



## Lending Mother Nature a helping hand

### Santa Ana watershed agency is looking to cloud-seeding to add a little more precipitation

With headlines proclaiming the area's 22-year megadrought the driest in 1,200 years, a regional water authority wants to make it rain.

The **Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA)** is launching a four-year, cloud-seeding pilot program for 14 locations within four mountain ranges in Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino and a portion of Los Angeles counties.

SAWPA, working with its five member agencies which includes the **Western Municipal Water District**, wants to increase stormwater runoff to improve local water supplies. The goal, according to a Daily-Bulletin newspaper report, "is to augment the amount of rain and snowfall in the mountains that feed into the 2,560-square-miles of the Santa Ana River, from which about 6 million people get some if not all of their water."

While the **Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District** isn't directly involved in the project, General Manager **Jason Uhley** said in email communication, "We are following the project and have participated in some of SAWPA's earlier technical workgroups associated with the feasibility study."

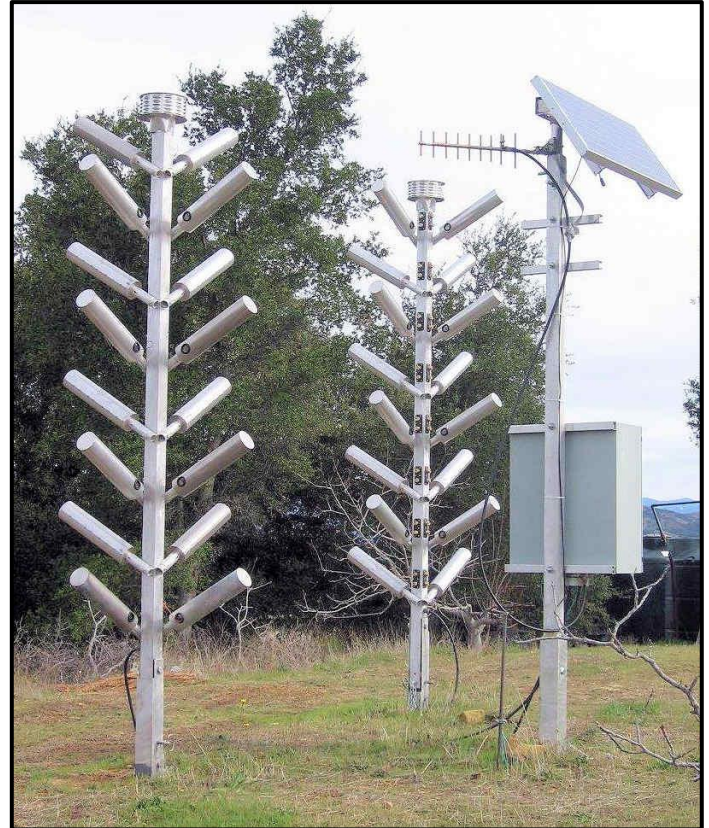
He continued, "As we understand it, SAWPA is focused on seeding smaller storms (not the big storms that can cause flooding) in an effort to enhance rainfall by about an average of 5 percent to help improve local water supplies."

According to Uhley, "In the technical workgroup, we did ask them to focus on: setting criteria for cloud seeding that would avoid causing issues for downstream communities; not seeding storms after major burns with mud and debris risks (like after the Holy Fire); and following best practices established for other seeding programs in southern California."

On the **Orange County** side of the **Santa Ana Mountains** above **Temescal Valley**, Automated High Output Ground Seeding (AHOGS) systems will be placed in two locations now being determined. Originally there were to be three locations,

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**AHOGS: Automated High Output Ground Seeding systems are used to seed clouds in mountain ranges closer to the coast.**

but following Uhley's concerns, one was eliminated from the plan because of recent fires in Orange County and the possibility of flooding and debris flows.

The AHOGS are operated remotely and burn in-place flares that rapidly release a high concentration of silver iodide into the sky. The silver iodide particles create ice crystals in the storm clouds that grow larger as more water freezes around them causing the crystals to fall as snowflakes, hailstones, or raindrops.

There are two other methods of cloud-seeding, according to **Garrett Cammans**, president of **North American Weather Consultants**, the company which did the feasibility study for SAWPA's project.

Cloud Nuclei Generators (CNG) are similar to AHOGS but are manually operated and burn a solution of silver iodide and acetone, creating a continuous plume of seeding material that covers a broad area over mountainous terrain. They take longer to create rainfall than do the AHOGS systems.

The CNG system will be used in the other three mountain ranges. They cost less than the AHOGS and are as effective, but

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# GOODBYE DISTRICT 1; HELLO DISTRICT 2

## Supervisors Jeffries, Spiegel will both represent Temescal Valley until November's election

Riverside County, in December, adopted a map with new boundaries for each of the five supervisorial districts.

Redistricting is the once-a-decade process of redrawing the boundaries for all elective offices – whether political or nonpartisan, based on the decennial population count from the **U.S. Census**. Districts must have nearly equal populations and when any of the five county supervisorial districts has grown too large, new maps must be drawn.

With the vote taken by the **Board of Supervisors** on Dec. 7, following the review of dozens of proposed maps and several hours of public testimony during five public hearings, **Temescal Valley** was moved from **District 1** to **District 2**.

**Supervisor Karen Spiegel**, a former Corona council member, currently represents District 2 with her term of office expiring this year with the November election. It's likely she will seek another four-year term.

**Supervisor Kevin Jeffries** is the District 1 representative. True to his election promise not to serve more than three terms and to the dismay of many constituents, he announced in late September he was retiring after his current term expires in 2024.

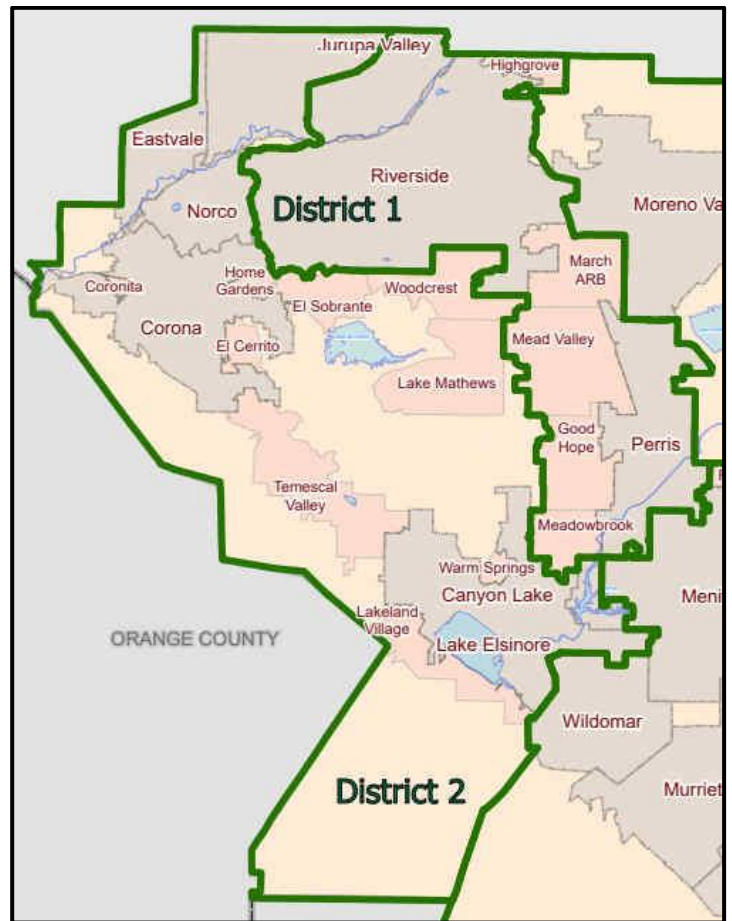
While Temescal Valley is now in District 2, it's Supervisor Jeffries and his staff that continue to assist local residents. Because constituents are confused over which supervisor represents Temescal Valley, Supervisor Jeffries offers this information:

“This is directly from our legal team, **County Counsel**, regarding the supervisorial District lines.

*“Although the supervisorial district boundary changes are considered adjusted once a plan proposal has been approved and the necessary implementing ordinance has been adopted, they do not go into effect immediately. California Elections Code section 21506 states in pertinent part: ‘The term of office of any supervisor who has been elected and whose term of office has not expired shall not be affected by any change in the boundaries of the district from which the supervisor was elected.’*

*“The boundary adjustments to District 1 and District 3 will not take effect until the election that is held in 2024 (for elected supervisor taking office in January 2025), and District 2, 4 and 5 will not take effect until the election that is held in 2022 (for elected supervisor taking office in January 2023). As a result, during the elections held in 2022 and 2024, voters will vote according to the new adjusted boundary lines.”*

“This will create some odd situations in the intervening two years, such as in Temescal Valley. Historically, the Board of Supervisors has made agreements among themselves as to how to represent communities with two supervisors. The Board will have to decide how best to do that, when we officially know who the Supervisor for the Second District will be.



**WE'VE MOVED:** But also moving from District 1 to District 2 are Lake Elsinore, Lakeland Village, Canyon Lake, Warm Springs, Lake Mathews, El Sobrante and Woodcrest..

“But to make a long story short, those of you who are currently represented by Supervisor Jeffries, will generally be able to call upon our office until he retires in late December 2024, though you will also be represented by a second Supervisor as your transition occurs in 2023.”

## CLOUD-SEEDING ...

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because the Santa Ana Mountains are a coastal range and with the onshore air flow, the seeding must occur rapidly and that's what the AHOGS system does best.

Cammins said while aerial cloud-seeding is the most effective, it also is the most expensive. It's unlikely the process will be used in the pilot program because of the cost and the flight patterns and air traffic in the area would require FAA permitting.

The SAWPA Board of Commissioners has committed about \$400,000 to cover half the cost of the project and will seek a grant for the remainder. Environmental studies are being done now and if there's no delay, it's anticipated the first seeding will occur in October or November.

**View a December 2020 presentation to SAWPA about the weather modification process:**

<https://youtu.be/y6duR7TdfUw>

# What are county's next steps for Amazon last-mile delivery center in Temescal Valley?

With the public comment period now closed for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the proposed Amazon "last-mile" delivery center, folks have questioned what the next steps are in the county's planning process.

According to county Project Planner **Phayvanh Nanthavongdouangsy**, the next step is for applicant **Proficiency Capital** to address the submitted comments in preparation of a final impact report. Once the document is ready for public review, a hearing date before the county's **Planning Commission** will be scheduled and public notices sent out. The hearing will allow the public to comment on the project, either in-person or by phone or email.

It was announced at the **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council** meeting earlier this month the time frame for the public hearing is unknown but could occur as soon as in six weeks.

Planning commissioners at the meeting will vote to recommend either approval or denial of the project to the county's **Board of Supervisors**. The supervisors will have the final say on the project. The decision will be made at a public hearing during a Board meeting usually scheduled a few weeks after the Planning Commission meeting. Comments from the public also will be accepted at this hearing.

Proficiency Capital is seeking a General Plan Amendment, a Change of Zone and a Conditional Use Permit to build the 181,495-square-foot last-mile delivery center warehouse. It will be located on 35.42 acres of a 46.16-acre site at the northeast corner of Dawson Canyon and Temescal Canyon roads.

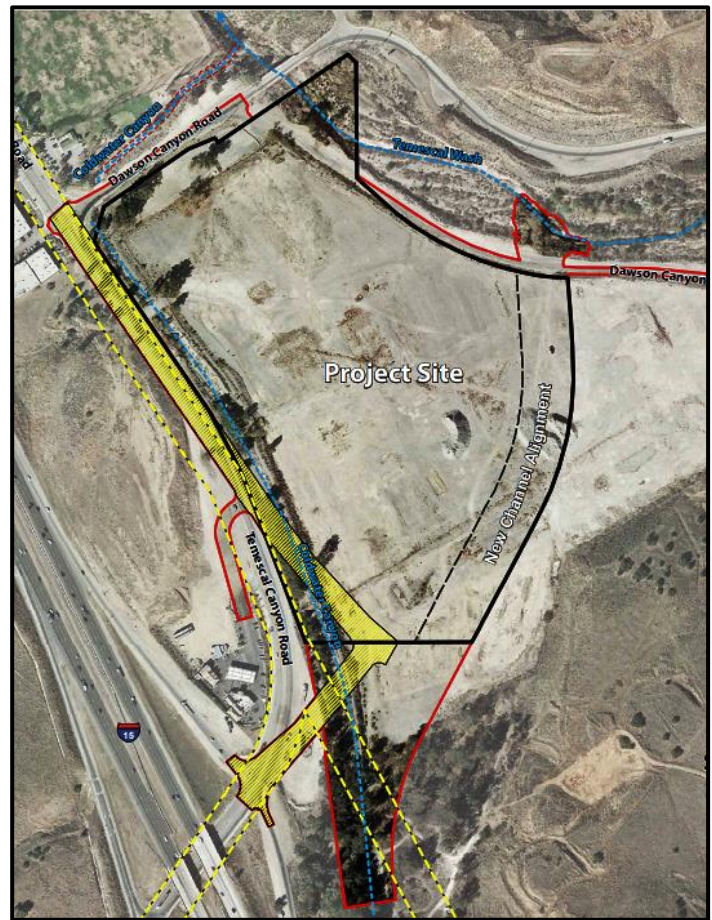
The building will have 15 loading docks and adjacent parking areas for passenger vehicles, delivery vans, and truck trailers as well as vehicle maintenance areas. The center will have up to 906 employees working different shifts, 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

Up to 21 tractor trailers from Amazon warehouses located elsewhere in the county will deliver packages to the center between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. Employees, working from 2 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will sort and route the packages for van drivers who will make deliveries between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. According to **Matt Enghard**, Proficiency Capital vice president, the beginning and ending hours of all work shifts have been designed not to overlap peak commute hours.

Based on similar size Amazon operations, it's estimated the facility will generate 3,016 daily round trips with about 792 employee passenger vehicle trips, 2,142 van trips, and 82 tractor trailer trips.

During the comment period, which extended from Nov. 19 to Jan. 17, many people on social media questioned the impact the project would have on I-15 traffic. Under the Transportation section of the DEIR, it was noted a project's effect on automobile delays on freeways is not taken into consideration because the delays do not constitute an environmental impact.

Among the improvements to Temescal Canyon Road mentioned in the Project Summary are 3.23 acres dedicated for the road's realignment to join with future improvements made to the roadway by the **Serrano Commerce Center** project.



**MOVING TCR:** The solid wide yellow line illustrates how Temescal Canyon Road will be widened and straightened to join with the Serrano Commerce Center project when it is built.

The Specific Plan for the Serrano project, which is adjacent to and south of the Amazon project, was approved by the county in September 2010. The 489-acre industrial complex requires a six-lane road to be built on the east side of the freeway heading south from the Amazon project to rejoin Temescal Canyon Road near Terramor.

The DEIR notes the Amazon center would have less than significant impact on local roadways with the future extension of Temescal Canyon Road by the Serrano project. There is no timeline as to when work will begin on that project.

Two environmental areas found by the report to have "Significant and Unavoidable Direct and Cumulatively-Considerable Impact" were greenhouse gas emissions and the employee Vehicle Miles Traveled.

There are no mitigation measures that could bring the project's greenhouse gas emissions into compliance with the county's Climate Action Plan that was updated in 2019. Likewise, there are no mitigations that would reduce the Vehicle Miles Traveled from between 17.2 and 20.9 per employee, which exceeds the county's threshold by between 20.8 percent and 46.8 percent.

The DEIR offers four alternatives for consideration that would reduce or eliminate the project's significant and unavoidable impacts. Those include: 1. Build nothing at all and leave the property as it now is; 2. Develop the property in accordance with its existing General Plan land use designations; 3. Find another location for the project – possibly behind the **Creekside Mobile Estates** or in the Serrano Commerce Center when it's built and, 4. Reduce the operational intensity of the project by one-third.

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# SOUND OFF!

## Edison's never-ending project prompts him to 'trust but verify'

By **BOB HAFNER**  
**HORSETHIEF CANYON RANCH RESIDENT**

I want to sound off on SoCal Edison's Valley-IvyGlen Project that has been over 10 years in the making.

They finally put in the poles and the last message we heard from SCE's **Jeremy Goldman** was last November saying they would be done in Temescal Valley later in the month. I can count at least six times since then that they have been working on these poles and lines.

The contract crews just show up, put out their signs and start working. Many times they block multiple paths out of the **Horsethief Canyon Ranch** and **Lemon Grove** neighborhoods. There are only a few -- Horsethief Canyon Road to De Palma Road or Temescal Canyon Road, or Hostettler Road to Temescal Canyon Road.

This morning (Feb. 13, remember -- they finished in November) they had multiple trucks with at least a dozen personnel working on Super Bowl Sunday. I took the time to watch them. I thought I would let SoCal Edison and the county know what they were getting.

Watching for a couple of hours, at no time did I see more than one person actually working on poles or boxes. I am not exaggerating, but the other 11 were sitting on or near their trucks buried in their cell phones.

A couple of days earlier, they just showed up on Hostettler and backed up traffic into the community with no warning, making me late for work. I have seen them by the new storage place on Temescal Canyon Road, again blocking traffic with their lane closures.

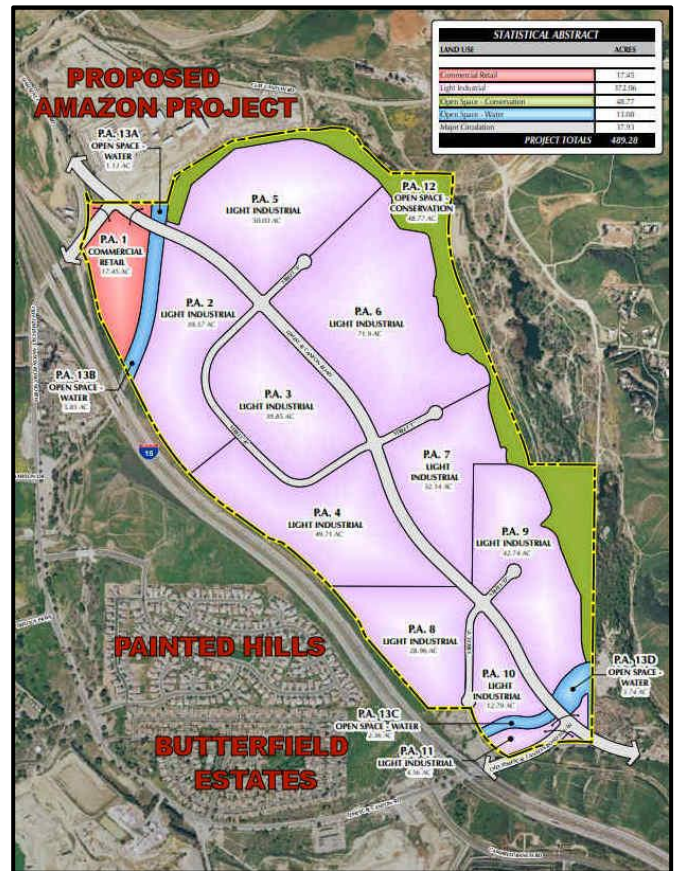
I also complained that when they put the new telephone and power poles in along Hostettler, they didn't replace the streetlights attached to them. We let Edison and the county Planning Department and the Supervisor's office know.

Edison's response to the email was that the lights were back and included a map showing where. I drove the route with the map, visually checking, and I didn't see any streetlights.

I would be happy to sit down with Edison or County Planning and show them what is missing. We are not asking much. We are talking about three streetlights.

I manage nine plants (five in California). I manage large projects as part of my job. A wise mentor taught me years ago, "Trust but verify." This was done to ensure you got what you paid for. I keep getting told "we are done with the project." They keep working (surprisingly on Sundays and holidays when I see them. Time-and-a-half? Double overtime?). They tell me the streetlights are up. I don't see them.

After having input on this project and watching it go through all it had to do to become reality, please do what you say you're going to do. Also, make sure on the telephone poles you remove that if there was a streetlight on it, you make sure it goes back on the new pole. The streetlights are there for safety. Trust but verify, SoCal Edison and the County, too. **Thank you.**



**SERRANO COMMERCE CENTER:** This 489-acre industrial complex was approved in 2010 and requires a six-lane road to be built on the east side of the freeway.

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The DEIR also recognizes the project's benefits that could be determined to override the significant impacts on the environment, such as adding 906 jobs to the area.

According to Enghard, Proficiency Capital will make \$20 million of infrastructure improvements including:

- Construction of and paving Dawson Canyon Road on the northside of the project with two lanes in each direction along the project boundary and dedicate it to the county making that section of the now private road a public road.
- Construction of a new drainage channel and restoration of Coldwater Creek to its historical alignment to prevent flooding that occurs with heavy rains.
- Straightening and widening of Temescal Canyon Road.
- All new utility connections.
- Repair of the Dawson Canyon bridge and obtain county-issued permits for the bridge.
- New traffic signals on Temescal Canyon Road.
- Traffic signal enhancement on Dawson Canyon Road.
- Relocation, protection of 200-year-old Serrano tanning vats.

Additionally, Proficiency Capital will pay the county \$2.5 million in development impact fees, dedicate three acres of land as open space to the County's Regional Conservation Authority and pay \$82,000 in school fees to the **Corona-Norco Unified School District**.

Read the Draft Environmental Impact Report here:  
<https://planning.rctlma.org/Home/Planning-Notices/Temecula-Valley-Commerce-Center-DEIR>

# HAVE YOU VISITED TOM'S FARMS LATELY

## Produce partners bring quantity, quality back to Farmer's Market

Have you visited the **Farmer's Market at Tom's Farms** recently? A little know-how plus donated time from a local resident has gone a long way in turning around the quality of the produce offered there.

For months on end, even pre-COVID-19 times, locals have taken to social media to complain about the produce stand, how it's changed over the years and question why things "can't be like they used to be."

Manager **Anthony Ramos**, a long-time Tom's employee, did what he could to turn around the public's perception of the market, even adding rows of shelves to stock a few staple items found in supermarkets.

"I thought I was doing the community a favor," Ramos said. "Instead of a long trip to the store, a last-minute needed item could quickly be picked up with a short trip to Toms."



But the online complaints persisted, outnumbering the very few positive comments favoring the new format.

**Trilogy resident Frank Glaviano** attentively followed the social media musings. Prior to retirement

he spent 40 years in the produce business and knew what customers wanted. "I knew **Tom Barnes** when he opened the store and seeing it now breaks my heart," Glaviano said a few months ago.

Barnes founded The Farm in 1971, selling produce from the back of a pickup truck. A much respected and admired businessman, he died of cancer in July 2001 at the age of 55.

Glaviano knew what he had to do. A few months ago he reached out to **Sunny Hwang**, current owner of Tom's Farms, and to



**HOME-GROWN:** Avocados, sold at \$6 a bag, are from the groves owned by Trilogy. Anthony and Frank hope to soon offer a section devoted to organically grown fruits and vegetables.



**WELCOME:** Meet produce partners Trilogy resident Frank Glaviano, left, and Anthony Ramos, Farmer's Market manager.

Ramos offering his volunteer services and years of experience to the market by improving the produce it offered.

In the meantime, Ramos rethought the rows of shelves containing grocery items and now the rows boast a wide variety of hard-to-find novelty items – an outstanding array of bottled soda pop, assorted sauces and seasonings, jams and jellies, to name a few.

At the end of January, Glaviano posted on the **We Are Temescal Valley** Facebook page, "I am a resident of Trilogy. I am working with Tom's Farms produce department to improve quality. Would appreciate if you would visit and give me your comments. It would be a great help. Thank you."

Of the 172 comments on the thread, 86 were from Glaviano responding to every commenter, inviting them to visit the market and let him know what they think. And many did, commenting about the big difference they saw.

With the recent success in increasing the variety and quality of veggies and fruit displayed, Glaviano said, "What you don't see and want, with 24 to 48 hours' notice, we can get it for you."

The two now are working on the addition of an organic produce section because many customers have requested it. Ramos said the market will give a 10 percent discount to Temescal Valley residents with I.D. showing their 92883 ZIP code.

The produce partners welcome constructive criticism and want feedback. Ramos said, "We want to work with the community to make Tom's the go-to place for all your fruit and veggies."



**HEIRLOOMS:** The day we visited, all shapes, sizes and colors of heirloom tomatoes were nestled between an awesome selection of their vine-ripened cousins.



**NEVADA HYDRO SIMULATION:** Looking to the east from De Palma Road, south of the CVS pharmacy and north of Glen Eden. Yellow building at right is the proposed lake switchyard. Lee Lake can be viewed behind the switchyard.

## LEAPS IS DOWN, BUT DON'T COUNT IT OUT

### FERC dismisses application for license; preliminary permit now sought by Nevada Hydro

When this newsletter last reported on **The Nevada Hydro Company's Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage (LEAPS)** project, federal agencies were beginning work on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Many new developments have occurred since then.

**NOV. 15:** The **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)** was notified by the **U.S. Forest Service** and told the agency could go no further in its talks with Nevada Hydro to complete the studies FERC requested in April 2021.

This was after FERC several times had ordered both parties to resolve their differences and move on with the studies needed for the EIS.

According to the Forest Service, Nevada Hydro wanted a license decision on its LEAPS project prior to continuing with the studies and the environmental process. The Forest Service said it was unable to consider issuing a Special Use Authorization to Nevada Hydro without the studies being completed.

**DEC. 8:** FERC received communication from the **State Water Resources Control Board** accusing Nevada Hydro of using delay tactics to undermine the board's compliance with legal and environmental requirements for the LEAPS project.

**DEC. 9:** FERC sent communication to Nevada Hydro stating its license application for LEAPS had been dismissed "without prejudice" based on the Forest Service's allegation the company wasn't providing the necessary information to consider issuing a Special Use Authorization for the project. Nevada Hydro was told it had 30 days to request a rehearing.

Read the Dec. 9 dismissal notice here:

<https://www.wearetv.org/blog/docs/dismiss.PDF>

**DEC. 10:** Nevada Hydro quickly responded submitting an application for a preliminary permit.

**DEC. 13:** FERC responded, denying the application because, "a preliminary permit conflicts with the license application for the same project."

**JAN. 7:** Nevada Hydro asked FERC to grant a rehearing on the dismissal and reinstate the license application or approve a temporary stay on the dismissal until July 1 to give the company time to complete the Forest Service studies.

Nevada Hydro related if its license application wasn't dismissed without advance warning, the company would have let the Commission know of its change of circumstances – it was in receivership.

The plaintiff in the receivership is **Daytona Power Corp.**, described as a "newly-formed" renewable energy company in Carson City, Nev., and owned by **Grafton Asset Management**.

It was Grafton, an energy sector investment management company based in Canada, that Nevada Hydro, in 2017, told FERC would assist with the funding for LEAPS.

Nevada Hydro said it risked irreparable harm if FERC denied a rehearing and did not stay dismissal of the license application. The company explained it did not own the property upon which LEAPS would be built and its most "substantial asset" to serve as collateral for investors was the license application.

Nevada Hydro told FERC the only way to protect its more than \$30 million investment in the project was to keep the license application in place for a reasonable length of time while it worked to satisfy the Forest Service's study needs. Nevada Hydro emphasized that the company's new management was committed to addressing what the Forest Service needed to advance the license application.

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**LAST DAY AT STATION 64:** Capt. Brown's wife and children, along with other family and friends joined him at Station 64 last Friday to celebrate his promotion.

## Capt. Brown is now Chief Brown; a well-earned promotion, but folks will miss seeing him at Station 64

It was very sad news posted on the **We Are Temescal Valley** Facebook page last Friday. **Station 64's Capt. Jim Brown** announced he had been promoted and would be leaving Temescal Valley where he has been stationed for 19 years.

In all fairness, it was happy news as well. The promotion is to Battalion Chief and Chief Brown's assignment, which he started Monday, is at the **Southern California Operations Coordination Center** in Riverside. Basically, "OSCC provides coordination and logistical support for the Southern California forests and units for wildland fire and all risk incidents."

Family, friends, and fellow firefighters joined Capt. Brown at Station 64 to celebrate the promotion on his last day there. Here's what he posted:

*"Writing this post is bittersweet. I have been the fire captain at your Sycamore Creek Fire Station for nearly 10 years. I opened the temporary station in 2003 as a firefighter and promoted through the ranks here. I have always said that with my seniority, I could work at any fire station in the county, and I choose to work here. This is due to you, the amazing people that call this community home."*

*"On Monday morning, February 21st, I promote to Battalion Chief and will be assigned to the Southern California Operations Coordination Center. I am so grateful for the love and support that I have received from you all. I have made some great friendships and always looked forward to the next event or meeting where I could interact with you."*

*"Jannlee, Barbara, Bob, Tracy, Lee, Kelli, Jerry, and so many of you that I would not be able to name you all... Thank you for your years of support and friendship."*

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With the Dec. 9 dismissal, Nevada Hydro was told it could plead its case if it thought an error was made in the final decision, but the alleged error must be stated in the request for the rehearing.

Nevada Hydro acknowledged no error had been made to warrant a rehearing but, instead, outlined the financial impact of the court-ordered receivership and the loss of its most important asset – the license application.

**Read the Jan. 7 rehearing request here:**

<https://wearetv.org/blog/docs/rehearing.pdf>

**JAN. 24:** The city of **Lake Elsinore** and the **Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians** both filed briefs with FERC itemizing reasons why the rehearing request should be denied. The city provided court documents from the receivership with representatives from both old and new management accusing each other of mismanagement of Nevada Hydro.

**FEB. 7:** FERC sent Nevada Hydro notification that the request for a rehearing had been denied.

**FEB. 8:** Nevada Hydro filed an application for a preliminary permit for the LEAPS project under docket number **P-15261-000**. In its explanation to FERC, Nevada Hydro reasoned because its application for a license was dismissed without prejudice, the company could refile after it provided the Forest Service with the requested information.

Nevada Hydro told FERC it was now working with the Forest Service on obtaining the information and once it had satisfied the agency's needs, would "promptly" refile the license application. Nevada Hydro said it expected to complete the process within the next few months and once the license application is refiled, it would withdraw its application for a preliminary permit.

Nevada Hydro said it was filing the preliminary permit application now to keep others from filing permit applications for the LEAPS site.

**Read the Feb. 8 preliminary permit request here:**

<https://wearetv.org/blog/docs/prelimap.PDF>

**FEB. 7:** But **Blue Water Renewable Development LLC**, a day earlier, had filed an application for a preliminary permit for the **Blue Water Energy Storage Project** to be built at Lake Elsinore.

In the filing, Blue Water described a project similar to LEAPS with a few differences. There was a smaller footprint for U.S. Forest Service land use and the route of the 500 kV transmission lines was changed.

The lines would not cross **Temescal Valley** between **Glen Eden** and **Sycamore Creek**, but would descend from the Santa Ana Mountains, run south of **Horsechief Canyon Ranch**, and cross the I-15 to connect to **SCE's Valley-Serrano** lines at the proposed **Alberhill substation**. The substation, located in Temescal Valley on Concordia Ranch Road, has yet to receive approval from the **California Public Utilities Commission**.

**FEB. 11:** Just as quickly as Blue Water had filed the application, it withdrew its request. "Upon consideration of additional facts and circumstances, Blue Water has decided to withdraw its Application," was the only reason given.

It's unknown the next steps FERC will take in processing Nevada Hydro's application for a preliminary permit.

## Station 64 responds to 1,878 calls in 2021, 32.4 percent increase in calls noted over past five years

According to County Fire/Cal Fire **Capt. Jim Brown** here are the year-end call totals for **Temescal Valley's Station 64** located in Sycamore Creek.

During 2021 the station responded to **1,878** calls for service with 76 percent or **1,428** of the calls being for medical assistance. Other calls were **142** traffic collisions, **119** false alarms, **94** public service assists, **24** standbys, **14** miscellaneous calls, **11** residential fires, **11** wildland fires, **9** vehicle fires, **9** ringing alarms, **8** "other" fires, **6** Haz Mat and **3** rescues.

Call volume increased **3.07 percent** over 2020 and **32.4 percent** over the past five years. The report indicated the station had an average **6.5-minute** response time for both Code 2 and Code 3 calls.

Capt. Brown also reported the community donated 1,095 toys and sports equipment to this year's holiday **Spark of Love Toy Drive**.

Finally, as a reminder, he asks if you have a medical emergency and call for assistance, "please have the patient meet us outside if it is possible to do so safely. This reduces the possibility of exposing the first responders as well as the first responders potentially exposing you to COVID."

## Superior Court seeks citizens to serve as civil grand jurors

**The Riverside County Superior Court** is now accepting applications from qualified citizens interested in being nominated to serve as civil grand jurors from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Duties include but are not limited to investigating the operations of county government, researching matters of civic concern, and inquiring into public offenses. More specifically:

- To act as the public's watchdog by investigating and reporting upon the affairs of local government.
- To weigh allegations of misconduct against public officials and determine whether to present formal accusations requesting their removal from office.
- To review and act upon letters or complaints from citizens of Riverside County.

Grand jurors receive a per diem, plus mileage, to defray expenses. Additional information about volunteering for the civil grand jury and the application can be found here:

### [Information for Prospective Grand Jurors](#) [Grand Jury Application Form](#)

Applications must be postmarked by **April 1, 2022**, and submitted to: Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, Jury Services Division, P.O. Box 400, Riverside, CA 92502.



Did you know We Are Temescal Valley has a Facebook page? Over 9,900 members and a great assortment of news, tidbits and events happening throughout our Valley.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/682232085156639/>



**COMING SOON TO A PARK NEAR YOU:** A BMX rider performs at Deleo Park during the 2015 Temescal Valley Community Faire. The riders were a popular attraction at the Faire. The county is expanding Deleo with the addition of a BMX/mountain bike course.

## County provides update on Deleo improvements – end of year for exercise stations, dog park

**Michael Franklin**, development manager of the county's **Office of Economic Development**, provided an update on improvements to be made to **Deleo Regional Sports Park** at the February meeting of the **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council**.

The 25-acre park opened in August 2012 at 25655 Santiago Canyon Road. Although located within the **Sycamore Creek Community Association**, Deleo is a county park open to the general public.

Improvements include installing 12 exercise stations at intervals along the walking path that surrounds the park and the addition of a sand volleyball court and two pickleball courts. More challenging workout equipment is planned for the dog park and the fencing around it will be expanded to include grass within the area.

The exercise stations and dog park expansion should be ready by the end of the year, and completion of the volleyball and pickleball courts is anticipated in early 2024.

Franklin said he will approach the **Board of Supervisors** in early March for the go-ahead to begin the design and engineering work for the three-acre mountain bike/BMX skills park to be built on county-owned land adjacent to Deleo.

Envisioned for the bike park are jump lines ranging from beginner to expert, a kid's pump track, a skill zone, flow trails, a perimeter trail, and an entry plaza. Franklin said the park will probably have modular ramps instead of dirt. He toured the **Sweetwater Regional Bike Park** in the Bonita area of San Diego to get an idea of what can be done here.

That park, built in 2019, cost San Diego \$1.9 million. He estimates the Deleo project will cost about \$2.5 million to \$3 million to construct and will be paid for by Quimby funds. The Quimby Act, approved by the California legislature in 1975, requires residential developers to pay fees if parks are not built within the communities they develop.

Franklin said he is looking at August 2024 for full implementation of the project.



## **DON'T BE A VICTIM**

# Increased activity: Thieves target mail, vehicles in Temescal Valley

**Temescal Valley** is considered to have a low crime rate but, as many neighboring communities and cities are experiencing, we have had recent increases in mail theft and items stolen from parked vehicles. Here are tips to better help you protect yourself from these thieves.

### **THEFT FROM VEHICLES / VEHICLE THEFTS**

Leaving vehicles unlocked creates a crime of convenience for thieves. Looking at the monthly crime stats from the **Sheriff's Department** and comparing them to the number of thefts from vehicles posted on social media, it appears people are not reporting this crime. Don't be embarrassed because you left your car unlocked – report it the sheriff: **951-776-1099, option 5**.

- Whenever possible, park your vehicle in a secure garage and lock it.
- Always lock your vehicle with the windows closed. Never leave valuables inside the car, especially not in clear view, including cash, gift cards, sunglasses, spare keys, small electronics and phone chargers, purses or wallets, checkbooks, garage door openers, personal paperwork, vehicle ownership title, credit cards, ATM cards or any personal identification.
- Bring electronics and personal items into your home or office whenever possible.
- Use anti-theft or automatic tracking devices. If your vehicle wasn't equipped with an alarm or hidden tracking device when purchased, have one installed.
- Never leave your keys in your vehicle, even at a gas station or locked garage. Don't leave spare keys in hide-a-key boxes.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lighted area at night.
- To deter catalytic converter thefts, back the vehicle into the driveway with the rear of the vehicle against the garage door.

## **355 calls for service in January are 45 fewer than in December**

**Lt. Sarah Mack**, with the **Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station**, has provided information on Part I crimes that occurred here during **December** and **January**.

The station received **355 calls** for service from Temescal Valley during January – **45 fewer** than received in December.

**Forty-four** calls in January and **26** calls in December were for Part I crimes. No homicides or arsons were reported for the two-month period. Here's the breakdown:

**Assault – 5 in January and 4 in December.**

**Burglary – 6 and 1.**

**Grand/Petty Theft – 19 and 9.**

**Sex Crime – 1 and 0.**

**Robbery – 1 and 1.**

**Theft from Vehicle – 6 and 3.**

**Vehicle Theft – 6 and 8.**

**There were 10 arrests in January** – six felonies including two warrants, an assault with a semi-automatic weapon, and three for child endangerment. There were four misdemeanors.

**December saw eight arrests** – Two felonies including making criminal threats, and an assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm. There were six misdemeanors.

There were **six vandalism**s reported for January and **one** for December. **Disturbing the peace** calls numbered **36** for January and **35** for December.



**IT'S TAX TIME:** The majority of Temescal Valley neighborhoods has fallen victim to mail thieves looking for W-2s and other forms of personal identification.

### **MAIL THEFT**

If your mail has been stolen, file a report with the sheriff -- **951-776-1099, option 5**, and with the **U.S. Postal Inspection Service** -- **877-876-2455**. You also can report stolen mail to the Postal Inspection Service online:

<https://www.uspis.gov/tips-prevention/mail-theft/>

Both agencies need your name and address on file in case someone is arrested with your mail in their possession.

If you see a mail theft happening, try to get as much detail as possible (description of suspect, description of vehicle), but most importantly, a license plate number. Do not approach the suspect. These hints are published by the city of Eastvale.

- Use the letter slots inside the post office for outgoing mail, or hand it to a letter carrier.
- Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- If you change your address, immediately notify your post office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.
- Don't send cash in the mail.
- Tell your post office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return.
- Report all suspected mail theft to a Postal Inspector.
- Consider starting a neighborhood watch program. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes).
- Consult with your local postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.
- Know what's coming to your mailbox. Sign up for **Informed Delivery** by USPS, to digitally preview your mail and manage your packages that are scheduled to arrive. Black and white images of your actual letter-sized mail pieces, processed by USPS sorting equipment, will be provided to you each morning via email.

# Spring migration will bring monarchs to Temescal Valley; welcome them with milkweed

By **TRACY DAVIS**

**Wildrose Ranch resident**

**Team Leader Milkweed to Monarch Project**

The official Thanksgiving count was shared the end of January with an impressive 247,237 monarch butterflies observed at the surveyed coastal roosting sites. That's 100 times higher than 2020, where less than 2000 butterflies were counted.

The Thanksgiving and New Year's counts are higher than they have been in the last five years. Good news, right? Yes, for this bounce, but no, those same counts are over 95 percent lower than the 4.5 million seen in the '80s, according to the Xerces Society.

[Learn about the counts](#)

Will we continue to have this rebound next year? Not without habitat restoration projects like ours. We are only just now seeing native milkweed regrowth from winter dormancy -- just in time for our monarchs to arrive beginning in March.

Now is the time to plant the seeds in the soil. It takes up to 30 days to sprout with best practices of cold stratification. If they are narrowleaf milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*) seeds, pop them in the fridge for 30 days before planting.

[Here's more about milkweed germination](#)

Narrowleaf milkweed is only 50 percent viable, with woollypod (*Asclepias eriocarpa*) and desert (*Asclepias erosa*) milkweed seeds showing 30 percent viability without cold stratification. Showy milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*) is a native that grows in Central California -- it doesn't like our summer heat, but if you have shade, you might be successful.

Don't have a green thumb or patience? Our Milkweed to Monarch project partners with 7 Oaks Nursery to grow the plants for us. Those narrowleaf milkweed seedlings aren't big enough to transplant until April.

Starting to see monarchs? It's a bit early, but neighbors may have the tropical milkweed in their yards. Remember, tropical milkweed should have been cut back monthly all winter to send

## County looks to widen Cajalco Road between TCR and I-215

The **Riverside County Transportation Department** is proposing to widen and realign **Cajalco Road** between Temescal Canyon Road to the west and Interstate 215 (I-215) to the east, covering about 16 miles.

The project would widen the roadway to four lanes between Harvill Avenue and Temescal Canyon Road, and to six lanes between the I-215 southbound ramps and Harvill Avenue.

A draft Environmental Impact Report has been issued and there is a March 3 deadline for public comments on the project's four alternative routes.

Residents living in the area who oppose the project say the widening will encourage use of Cajalco Road by the tractor trailer trucks from warehouses being built in the **Mead Valley/Perris** area.

[To view the draft EIR, learn more about the project or to submit a comment](#)



**A WINNER:** This picture of a monarch butterfly taken by **Melanie Johnson** won second place in the 2018 Temescal Valley Community Faire Photo Contest in the Animals/Wildlife category.

adults to the coast. You can help the science track the movements using the monarch milkweed mapper. It's also a fun site to watch movement of the migration over time. The 2022 season has not been added to date.

[Learn about the Western Monarch Milkweed Mapper](#)

I am asking businesses to add native milkweed to their landscapes. I'm especially interested in helping large spaces such as golf courses to plant the rough. The big idea came from the monthly presentations from Monarch Joint Venture -- one presentation in the webinar series piqued my interest.

[Monarchs in the Rough presentation](#)

The Monarch Mystery Challenge is in progress now and runs through April 22. It was created by researchers from Washington State University, Tufts University, UC Santa Cruz, and the Xerces Society to learn more about monarchs to inform urgent conservation efforts. Send in your photographs of monarchs from any location outside of the overwintering sites, using iNaturalist app, Western Monarch Milkweed Mapper, or email: [MonarchMystery@wsu.edu](mailto:MonarchMystery@wsu.edu). It's unlikely to see any here in Temescal Valley before March 1.

[Participate in the Challenge here](#)

Need more information, a group presentation, or for a site visit to help you best figure out where to plant. Contact Tracy Davis, [tracycyto@yahoo.com](mailto:tracycyto@yahoo.com) or home phone: 951-277-3253.

## QUICK HITS . . .

**TEMESCAL CANYON SHERIFF'S STATION:** The county is now looking in the vicinity of Temescal Canyon and Cajalco roads for an about 19,000-square-foot building to house a new Sheriff's station. When open, the new station should reduce response times for **Temescal Valley, El Cerrito, Home Gardens, Lake Mathews** and **Lake Hills**. Currently, these unincorporated communities are served by stations in **Lake Elsinore, Jurupa Valley** and **Perris**.

**TODD ELEMENTARY:** With the December decision by the **Corona-Norco Unified School District Board of Trustees** to transition Todd Academy from a K-8 school to a K-6 school, Trustees voted earlier this month to change the school's name to **Todd Elementary School**.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

# CAREER FAIR & EXPEDITED HIRING EVENT



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## **Riverside County Civil Grand Jury**

- **Ensure that county, city and local government agencies operate responsibly, legally, and ethically.**
- **Improve local government with your recommendations.**
- **Respond to citizen complaints about local government.**
- **Assure that our local tax dollars are spent wisely.**
- **Evaluate conditions at our county's jails and prisons.**

***Information:*** [www.riverside.courts.ca.gov](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov) or 951-777-3644

***Application deadline:*** April 01, 2022



### **Qualifications:**

***1 yr. Resident of Riverside County • U. S. Citizen • 18 or older***

***Knowledge of English • Sound judgment and character***

**Daily stipend plus mileage and parking**

*The role of a Grand Jury differs substantially from that of a trial jury. It is a fulltime assignment. Duties of the Civil Grand Jury include: To act as the public's watchdog by investigating and reporting upon the affairs of local government; weigh allegations of misconduct against public officials and determine whether to present formal accusations; review and act upon letters or complaints from citizens of Riverside County. Jury members take the oath of office on July 1, 2022, meet four days per week in downtown Riverside, and serve for one year. Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.*



## Fentanyl: What Parents Need to Know

### What is fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is similar to morphine but is 50 to 100 times more potent. Although it can be prescribed by a doctor to treat patients with severe pain, it is also made and used illegally.

Illegal Fentanyl is sold as a powder, dropped onto blotter paper, put in eye droppers and nasal sprays, or made into pills that look like other prescription opioids. Occasionally, the powder is used in vaping devices typically used for nicotine or marijuana.

Some drug dealers are mixing fentanyl with other drugs. This is because it takes very little fentanyl to produce a high, making it cheaper to produce and distribute. This is risky because people taking drugs or vaping don't realize they might contain fentanyl, making overdose more likely.

If you think someone is having an overdose, call 911 immediately and wait with the person until help arrives. If you think your child is using fentanyl or other opioids, please contact your family physician or your school site counselor.

### Fast Facts:

- Opioids affect your brain – they affect areas of the brain that control pain and emotion, making it hard to feel pleasure from anything besides the drug.
- Opioids affect your body – they slow down the actions of the body, such as breathing and heartbeat.
- Opioids can kill you – Even a single dose of an opioid can cause your breathing to slow or stop; taking opioids with alcohol or sedatives increases this risk.
- Opioids are highly addictive. – People who regularly use opioids often develop tolerance, which means that they need higher and/or more frequent doses of the drug to get the desired effects.
- Opioid addiction is treatable – Please contact your family physician or your school site counselor for help.

### How to recognize a fentanyl overdose?

- Cannot be woken up or not moving
- Breathing slow or absent
- Discoloration of lips and nails
- Choking or coughing, gurgling sounds
- Cold or clammy skin
- Dizziness or disorientation
- Pupils extremely small

To learn more or find resources, visit [www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/fakeandfatal](http://www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/fakeandfatal)



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## COVID-19 Vaccine



### **WHERE TO GET VACCINATED FOR COVID**

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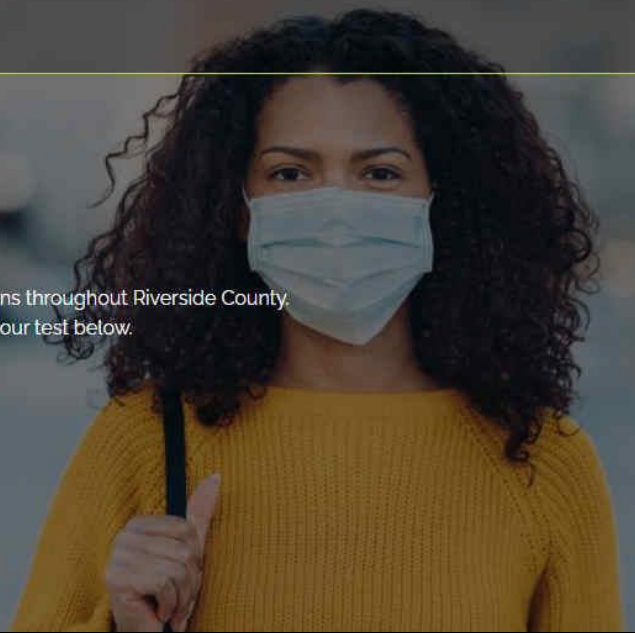
Check here regularly for information on all county-sponsored vaccination clinics and a list of community partners offering the vaccine

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### **Covid-19 Testing**

Covid-19 testing is now available at multiple locations throughout Riverside County. Find the testing facility closest to you to schedule your test below.



### **WHERE TO GET TESTED FOR COVID**

<https://gettested.ruhealth.org/>

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### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS WEB PAGE**

This page has all the latest information – data, numbers, statistics, resources, news releases, videos and more, and is updated daily:

<https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>

[RIVERSIDE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE](#)