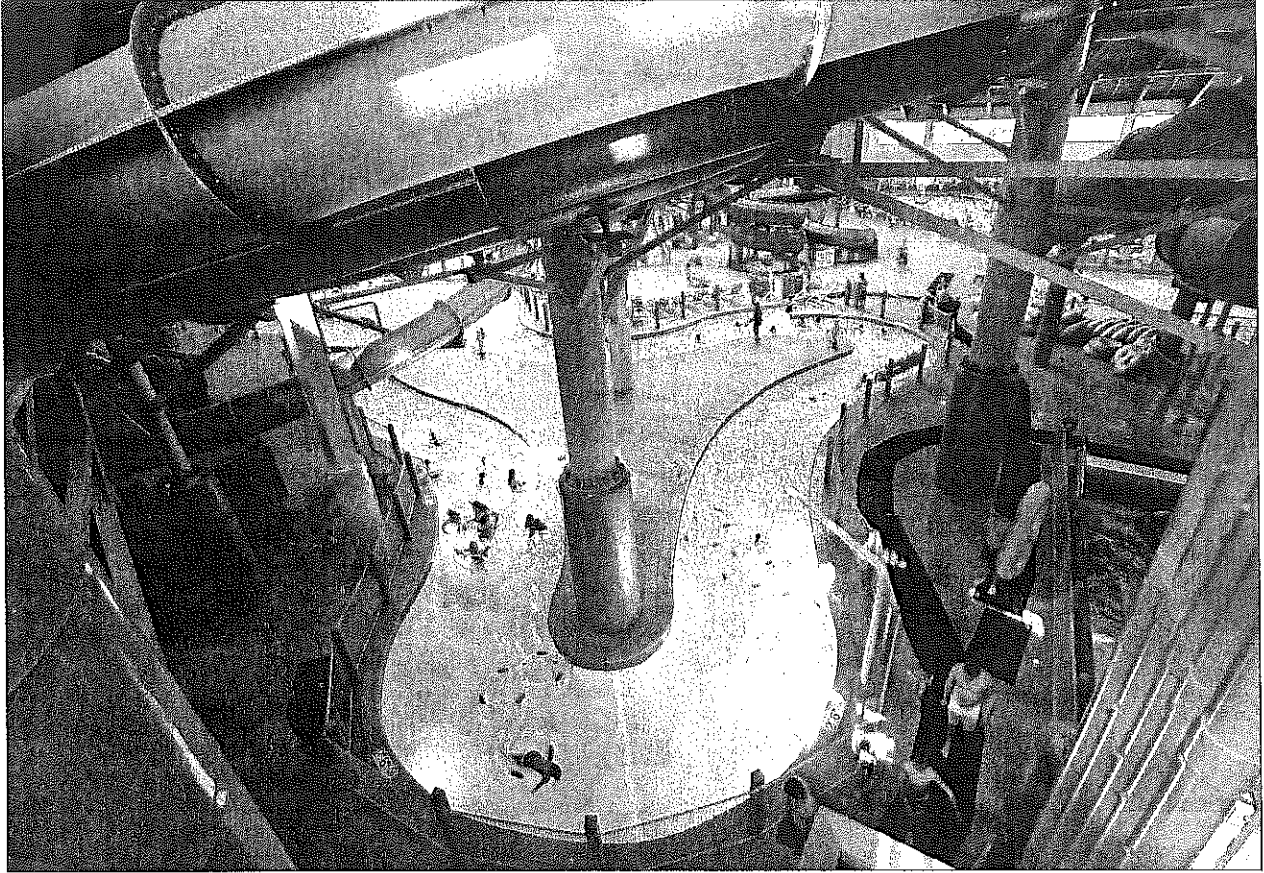
The renovation includes a new pedestrian bridge, two new parking structures and the widening of two streets.

During a red carpet premiere for the Potter world, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said he has set a goal of drawing 50 million visitors a year to Los Angeles County by 2020. Last year, the county welcomed a record 45.5 million visitors.

"Today, we are taking a giant step toward that goal," Garcetti said of the Harry Potter project.

In Buena Park, Knott's Berry Farm has also been on an upgrading campaign.

The park, which started in 1940 as a side attraction to a fried chicken stand, added an interactive 3-D ride last summer and is working this year to restore one of the country's longest wooden roller coasters, GhostRider.



ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times

GREAT WOLF Lodge Southern California, a \$300-million hotel and indoor water park near Disneyland, opened this year in Garden Grove. Above, a view of the park's lazy river.

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"What we found in the last couple of years that we've been investing in family entertainment is that the guests really respond," said Jason Soyster, a park spokesman. "The business results show that."

In Long Beach, the Aquarium of the Pacific has already raised \$40 million in donations to pay for a \$53-million expansion that will feature an "immersive theater" with a high-definition projection system and 130-foot-long screen that curves 180 degrees to simulate an ocean and coastal environment.

Construction, which is expected to employ up to 50 workers a day, will begin next year with completion in late 2018.

In Carlsbad, Legoland California plans a May 5 opening of its newest attraction, Ninjago, a 1-acre area with a Ninja training space and an interactive ride that lets visitors use hand gestures to shoot virtual fireballs, lightning and ice at bad guys. Park officials won't divulge the price for the project, but they describe it as the most expensive ride yet at the park.

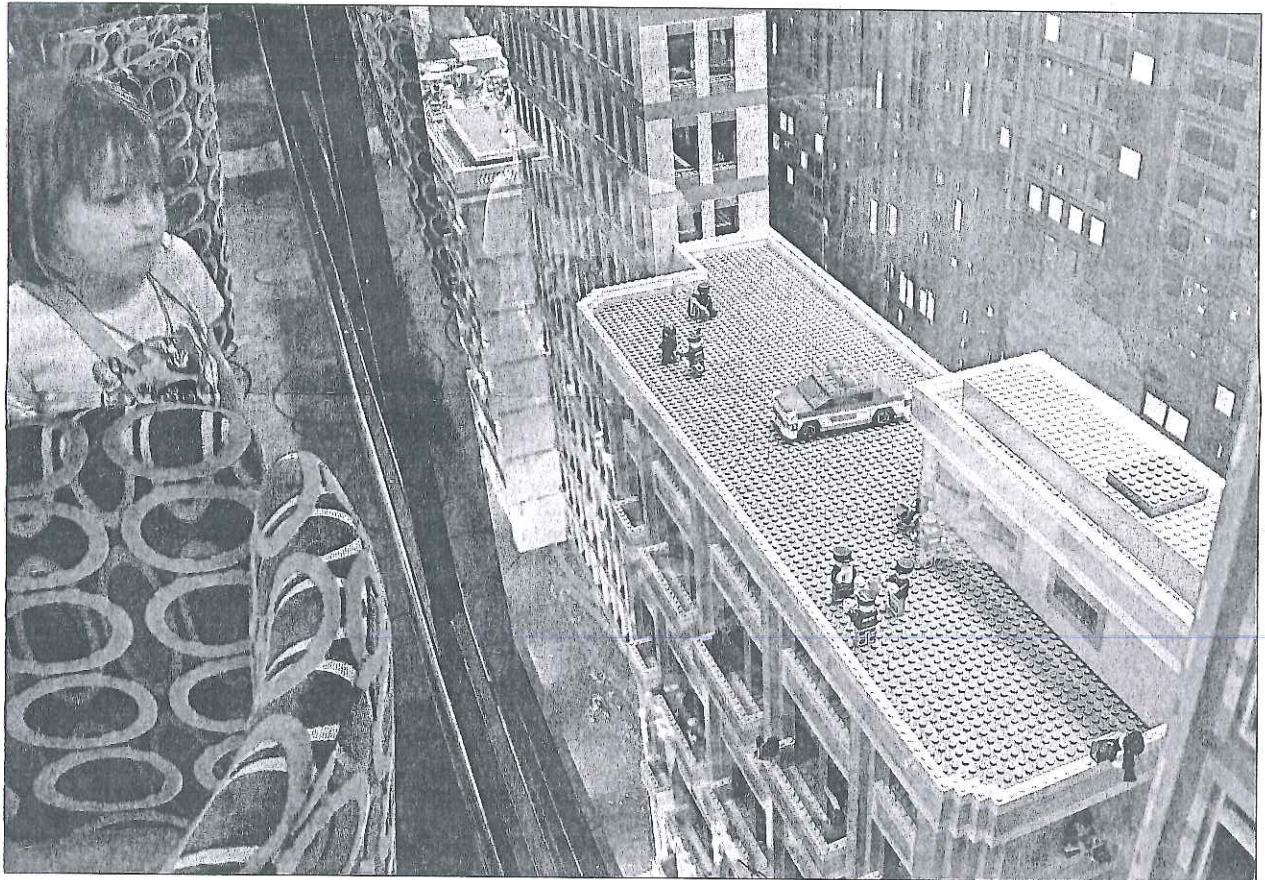
The attraction will open a year after the park added a 3-acre water park and two years after it added a 250-room hotel.

But Legoland is not done expanding. The park's parent company has announced plans to build a second 250-room hotel, to open by 2018.

"It keeps the product fresh," Peter Ronchetti, general manager of Legoland California, said of the upgrades and expansions. "There is always a reason to come back."

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LEGOLAND CALIFORNIA in Carlsbad plans to open its newest attraction, Ninjago, next month. A second 250-room hotel is expected to open in 2018. Above, at Legoland Hotel's Skyline Cafe.

Balance, variety

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on the menu

Salmon belly spring rolls, garlic French fries blend well at Garlic and Chives in Little Saigon.

BY CAITLIN YOSHIKO KANDIL

Kristin Nguyen has always been passionate about cooking — just ask her family.

“Every family party, I cooked, and I never did the same dishes twice,” Nguyen said. “I’d call people up, say, ‘Come over for dinner,’ and they’d drop everything and come.”

Family members were her first fans, but now Nguyen is cooking for all of Southern California at her popular Garlic and Chives, an Asian fusion restaurant in Garden Grove’s Little Saigon.

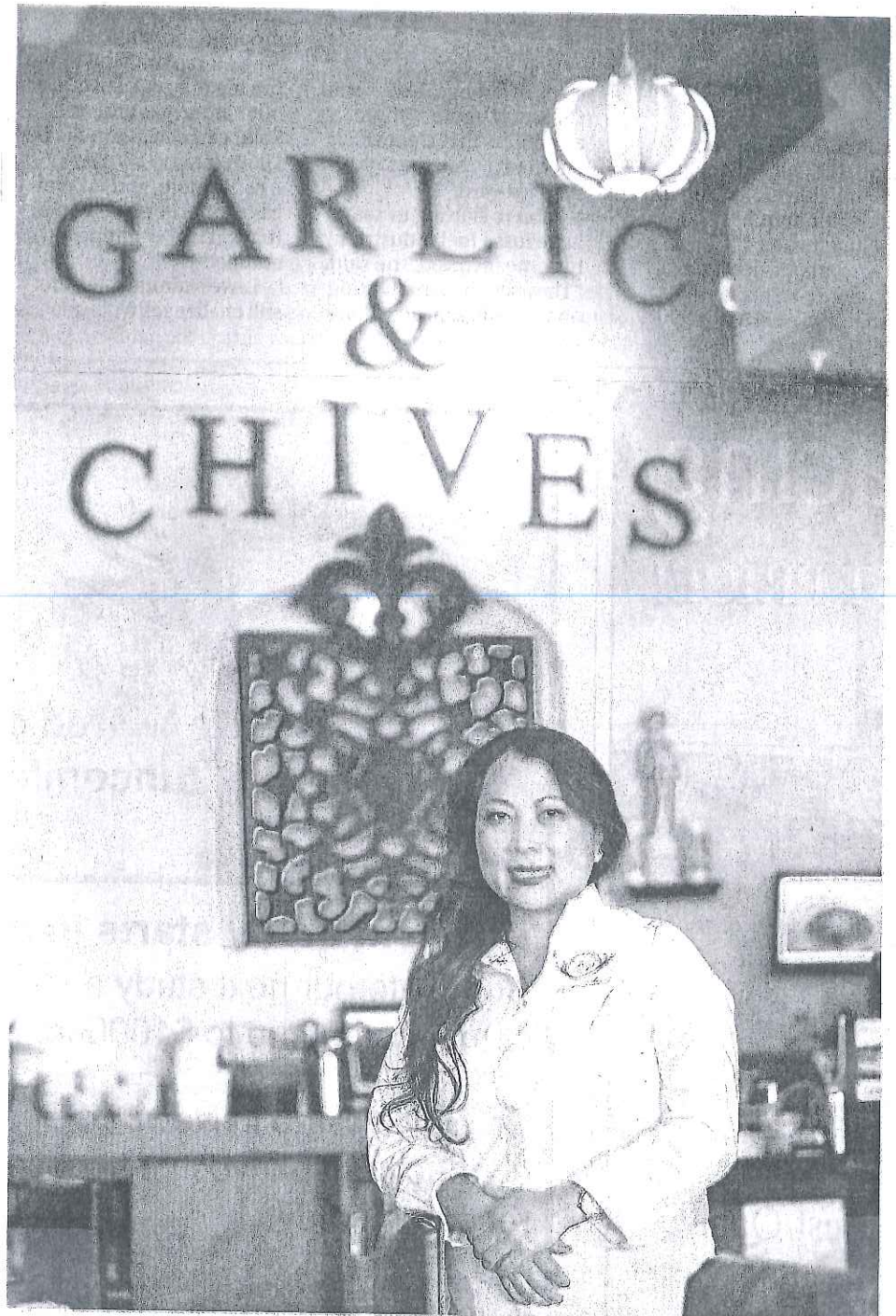
“I get the biggest joy out of knowing that people love my food,” she said.

As the oldest of eight children, Nguyen grew up cooking for her family at home.

She spent the first seven years of her life in Vietnam and fled the country with her family just before the fall of Saigon in 1975. They spent several months in Guam and Camp Pendleton, in San Diego County, with other Vietnamese refugees, eventually settling in Garden Grove, now home to one of the biggest Vietnamese American populations in the country.

While food was always her love, she studied finance in college because, as she explained, her culture viewed it as the route to success.

But she kept cooking on the side for her family, parties and her children’s school fundraising events.



Eventually people started taking notice and asked her to cook for their events, so she started a small private catering company.

"I just loved cooking and people started ordering stuff from me," she said.

Nguyen wanted to learn more, so she enrolled in culinary school at the Art Institute of California. One of the most important things she learned was how to make good sauce.

"That's why all my sauces take 15, 16 hours," she said.

In addition to her training in California, Nguyen also studied culinary arts across Asia — in Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam — any time she traveled.

"Wherever I traveled, I took all the professional cooking classes," she said. "Then I traveled to many places just to eat. Like a



THE SHAKING BEEF with filet mignon.

"I get the biggest joy out of knowing that people love my food."

Kristin Nguyen
Garlic and Chives owner

foodie! I traveled just to eat."

The former stay-at-home mom hadn't planned on opening a restaurant — she didn't even want to consider it until her daughter went off to college — but her family kept encouraging her.

"My husband is the one who pushed me," Nguyen said, "He said, 'You're so talented. You should open one.'"

So when a property on Westminster Avenue in Little Saigon became available, she put in an offer. The location appealed to her, with its ample parking and proximity to the popular 85°C Bakery, but she didn't think she'd get it.

A month later, the restaurant was hers.

Nguyen spent the next six months developing her menu. She regularly experimented with new dishes and invited her family over to try her creations.

In December 2014, Garlic and Chives opened to immediate success and acclaim, including landing a spot on Los Angeles Times food critic Jonathan Gold's 101 best restaurants list.

Customers — who include all ethnicities but are still mostly Asian — now often wait up to an hour to get a table at dinnertime.

Nguyen said Garlic and Chives is setting a "new trend" for up-scale, tapas-style meals in Little Saigon, an area that has previously been defined by quick-serve pho and noodle shops.

While Nguyen's culinary style is rooted in her Vietnamese heritage, her cooking draws upon the American and Asian

techniques and flavors from her training.

Popular dishes include salmon belly spring rolls, shaking beef, crunchy chicken wings, garlic noodles with grilled tiger prawns, pomelo salad and garlic French fries. Most dishes cost \$7 to \$12.

One of the benefits of her menu, she explained, is that its appeal spans generations.

"Asians always go out to eat as a family. We always have parties of 20 or 30 people," Nguyen said. "If we take my parents to the places where my kids want to eat, they don't like it. But if I take the kids to the places my parents like, then they don't like it. My food has traditional dishes as well as fusion, so there is something for everybody."

The Garlic and Chives menu also features an extensive offering of small plates, something Nguyen herself prefers when eating out.

"When I would go out with my friends, I noticed that we always ordered about four or five appetizers and only about two entrees, and then we'd all share," Nguyen said. "That way we could try a lot of different things."

For Nguyen, her food is best summed up by her restaurant's name, Garlic and Chives.

"Every cuisine uses garlic," she said. "I always said that if I open a restaurant someday, the name has to have garlic in it. Someone recommended garlic and chilies, or garlic and onions, but having two strong ingredients isn't balanced. So I chose chives because they're very delicate. I wanted the balance. There's balance in my food."

"Garlic and Chives is like his and her," she said. "It's like the yin and the yang."

Garlic and Chives is at 9892 Westminster Ave. in Garden Grove. It is open every day until 10 p.m. For more information, call (714) 591-5196.

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Councilman calls foul on official

Supervisor Andrew Do
violated state code of
regulations, says Phat Bui

Garden Grove City Councilmember and candidate for the Orange County Board of Supervisors District 1 filed a complaint for violation of the FPPC California Code of Regulations Section 18901 against incumbent Supervisor Andrew Do for mass mailings sent at public expense.

Public officials are prohibited from sending mass mailings at public expense which include more than a single mention of the elected officer and further prohibit public officials from mailing an announcement of any event which is not directly related to the elected officials' governmental duties.

"In recent weeks my constituents and others have reported receiving several mass mailings from Supervisor Andrew Do, paid for by the County of Orange," said Bui. "These mailings clearly violate regulations that were adopted to protect the taxpayers from public officials using taxpayer funds for political self-promotion. I demand Supervisor Do to immediately and personally reimburse the County of Orange for the cost of producing and distributing these unlawful mailings."

California places strong restrictions on the use of public funds to inform voters. In the Supreme Court case of Stanton vs. Mott, defendant William Penn Mott, Jr., director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation had authorized the department to expand more than \$5,000 of public funds to promote the passage of a park bond.

The court held "a public agency may not expend public funds to a partisan position in an election campaign" and concluded that a public official may be held personally liable to repay expended funds if they fail to exercise due care in authorizing the expenditure of the funds.

According to Bui, there is evidence that Supervisor Do has mailed more than 20 mass mailings at public expense which may violate state law and intends to mail 10 or more additional politi-

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cal self-promotion mailers before Election Day on June 7.

In his addition to his FPPC

complaint, Councilman Bui filed a public records act request with the County of Orange asking for a complete list of mass mailings that Andrew Do's office has sent at public expense which contains his name from the beginning of

2016 to June 7. This request also asks for copies of the mailings, the cost of producing them, the names of the vendors that were involved and any communication by Supervisor Do or his staff relating to these mailings.

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Fun times at the Farmers Market



Photo by Loreen Berlin

For those interested in growing their own pepper or tomato plants, Tommy Honeycott (left) and Janet Abramson with "Growsomethinwild" are happy to help at the Sunday Farmers Market on Historic Main Street in Garden Grove. The Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday.

Armed robbery suspect in custody

A slew of thievery has been taking place at 7-11 stores

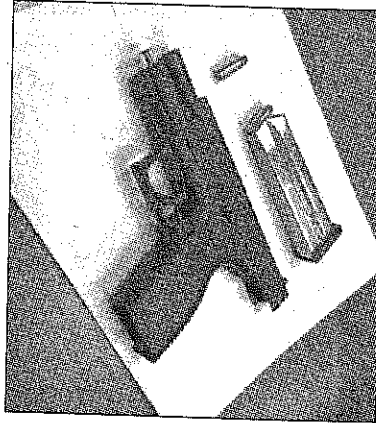
The Garden Grove Police Department has been investigating a series of armed robberies that have been occurring at 7-11 stores in Garden Grove.

Santa Ana, Fountain Valley and Westminster had similar robberies to include other types of businesses. It is believed the series may have started in Santa Ana in November 2015.

On March 29, at 4 a.m., the 7-11 at 11011 Brookhurst St., Garden Grove, was robbed at gunpoint with cash and cartons of cigarettes taken. The suspect matched the description of the suspect in the series of robberies and the same white getaway vehicle. Garden Grove police investigators had been working the case for the past month along with Santa Ana police and were able to identify the suspect as Jose Angel Gutierrez, age 42, resident of Fountain Valley. On March 29 at 8 a.m.

Santa Ana and Garden Grove Police investigators served a search warrant at Gutierrez's home in Fountain Valley where evidence was located but the suspect was still outstanding. In the home were a sawed off shotgun, two handguns, and illegal narcotics.

A few hours later Gutierrez was located in the vehicle used in the robberies at a café in the area of Western Avenue and Cerritos Avenue in Stanton. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and was armed with a loaded handgun used in



Courtesy photo

This weapon is the one police say suspect Jose Angel Gutierrez was carrying when he was arrested.

the robberies.

Some of the cartons of cigarettes were recovered taken from the latest robbery.

Gutierrez was charged with armed robbery, felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of narcotics, and booked into the Orange County Jail.

The two other Garden Grove robberies both occurred on February 13, 2016, one at 5:05 a.m. at 12971 Nelson St., where cash and lottery tickets were taken, and the other at 5:11 a.m. at 8982 Chapman Ave. with cash and lottery tickets taken.

The suspect vehicle was the same in all three Garden Grove robberies. The other cities are working to put their investigations together so additional criminal charges are likely to follow.

Police arrest man in burglary of AT&T

Garden Grove police last week arrested Timothy Emerson, age 36, resident of Moreno Valley, for a commercial burglar of an AT&T store.

A Long Beach police officer arrested Emerson for an outstanding warrant and recognized Emerson as the wanted burglar.

Garden Grove investigators responded to interview Emerson and he admitted to the burglary. Emerson was wearing the same clothes in the burglary. Emerson was later booked into Orange County Jail.

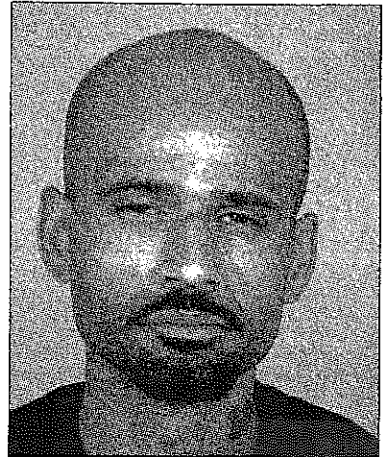
No cellular phones were re-

covered from Emerson and the vehicle is still outstanding.

On March 28, a male suspect used an unknown tool to smash the front glass door to crawl in and steal

cellular phones worth \$3000. The suspect fled in a white compact vehicle parked in front of the business. The suspect is also linked to a recent burglary of a Sprint cell phone store in Fountain Valley on March 21.

Police are asking the public for help with identifying the suspect and callers can remain anonymous or call occrimestoppers.org at 855-TIP-OCCS.



Courtesy photo

Timothy Emerson



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MEDIA ALERT

Monday, April 11, 2016

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR NEW COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Members of the media are invited to attend a welcome reception for new Garden Grove Community and Economic Development Director, Lisa Kim. The invitation-only gathering will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., in the Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen and members of the Garden Grove City Council will officially welcome Kim, who began her new position with the City on Monday, April 4, 2016.

Following the reception will be the regular meeting of the Garden Grove City Council at 6:30 p.m., held in the Council Chamber.

Kim brings over two decades of experience in community development, economic development, and redevelopment, with an emphasis in business attraction, retention, and expansion.

Kim holds a master's degree in Public Administration from Brandman University, and a bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She is married and has two children.

Photos will be made available to media on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

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Police Department

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Friday, April 8, 2016

Garden Grove Participates In National Drug Take Back Initiative

On Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Garden Grove Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 11th opportunity in six years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the Garden Grove Police Department, located at 11301 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove 92842. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 350 tons (over 702,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at nearly 5,000 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its ten previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 5.5 million pounds—more than 2,750 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

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In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

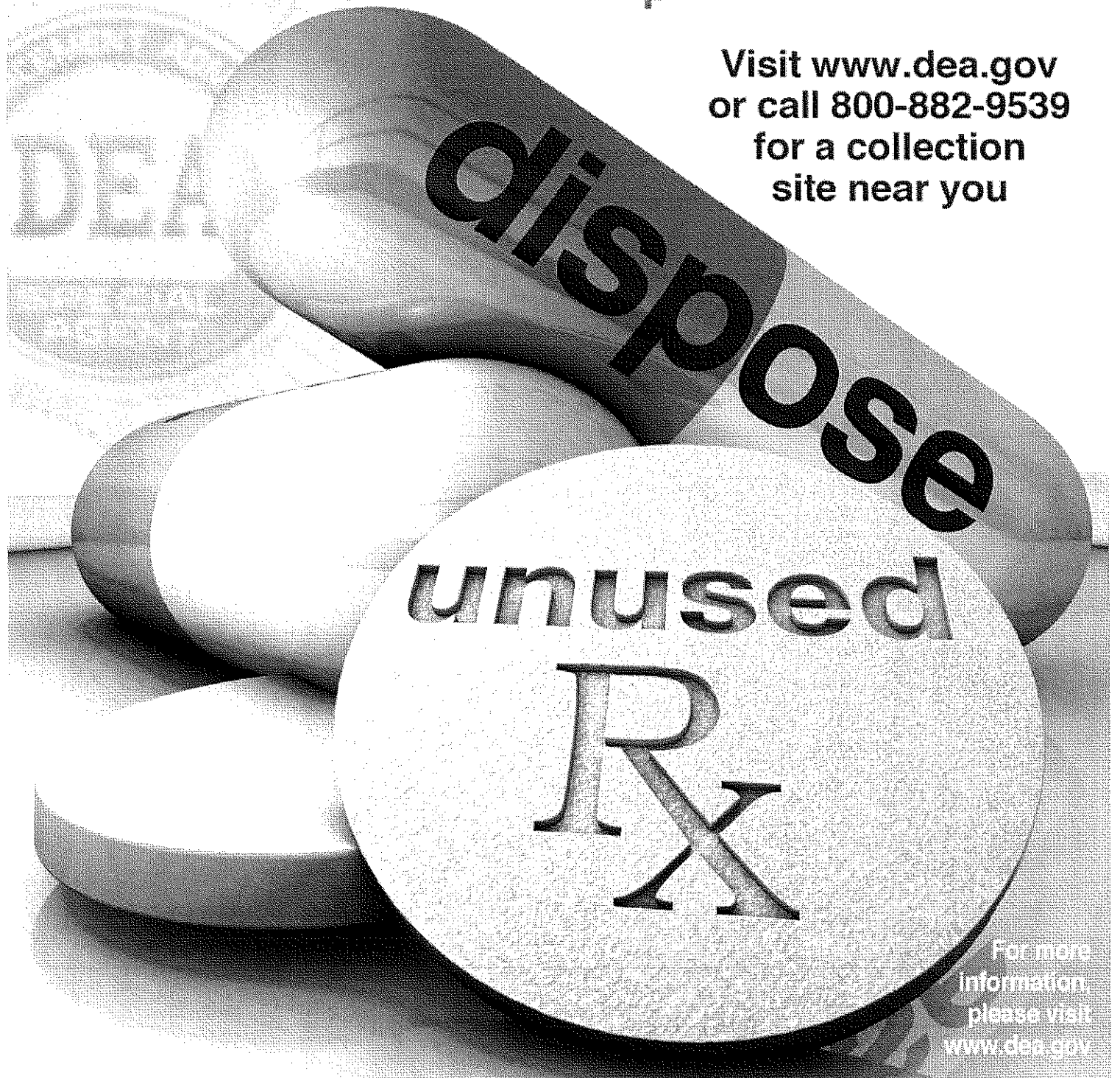
For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 30 Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Diversion website at www.dea.gov/diversion/DrugDisposal/takeback/

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Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired
medication for safe disposal
Saturday, April 30th,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Visit www.dea.gov
or call 800-882-9539
for a collection
site near you



For more
information,
please visit
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

April 14, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the March 17 Planning Commission meeting along with the agenda for the meeting on April 14, 2016.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated April 8, 2016.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 14, 2016 – April 23, 2016

Thursday	April 14	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Thursday-Sunday	April 14-17		One More Productions presents "Always Patsy Cline", Gem Theater
Friday	April 15		City Hall Closed
Saturday	April 16	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Disaster Preparedness Program–Class 3 Hosted by the Garden Grove C.E.R.T. Team North Net Fire Training Center, 2400 E. Orangewood Ave.
Monday	April 18	10:00 a.m. Noon	2016 "Fallen Five" Memorial Golf Tournament Check In Start Time
Tuesday	April 19	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Viejas Indian Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		12:15 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Power Hour!: New Districting Mapping City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Wednesday	April 20	7:30 p.m.	Comedy Relief Orange County presents "Judy Gold", Festival Amphitheater
Thursday	April 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	April 21-24		One More Productions presents "Always Patsy Cline", Gem Theater
Friday	April 22	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Senior Prom Dance Senior Center Dining Room
Saturday	April 23	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
		8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Disaster Preparedness Program–Graduation Hosted by the Garden Grove C.E.R.T. Team North Net Fire Training Center, 2400 E. Orangewood Ave.

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Council Chamber, Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill
Vice Chair Kanzler
Commissioner Barker
Commissioner Margolin
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: None.

SELECTION OF CHAIR:

Action: Commissioner O'Neill nominated as Chair by Commissioner Margolin. No further nominations received.

Action: Commissioner O'Neill selected as Chair.

Motion: Margolin Second: Paredes

Ayes: (6) Barker, Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:

Action: Commissioner Kanzler nominated as Vice Chair by Commissioner Margolin. No further nominations received.

Action: Commissioner Kanzler selected as Vice Chair.

Motion: Margolin Second: O'Neill

Ayes: (6) Barker, Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair O'Neill.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

January 28, 2016 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (6) Barker, Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (0) None

The Public Hearing item was taken out of order and heard prior to the Study Session.

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN TIME EXTENSION NO. SP-016-2014TE1. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12502 BROOKHURST STREET, SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BROOKHURST STREET AND LAMPSON AVENUE.

Applicant: Razan Ammari
Date: March 17, 2016

Request: To approve a one-year time extension for the approved entitlement under Site Plan No. SP-016-2014 for the construction of a new, approximately 2,447 square foot, one-story building on a lot improved with an existing, approximately 1,755 square foot, medical office building. The site is in the O-P (Office Professional) zone. The City of Garden Grove recognizes a previous exemption from CEQA.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Alex Irshaid

Action: Resolution No. 5855-16 was approved.

Motion: Zamora Second: Margolin

Ayes: (6) Barker, Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (0) None

STUDY SESSION – HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Ms. Ricia R. Hager, Esq., of the City Attorney's office, led the presentation on Historic Preservation. Handouts included the following documents: Drafting Effective Historic Preservation Ordinances, Chapter 10 - Conservation Element of the Garden Grove General Plan 2030, and the City of Garden Grove Comprehensive Historic and Architectural Resources Inventory dated June 1986. One letter was submitted by Josh McIntosh with concerns that the City's historical resources were being demolished at an alarming rate and that the CEQA requirements for "no significant impact" and the Mills Act should be considered.

Staff discussed and received input on historic preservation. The Commission then

came to a consensus and directed staff to prepare a memorandum to forward to City Council, which requests City Council to consider giving staff the direction to prepare an Ordinance that would establish a procedure that addresses the demolition and modification of historic properties, and update the City's Comprehensive Historic and Architectural Resources Inventory, which would include Main Street and other areas of the City.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Margolin asked for an update on the Inge sign and Chinese Buffet, mentioning also that the traffic signal at Great Wolf was out of sync. Staff responded that there was no movement on the Inge sign; that the Buffet was no longer a viable project; that Chipotle, Wing Stop, Yogurtland and Panda Express were potential projects coming to town; and that the Traffic Engineer would look into the signal.

Vice Chair Kanzler noted that Main Street appeared to have empty stores. Staff responded that some of the tenants were actually offices with no signs.

Commissioner Zamora inquired about the mixed-use area at 9th Street and Garden Grove Boulevard. Staff responded that the developer of the Packing House in Anaheim was in negotiations with the City to maintain the homes and convert them to commercial uses.

Commissioner Zamora noted that though there were 'No Parking Tuesday through Sunday 10-6' signs on Taft Street near Costco, people parked there without receiving tickets. Staff encouraged residents to call the Police Department when this occurs.

Commissioner Barker expressed concern with 'temples' in residential homes, which create overcrowding and parking problems. Staff responded that Code Enforcement was reactive and not proactive; that the City promoted the good neighbor policy and tried to educate residents through the code; that temporary large assembly in residential settings was not illegal, such as throwing a party; that addressing the complaints on religious activities was problematic and Federal laws tie the City's hands; and that enforcement was not easy. Chair O'Neill suggested that reminders to be good neighbors be included in water bills.

Commissioner Paredes noted that the Farmer's Market on Main Street was pushed back from Garden Grove Boulevard and difficult to see. Staff suggested he contact Kim Huy, the Director of Community Services.

Commissioner Paredes asked if the Planning Commission had a budget for studies. Staff responded that there was no budget for the Planning Commission and since conducting studies was a budgetary issue, any direction for studies would come from City Council.

Commissioner Paredes asked if solar powered flashing crosswalks could be installed on Garden Grove Boulevard. Staff replied that the City recently installed a HAWK Signal at Twintree and Harbor Boulevard, due to a school request, and that crosswalk

suggestions should be directed to the Traffic Commission.

Vice Chair Kanzler added that the Bicycle Master Plan would look at crosswalk locations, to which staff added that the Bicycle Master Plan was moving forward with a draft version to be out soon, and that a community meeting would be held the end of May.

Commissioner Barker mentioned that Kay Silva passed away.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that there would be no meeting on Thursday, April 7th and that the next meeting would be April 21st with several items as well as the Code of Ethics and the annual update on the Housing Element and General Plan.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:52 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, April 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion:	Margolin	Second:	Zamora
Ayes:	(6)	Barker, Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora	
Noes:	(0)	None	
Absent:	(0)	None	

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary



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GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 21, 2016

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

ROLL CALL: CHAIR O'NEILL, VICE CHAIR KANZLER
COMMISSIONERS BARKER, MARGOLIN, PAREDES, ZAMORA

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commissioners within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Council Chamber at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Planning Commission may take legislative action it deems appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

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- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 17, 2016
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
 - C.1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-066-2016

APPLICANT: KARIE BARKER

LOCATION: SOUTH OF STANFORD AVENUE, WEST OF
BROOKHURST STREET AND STANFORD AVENUE AT
12755 BROOKHURST STREET

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 1,850 square foot after-school tutoring center for 46 students and six (6) instructors. The site is in the GGMU1 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 1) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-066-2016, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

C.2. MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

SITE PLAN NO. SP-022-2016

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-065-2016

LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-011-2016

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-002-2016

APPLICANT: TONY LAM

LOCATION: NORTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, WEST OF NELSON STREET. PEARL STREET PROPERTY IS CONTIGUOUS TO NORTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE PROPERTIES AND FRONTS SOUTH SIDE OF PEARL STREET, WEST OF NELSON STREET AT 10641 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, 10661 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, AND 10662 PEARL STREET.

REQUEST: Site Plan and Conditional Use approval to construct a four-story, 10-unit, work-live mixed-use development on three separate properties, in conjunction with a Lot Line Adjustment to consolidate three properties into one. A Development Agreement is also included.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of Development Agreement No. DA-002-2016 to City Council, and approve Site Plan No. SP-022-2016, Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-065-2016, and Lot Line Adjustment No. LLA-011-2016, subject to the recommended conditions of approval and City Council approval of Development Agreement No. DA-002-2016.

D. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

D.1. REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS

D.2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2015 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT

- E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- F. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- G. ADJOURNMENT

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New Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles Now Available

The [2016 Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles](#) is available on the League's website. A hard copy of this document will be emailed out to all city managers and city clerks. For more, see *Page 2*.



California City Solutions: Manhattan Beach's Seniors and Teens Pair Up in Free Programs to Boost the Community

*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 Manhattan Beach's CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration Award was submitted in 2015 for the *We're Better Together: An Intergenerational program in Manhattan Beach* award category.*

Manhattan Beach is an affluent community, yet the population includes some long-time residents who fall into a much lower income category. Many of the city's older adults (aged 65+) bought their houses decades ago before high prices became the norm and currently live on fixed incomes. Their children who are unable to buy locally, live elsewhere, leaving many of these residents without a local support network. In December 2013, the city of Manhattan Beach launched *We're Better Together*, a model intergenerational program created from a partnership between the Manhattan Beach City Senior Advisory Committee (SAC), a group of volunteers affiliated with the city's [Older Adult Program](#) and the Mayor's Youth Council at Mira Costa High School, the only high school in the Manhattan Beach Unified School District. For more, see *Page 2*.

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The 2016 edition reflects policy changes adopted by the League through December 2015 through review of legislation and annual conference resolutions. The *Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles* is intended to be a living reference, updated periodically to reflect changes to League policy made throughout the year. In addition, the League uses it to review new legislation that is introduced to determine how it relates to existing League policy.

Member cities are encouraged to review the document carefully as it can be of assistance in better understanding League policy and positions on state and federal legislation. In addition, the League encourages cities to adopt all or part of the *Summary* so that they may be able to respond in a timely manner to new legislation introduced at the state and federal levels. This will permit cities to become more active in the legislative process and involved in issues impacting cities.

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Recent data reveals that a significant number of seniors in Manhattan Beach live at or below the poverty line. In some other cities, these seniors would qualify for a variety of subsidized programs, but in Manhattan Beach, the Older Adult Program relies heavily on volunteers and privately funded projects to provide programs, build facilities and support recreational activities. The city has insufficient space and no plans to build additional recreational facilities, despite the increase in the senior population. The result is increasing competition to secure facility space for recreational, social, arts and educational programs.

At Mira Costa High School, facility space is not an issue, however curriculum space is. As with other high schools in California, the curriculum has changed significantly over the last decade. Programs that provided practical skills in homemaking, business, building and repair have been eliminated, although the need for those skills is still important. Most students are following a college-preparatory program that doesn't leave much room for electives.

In December 2014, SAC and the Mayor's Youth Council co-sponsored a symposium called, *We're Better Together*, to discuss the mutual benefits of creating an intergenerational program in the city. Approximately 150 residents, both students and older adults, attended. The students expressed a need to fill the curriculum gaps in their demanding academic schedules, in order to learn things like how to cook, balance a checkbook, start a business or create a resume. They also expressed an interest in hearing the living history stories of the older adults in their community. Seniors wanted to learn from the teenagers also, especially in the area of technology. They hoped also to participate in the school's outstanding fine and performing arts programs.

Previously, there has been little engagement between the older adults in the community and the high school students at Mira Costa despite the obvious benefits to both sides. The *We're Better Together* program is changing that.

SAC and the Mayor's Youth Council set up an advisory/planning board for *We're Better Together*. Below are the objectives of the program and how the objectives have been met:

- Foster mutually beneficial programs between generations. Ensure that these programs are low or no cost to the city or to the participants.
 - Programs include an intergenerational art show; an evening at the Improvisational Theater featuring student and older adult performers; poetry

events featuring student and older adult poets; and Be My Guest, invitations for older adults to attend Mira Costa High School performing arts shows. All of these programs are free to participants, the city and the school district.

- Inform city and school district governing boards about intergenerational programming.
 - Members of the board report to the Manhattan Beach City Council regularly on intergenerational programs. The programs are also reported to representatives from the Manhattan Beach Unified School District.
- Where possible, share facilities and programs, especially where there is duplication in city and district offerings.
 - The improvisational theater groups from the city and the high school are participating in a joint show in the high school theater; the intergenerational art show will feature art classes from the city and high school and will be held in the high school art gallery; and the high school video production class produced a video of the older adult program.
- Set up a Speakers' Bureau in the schools to supplement the curriculum and take advantage of the experience and expertise in the older adult community.
- Develop a program for high school students to teach technology applications to older adults Seniors Helping Seniors. High school students help older adults with a variety of technology applications. The program is held alternately at city and school facilities.
- Form a group of one-on-one mentors who could assist students with specific needs like resume writing, cooking, sewing, building, and other areas where expertise is needed.
- Sponsor a semi-annual intergenerational symposium with the location alternating between the city and Mira Costa High School.
- Expand the partnership with California State University, Dominguez Hills to include an entrepreneurship class open to both older adults and high school students.
- Create intergenerational sports activities using both city and high school fields, the high school gym, tennis courts and pool.
- Use the city's Dial-A-Ride transportation service to take older adults to Mira Costa High School performances and events.
 - For the 2014-15 school year there were 23 free performances and events as part of the Be Our Guest program.
- Expand the partnership with the Manhattan Beach Rotary to increase student participation in the Rotary Cares.
 - The club's Interact Program at Mira Costa High School has over 25 members and they assist with Rotary Cares.

We're Better Together has increased participation in the Older Adult Program activities. The bi-monthly computer program alone serves 18-27 seniors each meeting. Follow-up surveys indicate that attitudes of both age groups have changed considerably. Because of space sharing, the city is able to offer more services to the older adult population, including computer training, art exhibitions, drama performances in a theater setting (there is no city theater) and increased sports programs. Many of the older adults reported that they had either never been on the high school campus or had not seen it since their children attended. This gives them the opportunity to see first-hand how their taxes are being used.

SAC has established a high enough profile that the city council is now always represented at its monthly meetings. Older adults, now close to 30 percent of the population of the city, have a strong voice in policy decisions.

The Mayor's Youth Council was formed in 2011 to help students understand how city governance works. Through We're Better Together, they are able to see that policies for older adults cover all aspects of government, and understand how these policies are developed and implemented.

The high school produced an informational video about the older adult program which is on the city's website. The new activities generated by We're Better Together have all been at no cost to the district or city. The number of participants who want to serve on SAC and in other volunteer positions has increased, reducing the burdens on the city parks and recreation staff. While the city is fiscally stable, it faces increasing challenges of offering expanded programming without any expansion of facilities or staff. Sharing space and using a growing number of volunteers allows the city to offer more services without impacting the budget.

Students are training older adults in a variety of technologies, including social media. This helps to spur the city to increase its use of technology, reaching out to this population. The use of the high school computer lab has greatly aided this effort to train seniors. This knowledge has led to increased communication with distant and often younger family members.

The program has also built on existing partnerships (Beach Cities Health District, Manhattan Beach Rotary) as well as new ones (Cal State Dominguez Hills) to expand and enhance the program. Intergenerational programs can save money and expand services in light of shrinking municipal resources, but they also serve another very important function: they bring people together as communities in a time of geographically separated families, and an aging and longer-lived population. Ironically, the technological revolution has created enormous opportunities for communication but may also have increased the isolation of some of our most vulnerable older adults. Teenagers, who are certainly connected, will benefit, as young people always have, from the wisdom of those who have gone before. A healthy community engages all of its citizens.
