

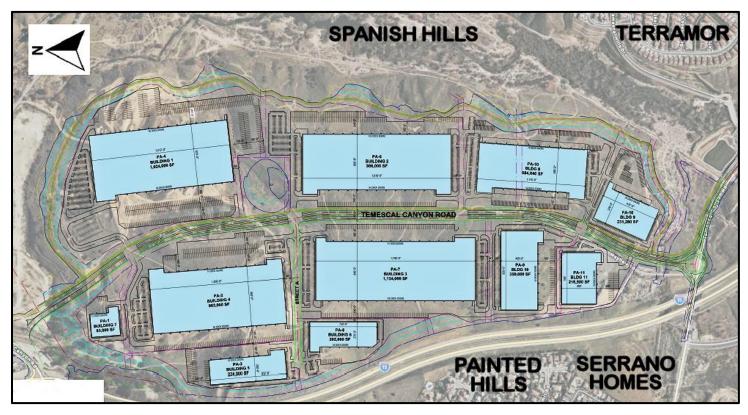
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OVER 6 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF WAREHOUSE SPACE: Located at the I-15 and Temescal Canyon Road and stretching south to Old Mayhew Canyon Road, the 489-ace light industrial complex would feature a six-lane road running through the complex.

WILL SERRANO COMMERCE CENTER BECOME REALITY?

Approved in 2010, developer plans to file Specific Plan amendment

A sizable development approved by the county in 2010 is now moving forward to the surprise of some residents who say they knew nothing about it when they purchased their **Terramor** homes.

The developers of the 489-acre **Serrano Commerce Center** are seeking a few changes to approved **Specific Plan 353** and last month made a presentation to the **We Are Temescal Valley Development Committee**.

The approved industrial complex is located on the east side of the I-15 at the freeway and Temescal Canyon Road and stretches

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south to rejoin Temescal Canyon Road north of the Terramor residential development.

Adam Collier, vice president of LW Developers LLC, told the about two dozen meeting attendees while there are changes planned that will require Board of Supervisors' approval, the six-lane road running the length of the project hasn't changed and will be built prior to any other construction.

"From Day 1, curb-to-curb before anything else, that road has got to go in," Collier said.

A major change to the plan is the elimination of 17.45 acres of Planning Area 1 that were zoned commercial/retail. **Proficiency Capital**, Serrano's neighbor to the north, when applying for a conditional use permit for development of its property, requested the relocation of a flood control channel. The environmental impact report and hydrology studies for Proficiency are based on the realignment of the channel through Serrano's Planning Area 1. County **Flood Control** is supportive of this change as it helps alleviate some impacts to biological resources in the existing channel.

Collier was asked why another planning area couldn't be used for commercial/retail. He said shops and offices need to be located adjacent to the on- and off-ramps of an interchange.

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Watch your sales tax rate!

By JANNLEE WATSON Communications Director We Are Temescal Valley

We all owe **April Scott**, **Horsethief Canyon Ranch** resident, a big **THANK YOU!**

Earlier this month, April posted on the **We Are Temescal Valley Facebook** page that she was over-charged sales tax for items she purchased online. Temescal Valley consumers pay a state tax of 6.0% and 1.75% county tax for a total tax rate of 7.75%.

Who would have thought when the cities of **Corona**, **Lake Elsinore** and others in 2020 made the decision to increase their sales tax by 1%, that decision, the ultimate approval vote by city voters in November 2020 and the enactment of the tax in July 2021 would trickle down into the purses and wallets of Temescal Valley residents.

But it did, as April found out. She noticed on the receipt she received for her \$203.25 online purchase she was charged \$14.74 for state tax, \$2.03 for Corona tax and \$1.02 for county tax. The company said it would refund the city tax after April sent notifications she didn't live within the city of Corona. She was fortunate the tax was broken down by the three taxation agencies — it's usually shown as one amount. You might want to check online purchases. Are you paying a tax rate of 7.75% or 8.75%?

The amount of tax charged is based on the tax rate where the purchase is made. But there is an exception. Municipalities at one time competed to locate new- and used-car dealerships within their boundaries. Vehicle sales generate huge tax dollars. That was changed and now sales tax on that new car or used RV is based on where the vehicle will be primarily located and the registration address.

Say what?! When this was added as a comment to April's post it turns out a couple of folks who recently purchased vehicles in neighboring cities had paid too much.

Horsethief residents **Bob** and **Cindy Hafner** learned they were overcharged \$170 on the Toyota they just purchased. **Butterfield Estates** resident **Melissa Beeson** purchased two vehicles – one a year ago in Temecula and the other two weeks ago in Corona. Sure enough – wrong tax rate. Melissa was overcharged \$800!

Yes, we do need our own **ZIP code**. We've always been told it won't happen -- but the **US Postal Service** process to change a ZIP code indicates it can be done. USPS suggests first requesting an alternative community name while keeping the same ZIP code. Been there, done that! We received permission from the Postal Service for **Temescal Valley 92883** in March 2014.

This time it isn't a matter of community identity or pride. It's a matter of personal finance. Plus, if not caught and corrected – why should neighboring cities receive money to which they are not entitled?

Check sales tax rate based on address, not ZIP code: https://maps.cdtfa.ca.gov/

Learn about sales tax:

https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/formspubs/pub452.pdf

How to change a ZIP code:

https://www.wearetv.org/blog/docs/zipcode.pdf

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He also noted that **Isa Bahu**, the owner of the **Shell Station** across the street, was investigating the possibility of adding more retail business to his property.

While the approved plan has 6,773,144 million square feet of building space, requested changes to the planning areas drop the square footage to 6,018,000. The changes reflect fewer buildings but larger buildings and the loss of the commercial/retail zoning. Two of the proposed buildings exceed 1 million square feet and a third is 986,000 square feet. Four additional buildings are larger than the minimum square footage that triggers the county's **Good Neighbor Policy for Warehouses**.

For warehouses larger than 250,000 square feet and having more than 20 loading bays, the policy mandates a 300-foot buffer between the truck bays/loading docks and homes as well as other sensitive receptors such as schools. Additionally, studies must be conducted for air quality, health risk, and noise impact.

Homes closest to warehouses are on the other side of the freeway in **Painted Hills** at 470 feet and 415 feet, and in the yet-to-bebuilt **Tyler Morrison Serrano homes** development at 425 feet.

Collier said the six-lane roadway through the commerce center will be called Temescal Canyon Road, and when asked if that wouldn't cause confusion with the current Temescal Canyon Road, he said, "Maybe label them West Temescal Canyon Road and East Temescal Canyon Road."

He added, "With the road expanding from four to six lanes through the development area, it will provide significant peak-hour traffic-congestion relief from the I-15 and improves emergency access for wildfires."

When the project was approved over 12 years ago, the idea was to route all truck traffic over what would be East Temescal Canyon Road, making West Temescal Canyon Road and the **Tom's Farms** area free of big rigs.

Collier said the I-15/Temescal Canyon Road interchange must undergo improvements but at this time he doesn't know to what degree. He said his company is now working with **Riverside County Transportation** and **Caltrans** on the interchange design.

A roundabout is envisioned where the south end of East Temescal Canyon Road rejoins West Temescal Canyon Road at about **Old Mayhew Road**, just north of Terramor.

Big rigs traveling south on the 1-15 to the mines would exit the freeway at Temescal Canyon Road, take East TCR, drive through the development to West TCR, and enter the mines at **Maitri Road**. That route would be reversed for trucks heading north on the 1-15.

Collier said the feasibility of a new interchange at the south end of the project is being evaluated. While not yet on county plans, an I-15 interchange at **Campbell Ranch Road** was first proposed in 1990 and remains a suggestion on today's Area Plan for Temescal Valley. LW Developers is funding the preliminary feasibility study which the county and Caltrans have begun.

According to **Jerry Sincich**, chairman of the WeAreTV Development Committee, "An interchange at Campbell Ranch Road will provide Temescal Canyon Road and **Indian Truck Trail** with much needed traffic relief from the big rigs."

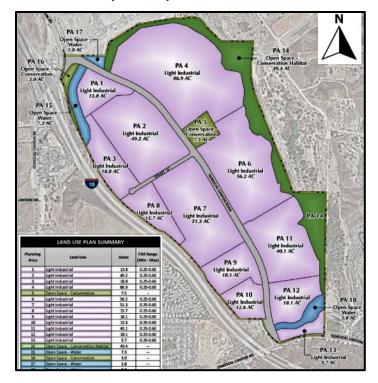
Approved Specific Plan 353

- 372.06 acres Light Industrial zoning
- 17.45 acres Commercial/Retail zoning
- 48.77 acres Open Space (Multi Species Habitat Conservation Plan)
- 13.08 acres Open Space (water)
- 37.93 acres major roadways



Proposed Specific Plan Amendment

- 385.41 acres Light Industrial zoning
- 49.36 acres Open Space (Multi Species Habitat Conservation Plan)
- 18.43 acres Open Space (water)
- 7.49 acres Open Space (historic monument)
- 28.77 acres major roadways



SERRANO COMMERCE CENTER ...

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Two trails are planned in the project – a **regional multi use trail** alongside the conservation area and a **roadside trail** on East TCR. The approved Specific Plan also calls for **bike lanes**.

The landscape design currently in front of Terramor and on Temescal Canyon Drive will be continued through the project and on East TCR which also will have a landscaped median. A **Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District** (LLMD) will be created for all improvements and infrastructure and will be funded by taxes on the businesses in the center.

Collier said the applications needed to entitle the project include Specific Plan and General Plan amendments, a zone change, a tentative parcel map amendment and plot plans. "A new **Environmental Impact Report** isn't necessary – we only need to update the EIR approved in 2010," he said.

Necessary technical studies for the updated EIR include:

- Air Quality Analysis
- Biological Resources
- · Greenhouse Gas Analysis
- Energy
- Hydrology
- Water Quality Management Plan
- Fire Protection Plan
- Water Supply Assessment
- Health Risk Assessment
- Noise Study
- Traffic Impact Analysis and VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled)

A few Terramor residents attended the meeting to get a better understanding of the project. The closest Terramor homes to warehouses are 970 feet and 1,210 feet and sit above the project.

Collier said authentic line-of-sight visualizations will be created for Terramor to give residents an idea of what they will see when viewing the commerce center. The approved Specific Plan stipulates the maximum building height is 50 feet.

Concern was voiced over the two historic **Serrano tanning vats** and a sizable **Luiseno petroglyph** on the property. The vats will have to be moved and the petroglyph will be fenced and not accessible to the public. This will be the second time the 203-year-old vats have been relocated, and the **Temescal Heritage Foundation** and **Billy Holcomb Chapter of E Clampus Vitus**, a fraternal historical society, will be involved with the move.

But with over 6 million square feet of warehouse space, meeting attendees wanted to know about potential congestion caused on neighborhood streets by truck traffic. Collier said the **Traffic Impact Analysis** is being prepared now but will not be ready for a few months. He said it also will include the cumulative impact of other development projects on roadway traffic – whether the project is proposed but not approved or approved but not built.

"Yes," said Collier when asked, "All traffic counts are post COVID shutdown and post schools reopening."

A timeline for the project has the next 21 months set aside for the EIR process with **public hearings**, including **public comment**, before the **Planning Commission** and Board of Supervisors in **third quarter 2024**.

Collier told the audience, "We have the **begin construction date** set at **first quarter 2025** but that might not be realistic. Tentative start dates usually run behind schedule." He said he would keep the community updated as more information is known.

EVMWD fills seat vacated by the passing of Director Phil Williams



The Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board of Directors earlier this month selected and swore in Jack Ferguson to serve as the director representing the Division 4 service area.

The vacant position was held by **Phil Williams**, who passed away in November. Division 4 encompasses

areas of western Lake Elsinore and the Temescal Valley communities of Horsethief Canyon Ranch, Lemon Grove, Butterfield Estates and California Meadows.

Ferguson is a certified public accountant and a partner at **Hughes Ferguson Grigg, LLP: Certified Public Accountants** in Lake Elsinore.

According to EVMWD, he has served his community in a variety of roles, including 16 years on the board of directors of the **Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce**, a board member for **Cops for Kids** and a member of **Lake Elsinore Rotary Club**. Ferguson resides in Lake Elsinore.

"We are pleased to have Mr. Ferguson join the EVMWD Board of Directors," said **Andy Morris**, board president. "His skills as a CPA and commitment to business and community development will be a great benefit to EVMWD and to our constituents."

The sudden death of Mr. Williams both shocked and saddened the Lake Elsinore community. Phil was a native son, a local real estate broker and licensed general contractor, and had served on EVMWD's board since 2001.

He was a member of the **Engineering and Operations Committee**,



Legislation, Conservation & Outreach Committee, and Finance and Administration Committee. He currently served on boards of the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority (LESJWA JPA), Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Agency (BCGSA JPA), ACWA JPIA, and Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

As a county-appointed member of LAFCO, Mr. Williams was chairman in 2013 when the city of **Corona** made an unsuccessful attempt to annex Temescal Valley. According to **Jannlee Watson**, WeAreTV communications director, "Phil always commented that in his years with LAFCO he had never seen a crowd as organized and well-behaved as our 200 residents were in protesting the takeover. He was a true gentleman and always open to meeting about our water issues."

"We have lost an admired and respected member of the EVMWD family," said **General Manager Greg Thomas**. "His insights and contributions to the district and the community will be part of his legacy for years to come."



Public hearing scheduled for TVWD 5-year rate increase

A public heaaring will be held at the Tuesday, Jan. 24 meeting of the Temescal Valley Water District to consider a five-year schedule of rate adjustments for the cost of providing water, recycled water, and the collection and treatment of wastewater.

The 8:30 a.m. meeting will be held at the district office, **22646 Temescal Canyon Road**.

A recent study by an independent rate consultant concluded rate adjustments would be necessary because of rising costs, capital projects and financial stability. Unlike other districts that look at the financial picture annually, TVWD undertakes a five-year study and calculates the adjustments based on current and historic data and infrastructure need.

If approved, the new rates and charges will begin on Feb. 1 and continue to be implemented each Jan. 1 from 2024 through 2027. And, unlike other districts, if the study miscalculated and a rate increase or charge for that year is unnecessary, even though approved, it will not be implemented.

The study showed costs are rising and the district is paying more for purchased water, electricity, treatment chemicals, technology and the equipment to meet state water quality regulations. TVWD spends over \$4.8 million annually for the Metropolitan Water District water it purchases from Western Municipal Water District (WMWD). It costs the district over \$2 million a year to treat wastewater.

Capital projects needed by TVWD over the next five years include a \$6.7 million portable water reservoir, the \$3 million installation of advanced meter reading technology, the \$3.2 million construction of a sludge processing and odor control facility and the \$2.7 million expansion and storage for the recycled system.

According to district literature, without adequate rate adjustments, the revenue generated by water, recycled and wastewater charges will draw down district reserve funds. "The proposed rates would allow TVWD to fully fund operating expenses, continue to fund necessary capital projects on a pay-asyou-go basis (without issuing costly debt), and maintain healthy reserves."

A typical residential bill bundles costs associated with two services – water charges and wastewater charges.

Water charges include the cost for the district to purchase water from WMWD, the cost of energy to pump water during the billing period, the monthly meter charge based on meter size and the cost of water used in the billing period. Wastewater charges include the sewer service fee which is a monthly fixed charge based on the number of dwelling units.

362 calls for service in December are 51 more than in November

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

The station received **362 calls** for service from Temescal Valley during December – **51 more** than received in November.

Thirty-four calls in December and **18** calls in November were for Part I crimes. No homicides, arsons or sex crimes were reported for the two-month period. Here's the breakdown:

Assault – 4 in December and 4 in November.
Burglary – 7 and 2.
Grand/Petty Theft – 15 and 7.
Robbery – 1 and 0.
Theft from Vehicle – 3 and 4.
Vehicle Theft – 4 and 1.



There were two felony arrests in December – one for a warrant and the other for domestic violence.

There were no arrests in November.

There were **nine vandalisms** reported for December and **six** for November. **Disturbing the peace** calls numbered **37** for December and **33** for November.



OUR NEW CAPTAIN: It was announced this month at the Municipal Advisory Council meeting newly promoted Capt. Kevin Lamb will head the sheriff's team at the new Lake Mathews Station due to open in about six weeks. He is pictured here with Sheriff Chad Bianco at his promotion.

Deputy Isaiah Cordero



Deputy Darnell Calhoun



'We need to make this evil stop'

Sheriff Chad Bianco

WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS ...

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Changes ratepayers will see on their bills in February include the fixed monthly service charge based on meter size which will increase from \$23.50 for residential customers to \$24.06. The readiness-to-serve fixed charge for potable water customers will increase from \$1.73 to \$2.14.

Variable rate adjustments on the monthly bill are dependent on the three tiers of water usage. The rates cover the cost of water, delivery costs and other operating and maintenance costs that connect directly to the amount of water used.

Good news! The cost-of-service study adjusted the Tier 2 water usage up by five units --100 cubic feet (ccf) of water per unit which equals 748 gallons. Customers will receive more water at the Tier 2 rate before being moved to Tier 3.

Changes to the tier rates in February will include Tier 1 up \$3.05 per ccf from \$2.97, Tier 2 up \$3.46 from \$3.31 and Tier 3 up \$3.79 from \$3.61.

The variable pumping zone rates are related to the energy cost of pumping water to the higher elevations in Temescal Valley and the amount of water consumed. There is no charge if you are in Zone A at base elevation. Zone B (mid Trilogy and mid Montecito Ranch) now pays 21-cents per ccf and over the next five years that will increase to 24-cents. Zone C (Sycamore Creek and Terramor) now pays 22-cents and will pay 26-cents, Zone D (upper Trilogy and upper Montecito Ranch) now pays 29-cents and will pay 30-cents and Zone E (upper Retreat) now pays 34-cents and will pay 36-cents.

Finally, the wastewater rates are designed to recover the costs of operating and maintaining the collection system and treatment facilities. For residential customers, the monthly sewer service charge in February will be \$41.57, up from \$39.72.

Overall, a residential customer with a \$145.26 January bill will pay \$149.77 in February with the same amount of water usage.

Many people view water districts as businesses. They are public utilities overseen by the **Water Division** of the **California Public Utilities Commission** and are not allowed to make a profit. Charges to provide water services must be commensurate with the actual cost to provide those services.

Horsethief Canyon Ranch, Lemon Grove, Butterfield Estates and California Meadows are in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and not affected by the rate increase. TVWD does provide sewer services for Butterfield and Cal Meadows and those fees are paid through property taxes.

District customers who oppose the rate adjustments can file a formal protest in writing and either mail or deliver it to the district office. Protests must specify the rate being protested and must include your name, parcel number and/or service address and your signature. Email protests will not be accepted. Without a majority protest, the board will adopt the proposed changes.

Here is the **Cost-of-Service Rate Study**



MANY PROJECTS ON TAP IN TEMESCAL VALLEY

There's no timeline; majority will be built, others will not

At the beginning of each year, we provide a review of pending Temescal Valley development projects provided by information received from the county's **Transportation and Land Management Agency**.

Most of the projects and new developments on this list began with the property owner or their consultants submitting a Pre-Application Review (PAR) to the **Planning Department**. The application makes its way through all the county departments that could have a say in the project, such as **Transportation**, **Fire**, **Flood Control** and others. Department representatives comment if the project is feasible and what changes or improvements need to be made.

Some of the PAR-submitted projects on this list are from several years ago with no action being taken by the property owner. Others were recently submitted and are headed for county review by the **Planning Commission** and final approval by the **Board of Supervisors**.

Usually when a proposed project is on its way for review and approval, the property owner or consultant will meet with the **WeAreTV Development Committee** and the **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council**. WeAreTV, via this newsletter and/or social media, lets citizens know when public hearings are scheduled and when public comments are due and how to submit them.

Here's a quick look at what's being planned:

Weirick Road/Dos Lagos Drive

- Western Golf Properties/Gale Winds 225 homes on former Retreat golf course
- Convenience store, fast food restaurant, gas station Knabe/Weirick roads
- 7 Oaks Deli & Nursery Gas station, car wash, convenience store, two drive-thru restaurants

Wildrose Business Park Area

- 3,500-square-foot Pool plumbing business
- Wildrose Business Park warehouse development

Dawson Canyon Road Area

- River Releaf Culture Cannabis Club -- retail
- The Cake House retail cannabis
- Proficiency Capital -- Temescal Valley Commerce Center 46acre warehouse project
- Reagan Paving Co. –12,025-square-foot office building

Hunt-Lawson Area

• KOK Development -- 54 low-density homes on 48.6 acres

Tom's Farms Area

 Tom's Farms -- Electronic sign, coffee shop, bakery, retail, office suites and hotel

NEED A MAP?

Not familiar with all the areas in Temescal Valley? Check out the WeAreTV map here:

https://www.wearetv.org/blog/identity/map.pdf

Tom's Farms Area (continued)

- Commercial center truck stop, convenience store, food court, lounge
- Mission Clay residential, commercial retail, commercial office for medical services
- Rancho Serrano High School project
- Olive Branch Community Church and School

Glen Ivy / Mining Area

- Glen Ivy Senior Living project residential care facility for the elderly
- RJ Noble Company surface mine permit asphalt manufacturing plant
- . Glen Ivy Hot Springs Resort Expansion

Sycamore Creek Area

• Highlands at Sycamore Creek - 110 homes

Horsethief Canyon Ranch Area

- · Renaissance Ranch Industrial Park or 355 homes
- JBJ Ranch 311 homes
- Horsethief Villages 229 homes
- Temescal Valley Land LLC 285 homes

Eastside of 1-15

- South Corona Business Park 225.6 acres, formerly Synagro property owned by WMI. Zoned Heavy Manufacturing
- Serrano Project 489-acre warehouse development
- Terramor 1,487 homes at buildout
- Speedway Development commercial/retail shopping center
- United American Properties Mixed Use Area (MUA) across from Lee Lake
- Affordable housing 258 apartments with Mixed Use Area zoning (retail, commercial) -- across from Lee Lake
- Southern California Edison 34-acre Alberhill Substation --LEAPS transmission lines could connect here
- So Cal Sandbags -- Contractor storage yard, sandbag manufacturing facility

Other Areas

- Robertson's/Hubb's Quarry Cajalco Road/Dos Lagos Golf Course – Installation and primary usage of reclaimed water
- New Sheriff Station (Latitude Business Park) & Fire Station
- Arantine Hills Corona 118 homes built in Bedford directly adjacent to Weirick neighborhood
- Bluewater Renewable Energy Former LEAPS (Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage) project
- South Coast Air Quality Management District Sensor Project (PurpleAir)



MONARCHS ARE ON THE REBOUND

Final numbers for late- and early-year counts still unknown

By TRACY DAVIS
Wildrose Ranch resident
Identity Committee Chairwoman and Monarch butterfly guru

Early report of the Western Monarch Thanksgiving Count has surpassed last year and marks 300,000 overwintering monarchs. The Thanksgiving count ran from Nov. 12 to Dec. 4. Release of the final Thanksgiving count will be soon, following all tallies and data research of the nearly 300 overwintering sites. Here's a cool **interactive map** of the overwintering sites historic and active count locations.

The 2021 Thanksgiving count was also a terrific rebound year of 247,000-plus, from the 2020 lowest count **EVER**, of under 2,000. This year's numbers have not been seen since the **2000 Thanksgiving count**.

Why has there been an overwinter bounce? The biggest factor is **Xerces Society** has gotten word out about its **Western Monarch Call to Action**. In short:

- Protect and manage California overwintering sites
- Restore breeding and migratory habitat in California
- Protect monarchs and their habitat from pesticides
- Protect, manage, and restore summer breeding and fall migration monarch habitat outside of California
- Answer key research questions about how to best aid western monarch recovery



Another thought is the **California Department of Fish and Wildlife** has cracked down on those without a Scientific Collection Permit (SCP). It prohibits the collection or possession of monarchs in any stage (egg through adult) for scientific research, education, or propagation purposes without an SCP. People raising monarchs indoors, although with hearts in the right place, have unintentionally removed the migratory cues of the butterflies such as temperature, seasonal light, and native milkweed dormancy.

Prepping for fall and winter: Cut any tropical milkweed, *Asclepias curassivica*, back to sticks, 4 to 6 inches high, **EVERY** month from now through mid-February. Sounds harsh - it can be difficult to cut back beautiful flowering plants, but this pruning is a **MUST** to mimic the dormancy of the native milkweeds in our yards.

What's next? Another count was accomplished between Dec. 24 and Jan. 8 -- the New Year's count. This count is important to monitor the overwinter health of the monarchs. The numbers are always lower than Thanksgiving counts due to predation and exposure deaths. Between these two annual counts, the adult population can fall as much as 35% to 50%. I'm hoping all those rugged citizen scientist volunteers, who braved the early morning chill to count the tree-clinging monarchs, logged great numbers!



MIGRATION: This literally is the way the western monarchs hang out when they reach their over-wintering spots at the coast. It's here that the annual counts are taken.

QUICK HITS & UPDATES . . .

54 HUNT-LAWSON HOMES ... Earlier this week the county **Planning Commission** approved a request by **KOK Development Inc.** for a fourth extension of time to **March 1**, **2024**. The 54 homes were originally approved in 2009 with revisions approved in 2017.

The homes are considered Low Density Residential and are planned for 48.6 acres with the entrance to the gated community along the private section of **Lawson Road** where it joins **Hunt Road**. Learn more in the **March 2016 newsletter**.

OVERSEEING THE LANDFILL ... The EI Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee (COC), will meet at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Temescal Valley Water District, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road. Agenda items include Temescal Canyon Road improvements, irrigation for the slopes, site inspections and odor complaints.

COC members are residents who live within a three-mile radius of the landfill and are appointed by county supervisors **Kevin Jeffries** and **Karen Spiegel**. Currently serving are **Lee Wilson**, chairman, **Trilogy** resident; **Ruth Brissenden**, vice chairman, **Butterfield Estates**; **Fred Myers**, **The Retreat**; **Jerry Sincich**, **Sycamore Creek** and **Tracy Davis**, **Wildrose Ranch**. Here is the **agenda**.

HOME-INVASION ROBBERY ... Early last month, three masked males, wearing gloves and each carrying a handgun, broke into a Sycamore Creek home and demanded money from the residents. The trio made off with stolen items, the value of which was unknown and there was no description of a getaway vehicle. The sheriff has released very little information as the investigation is ongoing and there have been no updates. This happened in the Serrano Ridge gated neighborhood of Sycamore Creek. Living in a gated community can give residents a false sense of security.

We asked Lt. Mike Portillo of the Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station how residents in gated communities could better protect their privacy. He said when entering your gated community, be sure to pull all the way forward through the gate, stop and wait until the gate closes behind you. Be mindful if someone follows you in. Don't confront them but get a good description to include the number of occupants and license plate number. Be vigilant and aware of your surroundings. Always lock your home's doors and windows at night and when away from home. Look out for each other. Exchange phone numbers with your neighbors and call them if you see anything that looks suspicious. Encourage them to do the same for you. For emergencies, call 911. For nonemergency reporting, call 951-776-1099, option 5.

WHO'S WHO IN COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 2



SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL: She has been quite visible in her new communities including attendance at the January TMAC meeting, a Terramor community meeting and at the candlelight vigil for Deputy Darnell Calhoun at the Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station.

Meet Supervisor Karen Spiegel and her Temescal Valley Staff

With the Jan. 1 arrival of 2023, Temescal Valley has officially moved to the county's supervisorial **District 2** with **Supervisor Karen Spiegel** at the helm.

Her office will be responsible for county Land Use, Transportation, Code Enforcement, all other county agencies, and other constituent services in the Temescal Valley region. The

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Riverside

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District 1

March
ARB
Gardens
El Sobrante

Coronia

Coronia

Lake Mathews

Riverside

March
ARB

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El Sobrante

Coronia

Mead Valley

Meadowbrook

Warm Springs

Canyon Lake

Men

ORANGE COUNTY

District 2

Murrie

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

Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council meetings also will be facilitated by Supervisor Spiegel's office including MAC Board schedules and agendas for future meetings.

The move was necessitated by redistricting -- the once-a-decade process of redrawing the boundaries for elective offices, 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. The county's new map was approved in December 2021.

Following is a little information about Supervisor Spiegel and her staff taken from her **website** which currently is being updated to include her new communities. She also publishes a monthly **newsletter**.

Karen Spiegel has been an elected public servant since 1996, serving in several positions in the city of **Corona**, including city treasurer and council member, and serving four times as mayor.

She was first elected to represent the Second Supervisorial District in November 2018 and was sworn into office for her second term two weeks ago.

She encourages community participation with city and county government and has introduced many new programs. In addition, she has been credited for her leadership on regional transportation issues, collaboration, and regional partnerships.

In addition to the service in her district, Supervisor Spiegel represents the county at the regional and state level in many organizations and has served in a leadership role on several. She is a strong advocate for community service and as such has been honored with awards and recognitions for her active involvement over the years.

Supervisor Spiegel graduated from **California State University**, **Long Beach**, and did her graduate studies at **Pepperdine University**, where she received a Master's Degree and was a Marriage Family Therapist (MFT).

She and her husband, **Bobby**, of 37 years, have five adult children and two grandchildren. She treasures the time she can spend with her grandson **RJ** and her granddaughter **Makenna Rose**

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PHIL PAULE, Chief of Staff

With a career spanning more than 20 years, **Phil Paule** has extensive experience in local and regional government, having previously led the offices of both congressional and county representatives.

Paule has served 15 years as a member of the board of directors of the **Eastern Municipal Water**

District in Southwest Riverside County. A longtime county resident, he and his family enjoy traveling and spending time with their two teenage children.

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SAGA CONTINUES IN REOPENING FOREST TO OHV



CLOSED: Damage from the Holy Fire over four years ago is evident along Indian Truck Trail in the Cleveland National Forest. Gates prevent accessibility to the forest for the OHV community.

ITT still blocked but Trilogy resident is making progress

By JOE ROSEN
Trilogy resident
Founder Cleveland Caretakers

Happy New Year TV! If you were hoping we would have the access issues in **Cleveland National Forest** sorted out by now, I thought we would have too. Turns out I was pretty naïve about how long it was going to take.

I'm sorry to report Indian Truck Trail (Forest Route 5S01) still remains closed to licensed Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV). As does Bedford Road connecting with Bedford Motorway (Forest Route 4S03). Finding a solution for either one has been surprisingly elusive.

The backstory is sometime after **Riverside County** was established in 1893, the county started buying forest land at the base of Cleveland National Forest (CNF). Land that included three public forest roads; **Skyline Drive**, **Bedford Motorway**, and **Indian Truck Trail**. A portion of Bedford Motorway was made private somewhere along the way.

Before 2000, the valley was far less populated than it is today. Few put up a fuss about licensed OHV accessing CNF from county land; some of it private property. Naturally, the preference of property owners was for the public to enjoy the roads responsibly. There is never 100% cooperation in these situations, but the property owners and the licensed OHV community got along well enough to avoid any permanent road closures.

After 2000, **Temescal Valley** launched into a real estate development boom. The new demand for shopping and services also brought commercial real estate developments that snatched up more land and created more private boundaries. As home values rose, and the population grew, more developments were built. The population increased rapidly.

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Thomas Ketcham handles the land use and land use policies for Riverside County District 2 and District 1. While in the private sector, Ketcham served in variety of executive management positions with Mediacom Cable LLC, Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile, and Coldwell Banker. As a business owner,



he was a successful restaurateur, web developer and Realtor/mortgage broker.

In public safety for 22 years (most spent with **Supervisor Kevin Jeffries**, who served for 29 years), Ketcham was with the county's **Fire Department/Cal Fire** (firefighter/volunteer/dispatcher/trainer) and on several local fire association board of directors for local communities.

He previously served two terms as president of the Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and was chairman of the Moreno Valley/Perris Transportation Now Committee. He also served four terms on the board of directors for the Riverside Transit Agency.

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MELANIA CASTELLANOS Field Representative

As a field representative, Melania Castellanos serves as a liaison for the cities of Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake and the unincorporated communities of Lake Matthews, Lakeland Village, Temescal Valley, Warm Springs, and Woodcrest.



She attended the University of

California, Riverside, where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Public Services and Sociology. Before joining the Second District team, Castellanos served as a Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Fellow and board assistant for the county's District 5 supervisor.

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MADELYN TORRES Board Assistant

As board assistant, **Madelyn Torres** answers public inquiries pertaining to board meetings and activities and helps with the day-to-day maintenance and staffing of the office. In addition, she provides information to public or interdepartmental representatives, as well as composing, organizing, and



distributing correspondence. She will work with the **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council**.

Torres obtained her bachelor's degree from **California State University, Fullerton**, in Political Science. She has experience working at federal, state, and local levels of government and was previously a community development coordinator for the **Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce**.

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Included in the light-speed development was **Orchard Glen** at Skyline Drive. Orchard Glen was literally built on the border of Skyline Drive and CNF. The conflict between new residents and forest visitors was almost immediate. The first solution was to simply force the public out of Orchard Glen altogether. Public outrage ensued, and changes were made to accommodate only hikers and bikers. It's better now, but the licensed OHV community is more than likely shut out of Skyline permanently.

The Retreat development also raises forest access questions. **Forest Boundary Road** ended up gated close to **Knabe Road**. The name "Forest Boundary Road" strongly suggests it was a public road to the forest boundary before it was taken over, privatized, and gated by The Retreat developers.

Bedford homes and businesses currently are under construction in **Corona** adjacent to **Bedford Wash**. It's a great opportunity to build improved public access to CNF via Bedford Motorway. While the city of Corona's **Trails Master Plan** calls for a trailhead in this area, it's geared to hikers and bikers and not licensed OHV.

PROPERTY OWNER BLOCKS PASSAGE

In **August 2018** Indian Truck Trail was forced to close after the **Holy Fire**. With nowhere else to go, the licensed OHV community was forced onto Bedford Motorway exclusively. In **July 2021**, the owner of the last inhabited property on Bedford Motorway built a gate blocking access to what he perceived to be "trespassers."

The property owner's representative has blamed motorists using the road for crime, illegal dumping, reckless driving, and dust. While motor vehicles are not allowed to pass, the gate does allow road usage by USFS and other emergency vehicles.

It's become obvious reopening Bedford Motorway is going to take legal intervention. I was made aware of an attorney who agreed to get involved if we could find two or three people who can attest to the public using Bedford to access CNF around 1972 and before. I have now confirmed three people and am waiting to hear back on a few questions from the attorney.

In the <u>October newsletter</u> we explained how Riverside County and the public had tried engaging the **US Forest Service** to take action on Bedford Motorway. Nothing was done until **Congressman Ken Calvert** became involved that the USFS agreed to at least send a letter to the property owner.

To date, the USFS has sent two letters to the property owner. Both letters have been ignored. The USFS has acknowledged the letters were not responded to, but no follow up has been provided about any further action that will be taken.

'CLEVELAND CHAOS' ADDRESSED LEGALLY?

We've continued to work with Congressman Calvert's office to make headway on the Bedford issue. We were recently advised by a Washington DC representative the USFS at the highest level is now paying attention to the "Cleveland chaos." It sounds possible USFS legal assistance is coming to the Bedford gate situation. Fingers crossed either the attorney we are engaging and/or the USFS legal team can make progress!

As reported in **October**, it's been disappointing that reassurances from USFS early last year that Indian Truck Trail could be reopened to licensed OHV have not materialized.



MAJESTIC VISTAS: Joe Rosen's e-bike frames this photo from a recent excursion he took to Indian Truck Trail to check for rain damage

Likewise, after agreeing to use the volunteer group I organized, **Cleveland Caretakers**, to help keep Indian Truck Trail clear, there has been no progress to make that happen.

The USFS also has explained there is only funding available for scheduled maintenance on Indian Truck Trail. However, it remains unexplained why all the maintenance done on Indian Truck Trail since the Holy Fire has not included reopening Indian Truck Trail to licensed OHV. Even more questionable, last month the USFS did unscheduled maintenance on Indian Truck Trail after the first big rain of the season. If funds are available for necessary unscheduled maintenance, why was that maintenance still insufficient to reopen to licensed OHV?

The frequency of "scheduled" maintenance for Indian Truck Trail appears to be woefully insufficient. In my opinion, ITT has always suffered from more frequent issues than all the other roads in CNF. Even more so after the Holy Fire. At the very least, Indian Truck Trail needs scheduled maintenance once, maybe even twice a year. Clearing debris between USFS maintenance is exactly why I created the Cleveland Caretakers.

DOES USFS WANT VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE?

But is the USFS really willing to accept volunteer help? The agency was not proactive in the process of securing volunteer agreements until an inquiry from Congressman's Calvert's office resulted in approval for our agreement. It came the very next day.

The final agreement limits our volunteer group to using only hand tools. But the USFS has not said if we need to acquire certifications for using power equipment, or how we can start using motorized tools. I've asked for documents or handouts that would help us get started. All I've received is an Excel-based Risk Assessment Worksheet the USFS uses internally. I've asked for an orientation or introduction to get things started. The response received was vague and open-ended. And here again, there's been no additional follow up by the USFS. Even though there have been opportunities to get us started.

USFS did say if anyone other than USFS pays for maintenance suitable to reopen Indian Truck Trail to the licensed OHV community, it can be reopened to us. The USFS has estimated the cost of reopening Indian Truck Trail at a negligible \$15,200.

Riverside County to the rescue! Thank you, **Jeff Greene**, **Kevin Jeffries**, and all the nice folks at the Riverside County Supervisor's office who helped out! Mr. Greene suggested we

USFS REQUESTS CLARIFICATION

EDITOR'S NOTE: We received this communication from the US Forest Service following publication of the **November newsletter** containing an update on Trilogy resident Joe Rosen's quest to reopen Indian Truck Trail to motorized recreation:

Good day,

We saw an article in your November 2022 Newsletter that the U.S. Forest Service was mentioned.

While we were not contacted regarding this story, it appears that Mr. Rosen spoke on behalf of District Ranger Vance and Forest Supervisor Tangenberg. We want it to be clear that what was written was not their words but Mr. Rosen's viewpoint.

More points of clarification:

- Mr. Rosen's group was placed on a volunteer agreement; they
 have not provided any certification of training required to use
 power equipment. To date, his group has not provided any
 services to the Cleveland National Forest.
- The U.S. Forest Service is not affiliated with any GoFundMe page.
- The Forest Service has funding for regular roads maintenance; however, Indian truck trail has had substantial issues that have necessitated additional project work.

Thank you for your time,

Nathan Judy, Public Affairs Officer Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest

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apply for grant money from the county, we did, and I'm told the grants have now been approved. We also had to involve a non-profit trails group to broker the exchange of money. All we need now is the final Use Permit from the contractor to submit to the USFS and the funds in the bank.

We are inches away from paying a contractor on behalf of the USFS. We hope the agency will help formulate a sustainable plan for Indian Truck Trail going forward.

Riverside County urban planners and developers need to start paying much closer attention to CNF access and start integrating access for **ALL** forest users into their projects. All my brothers and sisters in the OHV community need to do a much better job as ambassadors for the OHV community at large and be better stewards of the forest. A little respect and courtesy go a long way.

Happy trails, and please enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly!



Anyone wishing to sign on with the Caretakers can reach me via phone, email or FB Messenger: **714-300-9905**joseph a rosen@yahoo.com

DEMOGRAPHICS

Updated January 2023

TEMESCAL VALLEY*



PEOPLE Population

Land in square miles	19.3
Persons per square mile	1,427
EDUCATION	
Bachelor's Degree or higher (percentage over age 25)	29.7%
INCOME	
Median household income	\$107,790
Per capita income	\$44,418
HOMES	
Number of housing units	8,994
Owner occupied housing units	83.7%
Median rent	\$2,352
Median home value	\$501,300
TRANSPORTATION	
Mean work commute (min.)	44.9

CITY OF CORONA*



PEOPLE

27.546

Population	159,743
Land in square miles	39.9
Persons per square mile	4,004
EDUCATION	
Bachelor's Degree or higher	
(percentage over age 25)	28.9%
INCOME	
Median household income	\$95,268
Per capita income	\$34,752
HOMES	
Number of housing units	50,761
Owner occupied housing units	63.6%
Median rent	\$1,802
Median home value	\$530,100
TRANSPORTATION	

CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE*



71,563

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PEOPLE Population

I and in square miles

Land in Square miles	30.2
Persons per square mile	1,873
EDUCATION	
Bachelor's Degree or higher	
(percentage over age 25)	22.2%
INCOME	
Median household income	\$80,350
Per capita income	\$28,320
HOMES	
Number of housing units	19,946
Owner occupied housing units	69.7%
Median rent	\$1,691
Median home value	\$392,200

TRANSPORTATION

36.0

Mean work commute (min.) 42.5

Mean work commute (min.)

^{*} Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2020 including ACS 2021 data release

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FRAUD HOTLINE

1-800-344-8477

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1-800-706-7500

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333 Limited Ave.

Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 951-277-1182 Sycamore Creek Station 64 25310 Campbell Ranch Road Temescal Valley, CA 92883

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CHP: 951-637-8000

Inoperable Vehicles: 951-955-2004 Building Codes: 951-955-1800 Graffiti: 951-955-3333 or 1-866-732-1444

Illegal Dumping: 1-888-782-6263 Weed Abatement: 951-943-0640 Vector Control: 951-340-9792

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CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED

951-736-5000

Temescal Valley Elementary School

951-736-7110

Todd Elementary School

951-736-7035

El Cerrito Middle School

951-736-3216

Santiago High School

951-739-5600

Centennial High School

951-739-5670

LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED

951-253-7000

Luiseno School (K-8)

951-253-7480

Temescal Canyon High School

951-253-7250

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22646 Temescal Canyon Road Temescal Valley, CA 92883 951-277-1414

Elsinore Valley Municipal Water Dist.

31315 Chaney St. Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 951-674-31465

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Southern California Gas Company

1-877-238-0092

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800 S. Temescal St. Corona, CA 92879 951-280-5400

El Sobrante Landfill

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THINGS TO DO

County Library: El Cerrito Branch

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Tom's Farms

23900 Temescal Canyon Road 951-277-4422

Glen Ivy Hot Springs

25000 Glen Ivy Road | 1-888-453-6489

Glen Eden Sun Club

25999 Glen Eden Road | 951-277-4650

Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center

Indian Truck Trail / Campbell Ranch Road See calendar for days / times 951-277-0219 or 951-683-7691 ext. 223

Skull Canyon Zipline

13540 Temescal Canyon Road 951-471-0999

Deleo Regional Sports Park

25655 Santiago Road (Sycamore Creek) 1-866-810-0255 (also park maintenance)

Jungle Island Paintball Park

14881 Temescal Canyon Road 951-775-9316

Glen Ivy Golf Club

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Jan 14, 2023 Be Nice to Spiders by Margaret Bloy Graham Activity: Spider hand puppet (Please register by Jan 12)

Feb 11, 2023 All Around Us by Xelena Gonzalez

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Activity: Hand Print Seasons (Please register by Mar 9)



Registration is required. All children are to be accompanied by an adult, and a liability waiver must be signed at first class attended.

To register: email scic@rcrcd.org or

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- Cultivate a love of nature.
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Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center

11875 Indian Truck Trail Temescal Valley, 92883

(Find us at the intersection of Campbell Ranch Rd & Indian Truck Trail, across from the shopping center)



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