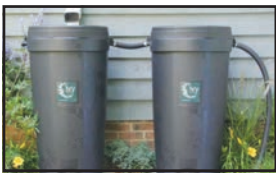


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## Two RMWD seats are contested

Two Rainbow Municipal Water District board seats will have contested elections this year. Rainbow committee members Julie Johnson and Pam Moss are seeking the Division 1 seat. Current Division 5 board member Michael Mack is being challenged by current Vallecitos School District board member Kathy McSorley.

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## County Clerk Office wins coveted Orchid Award

The County of San Diego's new Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk's Office & Archive building has a new record to file – 2020 Orchid award winner for outstanding architecture. The ARCC Office was one of 14 projects honored with a coveted "Orchid" award last week by the San Diego Architectural Foundation.

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## SBA announces simpler PPP forgiveness

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Treasury Department, released a simpler loan forgiveness application for Paycheck Protection Program loans of \$50,000 or less, Oct. 8.

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## A great horned owl visits Live Oak Park



Mutaah, a great horned owl, flaps its wings during the filming of an educational video for San Diego County Park and Rec at Live Oak Park, Oct. 9. See more photos on page A-8

Village News/Shane Gibson photo

## JoAnn Lopez appointed to FUESD Governing Board

Will Fritz  
Staff Writer

JoAnn Lopez will serve on the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District Governing Board for the remainder of former board member Patty De Jong's term.

FUESD's board voted 3-1 to appoint Lopez to fill the empty board seat Monday, Oct. 12, after interviewing two candidates – Lopez and Karen Arter – in open session. Lopez was sworn in at the same meeting.

Sharing her qualifications with the board, Lopez said she worked as an educator for 30 years, primarily in the Vista Unified School District.

"I worked as a teacher, as an assistant principal and eventually as a principal in that district," Lopez told the board. "So I had the opportunity to work at the classroom level face to face with students as

well as administration and actually loved both sides of it so that worked out well."

Lopez said she has been retired for about five years and moved to Fallbrook about two-and-a-half years ago.

Arter, the candidate who was not ultimately selected, told the board she started her career as a bilingual teacher in Logan Heights, a job she held for about five years before serving as an elementary school principal in Santa Rosa for 12 years. Arter also said she worked for three years at her county education office mentoring new principals, and then "decided to do something quite different." She worked as an elementary school principal in Kuwait for nine years, returning to the United States in February after the pandemic forced schools to close, a few months before her planned retirement.

Board members all said they found both candidates highly qualified, although they were of course only able to select one.

"We both want to say you were both incredibly excellent," board member Caron Lieber said, though she provided the sole 'no' vote against appointing Lopez.

"We thought about expanding the board to six," Lieber joked.

Board President Siegrid Stillman offered a similar opinion, though she, as well as board members Susan Liebes and Lisa Masten voted in favor of Lopez.

"The two of you are just so qualified ... we would be blessed to have either one of you and thank you so much for stepping out during this time," Stillman said.

Even Arter said she was happy with the decision.

"I think you made a great choice," Arter said after hearing the motion

to appoint Lopez.

The seat Lopez will now fill became vacant in August when De Jong, a 24-year board member, announced she was stepping down in order to effectively retire. De Jong has most recently been reelected in 2018 and was set to serve until 2022. She was elected to her seat at-large, but FUESD moved to district elections last year, so the seat will be up for election from FUESD's Trustee Area 1 in 2022.

Lopez does not live in Trustee Area 1 – the FUESD board's provisional appointment committee, consisting of Lieber and Liebes, was unable to find any applicants from that area – and thus will be ineligible to run for reelection in that trustee area unless she moves, although she will be able to run for election in the area she lives.

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## Eleven candidates are running to fill 8 seats



Thomas Harrington IV  
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Stephani Baxter



Lee DeMeo



Jacqui Kaiser

There are eight seats up for election on the Fallbrook Community Planning Group and 11 candidates vying to fill them. There are 15 seats in the group with odd-numbered seats up for reelection. Incumbents Bill O'Connor and Karel Hanson chose not to run. Those incumbents who are running are Jerry Kalman, Roy Moosa, Stephani Baxter, Jack Wood, Lee DeMeo and Jim Loge.

The candidates were all sent four questions to answer, but Loge did not respond by press time. His answers will run next week if they are submitted.

Here is what they had to say.

**Why did you decide to take this seat?**

**Stephani Baxter:** To continue the work of serving Fallbrook and my seat is up for reelection. I'm privileged to be currently active in these groups:



Jerry Kalman



Roy Moosa



Ross Pike



Collin Stephens



Ann Strahan



Jack Wood

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Foundation for Senior Care’s ‘Reach Out’ to be held virtually Oct. 24

FALLBROOK – The Foundation for Senior Care’s 15th annual fall benefit, Reach Out, will be held online via Zoom. This year’s event will stream online via Zoom Saturday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. The close of the live stream event at 7 p.m. will be the beginning of a week-long silent auction to end on Oct. 31.

Guests can attend this year’s event from the comfort of their own home or join with a few family and friends for a “Watch Party.” The event is free to attend but can be enhanced with the purchase of VIP packages which include charcuterie and wine to enjoy during the event.

Reach Out promises to be an unforgettable evening with an elegant virtual reception, an inspiring program, captivating entertainment and giveaways.

All proceeds from the event will go to help seniors not only age independently at home but also stay safe during COVID-19 through the many programs of the Foundation for Senior Care. Each year over 1,000 seniors are served with transportation, advocacy, day care and computer learning and, in response to COVID-19, a grocery

delivery service and webinar series, Aging during COVID, have been created.

To receive the Zoom link for Reach Out, register or purchase tickets at [www.foundationforseniorcare.org](http://www.foundationforseniorcare.org).

For sponsorship opportunities or questions, call Theresa at 760-723-7570 or email [tgeracitano@foundationforseniorcare.org](mailto:tgeracitano@foundationforseniorcare.org).

*Submitted by Foundation for Senior Care.*



Reach Out, the Foundation for Senior Care’s fall benefit will be raising money to help local seniors. Grocery delivery is just one of the many ways the Foundation for Senior Care is looking out for seniors during COVID.

## Marching Warriors cancel trip plans

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Marching Warriors and Band Boosters are saddened to announce that they are no longer to make their planned trip to Hawaii. The Marching Warriors had been invited to participate in the historic 75th commemoration of the end of World War II. Due to COVID-19, the original 2020 commemoration and parade were canceled.

After reviewing the options given the band, concerns of future events due to COVID-19 restrictions, and the inability to fully fundraise, it is with heavy hearts that the decision was made to focus on keeping the music program funded versus also trying to continue to fund this expensive trip in parallel.

The Warrior Band Booster organization greatly appreciates the outpouring of support they received from the community and donors. All of the donated

money will remain within the band program and instead will be used for the betterment of the marching band and provide direct support of the students.

The donations that were received will be put toward instrument purchases, repairs, uniforms, and various upkeep of the band program during these challenging times.

While the band boosters are saddened for the students to not go on this trip, they are excited to continue to provide direct support for musical education to the students as well as reciprocate the support received to the Fallbrook community.

Any questions can be sent to [info@fhswarriormusic.com](mailto:info@fhswarriormusic.com).

*Submitted by the Fallbrook Marching Warriors and Band Boosters.*

## Hospice to celebrate memory of loved ones Nov. 15

ESCONDIDO – The community is invited to Light Up a Life, a special candle-lighting ceremony that celebrates the people whose lives have warmed their hearts and whose memories illuminate their lives. This holiday tradition, hosted by The Elizabeth Hospice, has been adapted to ensure public safety through social distancing.

Attendees will stroll through a beautifully lit pathway of luminaria, while enjoying music, hearing inspirational messages and lighting a candle in memory of their special person. Guests and staff will remain 6 feet apart and will be required to wear face masks.

This uplifting family-friendly

event will be held Sunday, Nov. 15, from 4-6 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido at 340 N. Escondido Blvd. Registration is required at [www.elizabethhospice.org/light](http://www.elizabethhospice.org/light). Admission and parking are free.

In support of The Elizabeth Hospice’s nonprofit mission, a donation of \$50 is suggested. Individuals can receive a 2020 keepsake ornament with a \$100 donation or a personalized ornament with a donation of \$250 or more.

Information on sponsorship opportunities can be found at [www.elizabethhospice.org/light](http://www.elizabethhospice.org/light) or by calling 760-796-3708.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Hospice.*

## Healing room reopens with prayer

FALLBROOK – The Holy Spirit Prayer & Healing Ministry held its reopening Oct. 10. This team is available to pray, free of cost, for anyone who is suffering physically, emotionally, mentally or spiritually.

The healing rooms, located at 300 N. Brandon, Suite 22, are an accepting, loving, safe and confidential environment where anyone, Christian or not, can come and receive private prayer from a team of trained Christians who are called for this purpose.

With the reopening, they will be following all safety precaution guidelines set by the County of

San Diego to ensure everyone’s safety. They will also be adding an additional outdoor tent to ensure proper social distancing.

For those who are not able or comfortable receiving prayer in person at this time, they may message the team from the website, <https://fallbrookhealingprayers.org/>, and a team member will contact them.

During these uncertain times, everyone could use a dose of hope, so all are invited to come on over to the healing rooms and receive theirs.

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OPINION

Managing risks



Supervisor Jim Desmond  
Fifth District

Life is about managing risks. Every time we leave our house, there is some risk involved. Unfortunately, accidents happen all the time and can devastate families. However, every day we weigh different options and outcomes based on the risks. This leads me to our current situation. COVID-19 isn’t going away any time soon, so we are left with two options, stay inside, or learn to live with the virus. As I wrote about last week, vaccines usually take years to develop and

even if a miracle occurs and a vaccine is created, only 14% of Americans say they will take it. So, it’s inevitable that COVID-19 will be in our life for the foreseeable future. We must learn to live with this virus. We can’t stay under the covers forever, in fact, staying in may be causing more harm. The Journal of American Medical Association published a recent study focusing on the five states that had the most COVID-19 deaths in March and April. In those five states, heart disease deaths were 89% above normal, diabetes deaths were 96% above normal and in New York City the death rates alone rose 398% from heart disease and 356% from diabetes. These are tragic numbers. These shutdowns have cost the lives of thousands of Americans and we are starting to see a clearer picture. The despair of losing your job, coupled with being forced to remain indoors has seen depression rise across the country. Many checkups and basic procedures have been pushed aside, while hospital beds remain empty. It’s imperative, we must learn to live with this virus, or we will have much bigger problems in the future.

The tale of two Americas

“We the People,” just three words boldly written by our founders in the Constitution defining us, reminding us of our shared national origin. A people of many faces from many places but ultimately bound together by our shared ideals. For the first time in history, government’s power is restricted and emanates from the governed’s consent. Never before had individual rights been so coveted and cherished with absolute preference over government decrees and edicts, indeed a unique experiment of epic proportions. With unprecedented foresight, the founders codified the precept of individual rights that allowed ordinary men from humble beginnings to carve out their future and control their destinies. Freedom and liberty were to become the hallmark of our new nation, and these uniquely American concepts would prove to sustain us, nurture us, and guide our pathway for the next 245 years. Has our history been perfect? Certainly not, but we have always returned to our founding principles when we have strayed from our moral moorings. Over our checkered past, America is not without sin, but we are a people who are resolute in righting injustice. By far, our legacy is one of a nation that has been more benevolent than maleficent, more compassionate than inhumane, and more endearing and forgiving than any other country on the face of the earth. But regrettably, this opinion of America is not readily shared by our citizens on the left today. No, the new Democratic party, hardly recognizable from its former self, is mired in their hatred of our heritage and their disdain for our founding fathers. Today’s Democratic party has constructed a new vision for America, embracing collectivism and authoritarianism while openly expressing a deep hostility for individual rights, capitalism, self-reliance, Christianity, the sanctity of life, and even the essence of Americanism itself. Over the past several months, we

have witnessed the anarchists of the left burning, looting and plundering Seattle, Portland, Minneapolis, and other Democratic-controlled cities. We have stood silent for the most part while our nation’s statues have been defaced and torn down, and while our flag has been desecrated and burned by the “social justice” mobs. We watch in disbelief as members of the Democratic Party’s socialist paramilitary groups, Antifa and BLM, disrespect, spit on, assault, injure and in some cases, murder police officers in Democratic city enclaves across the country. In pursuit of political revenge and for their perceived political advantage, Democratic mayors and governors openly encouraged the anarchists to amplify their carnage while at the same time denying law enforcement the tools to quell the many despicable acts of property destruction and looting. At last count, the assessed damage to small businesses, government buildings, police vehicles, etc. is over \$100 billion. And yet the Democratic leaders and their always compliant and obedient media claim that the “social justice protesters” were mostly peaceful? And then there is the Biden-Harris presidential ticket, or is it the Harris-Biden ticket? Democrats proudly poised to remake our society, brazenly obsessing over their ruinous socialistic nirvana. Demanding the end of fossil fuels, promising open borders, and gleefully threatening reparations. Hell-bent on ending capitalism while secretly planning political retribution for Republicans and for all those that dare to oppose their will. While at the same time, the Dems tout the defunding, dismantling and reimagining of law enforcement. Yet all these socialistic prescriptions are antithetical to American principles, our values and our founder’s intentions. Indeed the Biden-Harris presidential campaign motto that best represents their true intentions is “Vote for Biden & Harris for tyranny and injustice for all.”

Without a doubt, the Democrats’ vision for the country is dispiriting, divisive, dismissive of our values, and especially contemptuous of the middle class, who work diligently to support their families and improve their station in life. For decades the middle class has been a target of the left’s ire because they refuse to submit to the Dems socialistic dogma. And because they cannot control the middle class, the left’s antipathy toward them is riddled with resentment and a deeply seeded hatred for them. So not surprisingly, the “American Dream” is under assault, and our shared story is at risk of ending with calamitous consequences if we choose to turn our backs on our shared heritage and the promises made to us by our founding fathers. So, this election comes down to one of monumental importance. We are but one election away from losing our freedom and becoming just another oppressed people in history. On Nov. 3, we will decide to renew the American compact as conceived, fought for and promised by our founders. “We the People” must reject the Democrat’s un-American and cataclysmic socialistic vision for America. “We the People” can and must secure our way of life, protect Christianity and the unborn, and advance capitalism. We must continue to promote self-reliance, preserve and respect law enforcement, ensure a burgeoning middle class, and secure our borders. If we resist tyranny and embrace these bold initiatives, our descendants will forever be indebted to us for “saving America’s future.” So I’m calling on all our nation’s patriots, Libertarians, moderates, Christians, conservatives, Republicans and like-minded Democrats to reclaim our birthright by voting to reelect President Donald J. Trump and by voting for all the Republican candidates across our great country on Nov. 3.

Dave Maynard

Trump must go

Trump, upon his return to the White House from Walter Reed Hospital, said: “Don’t be afraid of the coronavirus [COVID-19], don’t let it dominate your lives.” To see video: Google (or other browser): “Trump tells supporters ‘don’t be afraid of coronavirus in new video’” This is absolutely beyond the pale. From the start, Trump has flouted the recommendations of the CDC and continues to set a horrible example for his followers. Thanks to his failure to lead, there are now more than 200,000 Americans who don’t have to “fear” COVID-19 anymore. That number would have been far smaller, had Trump not “downplayed” the seriousness of the pandemic. And it’s not over. The pandemic is still in control, needless deaths will continue until we collectively start acting like adults and follow the simple protocols proposed by the CDC. Just three parts: 1. Wash hands frequently and sanitize areas that might have been

contaminated 2. Maintain social distance. 3. Wear a mask when there is any possibility of social distance being breached. None of these is 100% effective on its own, but together they are effective in slowing the progress of COVID-19 to manageable levels until a significant number, perhaps two thirds of Americans, have received a safe and effective vaccination. But Trump has insisted on having a vaccine now, with safety and effectiveness being details that can be worked out later. I refuse to be a guinea pig and you should, too. Listen to the scientists. I believe Trump’s failure to act responsibly on the pandemic amounts to nonfeasance and his totally irresponsible COVID-19 advice amounts to malfeasance, constituting grounds for impeachment or removal under Amendment 25. Trump must go.

John H. Terrell

Politics from my bicycle seat

In 2016, my wife and I happened to be taking a drive across the country in our 35 foot fifth wheel trailer. Our destination was to visit our daughter and her family in Michigan. While traveling in this manner, you have occasion to meet a variety of folks from other parts of America. Mainly we stayed in both recreational vehicle parks and state or national parks. It’s a great way to really see and hear how people live and what they think about the country. Well, we got an earful as we talked and shared a laugh or a beer with our temporary neighbors. People are mostly friendly and want to get to know you, especially when you have a California license

plate on the back of your trailer. As retirees we get to travel around our beloved West and now and then we do longer ventures, such as camping in Maine and crossing into Nova Scotia. This period of time was before the election of Donald Trump as President. Like many Republicans, we had our reservations about this flamboyant TV star of a program we had never viewed. All we knew was that his opponent, Hillary Clinton, a Democrat, was not nearly as likable as he was. She would not be caught dead talking to some of the folks we met and liked along the way. The more we listened to the men and women in Michigan, Wisconsin, South and North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and Utah, the more we realized that Donald Trump could relate to these people and they to him. Many of the men we met were either small-business owners or former or current employees from Ford or GM. Many were “lifelong Democrats.” Most had never voted for a Republican, but they were sure going to the polls and voting for Trump!

I remember remarking to my wife as we motored along on I-90 that we had not seen a single “Hillary for President” sign anywhere along the highway. We had been noticing farm after farm with barns or tractors adorned with “Trump-Pence” signs in the front of their properties. It was remarkable! I even used our cellphone to call our son in California to tell him that this guy Trump is going to win based on what we had been seeing and hearing for the last 30 days. He said, “Dad there is no way. The polls have Hillary leading by 14%. She is running away with it. Trump doesn’t have a chance.” I agreed it was probably just my imagination; Trump was certainly not a politician and didn’t know how to campaign compared to the sophisticated Clinton machine. What was I thinking?

Well, the rest is history. When we got back and it was election night, my wife went to bed early and told me to do the same since Hillary was going to win. I stayed up to see by how much Trump would lose. I woke her up and gave her the good news. I couldn’t help but remember how all those folks we had met months before had all done what they said they were going to do. They voted for Trump! Now it is October 2020. Here we are again thinking about an election, only now Donald Trump is the incumbent. Another lightweight, career politician is his opponent. This time around, we are not in our trailer traveling the highways of this remarkable country because of the coronavirus scare. Instead, I’m riding my bike around the area where we live. I’m a cyclist. I’ve been riding for many years along the roads and bike paths of Southern California. What I have been observing lately that reminds me of those times on the highways of the Midwest in 2016 are the number of Trump signs in the front yards of rural and suburban houses, both large and small residences. I see palpable momentum building over the last two weeks that wasn’t there before. For example, today I rode by a house that last week had a small Trump for President sign in front. Today, it has two signs with American flags posted on each side. There are now more houses on this same street with Trump signs or flags flying. Even in a blue state, people really care about this election. People like us, who have our Trump sign in our front yard, want the world to know that we think there is a better way for our country. We are going out on a limb again. We think this country is in for another surprise. We think Trump is going to win and win big!

Bob Crisell

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# Johnson, Moss, Mack, McSorley seek Rainbow board seats

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Two Rainbow Municipal Water District board seats will have contested elections this year.

Hayden Hamilton was unopposed for a second term in the Division 2 seat. Helene Brazier is retiring as the Division 1 director and Rainbow committee members Julie Johnson and Pam Moss are seeking that seat. Current Division 5 board member Michael Mack is being challenged by current Vallecitos School District board member Kathy McSorley. Division 1 includes Morro Hills, Bonsall, and Vista Valley while Division 5 is in Rainbow and also covers new development projects east of Interstate 15.

Johnson is professionally an educator and Moss is professionally a Realtor.

“I have actually been a teacher and have been working at Mira Costa College for over 30 years,” Johnson said. “I really needed to learn what is out there for our students to know about careers in our region.”

Johnson asked if she could volunteer on one of Rainbow’s committees. She was placed on the Customer Service and Communications Committee, and eventually she became that committee’s vice-chair and then the chair.

“I realized it’s something I’m very interested in as a member of the community,” Johnson said.

Johnson was subsequently appointed to the district’s Budget and Finance Committee.

Moss’ real estate background included title matters. “In the old days we had to know water rights,” Moss said.

The water system includes easement access. “That’s what I know,” Moss said.

Moss is a fifth-generation native Californian who was raised in Compton. “My family was a part of the dairy industry,” she said.

At one time Moss worked for Dairyman Magazine in Paramount; she was responsible for dairy and hay reports.

Her interest in water caused Moss to join Rainbow’s Budget and Finance Committee.

Johnson was born in Delaware, and her family moved to a rural area in Maryland during her childhood. She moved to San Diego County in the late 1970s and moved to Bonsall in 1992. Moss moved to Bonsall from San Juan Capistrano in 2005.

Mack is originally from Los Angeles County and moved from Bell to San Marcos in 1978 after his mother retired and moved to San Diego County. He moved from Temecula to a 9 1/2-acre property in Rainbow 27 years ago.

McSorley and her husband bought a 13-acre property in Rainbow Heights in 1997 although they remained Orange County residents. After they retired they moved to Rainbow in 2017.

Mack was elected to the Rainbow board in November 2016 and previously applied for the Division 5 seat when it was vacant in 2011. “I could see like it was really rigged. That really infuriated me,” he said.

Mack defeated incumbent Dennis Sanford in the November 2016 election, although Sanford was moving to Georgia and didn’t campaign. During his four years in office Mack has been involved in the filling of one vacant board seat. In February 2017 Miguel Gasca was selected to fill the Division 3 seat. Mack noted that all of the candidates for that seat were thanked for their interest in the position.

That differed from the appointment process in 2011. “When I was at board meetings, they didn’t thank the candidates,” Mack said. “It was a very bad taste in my mouth.”

Mack worked for the City of San Marcos for 30 years, and most of that time he was a parks supervisor. His duties included controlling the irrigation system from his office. “I did know on the water side how not to waste water,” he said.

What Mack didn’t know when he was elected in 2016 was the politics of water agencies. “I do think there’s a learning curve,” he said.

“You’ve got to sit back and observe and listen to what’s going on so you can comprehend,” Mack said. “The board makes decisions along with your general manager that impacts ratepayers.”

McSorley worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 39 years before retiring in 2016. Although the U.S. Postal Service does not involve water, her employment gave McSorley customer service experience. “I did a lot of things there. I was a carrier, a clerk. I worked in address management and customer affairs,” she said.

In April 2019, Paul Georgantas stepped down from the Vallecitos School District board. McSorley was chosen to replace him in June 2019 prior to the school district transitioning from at-large elections to elections by territorial unit. She is not eligible to run for re-election to the school board this year.

“I’m currently on the Vallecitos school board and my term is going to be up at the end of the year, so I wanted to still do community service and give back to my community in Rainbow,” McSorley said. “I want to ensure that we have a safe and reliable water system in Rainbow for the residents as well as the agricultural community at a reasonable cost.”

All four of the candidates enjoy living in Bonsall or Rainbow, but all four see challenges facing the water district.

Johnson noted that accountability to the public is one of the challenges the Rainbow district faces. “I think the most important thing is to continue to be a credible institution that people trust,” she said. “Having individuals that can communicate well and work well as a team is critical.”

Rainbow will also have to adapt to new development. “Fallbrook/Bonsall has always been more of a rural area,” Johnson said.

“It’s going to be a time of growth for North County,” Johnson said. “It’s an exciting time.”

The agricultural losses in the area included Johnson’s own grove. At one time she had 450



Julie Johnson



Pam Moss



Michael Mack



Kathy McSorley

avocado trees. “We just couldn’t keep up. We were losing money,” she said.

“Our trees were getting old,” Johnson said. “We took down the grove.”

Johnson decided to remain in agriculture although not on a commercial basis. “I just can’t give it up,” she said. “I’m experimenting with pepper trees so you can actually share these with individuals.”

The pepper trees won’t be given away in the near future. “We don’t have that many right now,” Johnson said.

“It’s not just providing water. It’s providing a service,” Moss said of a water agency’s activity.

“I think that the biggest challenge that we face on an ongoing basis is for people to understand that it isn’t just the cost of the water. It’s the cost of the infrastructure and the delivery,” Moss said. “It’s an infrastructure issue.”

“We have many,” Mack said of Rainbow’s challenges. “As a ratepayer I was always concerned about the high water rates Rainbow has.”

Once he joined the board Mack learned why Rainbow’s rates are so high. The district has approximately 350 miles of pipeline and only about 8,000 ratepayers. “That’s not normal for other water agencies. They have a whole lot more people contributing to the system,” he said.

Other challenges, Mack noted, involve the difference in elevation throughout the district. The pressure for some pipes is more than 600 pounds per square inch. Moving water uphill also creates challenges, especially with regard to costs. Maintaining compliance with new state regulations is another challenge Mack sees Rainbow facing.

“The infrastructure is old,” McSorley said.

“In the valley below they’ve

had a lot of things falling apart and breaking,” McSorley said. “A lot of people have been out of water for a couple of days.”

Rainbow is contemplating detachment from the San Diego County Water Authority and annexing into the Eastern Municipal Water District. Mack, McSorley, and Moss expressed support for the reorganization while Johnson is awaiting more information before she makes a decision.

“They charge so much for water,” Mack said of the SDCWA. “Our taxpayers over a 10-year period are going to save over 80 million dollars in fees.”

That could create lower rates while some of the savings could be used for Rainbow operations. “That’s going to help our infrastructure,” Mack said. “We’re hoping and praying that goes through.”

Mack noted that the benefits to Rainbow’s agriculture customers are not limited to cost savings. Both the CWA and Eastern utilize State Water Project supply from Northern California and Colorado River supply. The CWA utilizes more imported water from the Colorado River, which has a higher salinity than the State Water Project flows.

“It will be a lot more cost-effective,” McSorley said.

The lower cost of water purchases for Rainbow will likely result in the savings being passed on to consumers. “They won’t have to raise our rates,” McSorley said.

“I’ll have more facts if I was on the board,” McSorley said. “I’m interested in getting the water supply to Rainbow at a reasonable cost.”

“I’m very much in favor of us going to the Eastern district. I think it’s a great move,” Moss said.

“It makes good economic sense and I’m all about the economics and the numbers,” Moss said. “It’s in the best

interests of the ratepayers for the economics of delivering the water and providing water without providing the overhead of the San Diego County Water Authority.”

Eastern and the SDCWA both import water from MWD and both agencies also have their own local supply. The agencies have fixed costs for expenses incurred even when water use is reduced, and Rainbow anticipates savings if the fixed costs for the CWA are replaced with the fixed costs for Eastern.

“It’s not just the cost of water but the delivery of water and the maintenance of the infrastructure system,” Moss said. “You’re not just paying for water but you’re paying for your part of the system.”

The SDCWA has a weighted voting system, so CWA member agencies with exclusively or primarily municipal and industrial customers can outvote agencies with agricultural customers.

“It makes a lot more sense for us to be aligned with more agriculturally related water,” Moss said. “We are 70% agriculture. That’s what we do.”

“That’s something I really don’t want to respond to right now because I don’t have enough information about it,” Johnson said.

“If I’m elected I will do more research on the pros and cons,” Johnson said. “I want to make sure that we do the right thing for our customers and our region.”

Johnson notes that she would learn more details about the Rainbow district as a board member. “I will come on the board not 100% knowledgeable on everything, but I think I’m a good listener,” she said.

*Note: Kathy McSorley’s photo was not available as of press time.*

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## State eases restrictions on private gatherings

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The state released new guidance Oct. 9 that allows private gatherings of up to three households. The new guidance went into effect in San Diego County Saturday, Oct. 10.

The gatherings must take place outdoors. If at someone’s home, guests may go inside to use a

bathroom.

Any interaction with others increases the risk of transmitting COVID-19. The smaller the gathering, the lower the risk. The new guidance recommends keeping the households you gather with stable over time.

Participants in a gathering need to stay at least 6 feet apart from non household members and wear face coverings in accordance with state guidance. Gatherings should

be kept to two hours or less.

Anyone with COVID-19-like symptoms should stay home. If you attend a gathering and develop COVID-19 symptoms within 48 hours of a gathering, you should notify everyone who was there.

Those in a high-risk group, such as older adults and people with chronic medical conditions, are strongly urged not to attend gatherings.



# LAFCO approves agricultural lands policy update

Joe Naiman  
Village News Reporter

San Diego County’s Local Agency Formation Commission approved an updated policy on preserving open space and agricultural lands.

The 8-0 LAFCO board vote Oct. 5 approves the updated policy. LAFCO is responsible for jurisdictional boundary changes including annexations, city incorporations, consolidations, detachments and dissolutions, and consistency with the policy will be a consideration when LAFCO makes decisions.

The policy discourages proposals which would convert prime agricultural or open space lands to other uses unless that denial would not promote the planned orderly, efficient development of an area or unless the jurisdiction has identified all prime agricultural land within its sphere of influence and has adopted measures to preserve prime agricultural lands for agricultural uses.

For cities, the policy requires pre-zoning of territory to identify areas subject to agricultural preservation and planned development. The policy also references procedures to define agricultural and open space lands and to determine if a proposal may adversely affect such lands.

“We ended up getting, I think, a very good policy,” said LAFCO Executive Officer Keene Simonds.

LAFCO initially adopted a policy on preservation of open space and agricultural lands in November 1978 and most recently amended that policy in November 1998. “The world has certainly changed for LAFCO since 1998,” Simonds said.

Technical revisions to include updated cross-references were approved by Mike Ott, who was then LAFCO’s executive officer, in 2001 and 2015. In March 2019, LAFCO staff brought a proposed update to the board for potential distribution to local agencies and other stakeholders for public review, but dissatisfaction with portions of the policy led to postponing any potential changes.

Six amendments were proposed by LAFCO staff in 2019: a new policy statement to coordinate with land use authorities to reduce the current average annual loss by one-half by 2040, eliminating the requirement for cities to pre-zone territory to demonstrate specific land uses (the elimination would be due to redundancy since current LAFCO law requires

cities to pre-zone territory or show vested entitlements as a precondition to request boundary changes), identifying housing for all incomes as a factor to determine if a proposal which would otherwise be discouraged would promote orderly growth and therefore be appropriate, addressing inconsistencies with general plans, a new policy statement to determine when extending municipal services to agricultural lands may be appropriate, and eliminating cross-reference to LAFCO’s Procedures Guide in favor of directly adding the applicable procedures as an appendix.

“The commission was not happy with the initial rollout,” Simonds said.

The revised policy incorporates input from stakeholders including the San Diego County Farm Bureau and the Wildlife Habitat Conservation Coalition. LAFCO has a Cities Advisory Committee and a Special Districts Advisory Committee, and LAFCO staff also worked with those two committees. The Special Districts Advisory Committee created a subcommittee to address the proposed revisions.

A major revision from the 2019 version distinguishes between

agricultural and open space lands and their distinct societal functions relative to LAFCO’s purview.

The revisions also address wildlife and local habitat planning in open space considerations, and the policy was expanded to distinguish differences in open space types and to prioritize the protection of natural, or unbuilt, open space lands which support wildlife.

The county and the 18 incorporated cities are encouraged to engage in strategic coordination and maintain open space lands as municipal greenbelts which create community separators; in that capacity open space is recognized as a municipal service.

The 2019 draft policy focused on prime agricultural land while the revised policy addresses all agriculture including unique farmland and farmland of statewide or local importance. The draft policy was also revised to distinguish between above-ground agriculture activities such as floral nurseries and in-ground activities such as row crops, which gives LAFCO additional flexibility regarding proposals involving above-ground crops.

“We just got very clear with our terminology and our expectations,” Simonds said.

A policy exception was added for land which would otherwise qualify as agriculture or prime agriculture under statute (such as the potential to generate a commodity value of at least \$400 an acre) if the land has not been used for agricultural purposes over the preceding 60-month period, which will help to quantify on a local basis the economic viability of agricultural uses for lands subject to LAFCO proceedings and is also intended to encourage or to avoid discouraging new agricultural ventures by eliminating the specter of future LAFCO restrictions.

“We need to be flexible,” Simonds said.

The revised policy also broadens the policy to contemplate circumstances when the extension of municipal services to agricultural lands through jurisdictional changes and/or out-of-agency contracts may be appropriate to maintain economic vitality.

A nonvoting item at the Aug. 3 LAFCO board meeting distributed the draft update for review.

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of thousands of doctors, epidemiologists and scientists that have been organizing and speaking out against the “science.” They believe the lockdowns are detrimental not only to our health but also the collateral damage is devastating and we will be dealing with more cancer and hunger that will fall disproportionately on the poor around the world.

This was first talked about in our state by some local doctors and then a larger group of doctors who were made fun of and banned from YouTube and Facebook. Now even an official from the World Health Organization has come out this week against lockdowns.

Then there is the Great Barrington Declaration, started by top epidemiologists from Stanford, Oxford and Harvard with over 24,000 doctors, over 9000 scientists and public health officials and over 400,000 concerned citizens signing it around the world in just a few days.

There is another group of European Union doctors who have the backing of thousands of doctors and scientists as well based out of Germany that we reported on last month.

This isn’t going away. It is common to label anyone who questions authority or the status quo as a conspiracy theorist or a long list of other pejoratives, but the tide is turning and it is important to listen to a variety of voices and not shut people out based on preconceived ideas, narratives and ideologies.

And above all else, we need to stick to the Constitution and not give politicians permission to suspend our Constitutional rights.

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# Educational video filmed at the park



Charles Gailband, Region Manager for SD County Department of Parks and Recreation provides facts about the great horned owl during a filming of an educational video at Live Oak Park in Fallbrook. The video is one of a series of educational videos SD County Parks and Rec are providing during "Hawktober." Each Wednesday at 11 a.m. during the month of October, San Diego County Parks and Rec will release a video about a local bird of prey on their YouTube channel @SDCountyParks.

Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Mutaah the great horned owl. Great horned owls are the largest owl species in San Diego County and the only owl species in the region to make the distinctive hoot sound.



Charles Gailband, Region Manager for SD County Department of Parks and Recreation, introduces a great horned owl named Mutaah at Live Oak Park in Fallbrook during the filming of a virtual education video, Oct. 9.



Mutaah, a great horned owl, is the subject of an education video provided by SD County Parks and Rec at Live Oak Park in Fallbrook.



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Charles Gailband, Region Manager for SD County Department of Parks and Recreation explains what makes great horned owls during the filming of an educational video at Live Oak Park in Fallbrook.



The educational video about great horned owls featuring Mutaah, will be aired on YouTube Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. @SDCountyPark.



Charles Gailband, Region Manager for SD County Department of Parks and Recreation holds Mutaah, a great horned owl during a filming of an educational video at Live Oak Park in Fallbrook.



CANDIDATES  
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Fallbrook Planning Group, Supervisor Jim Desmond’s Revitalization Committee, Community Forum for Fallbrook Visioning, CSA-81, Fallbrook Trails Council, Live Oak Park Coalition, Chamber of Commerce Member, Parks & Rec Subcommittee, Design Review Subcommittee, California Protea Association, Fallbrook Vineyard Church.

**Lee DeMeo:** I was first elected by Fallbrookians to the Fallbrook Planning Group in 2012 and have served ever since. As I have grown concerned for America, I became involved and ran for local office. As a conservative who believes in the U.S. Constitution, I believe in property rights. Fallbrook is the finest community I have ever lived in, a beautiful place to live with its rural charm and small-town America feel. As a member of the Fallbrook Planning Group, I have stood and will stand for your property rights and for your rights to keep Fallbrook the same community we all love and desire.

**Jacqui Kaiser:** I have never run for public office, but this current election cycle has really impressed upon me the need for civic minded individuals with a stake in the community to become involved in local government. I moved to Fallbrook in 2015 and absolutely fell in love with this “friendly village.” I am seeking this position so I can use my personal strengths along with my extensive business experience to invest in the future of my community.

**Jerry Kalman:** I’m an active member of two committees and an appointed member of the full Planning Group. Since 2018 I have served as Planning Group secretary. If elected, I would like to continue as the organization’s secretary and vice chair of the Land Use Committee.

**Roy Moosa:** Have spent the last 12 years on the Planning Group helping to keep Fallbrook’s character. Will continue to fight for Fallbrook and the community.

**Ross Pike:** I come from a farming family and they instilled in me the importance of giving back to the community and looking out for your neighbor. I decided to run for the Planning Group because I saw an opportunity to give back to our community that I have fallen in love with. I also saw opportunities to improve the relationship of the group with the community itself. I will serve the community and have the skillset to get things done.

**Anna Strahan:** I am seeking a seat on the Fallbrook Community Planning Group because I am passionate about local planning issues, am a Fallbrook native, and am confident that my professional and academic experience will make me an asset to the group. I grew up in Fallbrook and graduated from Fallbrook High School. I earned my bachelor’s degree from UC San Diego and am currently pursuing my Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree at Cal Poly Pomona. I’ve worked at San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) as a Planning Intern for over a year. I look forward to the opportunity of serving the community of Fallbrook.

**Jack Wood:** I have been an active member, both elected and nonelected, for the past 20 years. I have a heart for Fallbrook and wish to continue serving the community to the best of my ability.

**Thomas Harrington IV:** Fallbrook is more to me than just my home. I grew up here, I went to school here, I am raising my family here, and I work here. Working in town as a firefighter over the past 14 years has shown me a side of Fallbrook that many people don’t get to see. It has inspired me to get out in the community and lend a hand. I am seeking this seat as a starting place. I don’t have an agenda, I just want to enter into this seat with an open mind, wide-open eyes and open ears.

What is the most important role of the Planning Group?

**Stephani Baxter:** Our job is to review and analyze planning and building projects, land use, and zoning and design guidelines to ensure applicants meet the Fallbrook Community Plan and County General Plan. Then we make recommendations to the County of San Diego. We are advisers, not county officials. Relationships with county staff, local leaders, and residents of our community are vital to the future health of our unincorporated town.

**Lee DeMeo:** The most important role of the Planning Group is to

do the two things I mentioned above. Protect the property rights of individuals and keep Fallbrook to stay Fallbrook.

**Jacqui Kaiser:** The Planning Group’s main task is to assist and advise the County of San Diego on matters regarding planning and land use within Fallbrook. I believe that maintaining the unique rural, welcoming and friendly atmosphere of Fallbrook should be paramount. Fallbrook has a charm and warmth often missing in busy communities today.

**Jerry Kalman:** This Planning Group is a local body that serves the citizens of Fallbrook. Our 15 members reside in Fallbrook and meet on the third Monday of every month to review zoning issues, sign requests, traffic problems and matters pertaining to cell phone towers. We want to retain Fallbrook’s rural character.

**Roy Moosa:** To ensure that Fallbrook’s character remains intact and that changes are guided to remain within that character.

**Ross Pike:** It’s imperative that the decisions of the Planning Group are representative of the community and what it wants. That’s why I believe it is crucial that the group seeks out the input from the community. We can’t wait for people to come to the group, the group needs to go to the people. That’s why I have met with community groups like VOCES de Fallbrook and have earned their endorsement. Further, it is critical that the group is seeking ways to improve Fallbrook and that includes supporting our local businesses to ensure a thriving local economy.

**Collin Stephens:** The most important role is representing all community members when making planning and land use decisions. We must put our own personal beliefs aside, be nonbiased, nonpolitical and do what is right for Fallbrook and wanted by her residents.

**Anna Strahan:** The most important role of the planning group is collecting public input and making recommendations to the County on pertinent land use and circulation issues. This election is at large, which means that our board members represent the entire Fallbrook community. For planning decisions to truly benefit the community, we need to make sure everyone’s voice is heard. If I am elected, I’m committed to ensuring that the planning group meetings are accessible and are promoted to Fallbrook residents.

**Jack Wood:** The Planning Group is the eyes and ears of the unincorporated area of Fallbrook. They advise the County on all matters that can have an effect on the lives of the residents and businesses in the area. The community would not have a voice at the County level without the Planning Group speaking on behalf of all residents.

**Thomas Harrington IV:** This is a great question. I feel that Community Planning Groups are a great way for members from the community to have a say on important issues in the community. The most important role of the Community Planning Group is to accurately represent all members of the community.

What Planning and Land Use issues do you think Fallbrook will be facing over the next four years and how would you deal with them?

**Stephani Baxter:** Underway is an update to current Village Zoning Guidelines. This helps thriving business downtown, and traffic improvements for driver and pedestrian safety, including trails/pathways. It’s time to modernize our design guidelines which encourages better design while keeping the guidelines clear and easy to use for the applicants. Advise on new park elements, including a skate park on Fallbrook Street.

**Lee DeMeo:** There are large elements and laws of the federal, state and local government that are now forcing upon communities, including Fallbrook, principles of development and growth that will restrict our citizens’ freedom and those of our citizens’ children. These bad principles, known as “smart growth” and “sustainable development,” will tell you, the members of the Fallbrook community, what your community will be like and must be in the future. I have and will fight against these principles. I believe that it is for Fallbrook and its citizens to decide that.

**Jacqui Kaiser:** Because land in Southern California is at a premium, and the housing crisis is especially apparent in San Diego County, I believe that there will be

additional pressure on Fallbrook to allow more development within its borders. I believe that Fallbrook must consider any future development opportunities both thoughtfully and deliberately. Growth and development must always strive to preserve the unique rural qualities that make this community extremely desirable.

**Jerry Kalman:** Three challenges face us in the near term: traffic in/around the village; placement of 5G cell towers, particularly in residential areas; and availability of parks and other recreation facilities. With community leaders, we need traffic calming projects along Main Avenue. We must work with the County Traffic Advisory Committee to minimize speeding along East Mission and South Mission roads (particularly in the vicinity of Green Canyon Road). Fallbrook is underserved in parks and other recreation facilities in the community. These three topics do not diminish other important issues: safe paths and sidewalks for children, seniors and the mobility challenged; expanding beautification efforts, and coping with homelessness.

**Roy Moosa:** Major growth and development. I will fight to control those changes so that we can retain the community character which drew us to move here.

**Ross Pike:** Growth is inevitable as the population in San Diego County increases. However, we need to be smart about any sort of developments. We must be able to address this growth while also preserving our friendly village. That is why the rezoning project is going to be key to protecting our small-town charm. I will work with community groups to ensure that happens.

**Collin Stephens:** Growth. Growth is inevitable, but smart and respectful growth is essential. I promise to make every growth decision with the residents’ priorities in mind, not the developer or the county. We cannot steamroll current residents’ voices and push through an unchecked, unwanted development. Though growth will continue to come to North County, we as a group can ensure the best possible outcome for our community.

**Anna Strahan:** Over the next four years, growth and economic development opportunities will be at the forefront in Fallbrook. I am committed to ensuring economic growth for small businesses, improving mobility options, and ensuring that planning decisions are made through an equity lens. We must have a plan in place to recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

**Jack Wood:** There are four

issues that the Planning Group will be working on in the next four years: 1. Revitalization plan for the downtown area, 2. Increasing areas for parks and recreational areas, 3. Improving trails and pathways, 4. Maintaining the rural and tranquil area we call Fallbrook.

**Thomas Harrington IV:** This is a fair question. I think Fallbrook will be facing many issues over the next four to eight years, ranging from aging public facilities, to increased traffic on our roadways and lastly the need for a clear plan on land use as we approach build out. Certainly, there is not an easy answer to any of the issues. I believe that each and every issue that we face deserves a collaborative effort from the Community Planning Group as well as our community.

In what direction will you try to guide Fallbrook?

**Stephani Baxter:** Fallbrook is known for its scenic rural charm and agricultural tradition. That’s what drew my family to Fallbrook, and it’s our hearts’ desire to see it continue. If you love this special place like I do, I encourage more community participation. Fallbrook is a volunteer town, lots of ways to contribute!

**Lee DeMeo:** Again, as your incumbent elected member of the Fallbrook Planning Group, I have stood and will continue to serve my neighbors in Fallbrook. I will continue to stand up for your property rights and your rights for Fallbrook to stay and be the community it has been and we want it to be.

**Jacqui Kaiser:** I would like to see Fallbrook become the “Jewel of North County.” Fallbrook has an abundance of natural beauty and historic roots within a friendly and caring community. I would strive to ensure that Fallbrook maintains and builds upon its rich heritage. Fallbrook must also develop credible plans and policies to attract and retain a vibrant business climate. For Fallbrook to continue to thrive, we must support our local commerce. This should include enhancing the aesthetic appeal and safety of our downtown areas, as well as encouraging and supporting local venues that attract community members and visitors alike.

**Jerry Kalman:** To retain qualities that make our rural community one of the most desirable in the county. With the COVID-19 pandemic, we see a surge of new residents coming into the community. Many do so for a lifestyle change and the relative safety a less dense area affords them. They’re becoming our neighbors and we want to make sure those reasons are perpetuated. We want a Planning

Group dedicated to retaining those qualities our residents seek.

**Roy Moosa:** A vibrant downtown with a small town atmosphere, I will push for the type of town that people will want to raise their children in and the type of town that many wish they could live in.

**Ross Pike:** I want to move Fallbrook forward as a community. It’s important that the community is involved in decisions that affect them and their families. I want to see the community move together in a way that enhances our friendly village. Supporting our local businesses is essential to doing that. Visit my website, VotePike.com, for information about me and my vision for Fallbrook.

**Collin Stephens:** I pledge three main points when making any decision if elected. One, I will keep all resident’s voices front and center and I will finally bring the young family voice to an elected position. Two, I will make our village revitalization a top priority and ensure downtown is just as treasured by the next generation as it has been by the past. Three, I will protect the community we all cherish by maintaining our small town, country charm. I invite you to stand alongside me and help shepherd our incredible town into the modern era all while maintaining everything we love.

**Anna Strahan:** I am passionate about economic growth for small businesses while maintaining Fallbrook’s small-town charm. As opportunities for growth in Fallbrook arise, it’s vital to weigh our options by consulting with our stakeholders. This means ensuring that community members and business owners have a seat at the table. Also, as a member of the planning group, I’d like to strengthen the group’s partnerships with local boards and agencies in both Fallbrook and the region.

**Jack Wood:** A large number of residents moved to Fallbrook to escape the density and congestion of Orange and Los Angeles counties. My emphasis will be on helping to maintain the open space while continuing to improve infrastructure like road improvements, sidewalks and walkways.

**Thomas Harrington IV:** I would like to guide Fallbrook in a direction to see the roadways become safer. During my 14 years as a firefighter here in town I have come to know the roadways quite well. I have seen many incidents that were extremely tragic. I would like to make some sound recommendations for improvements in roadway safety to keep our community safe.

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# Real Estate Round-Up: Vote wisely



**Kim Murphy**  
Murphy & Murphy Southern  
California Realty

Voter booklets are out. Ballots are out. It’s time to get serious about the propositions on November’s ballot. There are three that potentially impact real estate and your property values.

The first one is Proposition 15. It has a title that is very misleading. It makes you think that it is all about funding our schools. The revenue created, if Prop 15 were to pass, would largely go to the schools but at the cost of commercial property owners across the state.

It would change how commercial property tax is calculated. It would no longer re-value commercial property at the time of a sale, but every three years regardless if a transfer has occurred or not. A

state appointed appraiser would be tasked with evaluating the current market value of every commercial property every three years.

Unlike the process for residential, it would probably not require that the appraiser visit the property or the similar comparable properties in the area. It would be a “drive-by” or data driven appraisal, similar to valuations done by syndicated sites that projects value based solely on data, not on the physical attributes or deficits of the property or the reality of the current economic status of the community.

Commercial property isn’t just the warehouses or industrial facilities you might be thinking of. It includes retail, restaurants, and farmers/growers in the state. Any increase in property taxes will be passed on to you the consumer at an additional cost for the product created or provided by the commercial entity. This is a “lose” for you, the consumer.

There are other ways to support schools and they are called “school bond issues.” Bond issues require the school district to state their need, state the advantages to supporting the bond, and then local residents vote to support or deny the bond issue. Local issues voted on by local voters. Makes a lot more sense.

Prop 19 is one I have written about for over two years. It

originated as Prop 5. It had some flaws that I previously wrote about. It is now revamped with most of the same benefits of Prop 5, but incorporates protection for victims of wildfires, people with severe disabilities, and family farms.

The broadest application will be for homeowners over the age of 55 who want to sell their home and relocate within California. Those homeowners will be able to use their property tax transfer up to three times, anywhere within the state, with any value. The tax basis would be blended if the purchase of the new property is greater than the price of the sold property.

There is a provision within Prop 19 that has a potential tax impact on heirs who inherit property that choose to not make the property their primary residence. If the heir chooses to make the transferred property their primary residence, the property tax basis will remain with the property.

However, if the heir chooses to not use the inherited property as their primary residence, the property tax basis would be assessed to the current value. That heir receives the gifted property. The heir receives an updated property tax basis. The heir can choose to keep the property and rent it or sell it if they believe the property taxes are a greater burden than they can financially support.

This proposition has great

support because it will generate hundreds of millions of annual funding for fire protection, local government and school districts, while helping the three identified groups move into the property that meets their needs.

Prop 21 would replace the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act which was passed in 1995. Prior to the enactment of Costa-Hawkins, local governments were permitted to enact rent control provided that landlords would receive just and reasonable returns on their rental properties. Costa-Hawkins continued to allow local governments to use rent control, except on (a) housing that was first occupied after February 1, 1995, and (b) housing units with distinct titles, such as condos, townhouses and single-family homes.

The ballot measure would allow local governments to adopt rent control on housing units, except on (a) housing that was first occupied within the last 15 years and (b) units owned by natural persons who own no more than two housing units with separate titles, such as single-family homes, condos, and some duplexes, or subdivided interests, such as stock cooperatives and community apartment projects.

Under Costa-Hawkins, landlords are allowed to increase rent prices to market rates when a tenant moves out (a policy

known as vacancy decontrol). The ballot measure would require local governments that adopt rent control to allow landlords to increase rental rates by 15% during the first three years following a vacancy.

The independent Legislative Analyst’s Office notes that Prop 21 could result in a decline in property values which in turn will result in the potential loss of tax revenue. Prop 21 also could result in “tens of millions of dollars per year” in increased costs to local governments.

Propositions 15 will cost you. Proposition 21 will reduce the number of rental units available, which will hurt the very people it purports to support, renters. Prop 19 is a win. It will help seniors, the severely disabled, and natural disaster victims, while contributing financially to schools, fire protection and local governments. California is already one of the highest taxed states in the nation. Prop 15 and 21 will bring more taxes, Prop 19 will alleviate taxes for many. Vote wisely.

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## De Meo wants to switch from schools to fire departments in NCFPD race



Lee J. De Meo is running for the District 1 seat on the North County Fire Protection District Board of Directors against David Kennedy.

**Jeff Pack**  
Staff Writer

For the last six years, Lee J. De Meo has served as a trustee on the Fallbrook Union High School District Board of Trustees, now he wants to become a director in District 1 on the North County Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

De Meo, along with his opponent David Kennedy, were sent questions by Village News so that readers

could get a little more insight into each of the candidates and their priorities.

Kennedy did not respond to the questions prior to the press deadline, but his answers will be included in future editions of the newspaper if he responds.

Why do you feel you are uniquely qualified to represent your district on the NCFPD board?

De Meo: I bring my local government experience, community knowledge and personal ideas of community service to the NCFPD board, having served successfully as a member of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group since 2012 and as a trustee of the Fallbrook Union High School District since 2014. I have found it a great responsibility and honor to serve Fallbrookians in these ways and look forward to being able to serve them in this new capacity.

Measure A not passing was a huge blow to the district. How can you help guide the district through future funding issues?

De Meo: Having served as an elected trustee of the Fallbrook High School Board, I have observed and helped implement the current school bond (Measure AA passed in 2016) without raising taxes on the residents of Fallbrook. This bond was successfully structured in such a way to make that happen.

I will bring my experience in this to the NCFPD board for future efforts. (I don’t believe that the presentation of Measure A was handled correctly).

What are the top three issues facing the district in the coming years?

De Meo: Naturally the first issue to be considered is the ongoing possibilities of seasonal and year round wildfires and our community’s ability to both mitigate and prevent them and to make sure that our community is prepared for them, This leads to be able to make sure that North County Fire Protection has what is needed in equipment, facilities and manpower to accomplish those abilities. Finally, with the new homes being built in our area and the increase in residents, we will need to take a look at what will be needed to provide fire protection for these new residents and the area growth as we move into the future.

What are three things you would like to accomplish or shore up with the district if you are elected?

De Meo: I would like to accomplish the three things listed above in question 3. In addition, I would like our first responders to know that they are appreciated by Fallbrookians and to make sure they have what they need, while still being fiscally responsible.

What do you bring to the board personally or professionally that is currently lacking or will add to the board in your opinion?

De Meo: The biggest asset I bring to add to this or any other board (like I have in both the planning group and the high school board) is the ability to quickly analyze information and situations, to understand what that information means, how it relates together and get a good picture of what is happening, what will happen if any particular actions are or are not taken, and be able to make good decisions moving forward to provide good and positive results for Fallbrook and the rest of the district. I look forward to being able to continue to serve.

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## BWC learns about The White Rainbow Project



Bonsall Woman's Club Past President Joan Kaford receives her new yearbook at the drive-by distribution.

FALLBROOK – The Bonsall Woman’s Club’s September meeting normally kicks off the new club year with a special program. It is during this initial meeting, the incoming board, headed by the new president, Peggy Durling, sets the tempo for the coming year. And the updated 2020-2021 yearbooks are usually distributed to the membership. However, COVID restrictions prompted a virtual meeting, so the special program was presented via video conferencing.

Program chairperson Laurie Criscenti introduced Linda Mandrayar, who started the nonprofit “The White Rainbow Project” to empower widowed women of India with a focus on deconstructing the stigma of widowhood by teaching them sustainable skills. The presentation explained how the widows of India are cast out of society after their husbands die.

The White Rainbow Project helps them earn a living and possibly reenter society as productive members. More information about this interesting and worthwhile project can be found at [WhiteRainbowProject.org](http://WhiteRainbowProject.org). Mandrayar is also a new member of the BWC.

The BWC had to find a method for handing out the yearbooks that would not involve the additional cost of mailing. Later in the month they created a “drive through” location in River Village near

the La Sala Room. An area was designated where members could pull up curbside, and not only pick up their yearbook, but the yearbook for their “proxy.”

Members had the option of entering the La Sala Room as long as they wore a mask and complied with social distancing guidelines. Colorful balloons and signs led the way for the members. In a couple of hours an amazing number of yearbooks were given out.

This unique situation allowed for the members to further take advantage of the opportunity to drop off donations for some of the club’s sponsored charities: Critter Causes (dog and cat food, new toys, leashes, clean towels, and flat sheets), Oh Happy Baby (new baby items, gently used baskets or donation checks), and, Operation Gratitude (bags of Halloween candy to give to deployed troops, veterans, and first responders).

The La Sala Room provided an area for membership chair Sydne Gilbert to present a 25-year pin to Cindy Floyd for her dependable hands-on committed service to the club. Floyd is well known for and can be relied on to design and decorate the small Christmas trees raffled at the popular BWC Christmas fundraising event.

All funds raised by the BWC benefit local charities. For more information on BWC, visit [bonsallwomansclub.org](http://bonsallwomansclub.org).

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4 beds, 2 baths, 2,237 sq ft turnkey home on a 1/4 acre corner lot. Amazing location in a neighborhood experiencing a ton of appreciation currently and even more to come in the next few years. Recently upgraded with brand new paint throughout, newer carpet in the bedrooms, and new cabinetry in the kitchen. Covered patio in the backyard with tons of room to roam, lots of greenery & privacy. Huge master suite with very spacious closets in all bedrooms.

**Seller will entertain offers between \$625,000 & \$675,000**

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## Meet FUESD Trustee Area 2 candidate Suzanne Lundin



Suzanne Lundin is running for FUESD's area 2 board of trustees' seat.

**Will Fritz**  
Staff Writer

With Fallbrook Union Elementary School District Governing Board members Siegrid Stillman and Lisa Masten not running for reelection that leaves two vacancies on the board this November. And while Stillman and Masten were elected to their seats at-large – that is, representing the entire district – 2020 will be the first year in which FUESD elects its board members on a trustee area system.

The seats in trustee areas 2 and 3 are the ones up for election this year. Suzanne Lundin is running

in trustee area 2, which covers a portion of northern Fallbrook, all of the San Diego County side of De Luz and a large swath of Camp Pendleton.

Published here are Lundin’s written responses to questions from Village News. Responses from Ricardo Favela, the candidate in trustee area 3, will be published next week.

What is your motivation for wishing to serve the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District and more specifically, the district you serve?

I believe every child deserves the opportunity to achieve their personal best, I personally know how life-changing an education can be. My family was poor, but my parents encouraged me to work hard in school because they believed a good education would give me a better future. A scholarship enabled me to attend UC Berkeley where I graduated with a political science degree and later completed a master’s in urban studies. The education I received opened an entire world of possibilities for me and I believe every child deserves that same opportunity to be successful... and with the right support, they can. As a member of the FUESD School Board, I will work to ensure that students and teachers get the resources and support they need for success.

In the upcoming term, what are

your top three goals to address or accomplish for the district?

My top priority is student reading proficiency by the end of third grade. Elementary school years are critical for children because this is when they must acquire the basic skills of reading, writing and math. The research is clear – if students can become reading proficient by the end of third grade, they’re prepared to be successful in school. But without those skills, they will struggle and fall behind...and many will never catch up.

My second priority is closing achievement gaps by focusing on educational equity – ensuring that all students succeed by providing resources according to what individual students need.

For example, children from economically disadvantaged households or students who are English language learners often face unique challenges and require specific resources and support to be successful in school.

Thirdly, I will support our dedicated school personnel as well as take seriously my responsibility to provide strong oversight of the district’s fiscal and policy recommendations. Our decision-making criteria must be that students always come first. Whenever possible, we need expenditures that are results-oriented with measurable outcomes.

What do you bring to the board of trustees that is lacking if any?

Or what do you bring to the table that makes the board better or more well-rounded?

Three new members, including myself, will be joining the two current members of the school board. I will bring expertise in strategic planning and organizational development as well as experience garnered from working with a wide range of nonprofit, corporate and civic organizations. This is significant because schools don’t exist in isolation, rather they are a core component of the community. Together, I think our school board will be a group with strong skills and diverse experiences.

What are the two biggest issues facing the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District in the next four years that you hope to address?

I am listing just one issue because I think it is one of the most critical challenges facing schools today.

Educators nationwide are recognizing the need to raise goals regarding reading proficiency levels. When only 55% of students can read at grade level by the end of third grade, the question begging to be answered is what about the 45% who are left behind? Shouldn’t we concentrate our energies and resources in grades TK-3 when children are “learning to read” rather than having to implement more expensive remedial reading programs afterward when they

are expected to “read to learn” subjects such as math, social studies and science? Raising reading proficiency goals to 90% for Fallbrook’s elementary school students will require the best ideas and commitment from our district leaders, teachers, school staff, parents and the community. We won’t be alone, however, because there are other school districts that have taken on the challenge of achieving 90% reading goals and we can benefit from their experiences.

What qualifications or personality/intellectual traits do you have that make you appropriate or the right person for the job?

My extensive experience across a wide range of organizations and issues has given me the exact skills necessary for the school board. Over a 30-year career, I’ve worked with dozens of civic, corporate and nonprofit organizations providing high-level consulting support in strategic planning, organizational development and major gifts fundraising. I’ve served as the executive director of two nonprofit organizations. I’ve been a volunteer tutor for economically disadvantaged youth and seen firsthand what it’s like when students are struggling in school. Most importantly, I care about Fallbrook and the children of our community.

## Caralampio to represent District 4 on FUHSD Board of Trustees



Local teacher Oscar E. Caralampio is running unopposed for the District 4 seat on the Fallbrook Union High School District Board of Trustees.

**Jeff Pack**  
Staff Writer

After the Nov. 3 election, Oscar E. Caralampio will be seated in the District 4 seat of the Fallbrook Union High School District due

to the fact that he’s running unopposed as is Eddie Jones in District 5.

Each of the candidates were sent questions by Village News so that readers could get a little more insight into the candidates that will be filling FUHSD Board of Trustees seats in the near future.

Jones did not respond to the questions prior to the press deadline, but his answers will be included in future editions of the newspaper if he responds.

What inspired you to run for the board seat?

Caralampio: My father has been my biggest inspiration. My family and I are indigenous Guatemalan immigrants, and we’ve had to overcome many adversities in order to reach the level of happiness we find ourselves in. In particular, my parents were never fortunate enough to attend a school in our native Central American village so I saw firsthand the fight one must put up when not having access to academic instruction. My story is one that many students share. As an elementary teacher, I see similar situations in my classroom; regardless of each student’s background, our

schools must always do their best to provide resources to ensure growth, success and innovation.

Why do you feel you are uniquely qualified to represent your district?

Caralampio: For over 10 years, I have been directly involved with our Fallbrook youth. I will be serving Fallbrook’s District 4 where I live, teach and where my kids will be growing up. As a trilingual educator, I pride myself in creating effective outreach and building positive rapport with most students, parents, teachers and community members. More importantly, I am aware of the situations that affect our students in District 4: transportation, access to college information, exposure to CTE courses, and understanding social and economic factors that affect our students’ performance. I am on the front line for my district.

What are the top three issues facing the district in the coming years?

Caralampio: I want to rebuild the trust our community has had in our school district. COVID-19 has placed all of us in unfamiliar and unwanted situations that

trust needs to be restored by collaborating as a community. It is essential that we all work together for the benefit of our students. I strongly believe in the old saying, “It takes a village to raise a child.”

We also need to make sure that our school district is effective when working with our students whether in person or online. We need to provide strong counseling support with effective teaching practices; again, COVID-19 has made our future uncertain however we need to continue to champion for all students, and their endeavors after high school.

Finally, we need to support our teachers. As an educator myself, I know very well about the new demands, uncertainty and expectations our profession has taken. Unfortunately, new data shows that many teachers (nationwide) have left the profession due to lack of support. We cannot lose our strong educators because they feel left behind.

What are three things you would like to accomplish or shore up with the district?

Caralampio: I want to increase graduation rates, connect our

students to successful college pathways and strengthen our CTE programs for students who want to focus on trade work after high school. This will take time; however I do not see any greater investment than the well-being of our youth and our community.

What do you bring to the board personally or professionally that is currently lacking or will add to the board in your opinion?

Caralampio: As stated before, I take pride in being transparent with the folks I work with. I do my best to be present, to hear the voices I represent and to advocate for education, our youth, their families and our Fallbrook community. I graduated as the Graduate Student of the Year for the School of Education at Cal State San Marcos in 2015-2016, and also received the Certified Employee of the Month award at FUESD in 2019-2020, so I bring forward innovative ways to connect students to our schools, and energy to fight for all of our students.

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## U.S. Census Bureau and Native American communities work together to ensure every person is counted

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Census Bureau is working with tribal leaders to encourage American Indian and Alaska Native communities to participate in the 2020 Census before time runs out. In the 2010 Census, the American Indians and Alaska Native population living on reservations was undercounted by 4.9% – one of the highest undercounts of any group.

To collect responses, census takers are making a final effort, visiting reservation areas where allowed and calling households to help individuals with responding to the 2020 Census. The deadline has been extended to Oct. 31.

As of Oct. 6, the total response rate in California is 99.9%. The U.S. total response rate is 99.7%.

Self-response rates by city:

- Los Angeles – 58.1%
- Fresno – 68.8%
- Eureka – 68.9%
- San Diego – 73.8%

Self-response rates by tribal area:

- San Manuel Reservation – 34.4%
- Rumsey Indian Rancheria – 25%
- Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians – 5.6%

Mesa Grande Reservation – 62.5%

Pala Reservation – 30.6%

Barona Reservation – 44.3%

San Pasqual Reservation – 10.4%

Rincon Reservation – 30.7%

La Jolla Reservation – 11.3%

Viejas Reservation – 48.8%

Santa Ysabel Reservation – 13.7%

Campo Indian Reservation – 39.8%

Pauma and Yuima Reservation – 14.3%

Sycuan Reservation – 47.5%

The census bureau has been going to extraordinary lengths to reach AIAN communities leading up to and during the 2020 Census, including:

Collaborating with Tribal partners and leaders throughout the campaign, such as hiring 55 tribal partnership specialists who have engaged in nearly 3,000 events, holding a dozen focus

groups with the AIAN community, holding 19 tribal consultations, and hosting a national webinar.

Launching multimedia advertisements campaign targeted to Alaska Native villages for the first time in census history in December 2019; and

Before entering tribal areas and communities, census takers complete training on social distancing and safety protocols. They follow public health guidelines and are required to wear a face mask when conducting home visits. They can be easily identified by a valid government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge.

However, the census bureau continues to encourage people to respond to the 2020 Census on

their own to avoid a visit from a census taker.

Communities that are undercounted risk missing out on support for an array of critical programs and services, including job training, water pollution

control, housing, health care and education.

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# Barrett vows to interpret laws ‘as they are written’

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WASHINGTON – Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett declared Monday, Oct. 12, that Americans “deserve an independent Supreme Court that interprets our Constitution and laws as they are written,” encapsulating her conservative approach to the law that has Republicans excited about the prospect of her taking the place of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg before Election Day.

Barrett spoke about her judicial philosophy, her experience and her large family at the end of the first day of her fast-tracked confirmation hearings that Senate Democrats are using to try and brand her a threat to Americans’ health care during the coronavirus pandemic.

After sitting in silence through nearly four hours of opening statements from members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the 48-year-old federal appeals court judge laid out her approach to the bench, which she has likened to that of her conservative mentor, the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

“Courts have a vital responsibility to the rule of law, which is critical to a free society. But courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life,” Barrett said in a statement she delivered after removing the protective mask she wore most of the day.

“The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches elected by and accountable to the people. The public should not expect courts to do so, and courts should not try.”

She told senators that she is “forever grateful” for Ginsburg’s trailblazing path as a woman on the court.

Yet Sen. Kamala Harris, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden’s running mate, said the court is “often the last refuge for equal justice” and a Barrett nomination puts in jeopardy everything Ginsburg fought to protect.

Testifying from her office because of the pandemic, Harris said that not only health care but voting rights, workers’ rights, abortion rights and the very idea of justice are at stake.

Republicans called Barrett a thoughtful judge with impeccable credentials.

Barring a dramatic development, Republicans appear to have the votes to confirm her to a lifetime



*In this May 19, 2018, file photo, Amy Coney Barrett, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit judge, speaks during the University of Notre Dame's Law School commencement ceremony at the university in South Bend, Indiana.* South Bend Tribune via AP/Robert Franklin file photo

seat on the Supreme Court. If she is confirmed quickly, she could be on the court when it hears the latest challenge to the Affordable Care Act, a week after the election.

One after another, Democrats sought to tie her nomination to the upcoming court case.

“Health care coverage for millions of Americans is at stake with this nomination,” said Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the committee’s senior Democrat.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., said the nomination is a “judicial torpedo aimed” at the law’s protection for people with preexisting health conditions among its provisions. The Trump administration wants the court to strike down the entire law popularly known as “Obamacare” Nov. 10. Barrett has criticized the court’s two earlier major rulings supporting the law.

Among Republicans, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, dismissed warnings Barrett will undo the Obama-era health care law as “outrageous.”

Trump himself seemed to be watching, tweeting several times about the hearing. In one message,

he tweeted that he’d have a “far better” health care plan, with lower costs and protections for preexisting conditions. But he has not, as yet, discussed an actual health care plan.

Republicans also warned against making Barrett’s Catholicism an issue in the confirmation debate, especially in regard to her stance on abortion, with Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri lambasting what he called a “pattern and practice of religious bigotry” by Democrats. However, Democratic senators made clear in advance of the hearing that they didn’t plan to question the judge on the specifics of her religious faith.

Democratic presidential nominee Biden, also a practicing Catholic, told reporters ahead of a campaign trip to Ohio that he doesn’t think “there’s any question about her faith.”

Barrett’s religious views and past leadership role in a Catholic faith community pose a challenge for Democrats as they try to probe her judicial approach to abortion, gay marriage and other social issues without veering into inappropriate questions of her faith.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, meeting on a federal holiday, kicked off four days of statements and testimony in an environment that has been altered by the coronavirus pandemic. Some senators were taking part remotely, and the hearing room itself was arranged with health concerns in mind.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., opened the hearing acknowledging “the COVID problem in America is real.” But he said, “We do have a country that needs to move forward safely.”

Graham acknowledged the obvious: “This is going to be a long, contentious week.”

Protesters rallied outside the Senate buildings with the hearing room largely closed to the public. Capitol Police said 22 people were arrested and charged on suspicion of crowding, obstructing or other violations.

Republicans are moving at a breakneck pace to seat Barrett before the Nov. 3 election to secure Trump’s pick, which would put her on the bench for any election-related challenges.

Democrats are trying in vain to

delay the fast-track confirmation by raising fresh concerns about the safety of meeting during the pandemic after two GOP senators on the panel tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, one of those who tested positive, was in the hearing room Monday after his spokesman said he was symptom-free. The other affected senator, Thom Tillis of North Carolina, was participating remotely, though he too is symptom-free, his spokesman said. Both tested positive 10 days ago.

Trump chose Barrett after the death last month of Ginsburg, a liberal icon. It’s the opportunity to entrench a conservative majority on the court for years to come with his third justice.

Outside groups are pushing Democrats to make a strong case against what they call an illegitimate confirmation, when people are already voting in some states, saying the winner of the presidency should make the pick. No Supreme Court justice has

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## Waymo Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid undergoing testing in the San Francisco Bay Area

### *Waymo removing backup drivers from its autonomous vehicles*

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Waymo is allowing the general public to hitch a ride in its driverless autonomous vehicles in Phoenix expanding a service it had been quietly offering to a select group of riders for the past year.

The service launches to the general public Thursday. The vehicles, which will have no backup drivers behind the wheel to take over in sticky situations, will serve an area of 50 square miles. There won’t be anyone watching remotely who can take over in an emergency and drive the car.

Before the coronavirus struck, which reduced demand for rides, Waymo was providing 1,000 to 2,000 rides in autonomous vehicles per week. Most of the rides had a backup driver behind the wheel, but 5% to 10% of the rides were without a human backup driver and were available only to



*Waymo Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid undergoes testing in the San Francisco Bay Area. AP file photo*

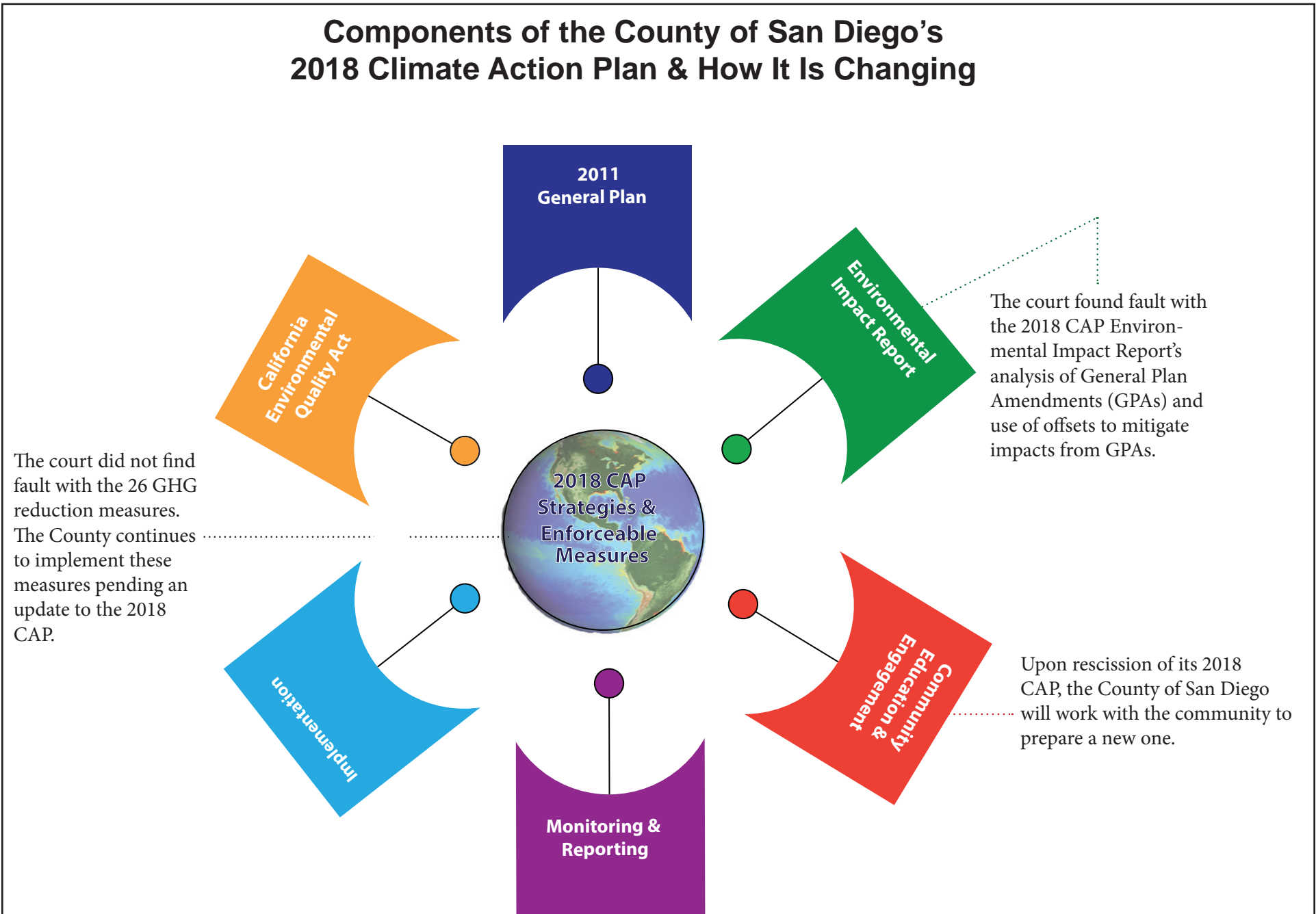
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# County’s 2019 climate action efforts reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Amount reduced equals GHGs from 14 million gallons of gasoline



SAN DIEGO – In 2019, the county of San Diego made significant progress toward reducing its carbon footprint in communities and local government operations. According to its Annual Monitoring Report, which tracks the county’s strategies and 26 specific measures to reduce greenhouse gases, the County has met 80% of its 2020 target.

By implementing the measures in its 2018 Climate Action Plan, the County reduced 130,075 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO2e) in one year. This is equivalent to reducing the same amount of GHG emissions that result from 14,636,548 gallons of gasoline!

In response to a June 12 Court of Appeal ruling, the county will assess which aspects of its 2018 CAP and Environmental Impact Report need to be redrafted. Upon rescission of the 2018 CAP and EIR by the Board of Supervisors, the county will work on revised versions in partnership with residents, business, and environmental groups. However, the county will continue implementing sustainability measures to effectively reduce GHGs as part of its ongoing commitment to the environment.

For the second year in a row, county efforts have really paid off, especially in its work to acquire open space and agricultural easements, plant trees, distribute rain barrels, reduce emissions from county vehicles, and reduce energy use in county facilities. These efforts have brought the county 20% closer to the 2020 target from

the previous year.

According to Kelly Bray, a sustainability project manager for the county, the programs currently underway are making a tangible difference in the quality of life for San Diegans.

“When looking at ways local government can tackle climate change, it is important to have programs in place that are measurable and tangible. Tracking results allows us to better understand what is working well and where we may want to change course to meet the 2018 CAP GHG reduction targets for 2020 and 2030,” said Bray.

The county of San Diego is dedicated to effective government GHG reduction programs in the region. It prioritizes sustainability in many diverse ways, such as designing resource-efficient buildings, conserving undeveloped land through programs like the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) and the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements, and committing to exceed the state’s waste diversion goal. The county, which was the first in California and second in the nation to receive the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Platinum certification for communities, works with regional partners to foster healthy, thriving, sustainable San Diego communities.

Examples of how the County’s award-winning programs improved the environment in 2019

**Building climate resilience through conservation**

Through the MSCP, in 2019, the county conserved another 1,269 acres through conservation.

This adds to the existing land acquired and placed into permanent conservation by the county for a total of 49 acres since 2014. This ensures the land will not be developed, preserves critical habitat, and reduces GHG emissions that would have occurred if the land were developed.

The county works with partners to acquire, manage, and monitor preserved lands while also engaging the public in education about the value of these exceptional resources through events such as Green Friday nature hikes and bike rides, park-led encounters with hawks, and a National Association of Counties Achievement Award-winning youth programs such as Energy Saving Adventures (2019) and Nature Explorers (2017).

In 2019, the county’s Department of Parks and Recreation received a Merit Award from California Trails and Greenways, an Achievement Award from the California Park and Recreation Society, as well as a NACo Achievement Award for the Old Survey Road Trail-User

**Video and Self-Issued Permits Program.**

The county’s program, which allows park users to receive a self-issued permit by completing a short educational video and online test, was designed to balance access and public education with the protection of sensitive natural resources.

Increasing value through reduction, reuse, repair, and recycling Guided by the Strategic Plan to Reduce Waste and CAP targets to divert 75% of waste from landfills by 2025 and 80% by 2030, the County of San Diego Department of Public Works assists schools, community groups, businesses and residents of the unincorporated county to reduce waste through reduction, reuse, repair, and recycling.

In 2019, 60% of waste was diverted from landfills in the unincorporated county through its Department of Public Works’ waste reduction and recycling programs, and composting workshops. In addition, it supplied over 5,500 recycling and composting bins to schools, businesses, and multi-family residences.

DPW provided composting and job-skills training to over 100 program participants and staff at the Men’s Training Center rehabilitation facility in Dulzura. The County also offered free recycling of tires, green waste, and metal at community cleanup events in Campo, Lincoln Acres, and Valley Center.

**Roadmap to clean transportation**

To improve regional air quality and contribute to the long-term vision of an electrified regional roadway network, the county approved the Electric Vehicle (EV) Roadmap in October 2019. The EV Roadmap, which received a 2020 Achievement Award from NACo, is a plan to accelerate EV ownership and charging infrastructure installations throughout the unincorporated County. The roadmap commits the county to a number of actions that will support regional efforts to electrify the roadway network including the installation of 200 EV charging stations throughout the unincorporated area that will be available for public use by 2028, a streamlined permitting processes for new charger installations, the development of a robust EV website, a commitment to convert 501 of the County’s fleet vehicles to electric by 2022, and a focus on education and equitable distribution of EV technologies throughout the county’s region.

In 2019, the county approved

policy changes that require the installation of EV chargers in all new county facilities, in addition to the existing 37 public EV charging stations that are currently installed, and 63 that will be funded in fiscal year 2020-2021.

**Sustainably designed energy-efficient buildings**

The county continues to increase energy efficiency and reduce its use in new and existing buildings, as outlined in the county’s Zero Net Energy Portfolio Plan. All new county facilities are designed to achieve the green building designation of LEED Gold or higher, and the county currently owns 20 buildings that have received this certification to date.

All new buildings are required to be evaluated for zero-net energy (ZNE) use, which means that they generate as much or more energy as the building consumes. In 2019, county buildings generated 6,480-megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity through solar photovoltaic arrays. This is equivalent to powering 529 homes (with average usage) or removing 990 gasoline-powered vehicles from the road for one year!

Visitors can experience this state-of-the-art energy-efficient design at the newly completed 6,000 square-foot Santa Ysabel Nature Center, which received LEED Gold certification and achieves ZNE through rooftop solar panels and two public electric vehicle charging stations.

**How you can contribute to sustainable and thriving communities**

All individual and collective actions add up. Every person, every business, and every entity has a role to play in addressing climate change. Here are some simple things you can do at home, in your workplace, or in your community to make a difference: reduce your plastic, conserve energy, and conserve water outdoors.

For more ideas, review the What You Can Do section of the Annual Monitoring Report, at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sustainability/capht ml>.

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Judicial Watch sues California to prevent enforcement of race, ethnicity, sexual preference and transgender status quotas for corporate boards of directors

WASHINGTON – Judicial Watch announced recently that it filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court of California in Los Angeles County on behalf of three California taxpayers to prevent California from enforcing Assembly Bill 979, which Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law Wednesday, Sept. 30. The bill requires that boards of directors of California-based, publicly held domestic or foreign corporations satisfy racial, ethnicity, sexual preference and transgender status quotas by the end of the 2021 calendar year. A Senate floor analysis said the bill draws distinctions based on race and ethnicity, and therefore, it is “suspect,” and that “the existence of general societal discrimination will not ordinarily satisfy courts.” Judicial Watch filed a lawsuit a few hours after Newsom signed the new quota law.

AB 979 requires publicly held corporations to have a minimum of one director from an “underrepresented community” on its board by the end of the 02 calendar year and up to three “underrepresented-community” board members by the end of the 2022 calendar year, depending on the size of the board. The bill defines “director from an underrepresented community” to mean “an individual who self-identifies as Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Alaska Native or who self-identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.”

Judicial Watch filed the lawsuit, Robin Crest, et al. v. Alex Padilla, in his official capacity as Secretary

of State in California the same day Newsom signed the bill in order to prevent the Secretary of State’s office from expending taxpayer funds and taxpayer-financed resources to implement the law and/or ensure compliance with AB 979’s racial, ethnic, sexual preference and transgender-based quotas. According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, AB 979 “will result in ongoing costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars to gather demographic information and compile a report on this data on its internet website.”

In its complaint Judicial Watch argued that any expenditure of taxpayer funds or taxpayer-financed resources on AB 979 is illegal under the California Constitution.

The legislation’s requirement that certain corporations appoint a specific number of directors based upon race, ethnicity, sexual preference and transgender status is immediately suspect and presumptively invalid and triggers strict scrutiny review by the court. Because it classifies directors by virtue of their race, ethnicity, sexual preference or transgender status, AB 979 can only be justified by a compelling governmental interest, and its use of race and ethnicity must be narrowly tailored to serve that compelling interest. As California cannot make these difficult showings, AB 979 is unconstitutional and any expenditure of taxpayer funds or taxpayer-financed resources in furtherance of, ensuring compliance with or otherwise effectuating the racial, ethnicity, sexual preference and transgender

quotas required by AB 979 is illegal.

The floor analysis produced by the California Senate during deliberation on the bill identified “potential constitutional issues posed by” AB 979. It described AB 979 as “requiring certain corporations to appoint a certain number of directors who self-identify as Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Alaskan Native” and noted that, under the California Constitution, “a statute that draws a distinction based upon race or ethnicity in this fashion – whether remedial or punitive in intent – is suspect and only passes constitutional muster if it can meet the strict scrutiny test: that the statute is narrowly drawn to meet a compelling government interest.” The analysis also stated, “the existence of general societal discrimination will not ordinarily satisfy the courts.”

Judicial Watch asked the court to halt the quota law a judgment declaring any and all expenditures of taxpayer funds and taxpayer-financed resources in furtherance of, ensuring compliance with or otherwise effectuating the racial, ethnicity, sexual preference and transgender quotas required by AB 979 to be illegal and an injunction permanently prohibiting defendant from expending or causing the expenditure of taxpayer funds and taxpayer-financed resources in furtherance of, ensuring compliance with or otherwise effectuating the racial, ethnicity, sexual preference and transgender quotas required by AB 979.

In a related case, Judicial Watch is prosecuting a taxpayer lawsuit that challenges California’s gender quotas, Crest et al. v. Padilla. In June, in a major development, the court held that Judicial Watch’s clients have standing to sue under state law and Judicial Watch attorneys are now in discovery, which could involve deposition testimony of various California officials.

“California’s government has a penchant for quotas that

are brazenly unconstitutional,” Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, said. “Gender quotas and now new quotas for numerous other groups for corporate boards are slaps in the face to the core American value of equal protection under the law. While California skirts bankruptcy and burns up due to fiscal abandon, its leftist political leadership would waste tax dollars to implement illegal and divisive quotas.”

Submitted by Judicial Watch.



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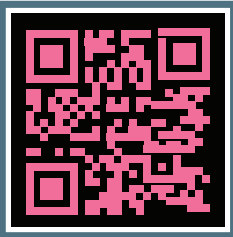
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# City council, school board candidates speak at ‘Slave No More’ event



Sonia Perez, a Temecula city council candidate, speaks during an event called “Slave No More California” to speak about rallying support in opening businesses and the freedom to choose during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Two candidates in local Temecula elections spoke at a “Slave No More California” event Sunday, Oct. 11, at Temecula City Hall condemning public health restrictions.

Sonia Perez, a candidate for Temecula City Council District 4 and primary organizer of the rally, said the message of the event was “that freedom isn’t free” and “our freedoms are being taken away, one by one.”

“That’s why this was called Slave No More California,” Perez said. “We have mandates at public schools that are taking the parents’ rights away. We have a city that’s not allowing us to walk into a public facility that our tax dollars pay for. That’s a right that I have, that my tax dollars pay for this beautiful city council. And we have children that are going missing every day. The message is, enough is enough. It’s time to open up. It’s time to take care of each other and our livelihoods and to take care of our families.”

The event had a speaking lineup that included Temecula Valley Unified board candidate Brooklynn McClure, along with several business owners from across the Southern California region who have been outspoken about masks and other health orders.

The event, attended by several dozen on the steps of City Hall, was mostly maskless – none of the speakers wore facial coverings, and only one person in the audience was spotted wearing one. Mask orders are no longer in effect in Riverside County, though they remain so in neighboring counties like San Diego.

McClure spent most of her speaking time discussing her motivations for running for office.

“When I felt the call from God to do this, I thought, no no no no no, there’s got to be someone else,” McClure said. “The only answer God gave me was you know what, you’ll listen, you’ll listen, and you’ll do it, so why don’t you let me work through you and I thought, OK. And it’s been a trip. It has not been the funnest thing I’ve done in my life, but I’m willing to do anything for God, so here I am.”

She said if elected, she will go to the board and “fight for what I can with truth and righteousness and God, but there’s only so much we can do as a board. It really is on you.”

McClure, who said she homeschooled her children, said her philosophy is that parents must take responsibility for their children’s education.

“One of the most disturbing comments I got from people during this whole education during COVID era was, um, he said OK, if I’m gonna do distance learning am I now my child’s teacher?” McClure said. “And I thought, well hopefully you’ve always been your child’s teacher. This should not be anything new to you. You taught them to walk, you taught them to hold a spoon and I know it’s easy to point fingers and to blame the educational system, but in truth, us parents and grandparents, it’s up to you. If they are not getting something like the Constitution taught to them in their schools, that’s on you. You better be teaching that in your home. You are the primary teacher of anything. If they’re getting taught socialism in the school, you better be counteracting that at home.”

While McClure did not touch on health orders or restrictions in her speech, nearly all of the other speakers did.

One speaker, Kira Boranian, owner of Lather Studio in Corona, was featured in local news segments over the summer for opening up her studio in defiance of orders to close.

“I opened my doors on April 2,” Boranian said at the Oct. 11 event in Temecula. “And I have been open since. That. Day. No masks. No plastic partitions. No text me when you get here so I can welcome you through my door. No every other station. No taking your temperature. Guess what, I’m running my salon as if COVID-19 never happened. I am running my business the way every single business owner in this nation should be running their business right now.”

Currently in Riverside County, salons can only provide services in which both the worker and customer can wear face coverings for the entirety of the service.

Borianan said while she faced a restraining order from entering her salon earlier in the pandemic before salons were allowed to open, now that her business can remain open with restrictions, she has not been ticketed or arrested for failing to follow health guidelines.

Jacob Lewis, owner of The Gym franchise in San Bernardino County, described a similar experience.

“The funny thing is everybody is so afraid to open their businesses, we’ve had no citations, we’ve had no arrests, we’ve had no COVID cases and we’re still open today,” Lewis said. “So what I want to come from this conversation is anybody that you know that is a business owner that has the authority to keep their business open, tell them to do it. Because



A group of members of the community gathered at Temecula City Hall for an event called “Slave No More California” to speak about rallying support in opening businesses and the freedom to choose during the COVID-19 pandemic, signing a petition to recall California Governor Gavin Newsom and to raise awareness about child sex trafficking, Oct. 11. Valley News/Shane Gibson photos



Kira Boranian, a hair salon owner in Corona, attends and speaks at an event called “Slave No More California” telling of her experience in choosing to keep her business open to customers during the state’s COVID-19 guidelines to close hair salons.

even if they do get arrested, even if they do get tickets, after all this, do you think that a DA or a judge is going to want to criminalize a business owner for opening their business, for being there for the public?”

Perez, during her speech, criticized the city of Temecula’s spending on buildings and salaries – the event featured three large poster boards displaying the six-figure salaries of Temecula City Manager Aaron Adams, Assistant City Manager Greg Butler and Temecula City Clerk Randi Johl.

“Do you see this beautiful city hall building here? Perez said. “It cost about \$70 million to build. They have about a million in interest rates that they’re paying approximately. I don’t know why they did that. They already had a city hall that they paid in full.”

And she leveled criticism at City Hall for restricting in-person access during the pandemic and requiring her to wear a mask while filing to run for office.

“But did you know that this public building here that is for ‘we the people’ who by our tax pay for this building, we are not allowed inside?” Perez said. “No folks, the doors are closed and you better have an appointment. In fact, when I came to throw my hat in the ring, I was told that I was going to have my temperature taken, I had to wear a diaper on my face to walk in.”

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Free transit rides on Election Day to help voters get to the polls

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System and North County Transit District announced Sept. 29 that the agencies will host the region’s third “Free Ride Day” Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Fixed-route bus and rail services will be free for everyone to use throughout San Diego County, ensuring residents are able to reach their polling place and exercise their right to vote.

“Free Ride Day this year has a different purpose than in past years,” said Nathan Fletcher, MTS Board Chair and San Diego County Supervisor. “We are holding it on one of the most important days for our country – Election Day. We want San Diego residents to have every opportunity to participate in our democracy. Free transit rides all day long will help do just that.”

NCTD Board Chair and Encinitas Councilmember Tony Kranz said, “North County Transit District is a proud supporter of Free Ride Day because it’s critical to our agency’s effort to promote transit ridership and improve air quality. However, NCTD is honored this year to provide transportation at no cost to our residents on Election Day. These rides will help bridge the gap between where people live and where they can cast their vote Nov. 3.”

“Free Ride Day coinciding with Election Day elevates access for all of our San Diego voters to get to their assigned polling place,” said Michael Vu, Registrar of Voters. “We encourage voters to do their homework if they plan to vote at their polling place. Double-check the location because it may have changed, wear a face covering and mark your sample ballot in advance to quickly fill in the official ballot at the poll.” For more information, visit [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com).

Free rides will be honored on all MTS and NCTD fixed-routes services including buses, the Trolley, SPRINTER and COASTER. MTS and NCTD services will operate on a normal weekday schedule. Passengers will not need a Compass

Card or valid fare for either system, but face coverings will continue to be required on board all MTS and NCTD vehicles and at transit facilities.

Participants are encouraged to RSVP through the MTS Facebook page event, or online at the Free Ride Day webpage to receive event reminders about Free Ride Day, tips for taking transit, and more. Services not included during the Free Ride Day promotion are Amtrak Rail 2 Rail, MTS Access and NCTD LIFT paratransit.

A big reason for hosting Free Ride Day on Election Day is that transit can help bridge the gap between where a voter lives and where they need to vote.

The San Diego County Registrar of Voters will have fewer polling places than in prior elections, so many voters will be required to drop off or cast their ballot at a different location than they did for the primary election in March.

There will be 235 “Super Poll” locations, which is down from

approximately 1,600 polling locations during the primary. To help with social distancing and limiting crowds, the Super Poll locations will be open for four days leading up to Election Day.

Both MTS and NCTD have implemented new cleaning and sanitizing protocols and practices on vehicles and at transit stations. Vehicles are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected daily with CDC-approved solutions for COVID-19. Disinfectant is applied to all hard surfaces and common areas that are routinely touched or used such as seats, seat backs, fare boxes, driver controls, all handrails, walls and windows.

For more details about cleaning protocols for MTS, visit <https://www.sdmts.com/schedules-real-time/covid-19-updates>.

For more details about NCTD cleaning protocols, visit <https://gonctd.com/coronavirus/cleaning-disinfecting-protocol/>.

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Household debt service drops to a record low

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Data from the Federal Reserve show the household financial obligations ratio, minimum debt service payments plus other financial obligation payments as a share of disposable income, plunged to an all-time low of 13.64% in the second quarter. Within that measure, the total debt service ratio, minimum debt services payments as a share of disposable income, dropped to 8.69% with mortgage debt service

coming in at 3.72% and other consumer debt service requiring 4.97%. However, disposable personal income for the second quarter was significantly distorted by the massive government transfer payments distributed to offset some of the carnage due to government lockdown policies. Government transfers more than doubled from \$3.2 trillion at a seasonally-adjusted annual rate in February to \$6.6 trillion in April. Those transfers pushed disposable personal income to

\$19.0 trillion in April from \$16.8 trillion in February. If those transfer payments are excluded, disposable personal income would plunge to \$12.4 trillion in April from \$13.6 trillion in February. If the financial obligations ratio were recalculated using the disposable income excluding transfers data, the ratio would jump to 19.8% in the second quarter from 18.6% in the first quarter. While that is about midway in the roughly 18% to 22% range since 1980, it tells a very different story than the financial obligations ratio based on

total disposable personal income. Debt service may become a bigger issue as transfer payments dwindle. Elevated levels of unemployment and ongoing restrictions may lead to worsening financial health including rising bankruptcies for households and businesses. Overall, risks to the economy remain significant. Robert Hughes joined American Institute for Economic Research in 2013 following more than 25 years in economic and financial markets research on Wall Street. He was formerly the head of

Global Equity Strategy for Brown Brothers Harriman, where he developed equity investment strategy combining top-down macro analysis with bottom-up fundamentals. He served as senior equity strategist for State Street Global Markets, senior economic strategist with Prudential Equity Group and senior economist and financial markets analyst for Citicorp Investment Services. Bob has a master's degree in economics from Fordham University and a bachelor's degree in business from Lehigh University.

Light-vehicle sales return to pre-pandemic range in September

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Sales of light vehicles totaled 18 million at an annual rate in September, continuing a rebound from the 8 million pace in April. The pace of sales in April was the lowest on record since this data series began in 1966 and follows a run of 72 months in the \$16 million to 18 million range from March 2014 through February 2020. Unit vehicle sales fell significantly below the range as the 2008-2009

recession began, hitting a low of just 9 million in February 2009. Sales began a slow recovery and returned to the 16-18 million range in March 2014, about five years after hitting the low. For the month of September, light-truck sales totaled 12.6 million at an annual rate, up 8.2% from the 11.6 million rate in August but well ahead of the 8 million rate in April. Car sales also had a solid gain, rising 57% to a 37 annual rate versus 35 in August and 31 in April.

The light-truck share stood at 77.1% for September, below the 77.9% record high in May, but still completely dominating the car share of 22.9%. The dominant share of light-trucks continues a long-term trend. As recently as February 2013, the split between cars and light-trucks, such as SUVs and pickup trucks, was about even, with both segments selling about 7.76 million at an annual rate. Breaking down sales by origin of assembly, sales of domestic

vehicles rose to 18 million units versus 11.9 million in August while imports rose to 36 million from 3.3 million in the prior month. The pace of sales for domestic light-vehicles was slightly below the recent range of 13 to 14 million. Robert Hughes joined American Institute for Economic Research in 2013 following more than 25 years in economic and financial markets research on Wall Street. He was formerly the head of Global Equity Strategy for Brown Brothers Harriman, where he

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ever been confirmed so close to a presidential contest. The country is getting an extended look at Barrett this week in hearings like none other during the heated election environment and the pandemic limiting public access. Faith and family punctuated her testimony, and she said she would bring “a few new perspectives” as the first mother of school-age children on the nine-member court. Barrett said she uses her children as a test when deciding cases,

asking herself how she would view the decision if one of her seven children were the party she was ruling against. “Even though I would not like the result, would I understand that the decision was fairly reasoned and grounded in the law?” she said. The hearing followed a White House event announcing her nomination just over two weeks ago, in which most of the audience did not wear masks. The event has been labeled a “superspreader” for the coronavirus. More than two dozen people linked to the Sept. 26 Rose Garden event, including the two GOP senators, have contracted

COVID-19 since then. Barrett and her family went maskless at the event. She and her husband, Jesse, tested positive for the virus earlier this year and recovered, two administration officials have said. Democrats already were enraged that Republicans are moving so quickly having refused to consider President Barack Obama nominee after Scalia’s death in February 2016, well before that year’s election. Associated Press writers Matthew Daly and Michael Balsamo in Washington, Elana Schor in New York and Kathleen Ronayne in Sacramento, California, contributed to this report.

WAYMO  
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a smaller group of riders who signed nondisclosure agreements. Waymo did not disclose how many fully autonomous vehicles will be available to the public in the Phoenix area. “We are worried about our ability to meet demand with the capabilities of the vehicle we have right now,” CEO John Krafcik said in a conference call with reporters. Waymo, a unit of Google parent Alphabet Inc., is hoping to eventually expand the service into California, but does not yet have concrete expansion plans to announce, Krafcik said.

To help encourage safety during the pandemic, Waymo provides wipes and sanitizing gel in the car and asks riders to confirm in a checklist that they haven’t been exposed to the coronavirus. Waymo requires riders to wear masks and checks that masks are being worn using cameras inside the car. The vehicles also have an air circulation feature that helps remove germs that other riders may have introduced. For the next several weeks, every Waymo ride in the Phoenix area will be without a backup driver. After that, Waymo will reintroduce human backup drivers behind the wheel in some of the vehicles so the company can work on expanding its service area.



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# Gems and minerals attract visitors to Fallbrook



Sliced geodes are displayed and sold at the annual Fall Festival of Gems hosted by the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos



Gemstone collector Rick Beckham displays his gems for sale at the annual Fall Festival of Gems hosted by the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society, Oct. 11.



A variety of gemstones of all shapes, sizes and polished or not are sold and viewed by interested guests at the annual Fall Festival of Gems in Fallbrook.



A variety of gemstones, some polished and some not, are displayed and sold by a number of vendors at the annual Fall Festival of Gems in Fallbrook.



Violet Bidzski, 11, displays her newly cracked geode during the annual Fall Festival of Gems in Fallbrook.

[more photos on C-10](#)



HOME & GARDEN AND REAL ESTATE

New Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk Office and Archive wins coveted Orchid Award

Gig Conaughton  
County of San Diego  
Communications Office

The County of San Diego’s new Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk’s Office & Archive building in Santee has a new record to file – 2020 Orchid award winner for outstanding architecture.

The ARCC Office was one of 14 projects honored with a coveted “Orchid” award last week by the San Diego Architectural Foundation at its yearly “Orchids and Onions” gala. The event honors the best and worst in local architecture, historic preservation, interior design, urban planning and landscape architecture.

Judges’ comments for the county building included: “An incredible, sustainable and thoughtful project that will stand beautifully the pass of time;” “It is impressive how much they could do with limited financial resources,” and “we need more outstanding civic buildings like this!”

The 25,000-square-foot ARCC Office & Archive officially opened in March but is currently closed to the public due to the coronavirus pandemic. It includes an outdoor wedding arbor and indoor marriage room, 125 parking spaces under solar canopies and was built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold standards. It was designed by Miller Hull Partnership, LLC; built by C.W. Driver, and overseen by County Department of General Services Project Manager Luis Peris.

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk Ernie Dronenburg, who initiated the ARCC Office & Archive project, said, “This award shows civic architecture can provide a community with the services it needs and enhance its visual appeal. We can have the best of both form and function.”

The ARCC building also includes something new for the county: its first archive for historic documents dating back to 1850.

Documents and microfilm of maps, deeds, birth, marriage and death certificates, and other important records will eventually rest in a dedicated



The County of San Diego’s new Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk’s Office & Archive building is a 2020 Orchid award winner for outstanding architecture. Village News/Chipper Hatter photos

4,400-square-foot repository at the ARCC office, complete with its own generator, heating and air conditioning, and state-of-the-art fire suppression system. The county archive is the first zero energy archive in the United States. It’s also the county’s sixth net zero energy facility.

The archives will be managed by the county’s first-ever archivist. Once the records are assembled at the archive, they will be able to be used by county residents and others to conduct research and be seen electronically or by appointment, based upon their physical condition.

The ARCC Office & Archive building’s honor extends the county’s recent streak of Orchid awards.

In 2019, a complex of three county facilities in Borrego Springs, (library, park and Sheriff’s office), received an Orchid. In 2017, the county’s then-new Imperial Beach Library was named the popular favorite in that year’s Orchids and Onions awards. The Waterfront Park, County Operations Center and Fallbrook Library have all been awarded Orchids of their own.

And now the new ARCC Office & Archive has its own record for the archives, its own blue ribbon.



Inside the new Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk’s Office & Archive building are “Water Poem for the Sky” (mobile) and “Mountains to Sea” (mural) by Christine Nguyen, 2019.

Treasurer-Tax Collector mails over 1 million property tax bills

SAN DIEGO – Much has changed in 2020, but one thing remains constant: property taxes. San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced his office started mailing more than 1 million 2020-2021 secured property tax bills Oct.1.

“These property tax bills are expected to generate \$7.27 billion – money on which our local cities and the county depend,” said McAllister. “Public health, voting

administration, schools, and many more essential services are funded by property tax dollars, so we encourage you to pay your taxes as early as possible.”

All 1,004,808 tax bills are available now at sdtcc.com to view and pay. Property owners can pay online for free using an e-check (electronic check). Taxpayers will also get an immediate, emailed receipt for payment confirmation if they use the online payment system at sdtcc om.

The first property tax installment is due Nov. 1, 2020, and becomes delinquent after Dec. 10, 2020. The second installment is due Feb. 1, 2021, and becomes delinquent after April 1202.

The delinquent dates will not be extended due to COVID-19. If someone cannot pay their property taxes on time due to COVID-19, they must submit a penalty cancellation request, along with their payment and printed evidence to prove how they were

impacted. More information can be found on the Tax Collector’s COVID-19 information page.

The total amount owed by property taxpayers is \$370 million more than last year’s total of \$6.9 billion. Rising home prices and new residential units are contributing to the increase.

“The number of parcels in San Diego County grew by 3,779. Most of that increase was due to new condos, but we did see a rise in 1,903 single family homes as

well,” said McAllister.

Property owners who have not received their tax bill by Oct. 31 can find their tax bill information online or call the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office toll free at 877-829-4732.

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2168 Summerbloom Ln, Fallbrook **\$999,900**



2915 Lakemont, Fallbrook **\$950,000**



3690 Lupine Lane, Fallbrook **\$899,900**



1053 Charlyn Ln, Fallbrook **\$850,000**



266 Rancho Camino, Fallbrook **\$850,000**



3268 Sumac, Fallbrook **\$850,000**



352 Charles Swisher Ct, Fallbrook **\$760,000**



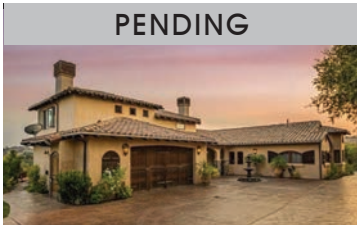
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30345 Via Maria Elena, Bonsall **\$1,495,000**



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2224 Dos Lomas, Fallbrook **\$1,395,000**



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3945 Pala Mesa Dr, Fallbrook **\$1,350,000**



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35671 Garrano Lane, Fallbrook **\$699,900**



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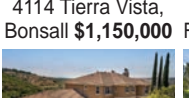
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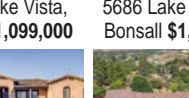
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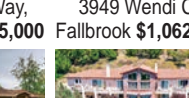
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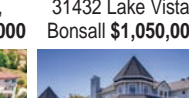
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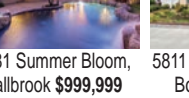
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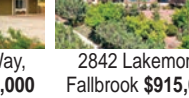
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1044 Vista Valle Camino, Fallbrook **\$799,900**



4055 Millagra Dr, Fallbrook **\$775,000**



197 Morro Hills Rd, Fallbrook **\$750,000**



207 Clayton Parkinson Ct, Fallbrook **\$735,000**



4927 Conejo Rd, Fallbrook **\$730,000**



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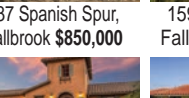
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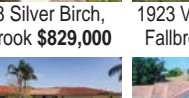
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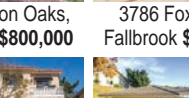
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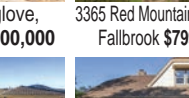
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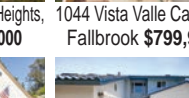
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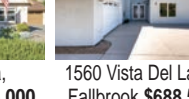
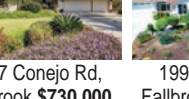
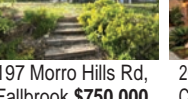
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# New agricultural water rate program benefits San Diego County growers

FALLBROOK – The San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors has approved a new and Permanent Special Agricultural Water Rate structure that offers lower water rates to farmers in exchange for lower water supply reliability.

Unlike the current transitional program, the new program will allow new participants to join as a way to strengthen the region’s multibillion-dollar agriculture industry. The program will take effect Jan. 1, 2021, replacing the current program that ends Dec. 31.

The Water Authority will be working closely with its 24 member agencies to implement the program for 2021 by providing program details, such as qualifying criteria and the signup process. Participants in the existing transitional program will be allowed to take part in the permanent program on a temporary basis while being screened for eligibility under the new program.

Member agencies have six months, through June 30, 2021, to verify eligibility for existing customers for the new program. “This unique program will benefit all regional water users and the county’s robust agricultural economy,” said Water Authority Board Chair Jim Madaffer. “It helps farmers sustain their operations – and thousands of jobs – while favoring residential and commercial water customers in the event of future water supply reductions.”

Farmers and growers who participate in the Water Authority program will receive a lower level of water service during water shortages or emergencies. That allows the Water Authority to reallocate those supplies to commercial and industrial customers who pay for full reliability benefits. In exchange, participating farmers are exempt from fixed water storage and supply reliability charges.

Under the permanent program in 2021, participants will pay \$1,295 per acre-foot for treated water, while municipal and industrial users will pay \$1,769 per acre-foot.

San Diego County is unusual among major metropolitan areas in the United States because it includes one of the country’s most valuable and productive farm sectors adjacent to one of the nation’s largest cities.

The region sustains 3.3 million people and a \$245 billion economy, thanks to decades of regional investments in water supply reliability projects, including the nation’s largest seawater desalination plant and the biggest conservation-and-transfer agreement in U.S. history.

The Water Authority has provided lower-cost water to growers in exchange for lower reliability since October 2008, when the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California began phasing out a similar program. Since that time, the transitional Water Authority program continued with a series of extensions that expire at the end of 0 0.

In June 2020, the Water Authority Board set calendar year 2021 rates and charges, including a rate category for the new ag program. Future rates will continue to reflect cost-of-service standards and be defined annually as part of the rate-setting process.

The new permanent special ag rate was recommended by the Water Authority’s Fiscal Sustainability Task Force, which is assessing a variety of issues to ensure the agency’s long-term financial health. Regional farming leaders provided input to the task force on the parameters of the new program, which will be reevaluated in five years to assess current and forecasted demands and supplies.

Submitted by San Diego County Water Authority.

# Rainbow to speed up water meter replacements

Joe Naiman  
Village News Reporter

The Rainbow Municipal Water District approved a series of measures intended to expedite the replacement of water meters.

Rainbow’s board voted 4-0, Sept. 22, with Helene Brazier not able to participate in the meeting, to approve a change order in the contract with Concord Utility Services for backfill and box placement, to amend the contract with Harris and Associates to provide additional construction management services, and to approve a rental agreement with Hawthorne Machinery for a vacuum.

“This is an important project to standardize and upgrade our water services for the benefit of our customers,” said Rainbow general manager Tom Kennedy.

In 2015, Rainbow conducted a water audit which compared the quantity of water Rainbow purchased from the San Diego County Water Authority with the amount of water sold through customer meters to determine the amount of water which was purchased but not sold. (That process also accounts for water placed in or withdrawn from district reservoirs.)

Approximately 7% of the water Rainbow purchased was not accounted for through sales or storage addition. District staff theorized that the average lost volume of 3.5 acre-feet per day was due to meter inaccuracies rather than leaks, and random testing of 333 meters in 2016 and 2017 determined that approximately 6.4% of water delivery was not recorded due to inaccurate meters.

New meters register near 100% accuracy and, in August 2018, the Rainbow board approved a contract with ABM Building Services to purchase the meters and manage the project. ABM used Concord Utility Systems, which has an office in Murrieta, as its vendor.

After the ABM contract was completed, Rainbow contracted with Concord directly while also using in-house staff to prepare the work site for Concord and collect specific information about each service, limited-term temporary employees before the Concord installation, and a high-power vacuum excavation system to clean out and excavate the meter boxes. A \$1,528,492 contract with Concord was awarded at the December 2019 board meeting.

The original estimated total cost of the meter upgrades was estimated at \$10.7 million with \$5.5 million of that being for the purchase of the meters and \$5.2 million covering the installation of meter boxes along with replacing pressure regulators and installing customer ball valves for services which do not have a backflow regulator. “When we started the project certain costs were unknown,” Kennedy said.

Unknown conditions will affect labor and therefore cost. As of September 2020, approximately 16% of the meter replacements, specifically 1380 meters, have been completed.

To prevent disruption in the scheduled work, Rainbow must vacuum between 150 and 300 meters ahead of Concord. The district obtained a trailer-mounted two-behind vacuum from Ditchwitch and assigned one full-time employee and one temporary employee to vacuum ahead of Concord.

Unknown conditions such as roots around meter boxes and double deep meter boxes the vacuum could not reach forced those meter boxes to be dug out by hand.

By June 2020, Rainbow was fewer than 50 meter boxes ahead of Concord, which stopped exchanging meters for one day so that the vacuum crew could obtain a further lead.

District staff found a Ditchwitch vacuum which was available for long-term rental. Rainbow likely will not need a second vacuum after the meter replacement project is complete in late 2021, so renting the vacuum from Hawthorne Machinery will save between \$20,000 and \$40,000 compared to purchasing a new vacuum.

The rental vacuum will only be deployed when additional resources are needed to keep ahead of Concord. The vacuum rental will be billed on a time and materials basis, and the rental authorization has a limit of \$60,000 which may be increased upon board approval.

Rainbow staff has been handling customer service matters and also coordinating field activities with Concord. The district has an as-needed construction management contract with Harris and Associates and, in April 2020, Rainbow utilized that contract to have Harris and Associates handle daily inspection of Concord’s activities. Rainbow’s meter services supervisor moved to Idaho and left the district July 27, so a Harris and Associates representative has also taken over that work with regard to the Concord installations.

The Harris and Associates contract budgets six hours a day at \$165 per hour, and Rainbow will also pay for any materials needed. The contract limit in the absence of subsequent board action is \$400,000, which covers 2hour s.

Harris and Associates’ duties include communication with Concord, daily coordination with Concord for work and locations, document review of Concord’s work for concurrence, review of Concord’s work for adherence to district standards, verification of all quantities, notification to Concord if any corrections are required, and working with customers to resolve issues on their property.

The process of backfilling and setting meter boxes after Concord exchanges the meters has involved two to four Rainbow employees with two trucks and two trailers.

Up to six construction crew members may be working on the project during backfill days, but more urgent work such as leak response and maintenance can render sufficient staff unavailable for backfill activity which ensures that each service is set properly and is not affected by rain, burrowing rodents or other factors.

Some backflow devices are tied directly into the meter without a valve separating the two and must be relocated, and other backflow devices are set partially in between a fence or other locations. In some cases a cross-connection between the backflow and meter requires relocation of the backflow.

A \$50,000 contract change order to the contract with Concord was signed March 18 so that backflow prevention devices which conflict with the meter upgrades can be relocated. At the time, the exact number of backflow devices needing relocation was unknown, and Concord has subsequently relocated more than 220 devices.

Approximately \$200,000 more will be required to complete the additional backflow relocations.

The change order approved Sept. 22 will pay Concord \$83 per box for the labor to place boxes and lids and to backfill the existing excavation. Concord will also provide a small dump truck costing Rainbow \$2,900 per month, which creates a total cost of about \$90 per service based on a production of about 450 services each month.

Rainbow staff has backfilled 400 meters at a labor cost of \$114,092, which is \$292.50 per box. Rainbow will provide fill materials and special landscape materials and will also provide a skip loader or load dump truck as needed.

Rainbow staff will also install special materials such as sod, bark mulch, and topsoil if special materials are needed. Concord will relocate any waste mater boxes or spoils to Rainbow’s laydown yard.

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# Coordinate pruning and fertilizing with the weather



This Oh Happy Day Eleganza Hybrid Tea Rose (Jackson & Perkins) is growing well in Fallbrook despite the hot weather.

Village News/Courtesy photos



Pruning and watering keep these rose bushes in good condition.

**Frank Brines**  
ARS Master Consulting Rosarian

The latest weather report verifies what gardeners suspected: August 2020 was the hottest August on record. We also experienced many 90+ degree days in September. Many areas recorded consecutive days of triple-digit temperatures. These temperatures are way out of the average and made it difficult to adhere to the “normal” schedule of garden activities.

October promises to be unsettled too. Beginning with prediction of triple-digit temperatures accompanied by Santa Ana winds, with a slight cooling trend mid month, and ending with “unseasonably” high temperatures again.

Midseason pruning and fertilizing must be carefully coordinated with weather conditions. When temperatures are in the 90-100s range, take care to not remove too much foliage because it can overexpose canes to the fierce sun resulting in sunburn which can damage or kill otherwise healthy canes or entire plants.

Heat damage was widespread this year. Make sure to routinely check your irrigation system.

After I needed to interrupt and delay my seasonal pruning due to weather, and had sunburned canes and Chilli Thrips infestation, my roses have really rebounded. If there were fall rose shows in November, I’d have blooms to exhibit.

It’s time to restart your fertilizing program if you’re following my summer growing schedule. Make

sure plants are thoroughly watered the day before you fertilize. I recommend organic types and alternating with one that includes fish emulsion.

I suggest using a fertilizer that contains a greater percentage of (P) phosphate in relation to (N) nitrogen and (K) potassium to encourage stronger root systems and resistance to stress.

When temperatures are in the

90+ and you do not use organics, hold off fertilizing for cooler weather. If you use a fertilizer dissolved in water you can apply it right over the bush from the top instead of at the base in a well. This application also does a foliar feed.

A hybrid tea needs about 2 gallons of solution and should be watered in after a couple of days. Dry granular products should be scratched into the soil surface

around the base of the plant to drip line and then watered in. Apply at the recommended concentration on the label.

If growing in pots, use half the recommended concentration but apply more frequently. Repeat every two weeks. Alternating with liquid and dry is most beneficial. The last day for fertilizing is 30 days before the “first frost date” which is around mid-November in the Temecula Valley.

It is necessary that plants receive adequate water to stay hydrated. It takes only a few days of 90 degrees temperature for a bush to become seriously stressed and damaged without sufficient water.

Hybrid teas can survive with 3 gallons of water twice a week. Make that your absolute minimum. The composition of soil affects water retention and the time for the soil to dry out. With potted roses this is even more critical. Four inches of good mulch will greatly reduce evaporation of soil moisture.

Assess garden conditions every morning. Look for wilted or dry crispy foliage. If discovered soon enough, dousing severely stressed plants with plenty of water may save them. If you wait to inspect until afternoon or evening, it may be too late. After a hot day most plants can appear a little wilted while still receiving sufficient hydration.

Routinely inspect the irrigation system to make sure it is delivering

water as designed. Correct any problems as soon as possible. A plant’s life depends on it. Plants in clay pots require more water, plants in plastic pots are better. Soil in any type of pot material can pull away from the sides of the pot and water will just run through and out the drain holes in the bottom. This problem can be corrected by pressing the soil back against the inside sides of the pot when the soil is wet. Saucers under the pots may help too.

Spider mites are a common problem when hot, dry, dusty conditions prevail. This topic was covered in a previous care column which can be found at <http://Temeculavallyrosesociety.org> newsletter: look for “Care for September 2013.” Another hot weather problem is Chilli Thrips; see September’s care column for tips.

A bimonthly magazine which covers rose topics is the American Rose published by the American Rose Society. Visit <http://www.rose.org> for more information on obtaining it.

When you have a moment to spare or feel the need to get away or when the day cools down, take your favorite beverage, a picnic basket and visit the Rose Haven Heritage Garden, 30592 Jedediah Smith Road, in Temecula. The cross street is Cabrillo Avenue.

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# Winter’s coming, time to get discounted rain barrels

**Gig Conaughton**  
San Diego County Communications Office

It’s still hot outside, but fall has officially arrived and that means the winter rainy season is just around the corner.

It also means October is the perfect time to get a discounted rain barrel for as little as \$25 to catch every drop, cut gardening water costs and protect beaches simultaneously.

Thanks to San Diego County’s Watershed Protection Program and the nonprofit Solana Center, residents can order a top-of-the-line, discounted \$90 Ivy rain barrel online.

And the total cost could be as low as \$25 if they qualify for an additional Metropolitan Water District rebate and a separate county discount.

Here’s how to do it. Just order an Ivy rain barrel at <https://www.solanacenter.org/rain-barrels> and choose to pick it up at the COVID-19-protected event in Valley Center.

The rain barrels will not be shipped. Order by Oct. 31 to pick up the rain barrel from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 7, at Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Road, in Valley Center.

To protect everyone, customers must wear masks and remain in their cars. Workers at the events will also wear masks and load rain barrels into people’s trunks or back seats. There will also be a staging area separated from the pickup spot for customers who need to adjust tie-downs or take other

measures to secure rain barrels. A fuller explanation of the pickup process is located on the Solana Center’s webpage.

Anyone who can’t attend the pickup event can also pick up their barrel from noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Solana Center’s Encinitas offices at 137 N.E. I Camino Real.

County residents can apply for a \$35 rebate that can shrink their rain barrel’s cost from \$90 to \$55 if they get their water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California – either through the San Diego County Water Authority or its participating member agencies in San Diego County.

In addition, the county is giving out its own \$30 discount to residents who live in unincorporated areas – on the first 200 rain barrels ordered. Get that discount and the final cost shrinks to \$25.

Having a rain barrel can let residents “harvest” rain right off your roof and use it to keep their gardens or lawns green the old-fashioned way. It can cut their water costs and help protect local beaches by preventing excess rain from washing pollution off roofs and yards and down streets to the ocean.

The Ivy Rain Barrels have a locking, child-proof lid, are made of 100% recycled material, have overflow ports, protective screening to keep mosquitoes out, a 3/4-inch ball valve to connect to a garden hose or to another barrel, and they don’t need pumps because they use gravity to dispense their collected rainwater.



Rain barrels let homeowners “harvest” rain right off their roof and use it to keep their gardens or lawns green the old-fashioned way. Village News/Courtesy photo

**Order and buy a rain barrel.**  
Go to the county/Solana Center’s rain barrels website. Scroll halfway down the page and click on one of the two options to start a purchase:  
Choose “Check address & Start Purchase” to buy a \$60 barrel if the resident lives in the unincorporated county. From there they’ll be asked to choose one of the pickup locations. Residents can order and pay for their rain barrel with a credit card.  
Residents may buy as many rain barrels as they’d like, but the Metropolitan rebate and county discount are limited to two per household.  
Finally, remember that the rain barrel will not be delivered. When it’s time to pick it up at any of the pickup locations, remember to print out and bring the receipt.  
**Apply for your rebate.**  
The \$35 rebates from the Metropolitan Water District are available within 90 days of ordering/buying a rain barrel, so as soon as the rain barrel is ordered, visit <https://socalwatersmart.com/en/residential/rebates/available-rebates/rain-barrels-cisterns/>. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For help, check out the Metropolitan Water District rebates’ frequently asked questions under rebates.  
Pick up your rain barrel.  
While buying the rain barrel, Rainwater Solutions will email customers a confirmation of the purchase. Residents should remember to bring the confirmation email along when they go to your chosen location to pick up their barrel. And remember to leave room in the car for it. Solana Center officials said that barrels fit easily in any four-door sedan or SUV and into some two-door cars.  
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# Lien release, time extension approved for Bonsall Oaks

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

A new security agreement for the planned Bonsall Oaks subdivision releases the lien contract on 16 of the lots.

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0, Sept. 16, to replace the lien contract with security bonds and also to provide a time extension for when the infrastructure must be completed.

The agreement covers completion of road, water, sewer, and other infrastructure improvements but does not require completion of the homes or other lot improvements themselves.

Bonsall Oaks, LLC, which currently owns the property, will build a boutique winery and a bed and breakfast on that part of the property. Construction is expected to begin within the next 90 days and be completed within the next 12 months.

The Board of Supervisors approved the tentative parcel map for the project in November 1993 and the final map and secured agreements in September 1999. Vista Villas Development Limited and SGM Investment Corporation owned the land at the time.

The parcel map subdivided 449.54 acres on the north side of Gopher Canyon Road across the street from the Vista Valley Country Club into up to 165 residential lots and two open space lots.

A tentative parcel map becomes a final map after all conditions of the tentative map, other than those for which permits cannot be issued until a final map is recorded, are fulfilled. A final map is required for grading and building permits.

The conditions of a final map include secured agreements to ensure that the infrastructure will be built and that payment for labor and materials used to build the infrastructure will be made.

The approval of the final map in 1999 also included approval of the security agreement in which a joint performance bond of \$7,826,500 was placed with the Clerk of the Board.

That bond covered \$5,176,000 for the streets and drainage facility improvements, \$2,427,800 for improvement of the sewer and water facilities for the Rainbow Municipal Water District, \$90,000 for setting of final monuments, and \$132,000 for the Park Land fee.

An additional Joint Labor and Material Bond of \$3,913,250 was placed with the Clerk of the Board to guarantee payment for labor and material involved in the construction of the improvements.

(The developers also deposited a check for \$5,900 into the Department of Public Works Road Fund for the fair share cost of a future traffic signal at the intersection of Gopher Canyon Road and Interstate 15 and a check for \$4,400 in the Department of Public Works Road Fund for the fair share of a future signal at Old River Road and Highway 76. An additional \$25,400 construction fee was paid to the county for road improvements on East Vista Way between Mission Road and Osborne Street.)

The development, then called the Polo Club, was conditioned to obtain permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Regional Water Quality Control

Board before construction could begin. The ownership negotiated with the regulatory agencies, and the project has undergone multiple design changes so that the required permits could be obtained.

Improvements identified in a secured agreement are required to be completed within two years of the approval of the final map, although if circumstances prevent the improvements from being completed by the agreement's expiration additional time may be requested to complete the infrastructure.

The Board of Supervisors granted time extensions for the Vista Valley development in August 2012 and October 2014. A request for another time extension was filed before the October 2016 expiration date but was not completed. In 2019, Vista Villas Development, LP, informed the county of a pending sale.

The subdivision was renamed Bonsall Oaks when Bonsall Oaks, LLC., agreed to purchase the project from Vista Villas Development, LP. On Jan. 15, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement which reflects the ownership change of the property.

Bonsall Oaks, LLC, assumed the responsibility and liability of all obligations covered in the joint improvement agreement, the joint lien contract, and the holding agreement. That Jan. 15 vote also approved a time extension until Jan. 15, 2022, for the Bonsall Oaks development. The grant deed for the transfer of the property was recorded Jan. 23 although the deed was actually signed in November 2019.

Bonsall Oaks, LLC, currently does not desire to construct the northern portion of the project and the associated infrastructure since none of the individual lots have been sold, none of the construction permits have been issued, and no improvements have been constructed within the subdivision.

The county may release a lien contract only after the property owner provides a substitute security. Ohio Casualty Insurance Company has agreed to provide security for Bonsall Oaks. The security bond will cover 150% of the costs of the estimated security at the time the lien contract is replaced with the bonds.

The new performance bond for the 16 lots is for \$1,192,032 and covers \$698,800 for improvement of streets and easements, \$308,100 for improvement of sewer facilities, \$160,400 for improvement of water facilities, and \$24,732 for final monumentation. The new labor and material bond is for \$596,016.

The Rainbow Municipal Water District approved an amended security agreement Dec. 3; that new agreement reflects new requirements including manholes at the upstream end of sewer lines as well as the ownership change.

The amended security agreement to replace the lien contract with a security bond was approved at Rainbow's July 28 board meeting. The water and sewer infrastructure to be added by the project includes the addition of a pump station.

The project was to have added 3.1 miles of new private streets when it was approved in 1999. A portion of the land has been dedicated as a conservation easement, which eliminated some lots in the design along with the cul-de-sac serving them, and

the total road distance has been reduced by approximately 1,400 feet.

The conservation easement will allow for more lots elsewhere, so the planned total of 165 single-family lots is unchanged.

The two open space easements were not subject to the lien contract. The other 149 lots are still under the lien contract although when Bonsall Oaks, LLC, desires to replace the lien contract with a security bond the county will take the appropriate action.

A conservation subdivision, sometimes referred to as clustering, allows for some residential lots smaller than the minimum lot size in order to maximize an open space area, and the map will also be modified to include that concept while retaining the figure of 165 residential lots.

The director of the county's Department of Planning and Development Services has the authority to approve a minor deviation, and the Bonsall Oaks map modification is expected to qualify as a minor deviation. The

timing for the remaining phases is to be determined, and the specific lots for the future phases will also be finalized in the future.

The time extension approved Sept. 16 gives Bonsall Oaks, LLC, until Aug. 5, 2022, to complete the required improvements.

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SPORTS

Boys Water Polo readying for cold weather season

Jeff Pack  
Staff Writer

If the world were normal, the Fallbrook Union High School Boys Water Polo team would be in the middle of their season right this moment.

Warm days, longer days, no need for parkas.

Head coach Bill Richardson knows things are going to be different when the boys open their training in mid-December and games in early January.

“It will be in play in the dark and all those fun things,” he said. “I used to coach the girls. So, I remember the flu season and no lights, rainstorms and I’m going to have to buy a parka, I guess.”

Another interesting hurdle to overcome is the fact that the boys and girls season will coincide, making pool time an issue.

“We’re going to have to figure it out as we go,” Richardson said. “(Girls head coach) Sean (Redmond) and I are pretty used to working together because we both coach swimming. Flipping pools and switching pools every other day and working together that way. The kids are used to it during swim, so I don’t think it will be a huge deal as far as that goes, but we’ll see what’s gonna happen.”

Richardson says there is still a lot in the air as far as how practices and games will take place.

“What’s gonna be allowed?” he asked. “How much he can practice. when we can practice, how many coaches can we have per player? All those things are just changing

all the time. Those kinds of things are more difficult.”

Richardson said in normal times, the varsity kids have completed half of their practice by the time school is done because they have a seventh period class with them.

“Even if we go back where’s the hybrid thing, trying to figure out how do we get a practice in early enough in the day to accommodate the younger kids that come in after school,” he said. “Getting somebody like Kenny Brower coming over from San Marcos to coach, he’s been the JV coach for both programs. So how does he do that? Coach JV girls and JV boys when you can only have so many kids per coach and without him being there for hours on end. So, yeah, there’s a lot to figure it out.”

Richardson recognizes that this is going to be a strange year either way.

“It’s going to be an abbreviated year, I don’t think there’s any possible way we’ll play a full schedule,” he said. “I was just reading an email from a fellow coach talking about how some areas have plenty of pool space, then there’s areas where the pools aren’t even open yet. They don’t know how they’re going to practice. It’s going to be a strange year.

“Just getting the kids in the water and then getting them a number of games and trying to make it as normal as possible is probably the goal at this point.”

So far, they have a schedule for league games, he said.

“If everything works out right



Warrior Owen Hearn faces off against San Dieguito Academy's defense, November 2019. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

now, we will have our league games and we only play one round in league,” Richardson said. “So, we have those games scheduled for us. We have two cross league games scheduled for us. We have to negotiate when those will be. The league schedule is set; we’re playing Wednesdays and they have already outlined that that will be boys and girls programs in the same pool at the same time. It’ll go JV Girls, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys and JV Boys. Four games in a row. We’re trying to work on

keeping that pattern, that model, um, for the entire season, outside of tournaments.”

Richardson said he has his kids via a computer only right now through distance learning, but some of the kids are working out with clubs in other towns and cities.

“I think they just want to play, you know, the kids, for the most part, they just want to go back to school and they want it to be normal,” he said. “You know, they’re bummed. If we can get

them back in the water and try to get a season ....”

He said his team is young this year, so maybe it will work to their advantage.

“We’re young and we’re keeping them together and playing and building for the following year, I think,” Richardson said. “It’s just a wacky thing. And who knows, maybe we do better when it’s wacky.”

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Mo Forza, Ebeko win Santa Anita stakes races

Joe Naiman  
Village News Reporter

Santa Anita Park had three stakes races the weekend of Oct. 2-4, and San Luis Rey Training Center colts trained by Peter Miller won two of them.

Mo Forza won the Grade 2 City of Hope Mile Stakes which was held Oct. 3. Ebeko finished first in the Oct. 4 Zuma Beach Stakes. Both races were 1 mile on Santa Anita’s turf course. Both horses entered the stretch in fourth place before taking the lead during the stretch.

The City of Hope Mile Stakes is for horses 3 years old and up. Mo Forza was ridden by Flavien Prat.

Prat and Mo Forza broke sixth among the seven entries in the

race. Bob and Jackie, who is trained by Richard Baltas and was at San Luis Rey earlier this year, broke first. Blitzkrieg, who is trained by Doug O’Neill and was stabled at San Luis Rey last year, broke second.

The first half mile took Blitzkrieg 45.61 seconds, and he still led Bob and Jackie by a length while Bob and Jackie increased his length over Sharp Samurai to a full-length. Restrainedvengeance had a two-length lead over Mo Forza, who trailed Blitzkrieg by 4 1/3 engths at that point.

Blitzkrieg entered the stretch 1:20.53 into the race and led Bob and Jackie by one length. Bob and Jackie was a head in front of Sharp Samurai. Mo Forza had moved into fourth before the beginning

of the stretch and trailed Sharp Samurai by half a length and Blitzkrieg by 1 1/2 lengths.

Mo Forza overtook the three horses ahead of him and crossed the finish line 1 3/4 lengths ahead of Sharp Samurai, who finished second. Bob and Jackie was third, 1 1/4 lengths in back of Sharp Samurai and a head in front of fourth-place Blitzkrieg. The winning time for Mo Forza was 1:32.09, which was 4/10 of a second off the track record of 1:31.69.

Including starter bonuses, the City of Hope Mile Stakes total purse was \$201,000. First place provided \$120,000, and that amount increased Mo Forza’s career earnings to \$734,460.

Mo Forza was foaled in Kentucky April 5, 2016. He was sired by Uncle Mo out of Inflamed. He made his racing debut at Santa Anita Park in June 2019, and his

first victory was at Santa Anita in November 2019. He followed that with three more wins, all in stakes races, before finishing ninth in the Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational Stakes.

Mo Forza returned to victory Aug. 22 by winning the Grade 2 Del Mar Mile stakes race at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. He finished 4 1/4 lengths in front of Restrainedvengeance, who took second.

The Zuma Beach Stakes is for 2-year-olds. Ebeko, who was ridden by Ricardo Gonzalez, broke third among the seven horses in the race. Ingest, who is trained by O’Neill and was at San Luis Rey earlier this year, broke first.

Ingest required 23.66 seconds to travel the first quarter of a mile and held a half-length lead over Tarantino. Ebeko was in third, a length in back of Tarantino and a head in front of fourth-place

Cotopaxi.

The order of the horses was unchanged after the completion of the first half mile. Cotopaxi moved into second during the next two furlongs, and after three-quarters of a mile Tarantino was in third and Ebeko was the fourth-place horse.

At the start of the stretch, Cotopaxi was in the lead, having reached that point in 1:24.92, while Ingest had dropped to third. Tarantino was in second, half a length behind Cotopaxi and a head in front of Ingest. Ebeko trailed Ingest by half a length and Cotopaxi by a length while holding a half-length lead over fifth-place Caisson.

Ebeko beat Tarantino by a nose to win the race in 1:36.05 while Tarantino was three-quarters of a length in front of third-place Cotopaxi. Ingest was sixth.

The total value of the race including starter bonuses was \$101,000, and \$60,000 of that was given for first place. Ebeko has earned \$106,430 in his five career races.

Ebeko was foaled in Ireland April 7, 2018. He was sired by Awtaad out of Allegrezza. He began his racing career this year with three races in Ireland, winning one of those, before making his United States debut Sept. 7 at Del Mar and finishing second in the Del Mar Juvenile Turf Stakes.

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**PUBLISHED: October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2020**

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This business is conducted by a General Partnership  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 9/15/15  
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**PUBLISHED: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
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Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 09/01/2010  
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**PUBLISHED: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9015492  
Name of Business  
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File Number: 2020-9015201  
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**LEGAL: 5314**  
**PUBLISHED: September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2020**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9015420  
Name of Business  
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This Corporation is registered in the state of CA  
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**PUBLISHED: September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2020**

Sale Of Abandoned Property

**NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**  
  
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**Published October 8, 15, 2020**

Change of Name

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Case Number: 37-2020-00026734-CU-PT-CTL  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS  
Petitioner:  
**NOREEN OLAGUER ON BEHALF OF NADINE ANN OLAGUER ALICDAN**  
Present Name:  
**NADINE ANN OLAGUER ALICDAN**  
Proposed Name:  
**NADINE ANN CADELINA OLAGUER**  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing."

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: 11/12/2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept: C-6  
The address of the court is Superior Court, 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News  
Other parent must be served. "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which poses a substantial risk to the health and welfare of court personnel and the public, rendering presence in, or access to, the court's facilities unsafe, and pursuant to the emergency orders of the Chief Justice of the State of California and General Orders of the Presiding Department of the San Diego Superior court, the following Order is made:  
NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

The court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120).  
If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (required at least two court days before the date specified), the Petition for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120) will be granted without a hearing. One certified copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner.  
If all requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written order with further directions.  
If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a remote hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions.  
**A RESPONDENT OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED.** Do not come to the court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future remote hearing date.  
Any Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

Date: September 16, 2020 Signed: Daniel F. Link, Judge of the Superior Court.  
**LEGAL: 5321**  
**PUBLISHED: October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020**

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Regular Meeting

Monday 19 October 2020, 7:00 PM, ONLINE: [www.zoom.us](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3615307770?pwd=QWtpaTBzSnhRNEhrMm9rcjVBL0lqZz09). See log-in information below  
AGENDA as of 09/29/2020

Scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Topic: October Planning Group Meeting  
Time: Oct 19, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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NOTES: **Seat # 15 remains open on the Fallbrook Community Planning Group. Interested individuals should contact the chair (see below) to receive an application.**

In keeping with San Diego County Board of Supervisors Guidelines, the Fallbrook Community Planning Group will conduct the October committee and full Planning Group meetings using the online meeting site: **Zoom. Please download the app from [www.zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us) and log into the below meeting “room” at least ten minutes prior to the 7PM start.**

1. Open Forum. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. Three-minute limitation. **Non-discussion and Non-voting item.**

2. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of 21 September 2020. **Voting Item.**

3. Request for exemption from site plan processing requirements for B Special Area Regulation. Illuminated wall sign for Metro by T-Mobile at 840 S. Main (APN 104-132-08-00). Applicant is Peter Lapsiwala, peterlapsiwala@permitsandmore.com, 619-323-4048 for Deborah Ramsey (owner). County planner Vanessa Pash, [vanessa.pash@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:vanessa.pash@sdcounty.ca.gov), 858-694-3291. **Continued from September meetings. Design Review. Community input. Voting item. (8/4)**

4. Request for Minor Deviation for Rite-Aid sign placement at 1331 South Mission Rd., Fallbrook (APN 104-200-79-00). The requested signs would be placed facing South Mission Rd. on the façade of the building. Applicant is Kasey Clark, senior project manager, AKC Permit Co., [Kaseyuc@akcservices.net](mailto:Kaseyuc@akcservices.net), 951-471-8419 for the owner, Jay Hwang, 17761 Old Winery Way, Poway, CA 92064. County planner Vanessa Pash, [vanessa.pash@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:vanessa.pash@sdcounty.ca.gov), 858-694-3291. **Continued from September meetings. Design Review. Community input. Voting item. (8/6)**

5. Roof-top modifications to the Little Caesar restaurant at 1061 S Main Ave. (APN 104-341-32-00) to consist of removal of old air conditioning unit and installation of new unit along with associated ducting, electrical, etc. Applicant John Law, [john.law@airerite.com](mailto:john.law@airerite.com), 714-943-5640, County Planner Vanessa Pash, [vanessa.pash@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:vanessa.pash@sdcounty.ca.gov), 858-694-3291. **Design Review. Community input. Voting item. (9/1)**

6. The owner of the tattoo parlor at 129 Vine St., APN 103-225-09-00, wants to establish the property as a principal commercial use and residential property. A portion of the property in Fallbrook Village Zone 2 (FB-V2) will be converted to a residence along with an addition to the structure. The applicant is applying for a Site Plan Waiver. The owner is Wendy Norwood and the applicant is Barbara Lam, [barbaralam@dlamdesign.com](mailto:barbaralam@dlamdesign.com), 619-370-1403. County Planner is Vanessa Pash, [vanessa.pash@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:vanessa.pash@sdcounty.ca.gov), 858-694-3291. **Design Review. Community Input. Voting Item. (9/29)**

7. Consideration of the final draft of revised by-laws following input from various members of the Planning Group. **Ad-Hoc By-Laws Committee. No community input. Voting item. (9/21)**

8. Approval of addition of David Lynch as a community member to the Parks and Recreation Committee. **Community Input. Voting item. (9/21)**

9. Approval of addition of Collin Stephens as a community member to the Parks and Recreation Committee. **Community input. Voting item. (9/30)**

NOTE: The Planning Group occasionally has openings on its **Land Use** (Eileen Delaney 760-518-888), **Circulation** (Roy Moosa 760-723-1181), **Parks & Recreation** (Jim Loge 760-712-2773), **Public Facilities** (Roy Moosa 760-723-1181), and **Design Review** (Eileen Delaney 760-518-8888) committees for non-elected citizens. Interested persons please contact the Chairman. This is a preliminary agenda. If any changes are made, a final agenda will be posted at the North County Fire District, 315 E. Ivy Street, Fallbrook, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Jack Wood, Chair, 760-715-3359

Published October 15, 2020

SHERIFF'S LOG

Oct.4		
E. Mission Rd @ S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Possession of narcotics for sale, sale of narcotics, possession of controlled substance for sale, sale of controlled substance, outstanding misdemeanor warrant	
Oct.5		
4300 block Los Padres Dr	Fraud	
300 block N. Orange Ave	Burglary	
3400 block Live Oak Creek Cr	Burglary	
600 block Alturas Rd	Arrest: Outstanding misdemeanor warrant	
38400 block Sandia Creek Dr	Vehicle burglary	
3400 block S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance paraphernalia	
Oct.6		
3100 block S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance	
100 block E. Aviation Rd	Vehicle burglary	
3100 block S. Old Highway 395	Possession of controlled substance	
100 block E. Aviation Rd	Vehicle burglary	
3800 block Wendi Ct	Report of rape	
McDonald Rd @ E. Fallbrook St	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance paraphernalia , possession of controlled substance	
Oct.7		
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# Gems and minerals attract visitors to Fallbrook from B-1



A vendor sells unopened geodes for customers to open on-site or at home during the Fall Festival of Gems hosted by the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society.



The buyer of a polished piece of rutilated smoky quartz holds it up to the light at the Fall Festival of Gems in Fallbrook.



Nazir Eljach, 5, uses a geode breaking tool to crack open his geode at the annual Fall Festival of Gems.



Gem collector Ray Pearce displays and sells his spheres made of surfboard material during the Fall Festival of Gems.



A gemstone carved into a little bird is for sale at the Fall Festival of Gems hosted by the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos



Julie Tamura shops for gemstones at the Fall Festival of Gems hosted by the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society.



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EDUCATION

Palomar’s GEAR UP grant continues for 2020-2021

SAN MARCOS – A groundbreaking Palomar College program that helps prepare middle and high school students for college has received a grant renewal from the U.S. Department of Education, ensuring the work at four North County high school campuses will continue into 2021.

The \$1,190,400 grant will support GEAR UP classrooms that serve more than 3,300 students at Fallbrook High, Rancho Buena Vista High, Vista High and Valley Center High.

“GEAR UP is doing the crucial work of reaching the college students of tomorrow and supporting them in their educational journey while they’re still in high school,” Jack Kahn, interim superintendent and president of Palomar College, said. “This grant continuation shows that GEAR UP has been effective in promoting higher education in our district.”

The program started in 2016, when the current cohort of GEAR UP students were in middle school, and is scheduled to continue through 2023, with funding reviewed and approved annually.

“Our continued funding is based on our annual performance every year,” Joe LeDesma, director of

GEAR UP Project, said.

Objectives that must be met to continue grant funding include, for example, that participating students meet their academic requirements and progress to the next grade level.

LeDesma said Palomar’s GEAR UP program was approved for continuing funding despite a challenging learning environment due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Under normal circumstances, GEAR UP provides opportunities for students to visit college and university campuses, interacting with leadership groups and learning about academic programs. The program provides tutoring, which typically takes place in designated classrooms at participating schools, is now virtual.

“We’re serving the students remotely right now,” LeDesma said, adding that the program’s goals have not changed. “We want to increase the enrollment in rigorous courses, increase high school graduation rates and promote successful enrollment in postsecondary education. We also want to increase college degrees and provide any access to financial assistance for postsecondary education.”

Submitted by Palomar College.



A \$1,190,400 grant from the U.S. Department of Education will support GEAR UP classrooms that serve more than 3,300 students at four local high schools including Fallbrook High. Village News/Courtesy photo

Gomez earns associate degree

ATLANTA – Georgia State University conferred an associate degree to Enrique Gomez of Fallbrook during the summer 2020 semester.

More than 2,000 students earned degrees by Georgia State University at the associate, bachelor’s, master’s and professional degrees during the summer 2020 semester.

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Submitted by Georgia State University.

Scholarship program seeks California’s top youth volunteers

NEWARK, NJ – California’s young changemakers have one month left to apply for scholarships, grants and more through The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Through Nov. 10, Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are calling on middle level and high school volunteers to apply for local, state and national recognition through this prestigious program.

California students in grades 5-12 are eligible for 2021 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards if they have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteering within the past 12 months – virtually or otherwise. The application is

available at <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

The top middle level and high school volunteer from each state and the District of Columbia will be named State Honorees in February. They will receive \$1,000 scholarships, engraved silver medallions and an invitation to the program’s national recognition events.

In May, the program will name America’s top 10 youth volunteers of 2021. Those National Honorees will receive additional \$5,000 scholarships, gold medallions, crystal trophies for their nominating schools or organizations, and \$5,000 Prudential grants for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

Local-level honorees in each state will receive awards ranging from bronze medallions to certificates. Qualifying local honorees also receive President’s Volunteer Service Awards.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created in 1995 to recognize the exemplary volunteer work of middle level and high school students. Since then, awards have been granted to more than 140,000 middle and high school students across the country at the local, state and national level.

For complete details on the 2021 program and the stories of California’s top youth volunteers from years past, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

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Hofstra University recognizes spring graduates

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. – About 2,000 Hofstra University students earned their undergraduate, graduate or law degrees this spring and summer. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual commencement ceremonies were held Aug. 23.

Fallbrook residents Donia

Firooz earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and Alyson Sann earned a bachelor’s degree in political science, public policy and public service.

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Costume photos and ballots will be printed in the 11/5/2020 edition.  
Village News readers will vote for their favorites by mail-in or drop off ballot.

Winners will be announced in the 11/19/20 edition of the Village News.

\*One ballot per Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow or De Luz household.



# Learning the art of firescaping and home fire protection Part III

**Roger Boddaert**  
*Special to Village News*

Making your home and community safer and surviving a wildfire is a process that will be well worth the effort to be prepared.

Some projects can be done in a weekend or two, although it is essential to remember that routine maintenance must be a part of any long-term plan to reduce your home’s vulnerability from wildfires.

Wildfires can be challenging to control, and what is controllable is how you prepare your home and surroundings before fire threatens.

A valuable link between survival and destruction is the steps one can take to reduce the chance of a fire’s initial ignition around your home.

Here are some critical areas to address and items to address.

**Access zone: the access zone is the area that helps emergency crews and firefighters to locate and arrive at your home promptly.**

- Check and make sure the streets signs at each intersection leading to your address are visible and clear of overgrown vegetation.
- Clear away any plants that could be blocking your home address.
- Equip automatic gates with approved emergency key-operated switches that override all command functions so the gate can be operated by emergency personnel to enter your property.
- Have your driveway at least 16 feet wide and 13.6 feet high and clear of vegetation so emergency vehicles can enter safely.

**Defensible space:** This is the area around your home where vegetation should be continuously managed and tailored to reduce fire risk at all times. See Part II for more information.

**Interior zone: this is the inside your home, and these are many fire safety tips that will help you protect the interior of your home.**

- Keep your fireplace clean from excessive creosote buildup on the chimney’s interior walls.
- Ensure your chimney flue has a spark-arrester, so sparks are not allowed to fly upward and outside.
- Keep flammable materials at least three feet away from wood stoves and fireplaces.
- Use metal, mesh, or glass screening in front of your fireplace opening.
- Light a fire in your fireplace correctly, and never start a fire with flammable liquids or gasoline.
- Dispose of all fireplace ashes in a metal container and wait a minimum of five days before transferring them to another container.
- Stack firewood at least 50 feet away from your home and clear

combustible vegetation within 10 feet of the firewood pile. Do not stack firewood in an uphill location from your home, for if burning, the logs can fall apart and roll downhill and ignite your home.

- Smoke alarms are inexpensive devices that save many lives and should be placed in every bedroom and commons areas of your home.
- Test each smoke alarm once a month to ensure it is working and replace batteries once a year. I do it every fall when I reset our clocks in the home to fall backward.
- A typical smoke detector unit can last about 8-10 years, so clean smoke detectors with a vacuum and dust debris from its opening.
- Own and maintain fire extinguishers to quickly put our small fires. Check them annually and recharge after each use. Many come with a gauge to indicate their readiness and if fully charged.
- Do you have an interior fire sprinkler system, especially if your home is near the Wildland-Urban Interface or other high-risk fire areas?

**Structure zone:**

- Inspect your roof and replace it when needed for many roof coverings used in residential construction should be replaced every 20-40 years.
- Keep roofs and gutters free of fallen debris such as needles, leaves and branches. A roof fire can enter your attic, ignite the flammable insulation materials, and start the house burning quickly.
- Install gutter guards to reduce the frequency of cleaning. Debris, like leaves, accumulates in gutters and allows flying sparks to ignite a roof fire.
- Install small mesh screen coverings over your roof vents so embers will not enter into the attic area.
- Cover the undersides of your eaves with fire-resistant material to box them in, which will protect the eave area and slow a roof fire.
- Attached wooden decks to the home, when on fire, can lead to the house catching fire. Use at least 1.5-inch boards in its construction. Thinner boards ignite easier, release heat faster, and pose a higher hazard to adjacent windows and wall sidings.
- Remove burnable furnishings off the deck if a fire is approaching.
- Use gravel mulch under a raised deck to prevent vegetation growth, which can be a fire problem under wooden decks.
- Do not store combustible materials under a wooden deck.
- Use two-pane glass windows in the construction of your home. They are an added protection with the outer pane serving as a thermal shield for the

inner pane. Tempered glass is more substantial than regular annealed glass.

- Do not have combustible wooden structures, such as storage sheds and gazebos or playhouses close to the home; they should be at least 30 feet or more away from the main house.
- A wooden fence attached to a home, if it catches on fire, can act as a wick, leading fire to the house.
- Install a portable sprinkler system on top of the house roof and attach it to a garden hose if a fire approaches your property.
- The water in a pool can be used as a great source to help put out a house fire. You can drop a portable pump hose into the pool, along with a gas-generator, and utilize that tremendous amount of water to perhaps save your home.

**Planning & evacuation: Evacuation and preparedness safety tips are also needed for all your animals.**

- Take care of your pets and animals of all kinds with a list of evacuation items for them and a safe place to take them for a while.
- Plan transportation for larger livestock like horses, cattle, pigs, sheep, llamas, and others if you have them.
- Please make sure you have food for them in adequate supply along with water, beddings and essentials for their comfort.
- Have a plan with friends and neighbors to help get animals loaded and transported to a holding shelter for a while.

**Personal preparedness:**

- Be careful with all types of candles, especially with holiday décor.
- Prioritize items in order of importance with a place to go if you must evacuate, along with phone numbers for family members to contact you.
- A three-day emergency backpack with water, canned food, toiletries, a change of clothing, and if you have to evacuate your home,
- Sleeping bags, blankets, and a first aid kit with medications for all are vital.
- Essential documents include birth and marriage certificates, vaccination records, financial documents, passport, insurance papers, and your address book.
- Don’t forget those photo albums, which mean so much to you and your family, for years of memories are tucked into those pages.
- Perhaps now is the time to digitize all those photos and have on a few savable disks or flash drives.
- Get a local emergency app on your phone to stay informed as communication is vital for all parties involved.
- Special items for infants, the elderly, or the disabled are of

prime concern.

- Don’t forget an extra pair of reading glasses and sunglasses as well.
- Battery-powered flashlight and extra batteries, a radio, a phone charger.
- Turn off outdoor fuel tanks if connected to the home before evacuation.
- Don’t forget games, toys, books or other entertainment items for the children to pass the time while away.
- And by all means, keep your spirits positive and cheerful and count your blessings.

So get that to-go bag ready and have your list available at hand so that in a moment of panic and stress, you don’t forget something.

I hope I have brought some valuable information to you and that you take care of some of these items while learning a little bit about the art of firescaping.

*Roger Boddaert is a landscape design horticulturist and certified arborist who can help with a property assessment in caring for your property and home. He can be reached at 760-728 4297.*



A combination smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector is a good safety device to have in your home.



A fire extinguisher is an important part of any fire prevention plan.



An interior sprinkler system in the ceiling can help put a home fire out.



A gas generator with submersible hose that can go into a pool can utilize the water in fighting a fire around your house and property.



HEALTH

Healthy Habits for Bonsall & Fallbrook Folks: Sodium – hold the salt please

Megan Johnson McCullough  
Special to Village News

A little salt for taste is almost second nature for many people. It is sitting right there on the dining room table. Extra flavor makes the meal that much better. Fries without salt, chips without salt or sushi without soy sauce seems unreasonable. Soups are filled with it, and anything teriyaki is appealing.

Sodium gets a bad rap and for good cause. Don't be misled: our bodies do need sodium. However, most folks have trouble sticking to the amount they are supposed to not exceed per day. So here are numbers according to the "The 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans."

For adults, the upper limit for sodium consumption is 2,300 milligrams per day.

If you are African American, age 51 or older or have high blood pressure, diabetes or chronic disease that recommendation is 1,500 milligrams per day or less.

The average American is consuming close to 3,400 milligrams of sodium per day.

That information is quite eye opening. For the functions the body performs using sodium, people only need about 500 milligrams. Just 1 teaspoon of table salt has 2,325 milligrams of sodium.

The main role of sodium is to help send nerve impulses, maintain fluid balance and to help with muscle functioning – contraction and relaxation. But here's the

catch, when there's extra sodium in the body, it goes into your bloodstream and pulls water into your blood vessels. Now there's more blood in the vessels, and the total volume of blood inside them is higher.

With more blood flow comes higher pressure to pass it all through. Think of turning up the water on the garden hose. There's more pressure to blast that amount of water through that same sized hose. The problem is that over time, high blood pressure can overstretch or injure the blood vessel walls.

The speed of flow becomes affected by the gunky plaque that builds up. The heart has to work harder to pump that blood through the body. You don't have to be diagnosed with high blood pressure to still benefit from eating less sodium because ultimately you are helping prevent the risk of heart attack, stroke, osteoporosis, kidney disease and headaches.

Let's take a look at some sodium bomb foods. Deli meat and hot dogs are filled with the substance. That fast food turkey sandwich can have up to 300 milligrams of sodium per slice. Fresh is best. Breakfast choices like biscuit and pancake mixes have quite a bit of salt and so do many cereals. Portion control comes into play with cereal for sure.

Vegetable juices, especially tomato, are salt filled. Most canned items like vegetables and soups are packed with salt. I always recommend rinsing these items

before consuming them. Opt for fresh spices versus ketchups and condiments like soy sauce.

Frozen meals and pizzas are super salty, and canned spaghetti sauce is a major "no-no." One cup of spaghetti sauce can have nearly 1,000 milligrams of sodium. Bread, tortillas and cheeses are high salt containing as well. Tuna in a can is another salty choice which you can rinse off. Read the labels and go for low-sodium selections when possible.

Read the nutrition labels. You may not realize how much you are consuming, but innocence is not "bliss" when it catches up to you.

High blood pressure and cardiovascular disease threaten quality of life and can lead to death. Cutting salt can cut trips to the doctor and result in health care savings.

That good old saying comes into play in which everything in moderation is OK. The trouble is that moderation has become a problem for us. Be mindful of your choices, and hopefully be more aware of your sodium consumption. Don't make your heart have to work any harder than it already does every single second of every single day and night.

So how much salt have you had so far today?

Megan Johnson McCullough holds a master's degree in physical education and health science, is a candidate for her doctorate, is a professional natural bodybuilder and is a National Academy of Sports Medicine master trainer.



It is a habit to add salt and sauces for taste, but daily sodium totals add up quickly and your heart is the first to feel it. Village News/Marisa Murdock photo

Temecula Valley Hospital now offers the EBUS procedure for lung cancer diagnosis

TEMECULA – Temecula Valley Hospital has acquired the Olympus EBUS Solution to perform endobronchial ultrasound transbronchial needle aspiration. The latest American College of Chest Physicians Lung Cancer Guidelines recognizes EBUS-TBNA as the best first test for lung cancer diagnosis.

Up until now, the gold standard for lung cancer staging was a surgical procedure. Now EBUS-TBNA offers a minimally invasive solution that delivers equally reliable sample collection in the

outpatient setting. EBUS is proven for helping physicians diagnose and stage lung cancer and diagnose other pulmonary diseases.

"We take pride in being able to offer our patients the latest technology and innovation," says Darlene Wetton, chief executive officer at Temecula Valley Hospital. "The EBUS procedure now allows our hospital to provide patients a quicker way for diagnosing cancers and other diseases of the airway and lungs."

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The Temecula Valley Hospital Respiratory Staff assist with EBUS outpatient procedures. Village News/Courtesy photo



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Submitted by Temecula Valley Hospital.



— Opinion —

Consider the Great Barrington Declaration and its critics



Jenin Younes  
American Institute for Economic Research

Three of the world’s top epidemiologists published the Great Barrington Declaration, a short treatise that advocates a controversial approach to managing the coronavirus pandemic, Sunday, Oct. 4., Professors Jay Bhattacharya of Stanford University, Sunetra Gupta of Oxford University and Martin Kulldorff of Harvard University argued that societies across the globe should reopen immediately and completely.

Instead of observing measures designed to slow the spread of the virus, the young and healthy should resume normal activity to incur herd immunity and thereby protect those vulnerable to severe illness. The authors urged the adoption of this strategy, which they call “Focused Protection,” in light of increasing evidence that “current lockdown policies are producing devastating effects on short and long-term public health... Keeping these measures in place until a vaccine is available will cause irreparable damage, with the underprivileged disproportionately harmed.”

As of Oct. 8, the declaration has been signed by 4,900 other medical and public health scientists, 9,300 medical practitioners and around 129,000 members of the general public.

While these scientists are not the first to express such views, given the degree to which their stance conflicts with the prevailing wisdom that everyone has a moral obligation to participate in efforts to “stop the spread,” it is not surprising that they have already encountered significant opposition. Among their primary detractors is Yale epidemiologist Gregg Gonsalves, who considers their proposal akin to a suggestion that society “cull... the herd of the sick and disabled. It’s grotesque.”

It is hard to see where Gonsalves reads into the declaration, which seeks to balance the interests of all demographics, a call to “cull... the sick and disabled.” This accusation is merely part of the drama in what has become theater.

Gonsalves’s more measured, and conceivably legitimate, argument is that, since around 50% of the United States population is vulnerable, those most likely to experience severe illness cannot simply be separated out from the rest of society. Some version of this notion – that the strategy is logistically unfeasible and therefore must be discarded – is the most prevalent critique of the document. Gonsalves and others, for instance Dr. Michael Head at University of Southampton, also contend that the declaration’s premise is false, because no one in the scientific community is calling for either extended or extensive lockdowns.

But this latter claim is simply untrue. Many prominent scientists have called for extreme lockdowns in the United States, as recently as September. While they claim this action would eradicate the coronavirus entirely, it is becoming increasingly evident that such suppressive measures last only as long as they are in place.

Once lifted, the virus simply resurges, as has been demonstrated by countries such as Peru, which

initially implemented one of the world’s most extreme lockdowns and now has one of the worst outbreaks. Melbourne, Australia, has been under a severe lockdown for over a month, despite having declared early victory against the virus. The United Kingdom has been enacting various forms of shutdown for several weeks after having been more or less open for the summer, and the mayor of New York City and governor of New York State have been threatening to impose localized lockdowns in Brooklyn and Queens neighborhoods in which cases are rising. Thus, whether endorsed by the scientific community or politicians, forced closures of schools and businesses are the default mechanism for managing rising cases in many parts of the world.

Lockdowns are no strawman, contrary to the claims of Gonsalves and colleagues.

As for Gonsalves’s more compelling concern, it is true that protecting vulnerable members of society who do not reside in nursing homes, while allowing the rest to go about their lives, is not a simple feat. But the many scientists who conclude that, therefore, “Focused Protection” is not viable are woefully misguided. Initially, some portion of the vast resources that societies are expending to lock down could be diverted to this project. But more importantly, the critics’

position drastically underestimates the harm lockdowns inflict on a society.

Oxfam recently published a report concluding that 130 million more people will probably die of starvation due to supply chain disruptions resulting from lockdowns around the world. As Time magazine explained, that is exponentially more people than will succumb to the coronavirus itself. The Centers for Disease Control and Protection has estimated the probable occurrence of more than 93,000 “non-COVID-19 ‘excess deaths’ this year, including 42,427 from cardiovascular conditions, 10,686 from diabetes and 3,646 from cancer. Many are due to government shutdowns of nonessential medical care.” Those numbers are for this country alone.

Likewise, mental health is deteriorating; substance, child and domestic abuse are increasing and children, especially those who come from families without means, are falling behind in school. Countless businesses have closed, many for good, spelling financial disaster for their owners and hardship for employees. All due to lockdowns, despite the common misattributions in headlines to the “coronavirus” itself.

While Gonsalves and the other critics are quick to argue that “Focused Protection” is “grotesque,” at no point do they address the crux of the matter, which is that the harms of locking

down and social distancing, especially to the young, outweigh the benefits. Their opposition stems from the myopic worldview that led to lockdown and social distancing strategies in the first place: that the pandemic is a uniquely horrible problem that justifies sidelining all others in the quest to solve it.

Instead, as society has seen over the past seven or eight months, the coronavirus is just one among countless difficulties that the world faces; when contemplated dispassionately, it does not stand out the way that, for instance, nuclear war or a truly apocalyptic pandemic would. At 1.05 million deaths over the past nine or 10 months, the coronavirus appears to be a problem along the lines of, for example, traffic accidents, which cause 1.35 million deaths per year, or tuberculosis, which results in 1.5 million deaths annually.

Most people understand and accept that preventing these deaths must be balanced against other interests. If, for instance, the nation banned vehicular travel to avoid deaths resulting from traffic accidents, but doing so caused 130 million deaths from supply chain disruptions, people would immediately recognize it as a failing proposition. Clearly, the same logic ought to apply in this case.

Critics of the Great Barrington Declaration correctly observe that the health care system will

not be able to prevent every death from coronavirus among the vulnerable. But their argument rests on the false assumption that preventing coronavirus deaths is more important than anything else, and while efforts can be made to mitigate collateral damage, in the end all must give way to this overarching goal.

Rather, like all else in life, mitigation efforts must be balanced against the injury those measures cause. Since lockdowns will probably cause more deaths by starvation alone than the coronavirus, never mind the myriad other harms, the critics’ position simply does not withstand any scrutiny. By contrast, the writers of the Great Barrington Declaration expressly recognize both sides of the equation and seek to minimize coronavirus deaths among the vulnerable and suffering inflicted upon the nonvulnerable.

To read the short Barrington Debate treatise, visit <https://gbdeclaration.org/>.

To read more articles by Jenin Younes, visit <https://www.aier.org/staffs/jenin-younes/>

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## CSUSM nurses receive \$1.3 million grant for psych nurse practitioner program

### City News Service

Two California State University San Marcos School of Nursing professors received a \$1.33 million grant to help build a pipeline of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners, the university announced Friday, Oct. 2.

Catherine Baker and Nancy Romig were awarded the five-year grant from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, which doled out

\$17.3 million for seven programs. Baker is an assistant professor, and Romig is a professor emerita in CSUSM’s School of Nursing. Both are co-coordinators of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program.

“As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, the uncertainty and fear related to the pandemic has brought about uneasy feelings that can further exacerbate mental health issues while creating additional barriers in accessing

supports and services,” Marko Mijic, acting director of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, said. “We must double down on our efforts to build our public mental health system in order to expand access to quality services to all Californians.”

Over the five years, the grant will provide full scholarships for 20 new nurse practitioner students and fund the costs associated with admitting additional students and securing field placements,

according to CSUSM.

After this academic year, which is dedicated to preparation for expansion, the nurse practitioner program will add five additional nursing master’s students for 2021-2022 and each of the subsequent three school years.

Funding will provide for expanded faculty, student recruitment, clinical site visits, preceptors, standardized patient costs and an annual training workshop for preceptors who oversee students.

The grants are funded through the Workforce Education and Training program as part of the Mental Health Services Act, which is intended to address the shortage of mental health practitioners in the public mental health system.

Collectively, the grantees will add 36 psychiatry residency slots and fund 336 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner slots. The funding will also help launch a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program.

## Parkinson’s Support Group to hear about danger zones

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Parkinson’s Support Group will meet virtually, Friday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m. via Zoom. The speaker will be Kindra French, CAPS, SHSS, and she will talk about “Neutralizing the Danger Zones.”

French is a certified aging-in-place specialist and senior home safety specialist. In 2015, she and

her husband Gary opened their business, 101 Mobility of San Diego, to help people to live safely and independently at home.

She currently serves as president of the San Diego Chapter of the National Aging in Place Council, serves on the San Diego Fall Prevention Task Force and is active in the Caregiver Coalition.

French hosts a monthly program at the Carlsbad Senior Center called “Successful Aging in Place.” Her business is a San Diego Live Well partner.

French is also passionate about cross-cultural missions and has led teams of youth and adult volunteers in Haiti, Uganda, Kenya, El Salvador, Guatemala

and Nicaragua.

There is no cost associated with this Zoom meeting. Contact Irene at 760-731-0171 or [NCPSPGF@gmail.com](mailto:NCPSPGF@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns about joining a Zoom meeting.

These meetings are held in support of people with Parkinson’s disease, care partners and people

interested in improving the world of those affected by Parkinson’s disease.

Fallbrook Parkinson’s Support Group is an affiliate group of North County Parkinson’s Support Group. For more information, visit <https://ncpspg.org/>.

*Submitted by the Fallbrook Parkinson’s Support group.*

## New grant helps San Diego Sheriff’s Department stop impaired drivers

SAN DIEGO – The California Office of Traffic Safety has awarded the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department a \$744,100 grant that will fund a year’s worth of special operations and campaigns designed to stop drivers under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

“We are thankful to once again partner with OTS in our ongoing efforts to keep impaired drivers off San Diego County roadways,” Sheriff Bill Gore said.

Impaired driving checkpoints, patrols and distracted driving/traffic enforcement will all be funded by the grant. The goal is

to reduce impaired driving-related crashes and deaths in the region.

So far in 2020, more than 4,000 people have been arrested for impaired driving in San Diego County. More than 500 of those arrests have been made by sheriff’s deputies.

Impaired driving doesn’t just

mean alcohol. It can include marijuana and prescription drug use.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The grant-related activities are for the

2021 federal fiscal year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2020, to Sept. 20, 2021.

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Shoutout SoCal features Ragland

RAINBOW – Natasha Ragland has been selected to be featured in Shoutout SoCal’s online publication, recognizing artists and creatives in San Diego County and telling why they pursued a creative career.

Ragland’s feature can be found at <https://shoutoutsocal.com/meet-natasha-ragland-artist-pianist-music-instructor-songwriter/>.

As an example of her creative process, Ragland shared how she created the paintings in the photo.

“To avoid the day to day

monotony that we all feel during this shutdown, we went to the beach,” Ragland said. “I photographed the shore and later had my nieces, my sister and my mom pose for the paintings at home.”

She said she dressed them in white “because of its reflective quality and it represents purity, virtue, peace. I wanted to capture a carefree experience filled with sunlight as opposed to dark COVID-isolated feelings.”

*Submitted by Natasha Ragland.*

Natasha Ragland shows a series of her paintings, “Ladies with Parasols,” that she made as a relief from COVID-19.

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Dickinson Family Farms paves the way, bringing organic Julian apples to Jimbo’s

FALLBROOK – Dickinson Family Farm Services has fostered a partnership between their clients – Bailey Creek Ranch and Jimbo’s Naturally – to make organic Julian apples available to consumers across San Diego County for the first time this fall.

Although San Diego has more small farms than any other county in the state, there is a wide gap between small farmers and local consumers. Dickinson Family Farms has managed to bridge that gap with one more ranch just in time for the apple harvest.

The new owners of Bailey Creek Ranch have spent the past two years intently focused on the regeneration of once destitute apple orchards, making Dickinson Family Farms invaluable in getting the product into consumers’ hands.

“As far as the Dickinson Family Farm service,” ranch owner Brett Combs said. Oobviously, it’s a huge partnership for us to have because it takes the weight of all the marketing, shipping and

distribution off our shoulders and allows us to focus on the fruit ... So, I think at the end of the day, having a partner and delegating the responsibility of a lot of that heavy lifting onto them allows us to focus on what’s important, which is producing high quality organic fruit.”

Recognizing the alignment of Jimbo’s values with their own, Dickinson Family Farms reached out to them six months ago as a potential outlet.

“Our values are as much philosophical as economical,” Jeff Dickinson, president and CEO of Dickinson Family Farm President and CEO, said, “We’re farmers first, so that’s what we’re committed to and that’s what we want our suppliers to be committed to.”

Jimbo’s is selling eight varieties of apples this season, with the plan to include the ranch’s pears and peaches in the coming years as well.

“It’s really exciting getting

them into our stores with all of the different varieties,” Ryan Peterson, regional produce buyer for Jimbo’s, said. “A person can go anywhere and buy an apple, but can they buy a Julian apple somewhere? These small niche items really help us to differentiate ourselves.”

While much of San Diego’s produce is sent to distribution houses in Los Angeles before making its way back to nearby grocers, there are unfortunately no such distribution houses locally.

Kelly Hartford, director of marketing for Jimbo’s, said, “Dickinson Family Farms is playing such a key role for these smaller farms to be able to get their crops out to the public.”

Residents can support a small, family farm and enjoy the exclusive crisp, sweet flavor of a Julian apple at their local Jimbo’s.

Submitted by Dickinson Family Farms.

Jeff Dickinson, right, president and CEO of Dickinson Family Farms, stands with his son and vice president, Andrew Dickinson, at Bailey Creek Ranch.

Village News/Lauren di Matteo photo



Bomb Squad Electric seeks to help the community

FALLBROOK – Bomb Squad Electric, LLC, is a company created in honor of John Stotz, a devoted son, brother, husband, father, friend and Marine Corps veteran, as a means to strengthen the community and make strides toward the greater good of revitalizing the planet.

Solar power is the center of the business, just as the Sun is the center of the universe. It provides a multitude of benefits, not only for the planet, but for the individuals who seek to improve environmental health across the world.

Connor Stotz is an experienced solar consultant who, after traveling and specializing in sales for the past four years, has decided to return home uniting dedicated individuals from the tight knit

community of Fallbrook with those from the surrounding area, to start Bomb Squad Electric, LLC.

The Bomb Squad is not just a branch of law enforcement that diffuses bombs, but the name of the Fallbrook All-Star team created by a young man named John Stotz in 2004.

After he and his family moved from Oceanside to Fallbrook in 1997 and up until his tragic passing in 2013, John Stotz dedicated his time and life to coaching his sons, Gavin and Connor Stotz, during their early years of baseball and improving the youth and adult sports facilities in his community.

His son’s company bears his team’s name to pay respect to this generous man, dedicated to his family, friends and community, and to honor the lasting impact

John Stotz made on all who knew him.

They have secured the employment of the most experienced residential and commercial installers, have a great team of engineers capable of building custom systems to fit any home or business and look forward to training and adding many more dedicated professionals to the team led by Blake Scanlon, a master solar installer.

Connor Stotz said, “We are in the perfect position and mindset to continue our company’s expansion. For this reason, we seek to generate the additional finances required to create numerous career opportunities for those who currently find themselves unemployed, underemployed, or those seeking a career change. In

dedicating ourselves to improving community and environmental health, it would be an honor to help create the jobs needed to strengthen our own families as we come out of the devastating health crisis that has crippled communities just like ours.”

Anyone interested in helping with this endeavor can call 760-468-2922 or email [bombsquads\\_olar@gmail.com](mailto:bombsquads_olar@gmail.com).

John Stotz, left, dedicated his life to coaching his sons, Gavin Stotz and Connor Stotz, right, during their early years of baseball.



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FPUD approves debt refinancing for wastewater treatment plant

Joe Naiman  
Village News Reporter

The Fallbrook Public Utility District approved the refinancing of its debt for FPUD’s wastewater treatment plant.

FPUD’s board voted 5-0, Monday, Sept. 28, to approve the authorizing resolution for the refinancing and to approve the form of the documents for the transaction. FPUD staff will finalize the documents closer to the sale of the bonds.

The wastewater treatment plant was rehabilitated to increase the facility’s reliability and improve compliance with regulatory requirements, and the upgrades also allowed for storage of recycled water.

The new dechlorination facility ensures compliance with FPUD’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board in 2012. Improved control and automation of the facility allows for remote monitoring and troubleshooting which minimizes disruptions

and failures.

The State Water Resources Control Board has a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund which provides 20-year loans at interest rates between 1.5% and 3.0%. FPUD obtained a \$29,609,644 State Revolving Fund loan, which will be paid back over 20 years at a rate of approximately 2.2%, to finance the construction along with oversight and administrative costs for the wastewater treatment plant.

Arcadis was awarded a \$690,500 construction management services contract in August 2012 and Archer Western Contractors received a \$25,507,000 construction contract in May 2013. Construction began in July 2013 and was completed in December 2015. The upgrades were the first for the treatment plant since 1985.

The outstanding principal on the State Revolving Fund loan is \$24,668,471. The loan matures March 31, 2036.

“Our rate is very, very low,” Don McDougal, FPUD board member, said.

Current interest rates are now low enough that FPUD will likely

save money by refinancing the debt. A 5-0 FPUD board vote, Aug. 24, approved the development of a financing plan and debt documents. Based on Sept. 16 market interest rates, FPUD expects to save approximately \$62,000 each year through 2036 even with the cost of issuance for the new bonds.

The estimated total savings through the maturity date are \$763,030, and the maturity date would not be extended. All transaction fees associated with the refinancing will be paid from the new bond issuance.

“It’s a good amount of savings. It’s not huge. It’s not little,” registered municipal adviser Steven Gortler said. “It’s not feasible to save much more than that.”

An agency rating will be necessary before the bonds can be sold. An official statement for potential investors to review will also be drafted.

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SBA and Treasury announce simpler PPP forgiveness for loans of \$50,000 or less

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Treasury Department released a simpler loan forgiveness application for Paycheck Protection Program loans of \$50,000 or less, Oct. 8.

This action streamlines the PPP forgiveness process to provide financial and administrative relief to America’s smallest businesses while also ensuring sound stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

“The PPP has provided 5.2 million loans worth \$525 billion to American small businesses, providing critical economic relief and supporting more than 51 million jobs,” said Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin.

“Today’s action streamlines the forgiveness process for PPP borrowers with loans of \$50,000 or less and thousands of PPP lenders who worked around the clock to process loans quickly,” he continued. “We are committed to making the PPP forgiveness process as simple as possible while also protecting against fraud and misuse of funds. We continue to favor additional legislation to further simplify the forgiveness process.”

“Nothing will stop the Trump Administration from supporting

great American businesses and our great American workers. The Paycheck Protection Program has been an overwhelming success and served as a historic lifeline to America’s hurting small businesses and tens of millions of workers. The new form introduced today demonstrates our relentless commitment to using every tool in our toolbelt to help small businesses and the banks that have participated in this program,” said Administrator Jovita Carranza. “We are continuing to ensure that small businesses are supported as they recover.”

SBA and Treasury have also eased the burden on PPP lenders, allowing lenders to process forgiveness applications more swiftly.

SBA began approving PPP forgiveness applications and remitting forgiveness payments to PPP lenders for PPP borrowers Oct. 2. SBA will continue to process all PPP forgiveness applications in an expeditious manner.

For more information, visit <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>.

Submitted by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

San Diego Sheriff’s Department awarded grant to battle alcohol-related crime

SAN DIEGO – Sheriff Bill Gore announced Oct. 5 that the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department has been awarded a \$97,500 grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control to battle alcohol-related crime. The grant is one of 50 awarded in California to local law enforcement agencies through ABC’s Alcohol Policing Partnership Program.

These grants strengthen local law enforcement efforts by combining the efforts of local deputies, police officers and ABC

agents. ABC agents have expertise in alcoholic beverage laws and can help communities reduce alcohol-related problems.

The Alcohol Policing Partnership Program was created in 1995 to strengthen partnerships between ABC and local law enforcement agencies. The program is designed to put bad operators out of business, keep alcohol away from minors, and bring penalties such as fines, suspensions or revocations against businesses that violate the law.

The funds will be used to reduce

the number of alcoholic beverage sales to minors, obviously intoxicated patrons, illegal solicitations of alcohol and other criminal activities such as the sales or possession of illegal drugs at ABC licensed establishments. The APP program has distributed more than \$40 million to local law enforcement to combat alcohol-related crime.

Submitted by the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department.

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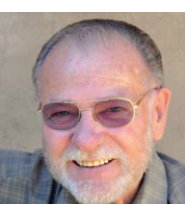
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