

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT 2016-02

January 14, 2016

TO: La Palma City Council

FROM: Laurie A. Murray, City Manager

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City Manager's Office News

Agenda Summary: The January 19 Agenda has several items of interest. Please note that there will be a short closed session at 6:45 to allow for any needed discussion on the La Palma Police Association MOU. A second, longer closed session is scheduled for after the meeting to advise the City Council on the status of the remaining labor negotiations. The Agenda includes routine items such as the FY2016-17 A/B Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) and the Award of Contract for the Valley View Street Rehabilitation Project; two items regarding digital billboards; a public hearing regarding utility rates; an employment agreement

for an Interim Police Chief; the adoption of the three zoning codes introduced at the January 5 meeting; and a Council Member Request to reinstate City Manager authority to fill vacancies.

During presentations, we will say good-bye to Police Chief Nuñez. Later on in the Agenda is an agreement for an Interim Police Chief. Mike McCrary is well respected and has held the positions of Interim Police Chief or Police Chief in the Cities of Hermosa Beach, Wheatland, Los Alamitos, and Signal Hill. It is expected that Mr. McCrary will be here for 4 to 6 months during which time an extensive evaluation of the Police Department operations will be conducted to ascertain if any organizational changes should be made prior to the recruitment and appointment of a permanent Police Chief.

The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Precise Plan (PP) for the Digital Billboard are on the Agenda along with the Development Agreement with Foster Interstate Media Inc. for the Digital Billboard. Please note that the CUP and PP are for the construction, operation, and maintenance of one double-sided billboard as a second site has not yet been secured.

The Public Hearing for the Water, Fire Flow, and Sewer Rates, along with an Ordinance to lower the reserve amount for the Water Funds, is on the Agenda. At the time of the posting of the Agenda only one protest had been received and a response to that objection is included in the staff report.

The City has come to an agreement with the La Palma Police Association and the Memorandum of Understanding is on the agenda for approval. The MOU includes changes to schedules, FLSA work periods, overtime, and an increase in the City's contribution to medical premiums. Overall, the agreement provides savings to the City of \$172,400 over the two year term.

The three zoning code updates before the City Council for adoption are: an update to add provisions concerning floodplain management; an update that will allow the City to continue prohibiting cannabis businesses; and an update to the Model Water Efficient Landscape standards.

And finally, Mayor Goedhart requested that an item be placed on the agenda to reinstate City Manager authority to retain budgeted positions and recruit to fill such vacancies.

Strategic Planning Session Reminder: Just a reminder that if there are items that you would like to discuss or specific goals that you would like considered for Fiscal Year 2016-17, please drop me a note or discuss them with me so I can make sure that we get to them at the meeting. If you have not done so already, please mark your calendars for the January 29 date at 12:30 p.m. and let Crystal know what you would like to have for lunch from Cachi Coffee Co.

OCFA La Palma Monthly Report Available (w\Attachment): Attached is the La Palma Executive Summary prepared by Orange County Fire Authority covering the month of December 2015.

Community Services Department News

Water Conservation Update: As you have seen, water conservation numbers have started to slow with a 16.3% reduction in overall water use for the month of November and preliminary numbers for December are even lower (official numbers will be presented in February). Despite the low numbers, the City overall is still at a 19% reduction for the last 12 months which is only 1 point away from our overall goal of 20% which we need to achieve by February 2016. City staff have increased patrols and enforcement actions in order to help us meet our State mandate. Especially for those who are watering lawns during and after rain storms. We are confident that the City won't face any sanctions as we are close to the target, but everyone needs to remain observant.

City irrigation and overall water use is still being monitored and although we do not have monthly water use data, if we compare 2015 usage to 2013 the City has reduced water consumption by 48.5% from 95.7 acre feet (31.2 million gallons) to just 46.4 acre feet (15.1 acre feet). City water use, which includes all City owned irrigation, City facilities, parks, and other public areas represents only 2.1% of the total water usage for the City of La Palma. The Governor recently extended conservation goals through 2016 so vigilance is needed as we continue to work to achieve our conservation targets. Staff continues to educate the public by any available means.

Police Department News

La Palma Resident Convicted: Jocelyn Ferreras, a former La Palma Resident, was recently convicted for her role in a Ponzi scheme back in 2010. Unsuspecting victims, whom she befriended and gained their trust, collectively lost more than \$400,000. None of the victims resided in La Palma. Sergeant Jesse Amend was the lead investigator in this case. Detectives spent many hours of analyzing documents, conducting interviews, and following up on requests from the District Attorney's Office. Ferreras plead guilty to seven counts of Securities Fraud and one count of Theft from an elder. Ferreras will be sentenced in March 2016.

Vehicle Update: The Police Department has taken possession of a 2006 Ford Escape Hybrid from Community Services to replace the current VIP vehicle which has been taken out of service. The vehicle is unmarked and does not have a light bar or radio but is available for VIP to use starting immediately. The vehicle will keep its current vehicle number of LP-46 and is scheduled to have decals applied next Tuesday.

Citywide News

Personnel Activity	
Position	Status
Police Officer (Eligibility List)	First interviews held December 10 & 11; Two Officers to be sworn in on January 22 to fill two vacancies
Per Diem Dispatcher	Applications being reviewed
Water Service Worker I/II	Candidate in backgrounds
Administrative Services Director	Recruitment to close on January 24

Agenda Planning Guide

(All meetings start at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated)

Items listed on the planning guide are tentative and subject to move to different dates

January 19

La Palma Police Association Memorandum of Understanding
 Water Rates
 ROPS X (FY16-17)
 Billboard Public Hearings (Conditional Use Permit, Precise Plan, and Ordinance regarding Development Agreement)
 Award of Contract – Valley View Rehabilitation Project
 Adoption of Zoning Code Amendments
 Interim Police Chief Agreement

January 21 – Oversight Board Special Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.

January 29 – City Council Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Workshop @ 12:30 p.m.

February 2

Palma Liquor Conditional Use Permit
 First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance approving Development Agreement for Digital Billboard at 5545 Orangethorpe Avenue
 Executive Management Team Salary and Benefit Resolution
 Financial Sustainability Committee Report

February 9 – Special Joint Meeting with Financial Sustainability Committee

Second Reading of Ordinance Approving Development Agreement for Digital Billboard
 Economic Development Annual Report
 Fiscal Year 2016-17 Capital Improvement Plan

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Please tell Crystal which of the following activities you will be attending and if you would like assistance in registering for any upcoming event.

Date	Event Information	Known Attendees
Wednesday January 20	Cypress State of the City Luncheon, Community Center, 5700 Orange Avenue, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	PK, MS, LM
	Meet the Mayor, John F. Kennedy FBLA, City Hall Mayor's Conference Room, 3:00 p.m.	GG
Thursday January 21	Relay for Life Kick Off Event, Ehler's Community Center, 8150 Knott Avenue, Buena Park, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	

Wednesday January 27	Garden Grove State of the City, Embassy Suites Hotel, 11767 Harbor Blvd., 11:00 a.m.	
Tuesday February 2	Los Alamitos State of the City Luncheon, Joint Forces Training Base, 4745 Yorktown Avenue, #19, Los Alamitos, 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	SH, PK, MS, LM
Monday February 4	OCFA Best and Bravest Award Ceremony, Irvine Marriott, 8000 Von Karman, 5:30 p.m.	GG, MS
Tuesday February 9	Anaheim State of the City Luncheon, City National Grove of Anaheim, 2200 E. Katella Avenue, 11:30 a.m.	
Friday February 19	OC Government Leaders' Prayer Breakfast, 18000 Von Karman, Irvine, 7:00 a.m.	GG, PK, MS, LM
Saturday February 27	Americana Awards Banquet, Disneyland Hotel, Time TBD	SS, LM



Jeff Bowman
Fire Chief

Orange County Fire Authority *La Palma Executive Summary* **December 2015**

Prepared by Dave Steffen, Division Chief



NEWS AND EVENTS

- On December 9th, graduation ceremonies were held at the OCFA Regional Fire Operations and Training Center for 38 new firefighters. OCFA Board Chair Gene Hernandez spoke at the graduation, which was open to the public and well attended. The graduates demonstrated their skills by way of live structure fire demos, building repelling, and auto extrications.

EMERGENCY INCIDENTS

There were **95** incidents dispatched within the City of La Palma for the Month.

Fire	Auto Alarms	EMS / Rescue	Service Call	Monthly Total
2	10	66	17	95

Engine 13 responded to **91** additional incidents in the surrounding jurisdictions.

Major Incidents –LA PALMA

Traffic Collision with Injuries – December 19 - At 6:50 p.m. a Traffic Collision with Injuries response was dispatched to the area of the San Gabriel River and Walker Street in La Palma. Additional reports were of a vehicle that had crashed through the guard rail and ended up in the river. The incident was balanced to a Swift Water Rescue response and the additional units were dispatched. The ECC started coordinating with LA County and Long Beach City Fire Departments for their responses. As ground units accessed the vehicle and started positioning on overpasses south of the accident scene Helicopter 2 arrived over the area and started a down river search for any possible victims. After forty-five minutes no victims were located and the incident was terminated.

Incident Commander: Chief Harrison, B8



COOKING SAFETY



Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of home cooking fires.

More than half of all cooking fire injuries happen when people try to fight the fire themselves.



**Orange County
Fire Authority**

714-573-6200

ocfa.org



Cooking is the leading cause of fires, fire injuries, and fire deaths in Orange County.

Follow these simple tips to help prevent cooking fires in your home:

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you have to leave the kitchen, even for a second, turn off the stove.
- Check food often while cooking. Use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.
- Keep anything that can catch fire (pot holders, oven mitts, paper towels, paper or plastic bags, curtains, loose clothing) away from the stove, oven, or other kitchen appliances that heat up when used.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Turn pot or pan handles toward the back of the stove.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove.
- Always check the oven to make sure it's empty before turning it on.
- Use the oven for cooking only, not for storage.
- Keep the lid or a fire extinguisher nearby when cooking.
- Avoid cooking while tired/sleepy or under the influence of

In Case of Fire:

- Never pour water on a grease fire! Cover the pan with the lid and turn off the stove.
- Leave the pan covered until it's completely cooled.
- If there's a fire in the oven, turn it off and keep the door closed.
- Leave your home immediately if a cooking fire is large or spreading quickly.
- Close the door behind you to slow the spread of fire and call 911 from outside the home.

January 2016

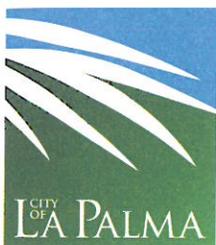
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RE: City Membership

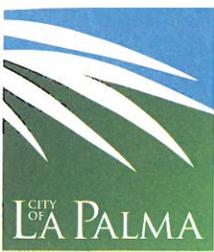
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Thank you for your years of support and service. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Laurie A. Murray
City Manager



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Subject: Newspaper Briefing - Statewide (January 13)



STATEWIDE NEWSPAPER BRIEFING

1/13/16

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Supreme Court Update: What Local Governments Should Be Paying Attention To -- In *Heffernan v. City of Paterson*, New Jersey the State and Local Legal Center (SLLC) Supreme Court amicus brief argues that a government employer's perception that an employee has exercised his or her First Amendment rights cannot be the basis for a First Amendment retaliation lawsuit. [PublicCEO](#)

Local Control of Ontario Airport Could Mean More Inland Empire Jobs -- If you talk to political and economic leaders in the Inland Empire, the idea of local control of the Ontario Airport is a very important development. Now it looks like that control may occur this summer. [PublicCEO](#)

California City Management Foundation Spreads Awareness of #13Percent Movement -- The California City Management Foundation (CCMF) recently published a new member resource titled "Women In Leadership: The #13Percent Movement." The 16-page document explores the "#13Percent" movement and how to support the upward mobility of women in local government leadership roles. [PublicCEO](#)

CAPITOL POLITICS

Assembly's next boss faces test from governor -- Anthony Rendon, who was elected the next speaker of the state Assembly this week, made it clear in advance that expanding pre-kindergarten programs would be his highest priority. [Sacramento Bee](#)

Senate raises cost Californians nearly \$2.5 million annually -- Pay raises given to every state Senate employee last month will cost taxpayers nearly \$2.5 million a year, officials disclosed Tuesday in response to a public records request from The Associated Press. Senate leaders previously declined to say how much it would cost to give the raises to 874 Senate employees. [Associated Press](#)

Tax increase backers add reserve, per Jerry Brown demand -- Less than a week after Gov. Jerry Brown criticized a ballot measure to extend temporary tax increases for containing the "fatal flaw" of circumventing California's budget reserve requirements, proponents of the initiative said Tuesday that they have amended the proposal to address his complaint. [Sacramento Bee](#)

Democrats vs. Democrats: Assembly moderates face challenges -- In a sign of growing tension among California Democrats, at least two Assembly incumbents face unusual intraparty election challenges this year, with one lawmaker complaining that “tone-deaf” environmental activists are seeking revenge for the weakening of high-profile climate-change legislation. [Sacramento Bee](#)

The State Worker: Brown’s \$350 million carrot -- Asking the Brown administration about state labor contract negotiations is like asking Coca-Cola for its soft drink recipe. Fuggeddaboutit. [Sacramento Bee](#)

Lottery ticket sales do help California schools, but a lot less than people think -- Year after year, political consultant Gale Kaufman has gathered focus groups to talk about education funding in California. And every time, within minutes, the registered voters seem to zero in on the lottery. [Los Angeles Times](#)

Californians Overwhelmingly Support Soda Warning Labels, Poll Shows -- Nearly four out of five registered voters — 78 percent — support a warning label on sugary beverages according to a statewide Field Poll released Wednesday. More than half of those surveyed — 54 percent — “strongly” favor a label. [KQED](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY

D.A. Lacey under pressure after Beck recommends criminal charges against officer in fatal shooting -- In the months leading up to her bid for reelection, Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey — like prosecutors across the country — has faced pressure to file charges in several high-profile police shootings and use-of-force cases. [Los Angeles Times](#)

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

CA Cities Take Advantage of Misworded Marijuana Law -- California marijuana law has lurched into a new phase of disarray. But legislators in Sacramento have swung into action to correct the mistake behind the chaos. [PublicCEO](#)

California NAACP gets behind marijuana legalization initiative -- Alice Huffman, longtime head of the state NAACP, contemplated leading a campaign next fall to legalize recreational marijuana in California, and went as far as submitting her own proposal, then joined with cannabis activists on a separate measure. [Sacramento Bee](#)

TRANSPORTATION

Costs rise for moving utility lines in construction of bullet train -- The relocation of existing power and data wires to clear way for the California bullet train in the Central Valley is proving to be more risky and difficult than expected, costing tens of millions of dollars more than was projected only several months ago in Tulare, Kings and Kern counties. [Los Angeles Times](#)

PENSION REFORM

2011 San Francisco Pension Fix Not Panning Out -- The pension reform measure that San Francisco voters passed in 2011 isn’t yielding the savings that city leaders expected, and for several reasons — one of which should worry all pension-paying institutions. That reason: Retirees are living significantly longer than old assumptions. [PublicCEO](#)

HOMELESSNESS

L.A. politicians will explore a possible tax or bond measure to help the homeless -- To raise money for a sweeping new plan to combat homelessness in Los Angeles, city lawmakers are asking their top analysts to outline the steps needed to put a tax or bond measure on the ballot. [Los Angeles Times](#)

Why San Diego Hasn't Ended Veteran Homelessness Even Though Others Have -- Several cities have recently announced they've put an effective end to veteran homelessness in keeping with federal goals set by the Obama administration. San Diego didn't meet the challenge. [PublicCEO](#)

BUSINESS

NFL owners approve Rams' move to Southern California; Raiders expected to stay in Oakland next season -- It appears the Raiders will be staying in Oakland next season after NFL owners greenlighted the St. Louis Rams' move to Inglewood on Tuesday, and gave the San Diego Chargers the option of joining them. [San Jose Mercury](#)

California rejects Volkswagen recall plan -- California regulators Tuesday rejected Volkswagen's proposal for recalling tens of thousands of defective diesel vehicles that were equipped with software aimed at cheating on federal and state's air-pollution standards. Federal regulators said they concurred with the rejection, issued by the California Air Resources Board. [Bloomberg](#)

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STRENGTHENING CALIFORNIA CITIES THROUGH ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION

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Subject: Newspaper Briefing - Statewide (January 11)

Orange County Division Members,

The following is my statewide service that highlights newspaper articles germane to local government and California public policy.

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STATEWIDE NEWSPAPER BRIEFING

1/11/16

CAPITOL POLITICS

Tax issue nags Jerry Brown -- State taxation of multistate and multinational corporations is not an issue for the fainthearted. [Sacramento Bee](#)

In the state budget, too many good programs can sometimes be bad -- Gov. Jerry Brown's new state spending plan could be called a chicken budget — as in the chickens are coming home to roost. Not bad chickens, mind you. But expensive. [Los Angeles Times](#)

Budget boosts career tech for now -- Gov. Jerry Brown's 2016-17 budget proposal honors the Legislature's commitment to career technical education by authorizing \$500 million in grant funding over the next two years. [Cabinet Report](#)

Brown Declares Emergency Over Gas Leak -- Gov. Jerry Brown has intervened as activists, analysts and residents decried a massive ongoing leak in a Los Angeles-area gas pipeline. [PublicCEO](#)

FTC chairwoman calls for legislation to tackle hidden resort fees -- A new study by a nonprofit consumer advocacy group found that such resort fees are on the rise, with nearly 200 hotels in California charging an average mandatory resort fee of \$17 per night. [Los Angeles Times](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Santa Maria’s Code Compliance Officers Walk and Talk with Residents -- In an effort to educate Santa Maria residents about the city’s municipal codes, the city in 2013 launched its Walk and Talk program to send code compliance officers door-to-door to meet residents and share code compliance resources. [League of California Cities](#)

Fontana Advertises Small Businesses to Boost Economic Development -- Opening a small business is no easy feat. Choosing a good location, having the appropriate resources, and finding ways to build a customer base are all very important. [PublicCEO](#)

5 Things Mayors Can Do to Create Healthier Communities --Today’s cities are facing many challenges — aging infrastructure, income inequality and health disparities — all of which threaten the economic vitality and resiliency of cities. [PublicCEO](#)

Gotta go? Single-stall unisex restrooms may become law in San Francisco -- Businesses and city buildings in San Francisco would be required to make single-stall restrooms available to “all genders,” under legislation to be introduced Tuesday by Supervisor David Campos. [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Two Bills Transform CA Parole System -- California officials are preparing to implement the state’s latest steps toward a transformed parole system for incarcerated youths. The changes were spearheaded by state Sen. Loni Hancock, D-Oakland, who led two bills through closely fought battles in Sacramento. [PublicCEO](#)

California Loosens Sex Offender Restrictions -- California’s strict limits on housing for sex offenders have been effectively wiped out, thanks to the consequences of a shift in regulations brought on by the courts. [PublicCEO](#)

How things change when there is a mass shooting in your legislative district -- When news broke of the mass shooting in San Bernardino, Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) knew he’d call Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-Redlands), stepping into an uncomfortably familiar role of counseling a member of Congress whose district just went through a tragedy. [Los Angeles Times](#)

Long ago, gun control was hard to do in California -- Gov. Jerry Brown offered fatherly words of wisdom the other day: “Don’t smoke marijuana when you’re using your gun.” Hard to argue with that, except once upon a time, people did quibble with the notion of keeping intoxicants and guns separate. [Los Angeles Times](#)

PENSION REFORM

CalSTRS \$11.5 billion reserve: money well spent? -- The state makes large annual payments to a CalSTRS supplemental fund with a reserve that more than doubled in the past six years to \$11.5 billion, while the fund’s annual payments to retirees dropped from \$348 million to \$193 million. [Calpensions.com](#)

CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

The Coming Groundwater Revolution -- Pumping extra groundwater has gotten many California farmers through this drought, and if managed well, it can help the state weather future dry periods. [PublicCEO](#)

Demise of Klamath River deal could rekindle old water-use battles -- A key piece of a three-part agreement expired when Congress failed to approve it by Dec. 31. [Los Angeles Times](#)

EDUCATION

New York stumbles, California advances on Common Core implementation -- If there is a prime example of how one state mismanaged the implementation of the Common Core standards, triggering massive opposition, and how another did it deliberately, with a relatively smooth implementation and considerable public support, look no further than New York and California. [EdSource](#)

Will California's booming economy pay off in pupil spending? -- Soaring tax revenues have carried per-pupil education spending in California beyond where it stood before the recession, but even the record sum proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown is unlikely to reverse the state's standing as a comparative miser when it comes to investing in public schools, advocates and education officials said. [Associated Press](#)

BUSINESS

Roger Goodell says NFL stadium proposals are not viable in Oakland, St. Louis and San Diego -- The current stadiums in Oakland, St. Louis and San Diego are "unsatisfactory and inadequate," and the proposed solutions are not viable to keep the Raiders, Rams and Chargers in their home markets, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a report distributed Saturday to all 32 teams. [Los Angeles Times](#)

THE FEDS

Obama executive actions could benefit California -- California is way ahead of President Obama's executive action to expand background checks on firearm sales: The state, for years, has required the checks for all gun sales, even between private sellers. But Arizona, Nevada and Texas — the source of many of the firearms used in California crimes — do not. So the new federal regulations could help stem the flow of firearms into the Golden State. [San Jose Mercury](#)

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Subject: CA Cities Advocate Issue #4: Medical Marijuana Clean-up Bill Moves Forward, City Officials Encouraged to Volunteer for Road Usage Charge Pilot Program, California Economic Summit Releases 2016 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity

CA Cities Advocate



LEGISLATION AND POLICY AFFECTING CALIFORNIA CITIES

Jan. 13, 2016
Issue #4

Editor's Note

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Medical Marijuana Clean-up Bill Moves Forward

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

[Marijuana Regulation, Assembly, Senate, Hot Bills, Legislation](#)

City Officials Encouraged to Volunteer for Road Usage Charge Pilot Program

Signup Online for Pilot that Begins Summer 2016

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

[Transportation, Public Works](#)

California Economic Summit Releases 2016 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity

The California Economic Summit [announced the release](#) of its 2016 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity, which puts forward a plan to achieve multiple ambitious goals — the One Million Challenges — each one vital to expanding sustainable economic growth in California.

Economic Development, Transportation, Housing

[White House Opens Champions for Change Program Nominations, Summer Opportunity Workshop](#)

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

Federal

[Keynote Speakers Announced for the Public Works Officers Institute and Expo in March](#)

Register by Feb. 16

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

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Orange County Fire Authority

Weekly Executive Summary

Prepared by Communications and Public Affairs

Gene Hernandez, Board Chairman

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January 14, 2016

News & Events

Orange County Fire Authority crews participated with other local fire departments in a county-wide drill. The swift water training exercise simulated rescue operations along the Santa Ana River channel in preparation for predicted rain storms. The drill included firefighters from Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Garden Grove, Orange and OCFA. [Watch the KNBC coverage here.](#)

The 8th Annual Best and Bravest Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 4 at the Irvine Marriott. Please join in recognizing OCFA's personnel who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. The awards are for employees who demonstrate the spirit of the Best and Bravest on a daily basis, or contribute in an extraordinary way on an emergency response, project, or organizational issue. Your support is greatly appreciated! RSVP to Olivia Covarrubias, Tamy Rivers, or Paris Prophet.

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Board Action

For Board agendas, please visit <http://www.ocfa.org> and click on "Board Agendas/Minutes."

Weekly Update on Response and Preparedness

[Weekly Fire Activity Report](#): This is a regular status update of available OCFA resources and a list of OCFA out of County resources jurisdiction and a list of out of county resources.

Weather Outlook: *Normal to Above Normal Temperatures for January 15 – January 22.* For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

Fire Outlook –Dry: Little or no risk of large fires in the absence of a "High Risk" event. You can obtain a 7-day forecast, monthly and/or seasonal by clicking [here](#).



Community Events

- Crew from Station 57 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Au Pairs from **Aliso Viejo**. The program was on January 9 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Crew from Station 29 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a local Mom's group from **Dana Point**. The program was on January 11 from 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 26 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Irvine**. The program was on January 8 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 36 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour for two groups of Cub Scouts from **Irvine**. The program was on January 12 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Crew from Station 58 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program to a local community group from **Ladera Ranch**. The program was on January 9 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 49 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Girl Scouts from **Laguna Niguel**. The program was on January 8 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 35 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Ruby Elementary in **Placentia**. The program was on January 8 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Station 78 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Rosita Elementary School in **Santa Ana**. The program was on January 12 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- Crew from Station 78 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a Boy Scout Troop from **Santa Ana**. The program was on January 14 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Division Chief Black and Battalion Chief Kovacs attended the Tustin Police Awards Banquet at the Marconi Auto Museum in **Tustin**. The event was on January 8 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Community Education Specialist Christy Watson provided a Home Fire Safety presentation to a group of seniors at the **Yorba Linda** Senior Center. The program was on January 12 from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
- Crew from Station 65 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Westminster Nursery School in **Westminster**. The program was on January 12 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.



Significant Emergency Incidents

Cypress

Structure Fire – January 8 - At 5:45 a.m., a structure response was dispatched to Bloomfield in Cypress. Engine 17 arrived on scene at 5:53 a.m. with a fully involved mobile home with exposures. The fire was reported knocked down at 6:09 a.m. with no extension to the exposures. It was handled with first alarm assignment and was reported under control at 6:11 a.m.

Incident Commander:

Captain O'Brien, Engine 17

Cause:

Under Investigation

Crystal Cove

Remote Rescue – January 9 - At 10:59 a.m. a Remote Rescue response was dispatched to the area of Crystal Cove State Park for a person that had fallen along the No Name Trail. Ground units were hampered accessing the scene due to the amount of mud and washouts due to the recent rains. Once overhead, Helicopter 1 was able to locate the patient fairly quickly and was able to determine that there was a spot to do a flat pitch landing about one hundred feet from the patient. The paramedic rescuer from the helicopter made contact with the patient and determined she had a Basic Life Support level ankle injury. The injury was splinted and the helicopter crew and her friends were able to assist her to the helicopter. She was flown the short distance to Ridgecrest Park where she was transferred from the helicopter to an awaiting ambulance and then take to an area hospital for evaluation and possible treatment.

**Incidents By Major Category
for Period: 12/28/2015 - 1/3/2016**

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	1	0	28	0	2	2	6	0	17	56
BUENA PARK	1	0	95	0	11	6	2	0	19	134
CYPRESS	3	0	46	0	4	1	1	0	10	65
DANA POINT	1	0	49	3	6	5	2	0	3	69
IRVINE	1	0	174	1	13	15	12	0	19	235
IRVINE - UCI	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	5	12
LA PALMA	0	0	23	1	1	5	1	0	2	33
LAGUNA HILLS	0	0	59	0	2	6	1	0	8	76
LAGUNA NIGUEL	0	0	52	0	5	4	3	0	8	72
LAGUNA WOODS	0	0	85	1	10	2	4	0	19	121
LAKE FOREST CITY	1	0	60	1	4	8	7	0	7	88
LOS ALAMITOS	0	0	17	0	3	1	1	0	3	25
MISSION VIEJO	2	0	107	0	16	8	7	0	30	170
PLACENTIA	1	0	26	1	6	4	1	0	13	52
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	0	0	45	1	4	5	6	0	1	62
SAN CLEMENTE	0	0	63	1	4	12	0	0	22	102
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	2	0	52	0	3	2	0	0	12	71
SANTA ANA	11	0	272	5	13	28	12	0	117	458
SEAL BEACH	5	0	61	1	8	4	2	0	12	93
STANTON	0	0	40	0	1	5	1	0	12	59
TUSTIN	4	0	75	1	6	13	4	0	6	109
VILLA PARK	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
WESTMINSTER	2	0	120	0	7	10	4	0	12	155
YORBA LINDA	0	0	49	0	8	10	5	0	5	77
UNINCORPORATED	0	0	74	3	7	11	5	0	38	138
TOTAL	35	0	1680	20	144	169	88	0	400	2536

Wilkerson, Crystal

From: Orange County Water District <gayala@ocwd.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 6:21 PM
Subject: OCWD Water Lines



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OCWD in the news

[As rain pummels California, some see a way to fight drought](#)

The Sacramento Bee - 01.07.2016

...flowed into fields that percolate into aquifers for future pumping. The **Orange County Water District**, which relies on rain capture for about 10...

[Concept art: How Disneyland's Rivers of America will look after 'Star Wars' land construction is finished](#)

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...will be partially drained. The water will be diverted to the **Orange County Water District**'s Groundwater Replenishment System, where it will be...

[EARTH: Treated water that's too pure lets arsenic sneak in](#)

EurekaAlert! - 01.07.2016

...the water. The study was conducted on water from the **Orange County Water District**, which purifies wastewater with a comprehensive process including...

[Big deals ahead for Huntington Beach in 2016](#)

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...gallons of water per day for Orange County that the board of the **Orange County Water District** has agreed to buy. Poseidon cleared a major hurdle...

Drought news

[Two feet of snow expected across northern Sierra Nevada this week](#)

Los Angeles Times - 01.12.2016

...precipitation is helping; we're not going to get out of [the **drought**] quickly, Swanberg said. These are typical winter-type storms for Northern...

[Pacific Ocean cooling off, but El Niño still stirring up rain](#)

SFGate - 01.12.2016

...Niño since the monster of 1997-98. But whether the rain will pull **California** out of its 4-year-long debilitating **drought** remains to be seen.

[PREPARING FOR EL NIÑO OC'S WATER DISTRICTS AND CITIES ARE FOCUSED ON SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENSURING H2O DELIVERY DURING THE STORMS](#)

Orange County Register - 01.10.2016

...initiated last fall. The Water Emergency Response Organization of **Orange County** began countywide strategy planning in September to discuss **California**...

Industry news

[Eight water groups press US government to up focus on reuse](#)

Desalination & Water Reuse - 01.12.2016

...of its US\$ 100 million drought in response funds to invest in **water reuse**. Under legislation approved by Congress, the bureau will receive a...

[AWWA symposium showcases how potable reuse is 'coming of age'](#)

American Water Works Association - 01.12.2016

...U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the **California State Water Resources Control Board**. They will discuss the national **policy**...

[Can subsidence be fixed without sinking economy?](#)

The Fresno Bee - 01.08.2016

bridges, canals Many farmers felt forced to pump due to drought, **water policies** We faced this crisis 60 years ago, and solved it by diverting...

[Cal Poly Receives Grant to Develop Improved Desalination Technology](#)

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Cal Poly Receives Grant to Develop Improved **Desalination** Technology SAN LUIS OBISPO Cal Poly chemistry Professor Shanju Zhang received a \$300,000...

Policy

[Agencies deserve credit for water supply investments](#)

The Sacramento Bee - 01.11.2016

...investments, but it also runs counter to Gov. Jerry Brown's **California Water Action Plan** and its call for more such investments in the future.

[State Water Board Adopts Storm Water Strategy](#)

Association of California Water Agencies - 01.06.2016

...Strategy identifies the goals, objectives, and actions for the State **Water Board** and Regional **Water Boards** to continue to improve the **regulation**,

Regional water agency news

[Southern California agencies work to capture, store El Nino stormwater](#)

San Bernardino County Sun (AP) - 01.11.2016

...agencies to help replenish the region's local water supply. With **California** entering what may be its fifth year of **drought**, water agencies are...

[Spotlight 2015: Slogging through water issues](#)

Orange County Register - 01.08.2016

...curtail use by 25 percent statewide. To help hit that mandate, the **Yorba Linda Water District** was asked to get its customers to cut water use by...

Cities miss November water-cut targets

Orange County Register - 01.06.2016

Cities miss November **water-cut** targets Almost every **Orange County** city is ahead of schedule to make cumulative **water** use cuts by a Feb-ruary...

About Orange County Water District (OCWD)

OCWD manages the large groundwater basin that underlies north and central Orange County and provides water to approximately 2.4 million people. OCWD is a special district established by the California State Legislature in 1933 and governed by a 10-member board of directors. It is committed to enhancing Orange County's groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly and economical manner. The following cities utilize the groundwater basin managed by OCWD: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster and Yorba Linda. For more information, please visit www.ocwd.com.

Please contact the Orange County Water District at info@ocwd.com if you would like to unsubscribe from this list.

Wilkerson, Crystal

From: South Coast AQMD <cleanairconnections@aqmd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No-burn Alert for Residential Wood Burning



NO-BURN ALERT: MANDATORY WOOD-BURNING BAN IN EFFECT TOMORROW FOR RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN

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The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has issued a residential no-burn alert effective Wednesday, January 13, 2016, for all those living in the South Coast Air Basin, which includes Orange County and non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

SCAQMD reminds residents in these areas that burning wood in their fireplaces, both indoors and outdoors, is prohibited from midnight tonight through midnight on Wednesday. No-burn alerts are mandatory in order to protect public health due to a high concentration of fine particulate air pollution forecast for the area. The no-burn prohibition also applies to manufactured fire logs, such as those made from wax or paper. Particles in wood smoke – also known as fine particulate matter or PM_{2.5} – can get deep into the lungs and cause respiratory illnesses, increases in emergency room visits and hospitalizations. Residents can help reduce the harmful health effects of wood smoke by signing up to receive e-mail alerts at www.AirAlerts.org to learn when a mandatory no-burn alert is issued.

SCAQMD's no-burn alerts do not apply to mountain communities above 3,000 feet in elevation, the Coachella Valley, or the High Desert. Homes that rely on wood as a sole source of heat, low-income households and those without natural gas service also are exempt from the requirement. Gas and other non-wood burning fireplaces are not restricted. SCAQMD's Check Before You Burn program is in effect from November through the end of February, when particulate levels are highest. A link to additional information and an interactive no-burn alert map is available at www.AirAlerts.org. For 24-hour recorded Check Before You Burn information, call (866) 966-3293.

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 | Local 3

LA PALMA

Meet the mayor: Mayor Gerard Goedhart announced he will be holding office hours from 1 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at City Hall, 7822 Walker St. Residents and business owners can come by without an appointment during that time and speak with the mayor. Information: cityoflapalma.org. Lou Ponsi, 714-704-3730 lponsi@ocregister.com

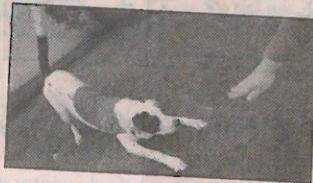
Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 | Local 3

LA PALMA

City money: The first in a series of study sessions covering the 2016-17 city budget is taking place during the City Council meeting on Tuesday. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 7822 Walker St. Some financial documents can be reviewed at cityoflapalma.org/finance.

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Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016 | Local 3



LA PALMA

Dog obedience: A dog-obedience class is scheduled for 7-8 p.m. Mondays from Jan. 25 to March 21 at the gazebo in Central Park. The cost is \$75. The course is based on American Kennel Club Basic Obedience skills. Dogs must have all of their shots and be at least 5 months old. Their human companions must be at least 18. Details: 714-690-3350.

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Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 | Local 3

LA PALMA

Guitar lessons: Budding guitar players of all ages can sign up for the next session of lessons, which take place Wednesdays, from Feb. 3 to 24, at the Central Park Community Center. Choice of time are 3:30-4 p.m., or 4-4:30 p.m., for \$49; or 4:30-5:30 p.m. for \$80. Information: 714-690-3350.

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La Palma Sisters, Members of the 'Nesting Dolls' Ready to Take Off

By Tammye McDuff

La Palma has its own home-grown all girl band, and they are called The Nesting Dolls.

The Khramov sisters - Mikayla, 21 and Marlana, 18 - are singers, songwriters and instrumentalists who grew up around Russian folk music.

They have invented their own genre, paying homage to the musical influences of Russian-American Rock, Folk and Rock-a-Billy.

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[l-r] The Khramov sisters, Mikayla, 21 and Marlana, 18, have invented their own genre, paying homage to the musical influences of Russian-American Rock.

NESTING DOLLS

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The two opened at the 2013 at the Annual Elvis Birthday Bash, headlined the Fullerton's Day of Music, and have played gigs in Burbank, Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Arizona.

The sisters come from a musically talented family. Their father, Igor Khramov, who died in 2013 at age 50, was from Russia and gained notoriety as a founding member of the Russian folk-and-roll band Limpopo. "He was a genius," Marlana said, "if you would give him any type of instrument, even if he never played it before, he could play it perfectly."

Mikayla recalls tagging along on tours with her father. Both girls were recording with him before the age of 10, "We would sneak into the recording studio, and perform with him on his tracks," remembers Mikayla. The sisters play ten instruments between them, Marlana sings, writes songs and plays the ukulele and the flute and Mikayla sings and plays guitar, drums, Celtic harp, trombone and a Russian instrument called the Balalaika; both play the piano.

The two wrote their first song at the tender age of five, "Our Dad was very proud, but looking back it was pretty embarrassing," recalls Mikayla.

The girls have been performing together since their teens in musical theater and bands, getting their inspiration from an Elvis impersonator. "I was watching this guy perform and I thought, we've got to do this," said Mikayla.

The sisters gathered together a couple of friends, entered their first battle of the bands contest in 2012, and won third place playing two original songs and two Elvis songs. "We started as a little garage band, playing Johnny B. Goode, and writing our own music," Mikayla said, "we began to get gigs and everything just kept rolling."

About a year ago, the sisters changed their name to The Nesting Dolls, a tribute to the sets of Russian wooden dolls that get bigger in size as one is placed inside of another. "The inspirations I get about my songs are about boys, because I've been through a lot of weird relationships," Marlana said. "And I write about my dad, he really inspires me."

Mikayla's approach is a bit different, she says her songs are more about having a conversation with yourself, "I take that to heart because I never know how I truly feel until I start writing a song. I guess it's my own type of therapy."

The Nesting Dolls released their first album at Rusty Surf Ranch in Santa Monica this month which features ten original songs and two covers. 'Something Strange' written by Marlana has a punk-blues sound and is all about falling in love, the other original tune is 'Good, Goodbye, I Love You,' by Mikayla. She said it is a tribute to their Russian-American heritage looking forward to the future.

JANUARY 8, 2016 3

La Palma Mayor Goedhart Announces Weekly "Office Hours" at City Hall

La Palma's Mayor, Gerard Goedhart, has announced that he will be having formal office hours, starting today, every Wednesday between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street. Any resident, business owner, or concerned citizen can come to City Hall unannounced to meet with the Mayor to discuss any matter of importance to them. Mayor Goedhart said, "The City is here to serve our residents and I would be glad to provide any assistance. I look forward to meeting many of the City's residents."

The La Palma City Council also holds regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California. The La Palma City Council meeting agendas, minutes, and audio webcast information are all available on the City's website at www.cityoflapalma.org/council.

The Event **January 8, 2016**

Visiting hours

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