



**TEMESCAL WASH BRIDGE:** Dawson Canyon Road and the bridge it crosses are both owned and maintained by WM and not the county. The bridge never received proper permitting by the county when WM built it. A Caltrans inspection of the bridge in September 2020 found it to be “poor and structurally deficient.” An 8-inch pipe transporting renewable natural gas is to be attached to the north side of bridge. This photo was taken during the 2020 inspection.

## GAS FACILITY AT LANDFILL QUESTIONED

### Oversight group seeks answers about CEQA needs, groundwater

The **El Sobrante Landfill Administrative Review Committee** (ARC) met in July to finalize its review of the landfill’s annual report. Another item on the agenda was to consider a **Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility** at the landfill. By the end of the meeting, both had been approved.

After reviewing the county **Department of Waste Resources’** documentation on the RNG facility, members of the **El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee (COC)** questioned how a project of this size could be approved without a **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)** review, without the knowledge of and approval from the county **Board of Supervisors**, and without community knowledge and input.

The ARC is composed of three county employees appointed for the purpose of reviewing annual status reports and proposed changes to the landfill operation or development plan. The ARC also is responsible for preparing an **Annual Report** for the Board of Supervisors documenting WM’s conformance with the conditions and mitigation measures imposed on the landfill.

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- **New director soon on water district board**
- **Indian Truck Trail reopens to OHV recreation**
- **Landfill has new community relations specialist**
- **Public hearing scheduled for second dispensary**
- **Terramor resident appointed to advisory council**

The COC is made up of five community members from **Temescal Valley** appointed by **District 2 Supervisor Karen Spiegel**. The COC is tasked with meeting at least once a year to review the landfill Annual Report prepared by the ARC prior to it being given to the Board of Supervisors. COC members say they had no knowledge of the RNG facility and were alerted to the project when they received the agenda for the ARC meeting.

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### Shopping center property at Indian Truck Trail sold

As of **June 15**, the property owned by **Speedway Development** at the northwest corner of **Indian Truck Trail** and **Temescal Canyon Road**, was sold to **Toscana Commerce Partners LP**. Speedway had received the county’s approval in **January 2019** to build the **Toscana Village at Temescal Valley** commercial center on the 33.46 acres.

The sale was made public with the publication of the agenda for the **Planning Commission’s** Aug. 16 meeting. **Fred Irianto**, a senior project manager with **K&A Engineering Inc.**, was seeking an extension of time on behalf of the applicant, **ICI Development Co.**, for a tentative parcel map that Speedway won approval for in **July 2020**.

It appears **Toscana Commerce Partners** is a California limited partnership created in January and affiliated with **ICI Development Co.**, which was incorporated in March 1991.

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# LANDFILL FACILITY ...

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According to the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**, landfill gas is a natural byproduct of the decomposition of organic material in landfills. The gas is composed of about 45% to 50% methane -- the primary component of natural gas, 50% carbon dioxide and a small amount of non-methane organic compounds.

At one time, El Sobrante had a landfill gas-to-energy cogeneration plant which produced electricity, but it was decommissioned in 2016 because of fiscal and regulatory constraints, according to WM. Currently, landfill gas is collected throughout the disposal areas, then sent to an onsite flare station and burned off.

WM and **Toro Energy LLC** have entered into an agreement for Toro to install and operate an RNG facility at the landfill. The facility will process landfill gas that will be diverted from the existing flares, processed to meet **SoCalGas** specifications, and sold to SoCalGas. Toro will pay for the **\$80 million project** and be the sole proprietor to reap the benefits, although a Toro representative wouldn't say how much dollar-wise is expected and in what timeframe.

Basically:

- The proposed RNG facility will be located within three previously disturbed areas within WM-owned landfill property. Because the land was previously disturbed is the reason given by WM, Toro and the county that a CEQA review isn't necessary.
- Landfill gas is intercepted prior to the existing flares and diverted to a compressor building located west of the existing flares.
- The gas is then piped to a facility, to be located within the former maintenance yard, for further refining and processing.
- Once the gas meets specifications, it is conveyed **11,000 feet** in an **underground 8-inch pipe** (350 psi), to the **Temescal Wash bridge** where it rises above ground to be attached to the bridge and then diverted to the enclosed and fenced point of receipt area. This is located within the existing pavement or shoulder of

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Both companies have the same Santa Ana address.

According to County Planner **Russell Brady**, who has been involved with the project for several years, in terms of building or other implementing permits, Speedway had a grading permit issued in **2019** for mass grade of the site. He said there is a grading permit submitted now for precise grading, but there are no other current building permits for further development of the site.

**We Are Temescal Valley** has reached out to the new owners to ascertain what the plans are for the property and if it will stay a retail/commercial center as planned by Speedway. WeAreTV and Speedway had worked together on this project since **2014**, but the company stopped responding to WeAreTV correspondence many months ago.

The three-year time extension to **July 15, 2026**, was approved by the Planning Commission. After that deadline, the applicant has one additional three-year time extension remaining.



**UNDERSIDE:** A Caltrans worker stands underneath the Dawson Canyon Road bridge during an inspection in 2020. The bridge has hidden as well as visible pipes attached to it.

**Dawson Canyon Road**, immediately west of the bridge adjacent to the driving range property.

- From there it will travel underground to SoCalGas' main pipeline in **Temescal Canyon Road**.

When the Citizen Oversight Committee met earlier this month, many questions were asked about the RNG facility approved by the ARC at its July meeting. COC member **Fred Myers** took the lead in asking questions with emphasis on groundwater issues and CEQA environmental requirements.

"I am not opposed to this project," Myers said, "but as a member of the **Temescal Valley Water District Board of Directors**, I do have concerns about leachate and condensate. I just want to make sure all the i's are dotted, and t's are crossed."

A meeting attendee inquired about the Temescal Wash bridge, "Did it ever get the necessary permits from the county? How can a gas line be connected to a bridge that barely passes inspections?"

According to **Ryan Ross**, planning division manager for county Waste Resources, Dawson Canyon Road and the bridge going over the wash are owned by WM. "Dawson Canyon bridge was built in 1988 and the plans were not reviewed or approved by the County of Riverside."

Though not county-owned, the bridge had been undergoing biennial inspections that listed it as owned by the county and responsible for its maintenance. The average daily traffic, based on 2018 numbers, was shown as 2,800 vehicles, with 80% truck traffic, and a projected daily vehicle use of 4,150 by 2041.

The last inspection – **September 2020**, found the bridge condition to be "poor and structurally deficient" and that it "meets minimum tolerable limits to be left in place as is." Both the deck and superstructure were found to be in "poor condition." The inspection report proposed, "Replacement of bridge or other structure because of substandard load carrying capacity or substandard bridge roadway geometry," with 2021 the year listed for improvements.

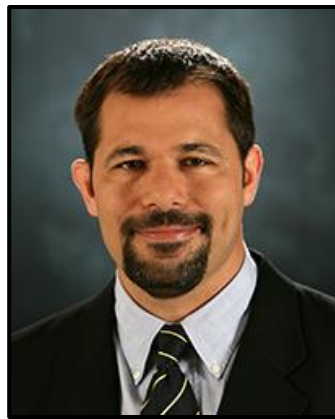
The county in **October 2022** sent a letter to **Caltrans Division of Maintenance** requesting the bridge be removed from the **County Maintained Bridge List** and show WM as owner of the bridge.

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**JOHN BUTLER**



**MICHAEL BUCKLEY**



**CHARLES COLLADAY**



**JERRY SINCICH**

# Sincich given seat on water district board

Sycamore Creek resident **Jerry Sincich** will be the new face on the **Temescal Valley Water District Board of Directors** when he takes office Dec. 1.

A mailed-ballot election scheduled for the end of this month will not be necessary because the election for three board seats was uncontested.

The four-year terms of office on the five-person board are staggered. If no one opposes directors seeking re-election, the district foregoes the cost of an election, and the incumbents are declared “re-elected.”

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The correspondence noted, “It is unclear at this point how and why this bridge made it into Caltrans’ bridge inspection report.”

The county also requested if Caltrans decided to keep inspecting the bridge, all future reports, bridge maintenance history or traffic reports be sent to WM.

Caltrans agreed to the county’s request in **December 2022**, and **Mark Lancaster**, director of the county’s **Transportation Department**, informed WM in **January 2023**. In the letter sent to WM, Lancaster related, “Caltrans is in full agreement that this structure should be removed from their inventory and will no longer receive any future biennial bridge inspection reports, or any other documents related to this structure.”

The RNG facility still lacks necessary permits from the **South Coast Air Quality Management District**, but if all goes as planned, according to a Toro representative, ground will be broken in **March** and the facility will be operational by **Spring 2025**.

COC member **Tracy Davis** pretty much summed up the opinions of most COC members: “While the concept of RNG from the methane collection in the landfill is preferable to flaring it -- burning it off, I have reservations on how it was presented to the COC, without us really having much to say. I was going to be on vacation, so I attended the ARC meeting for information. ARC approved the facility without the entire COC seeing the project or giving input. Also, without a CEQA review, I’m hesitant to feel the job is being done for the community’s best interest -- more like the landfill’s best interest.”

Retired citrus grower **Charles Colladay** and Trilogy resident **John Butler**, whose four-year terms expire this year, filed the necessary paperwork in June to seek re-election to the board. Upon learning Sincich also had filed, Colladay withdrew his candidacy to save the district the about \$30,000 cost of an election.

According to TVWD General Manager **Jeff Pape**, “The Temescal Valley Water District will really miss President Colladay’s wisdom, historical knowledge, vision and guidance. He has helped lead the district through rapid growth and droughts, and yet takes no personal credit for all that we have accomplished. I believe his decisions are always in the best interest of the water district and we will be celebrating his years at the district later in the year.”

The other director seeking election to a two-year short term was Wildrose Ranch resident **Michael Buckley**, who was appointed to the board in April 2022 to fill the unexpired term of **Paul Rodriguez**, who resigned in February 2022.

TVWD is one of only three water districts in the county that under **California Water Code 35003** still utilizes the value of landowner assessments to determine election outcomes instead of registered voters.

Landowners within the district, including homeowners, cast votes based on the assessed valuation of their property -- \$1 equals one vote. As a landowner voting district, it is not necessary for directors to reside within the district. They must only own land or be the designated representative of a landowner.

TVWD, previously known as the **Lee Lake Water District**, was formed in 1965, almost 20 years before the first housing development was built in Temescal Valley – it’s not surprising it was created as an assessment-based district. It is surprising with the residential development and population growth experienced by the district that it remains such.

It’s not difficult to make the change from a landowner voting district to a resident voting district according to state **Water Code Sections 35040-35060**. The district’s secretary must determine if at least 50 percent of the property within the district is developed for residential, industrial or nonagricultural commercial use. If it is, then a petition can be circulated and

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# INDIAN TRUCK TRAIL NOW OPEN TO OHV!

## Cleveland Caretakers leader has 'Thank you' for all involved

By **JOE ROSEN**

**Cleveland Caretakers and Trilogy Resident**

It's not a secret my past articles haven't exactly been favorable to the **US Forest Service**. But in the last couple of months things really turned around! There's been better communication, they've been more transparent about their action plan, and more importantly, real action was taken. And lots of it.

I'm excited to announce that on July 14, I received an email from **Jake Rodriguez**, USFS acting district ranger, notifying us **Indian Truck Trail** (ITT), had finally reopened to motorized vehicles! Even I was surprised how quickly it happened considering the condition ITT was in before work was done.

But wait! There's more good news! On Aug. 4, I received another email from Jake notifying us Main Divide from ITT to Santiago Peak was also reopened! This means **Cleveland National Forest's** (CNF), **Trabuco District** has finally reopened to motorized vehicles from Ortega Highway to Sierra Peak!

There are a lot of people to thank for this amazing success. Let's start with all the government agencies. Beginning with the USFS. Yes, we had our challenges along the way, but differences were eventually ironed out and the project successfully moved forward. Thank you, Jake Rodriguez, **Scott Tangenberg** (USFS forest supervisor), and **Darrell Vance** (USFS district ranger). Thank you also to **Foster Kuramata** (USFS roads engineer), and everyone else in the USFS who helped.

Thank you, **Orange County Fire Authority**, for repairing and reopening Main Divide from ITT to Santiago Peak. Not sure if that's your jurisdiction or not, but every bit of help is greatly appreciated!

A big thank you to **Riverside County Supervisor** offices – both **District 1** and **District 2**. Thank you, **Kevin Jeffries**, for giving me direction after explaining there wasn't enough public outcry about **Bedford Motorway** or ITT to gain the attention of decision makers. And for approving the first half of the grant used to help the USFS with funding. Thank you, **Jeff Greene**, for

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must be signed by at least 25 percent of the district's registered voters requesting the change.

Petitioners have six months to collect the necessary signatures, which then must be verified by the county Registrar six months prior to the district's next general election. Once the signatures are verified, the petition is delivered to the district and at the next regular meeting, the Board of Directors must adopt a resolution specifying all future elections will be conducted as a resident voting district instead of a landowner voting district. From that point forward, candidates seeking election and incumbents seeking re-election to the board will be required to be residents of the district and registered voters.

According to Pape, who has been monitoring land development within the district for the past four years, the majority of the property within district boundaries is very close to being developed.



**THANK YOU:** Joe Rosen, left, expresses gratitude to US Forest Service employee Jake Rodriguez at the August MAC meeting.

all your support and guidance along the way. Especially with Bedford Motorway. Thank you, **Tom Ketcham**, for jumping in after the districts split and coordinating the second half of the grant. Thank you, **Karen Spiegel**, for approving the second half of the grant. And thank you to everyone else in the Riverside County Supervisors' office who helped!

A big thank you also to **Congressman Ken Calvert** and **Jason Gagnon** for meeting with us, hearing us, and supporting us in our effort. Especially escalating our issue all the way to Washington, D.C. And thank you to everyone else in Congressman Calvert's office who helped!

On to the nonprofit organizations. A huge thank you to **Amy Granat**, managing director of the **California Off-Road Vehicle Association** (CORVA), for supporting us, advising us, and especially connecting us to incredibly helpful organizations. Thank you, **Bruce Whitcher** of the **California Trail Users Coalition** (CTUC), for supporting us, and providing an avenue for the grant funds to pass through. A giant thank you to **Danielle Fowles** and **Brandon Alvarez**, both with Tread Lightly!, for convincing the organization to accept the liability, sign the permit, and coordinate the grant funds both directly from Riverside County and through CTUC, then on to the contractor.

I also want to thank **Apex Contracting and Consulting Inc.** for always being available to discuss options for ITT, and especially for making ITT drivable again.

My biggest thank you goes to **Dr. Aaron Sappenfield** for bringing ITT's continued closure into the public eye with **The Press-Enterprise** article, connecting me to Amy at CORVA, and taking so much time away from work and family to fight for our public rights. Could not have done it without you, Aaron!

Now that ITT is reopened to licensed off-highway vehicles, let's not go all crazy and do things to force its closure again. Please enjoy the forest roads **responsibly**! The No. 1 perception from people who do not drive off-road is that all "off-roaders" are a bunch of reckless yahoos who ruin the environment and start fires. Sadly, it is true a small percentage are. But most of us are responsible forest visitors, and good stewards of the land.

Please do your part to change that negative perception.

**Happy Trails!**



# A message from landfill's new outreach specialist

## Marquez has moved up with WM, Carpenter eagerly starts new job

By **RICHARD CARPENTER**  
Community Relations Specialist El Sobrante Landfill

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new **Community Relations Specialist** for the **El Sobrante Landfill**. My name is **Richard Carpenter**, and I've recently stepped into this role with a deep sense of honor and gratitude. I cannot express how excited I am for this incredible opportunity to serve and connect with each of you!

As the Community Relations Specialist, my mission is to be the bridge between our community and the landfill organization, ensuring that your voices are heard, and your needs are met. I firmly believe that a thriving community is one where we come together to create a positive and inclusive environment.

**Art Marquez** is still with us having taken on new challenges and is now a part of our Public Sector solutions. Like Art, I am dedicated to being a committed listener and a proactive problem solver. I am eager to understand your concerns and work collaboratively with you. Whether it's through face-to-face meetings, virtual events, or online discussions, I'll always be here, eager to engage and work alongside you.

## 415 calls for service in July are 51 more than in June

**Lt. Jared Howe**, with the **Lake Mathews Sheriff Station**, has provided information on Part I crimes that occurred here during **June** and **July**.

There were **415 calls** for service from Temescal Valley during July – **51 more** (14%), than received in June. **Twenty-five** calls in July and **27** calls in June were for Part I crimes.

There were no homicides, arsons, sex crimes, robberies or thefts from vehicles reported for the two-month period. Here's the breakdown:

**Assault – 7 in July and 3 in June.**  
**Burglary – 7 and 5.**  
**Grand/Petty Theft – 9 and 15.**  
**Stolen Vehicle – 2 and 4.**

**There were 14 arrests/cites in July:** 6 felony arrests, 7 misdemeanor arrests, 11 booked, 3 cited and 1 released.

**There were 13 arrests/cites in June:** 2 felony arrests, 11 misdemeanor arrests, 9 booked and 4 cited.

There were **7 vandalism**s reported for July and **2** for June. **Disturbing the peace** calls numbered **55** for July and **53** for June.



**HAND-OFF:** Richard Carpenter, left, is introduced by Art Marquez at the August MAC meeting. Carpenter has assumed the position of community relations special previously held by Marquez.

My door (and inbox) is always open, and I encourage you to reach out to me anytime you have questions, suggestions, or simply want to connect. This journey is not about me alone; it's about all of us as a community making a difference together.

As we embark on this new chapter, we will create exciting initiatives, foster meaningful relationships, and celebrate the accomplishments that make us proud to be part of this incredible community. Your support and cooperation mean a lot, and I promise to give my all in return.

Let me share a bit about myself. I'm a proud **U.S. Navy** veteran who's learned valuable lessons about the power of communication and the importance of community through my military experiences. After my time in the service, I decided to pursue my passion for effective communication by earning a degree in Communication/Rhetoric and Media from **California State University San Marcos** -- Go Cougars! Nowadays, I reside in **Lake Elsinore** with my wonderful family. I'm genuinely excited about making our community an even more enjoyable place to live, and I'm committed to contributing my skills and dedication to enhancing the lives of those around me.

Once again, here's to an amazing journey ahead! Let's approach it with positivity, enthusiasm, and a strong belief in the power of community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Our offices are always open, and we look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

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# END OF AUGUST HEARING SET FOR DISPENSARY

## If approved by county Supervisors, Cake House will be 2nd cannabis business in Temescal Valley

A cannabis retailer, seeking a conditional use permit to operate in Temescal Valley, was scheduled Aug. 1 for a public hearing before the **Board of Supervisors** but was continued to **Tuesday, Aug. 29**. This is the second time the project has been continued since February when the county **Planning Commission** voted to give the retailer a favorable recommendation.

**The Cake House** would be located at **23143 Temescal Canyon Road** in the industrial complex where Dawson Canyon Road dead-ends.

The business would have 3,094 square feet of space in an existing two-story, three-tenant building, and have 18 assigned parking spaces. Operating hours would be 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

Twenty-five employees are planned and will be split among three shifts, with 10 employees per shift. Mobile deliveries also are proposed seven days a week between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The county chose not to tax cannabis, but instead uses development agreements that outline annual public benefit fees based on the square footage of the business. Development agreements also must be approved by the board.

The Cake House development agreement calls for an annual public base benefit payment to the county for **\$55,890** with an annual increase rate of **2%**. An additional annual public benefit of **\$71,000** with an annual **4%** increase would be used in Temescal Valley by the county to augment code enforcement, public safety services, infrastructure improvements, community enhancements programs and other benefits approved by the board.

The Cake House, in presentations to the **WeAreTV Development Committee** and the **Municipal Advisory**

### 3 BLOODMOBILES HERE IN SEPTEMBER

**LifeStream Blood Bank** has scheduled three bloodmobiles in Temescal Valley during September to collect urgently needed blood donations.

**Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church** on **Sunday, Sept. 10**, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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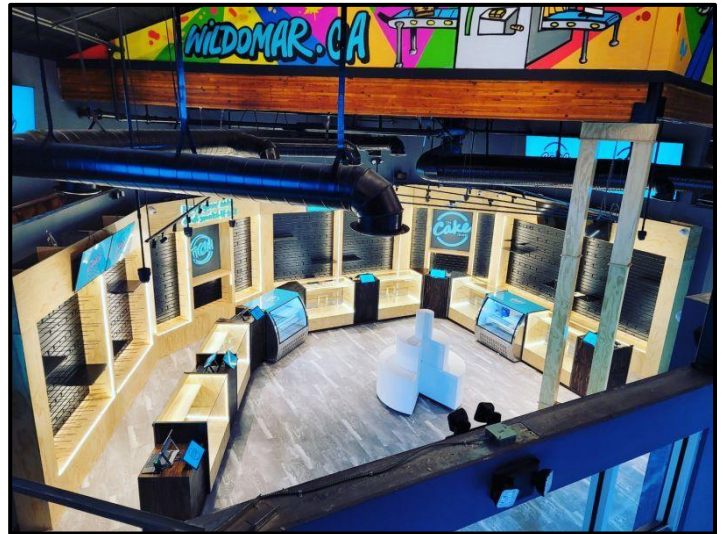
**Riverside Medical Clinic** on **Friday, Sept. 15**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/108448](https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/108448)

**Tom's Farms** on **Sunday, Sept. 17**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/105024](https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/105024)

While registration is not required, it is preferred and can be made online (see above links). When donating blood, bring your current photo ID. Maintain a regular meal schedule and increase fluid intake (water is best) in the 48 hours prior to donation.



**WILDOMAR LOCATION:** The Cake House opened its flagship dispensary in Wildomar in September 2021. It's at 32475 Clinton Keith Road if you want to check it out.

**Council**, committed to involvement in Temescal Valley events, and sponsorship of career opportunity, and educational and wellness events in the community.

This is the second cannabis business looking to locate here. A conditional use permit for **River Releaf's Culture Cannabis Club** was approved by the county in February 2021. Its address is **23215 Temescal Canyon Road**, in the same industrial complex and in the building adjacent to the Cake House. While the county's cannabis ordinance prohibits the businesses from being within 1,000 feet of each other, it doesn't apply if the businesses are within one-half mile of a designated freeway such as the I-15.

Culture Cannabis Club has been slow to open as have several other cannabis businesses in the county. The county revised its cannabis ordinance to allow revocation of permits if the business hasn't opened within two years of receiving the permit.

According to county Urban Planner **Kathleen Mitchell**, she received eight public comments when the Cake House was on the Planning Commission agenda for the public hearing in February. She said five were opposed to the project and three were in favor. The most mentioned criticism of the project was the crime it would bring to the community.

With the number of dispensaries located in Lake Elsinore, a **We Are Temescal Valley** member checked in with the **Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station. Patrol Sergeant Robert Thomas** said, "I've spent most of my time working patrol and can tell you we don't seem to have a problem at these types of businesses."

The county's cannabis ordinance has strict requirements about security personnel and monitoring equipment. The Cake House would have an unarmed and licensed security guard during operating hours, 24/7 surveillance cameras and an alarm security system during nonbusiness hours.

Mitchell said citizens wishing to comment on the project during the public hearing on Aug. 29 can do so in person in the first-floor board room of the county's **Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside**.

Comments can also be emailed to her prior to the meeting: [KMitchell@rivco.org](mailto:KMitchell@rivco.org)



## Girl Scout brings Little Free Library to Wildrose Ranch

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held this month for a Free Little Library on Blue Flag Street in Wildrose Ranch. Ashley Bradley, a Girl Scout with local Troop 678, chose the library as her Silver Award project with help from Trixie Anderson, her project advisor. The library has both adult and children's books. Remember – Take a Book, Leave a Book. Pictured, bottom, Amber Bradley, Ashley's mom; Ashley; and Trixie Anderson.



## CHP logs busy month in Temescal Valley and on I-15

Capt. Steven Branconier, commander of the California Highway Patrol for the Riverside region, reported on Temescal Valley activity during the August Municipal Advisory Council meeting.

From July 1 to Aug. 9, on I-15 between Weirick Road and Lake Street, there were **seven DUI arrests**, **58 citations** and **50 crashes** of which 15 were injury crashes.

He said during the past month community outreach officers tagged and towed vehicles, including trailers and boats, in **Butterfield Estates** and **Horsethief Canyon Ranch**. Multiple citations were issued while the officers conducted enforcement in Horsethief as well as speed enforcement on Campbell Ranch and Mayhew Canyon roads in **Sycamore Creek**.

A large vehicle inspection lane was set up July 3 on Temescal Canyon Road and Trilogy Parkway. Large trucks parking in the median and at red curbs were also monitored. On July 7, community outreach officers worked throughout Temescal Valley, conducting inspections, and checking for parking issues.



## Here's the latest on Alberhill Substation

It's been five years this month since the **California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)**, took no action on **Southern California Edison's Alberhill Substation** proposal but left the project open, instructing SCE to provide new evidence indicating a need for the substation based on more reliable projections of electrical demand.

The 34-acre substation is targeted for 124 acres of land SCE owns at the corner of Temescal Canyon and Concordia Ranch roads east of the I-15 and across the freeway from the about 1,900-home **Horsethief Canyon Ranch** neighborhood.

Because of the substation's proximity to Horsethief, the location has been opposed by the **We Are Temescal Valley Development Committee** which suggested an alternative location near Walker Canyon Road and Hill Top Drive, north of the I-15 in an unincorporated county area.

Our last update was 11 months ago when we communicated with **Joyce Steingass**, who has since retired but at that time was with the **Energy Division** of the California Public Utilities Commission and project manager for the Alberhill Substation.

We asked her what steps are left in the process before the project is placed on an agenda for CPUC approval and if there are no delays because of unforeseen circumstances, how soon could that happen?

She said SCE was preparing a design change for the proposed project. The next step was to prepare the necessary documents for an amended application and an amended **Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA)**, that SCE would file/serve to the CPUC.

In email communication with **Trevor Pratt**, the CPUC's current project manager for the Alberhill Substation, he related SCE submitted its amended application and PEA to the CPUC on June 2. He said the CPUC is still reviewing the amended application and PEA and has not yet made a determination on the appropriate **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**, document (i.e., subsequent Environmental Impact Report, Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, or Addendum Environmental Impact Report), to address the changes.

Pratt said, "Depending on the CEQA document type, there may be several additional steps involved with the preparation of the document. The CPUC will update the [CEQA website for this project](#) as determinations and reports are completed."

"The proceeding schedule is challenging to estimate at this moment. The proceeding schedule and process are set by the **Administrative Law Judge** and may vary with the nature of the concerns raised by the parties, legal mandates, prior CPUC orders, and policies, amongst other matters," Pratt concluded.



**WE ARE TEMESCAL VALLEY**  
**8:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 9**  
**Trilogy Lake Center**

# QUICK HITS . . .

**VESTED RIGHTS FOR ROBERTSON'S?** On the agenda for the Board of Supervisors' Aug. 1 meeting was the continuation of a June 27 public hearing to determine if **Robertson's Ready Mix** has vested rights. It was on the agenda but continued again -- for the third time -- to **Feb. 6, 2024**.

A favorable determination of vested rights would allow Robertson's to mine an additional **657 acres** without a permit and a CEQA review. The June 27 continuation was at the request of Robertson's and the **Pechanga Band of Indians**, which were to meet in hopes of reaching mutual agreement. Pechanga is concerned if Robertson's has vested rights to surface mine and can bypass the **CEQA process** in that area, the tribe's cultural resources -- ancestral remains and artifacts could be destroyed.

The latest request for "at least a 150-day continuance" was made by both Robertson's and Pechanga and, according to county **Planning Director John Hildebrand**, no reason was given.

**MYERS APPOINTED:** Fred Myers, a resident of **The Retreat** neighborhood, has been appointed by **Supervisor Karen Spiegel** as a **Zone 2** commissioner to the county's **Flood Control and Water Conservation District**.

The district is divided into seven geographical zones with each zone being taxed separately. Monies raised through property taxes, developer fees and cost sharing arrangements with other governmental entities in one zone must be spent in only that zone. Each zone is represented by three commissioners to advise the Board of Supervisors and district staff.

**GOOD NEWS COMING FROM CALTRANS SOON?** There might be a couple of **Caltrans** projects in the works to address slow-going on the southbound **I-15** between **Ontario Avenue** and the **Cajalco Crush**. A solution, maybe, to a couple of dropped lanes along that stretch of the freeway?

**Aaron Hake**, deputy executive director at **Riverside County Transportation Commission**, said there are two distinct projects but because they are not RCTC projects, he will look into the timing and funding, and get back to us. Fingers crossed the projects are sooner than later.

**SERRANO HOMES HALF SOLD:** Forty of the **80** single-family homes to be built in the **Serrano** development have been sold, according to the **Taylor Morrison** website. Most move-ins apparently are planned later in the year as the **Temescal Valley Water District** shows only **11** homes occupied as of July.

The homes, on **Temescal Canyon Road** at **Campbell Ranch Road**, range in size from **1,732** square feet to **2,238** square feet, and in price from the **mid-\$600,000s** to the **low-\$700,000s**.

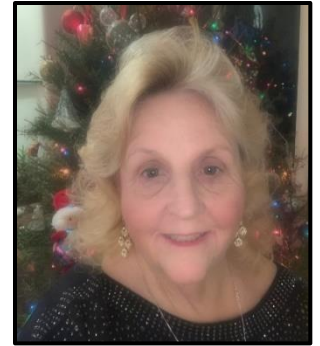
**EL CERRITO TCR WIDENING UPDATE:** Supervisor **Karen Spiegel** has obtained an additional **\$4.3 million** for the widening of **Temescal Canyon Road** between **Tom Barnes Street** and **Ontario Avenue**. Currently, design, engineering and environmental studies are being processed.

The project has a way to go before it's fully funded but according to **Dennis Acuna**, manager of the county's **Transportation Department Engineering Division**, the environmental impact report should be ready by the **end of 2024** with the widening completed by the **end of 2026**.

**MORE APARTMENTS AT DOS LAGOS:** Corona has approved an application by **Rexco Development** for a Conditional Use Permit to build **50 apartment units** on 2.96 acres, located on the west side of **Temescal Canyon Road** and on the north and south sides of **Fashion Drive** in **Dos Lagos**.

## Supervisor appoints Terramor resident to advisory council

Terramor resident **Julie Showalter** has been appointed as an alternate member to the **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council** by **Supervisor Karen Spiegel**.



**JULIE SHOWALTER**

The appointment came after a **Board of Supervisors'** vote earlier this year to allow Municipal Advisory Councils and Community Advisory Councils to have more than five members if so desired by their supervisor.

Julie joins other MAC alternates -- **Wildrose Ranch** resident **Glen Nelson** and **Fred Myers**, a resident of **The Retreat**. Alternates fill in when board members are unable to attend a meeting.

Board members are **Chairman Bob Hafner**, **Horsethief Canyon Ranch** resident; **Vice Chairman Lee Wilson**, **Trilogy**; **Secretary Jerry Sincich**, **Sycamore Creek**; **Eric Werner**, **Werner Corporation**, and **Kelli Noss**, **Horsethief Canyon Ranch**.

Julie purchased her Terramor home in 2016 at the urging of coworkers and friends from **Northrop Grumman**, who were also purchasing and retiring here. She moved to Temescal Valley in December 2017, relocating from **Downey** where she lived for 50 years spending all her childhood and a chunk of her adult years there.

She is a 1981 graduate of **California State University Long Beach** where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice/Corrections.

She spent a 34-year career with the Northrop Grumman Corporation in Industrial Security. She held several positions through the years but as the **Operations Security manager** she oversaw numerous classified programs for the **Department of Defense**. She refers to her career as "phenomenal," and retired in March 2016.

Julie said since coming to Temescal Valley, "I was initially elected in 2018 to the **Terramor Board of Directors**. I continue to serve the Terramor community as I was recently re-elected to my third term. Over the past few months, I have become an active member of the **We Are Temescal Valley** organization and working with the **Development Committee**."

She volunteers her time for the **Support Sisterz** organization that assists women struggling with cancer treatment. Terramor has its own team, the **Terramor Tatas** that has walked in an October fundraiser for the past three years. "Our team has raised over \$23,000 and placed as a Top Team and Top Contributors on behalf of Terramor and Temescal Valley last year," Julie said.

She has a grown daughter, **Heather Mendoza**, who is a teacher for the **Chino Valley Unified School District**. Heather's husband, **Marko Mendoza**, is a **Pasadena Police** officer. The couple has given Julie three "beautiful" grandsons -- **Nathaniel**, **Julian** and **Benjamin**.

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**A WELCOMED GIFT:** The California Rehabilitation Center leadership team presents a check for \$5,538 to members of the local Assistance League Branch. Pictured from left are Glen E. Pratt, warden; Anna Mina, community resources analyst; Harrison Glin, community resources manager; Linda McIntosh, branch chairman; Lanelle Gordin, assistant chairman; Audrey Main, secretary; Beth Bloechle, grants coordinator, and Lavelle Parker, chief deputy warden.

Photo by Linda Wolff

## Prison gives generous donation to local Assistance League branch

California Rehabilitation Center, the state prison in Norco, last month donated \$5,538 to the Corona-Norco Branch of Assistance League of Riverside.

The money was raised through a **CRC Inmate Charitable Fundraiser**, where prison staff coordinates a food vendor such as In-N-Out and KFC to visit onsite, enabling inmates to purchase non-institutional food. The money raised is distributed to nonprofit organizations chosen by the CRC warden and leadership team which identified the local Assistance League branch from a list of various philanthropies.

According to branch **Chairman Linda McIntosh**, “We were extremely surprised and delighted to receive this generous donation which will greatly assist us in our goals to provide clothing, education, and support to students in the Corona-Norco Unified School District.

The branch, primarily composed of **Temescal Valley** residents, meets the third Thursday of the month at **Trilogy**. For information, contact Linda MacIntosh, **909-559-0436**.



**VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED:** Tracy Davis, Temescal Heritage Foundation secretary, presents a \$300 check to Linda MacIntosh, chairman of the Corona-Norco Branch of Assistance League of Riverside. The donation was in appreciation of the local branch members who offered their assistance at the Temescal Valley Community Faire in May.

## SOUND OFF!



### ‘Sound off’ paid off!

Remember the decades-old “Fishing Next Exit” sign **Terramor** resident **Keith Boyle** “Sounded-Off” about in the last newsletter? We’re happy to report county **Code Enforcement** has notified the property owner and the process has begun for the sign’s removal.

If you have an issue you’d like to sound off about – write it up (no more than 450 words) and email it to:

[WeAreTV.org@gmail.com](mailto:WeAreTV.org@gmail.com)

## SHOWALTER APPOINTED ...

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While she attends **St. Mary Magdalene Church** in Temescal Valley, she will be volunteering at St. Margaret Mary in Chino, teaching children’s liturgy. Her grandsons attend school there.

Julie said, “I look forward to serving on the MAC. I am a very organized, processed-driven individual who works well in team structure to meet goals. I look at development activities and our transportation needs and hope to bring sound recommendations for solutions in these areas. I also hope to help bring a much-needed high school to Temescal Valley.”

She said she looks forward to serving all Temescal Valley and is very honored to serve on the MAC. “My goal is continuing to make Temescal Valley the ‘jewel’ it is to reside in and raise families.”



# Lawn Alternatives Workshop

## Saturday, September 23, 2023

Free • 10 - 11 am



Choosing to be resource-efficient does not mean having to give up a green lawn. Learn about replacing traditional manicured lawns with California native plants and water wise grasses.

Audrey Pongs works as a media consultant with Riverside's Greenbelt Growers Nursery that specializes in ornamental grasses and cultivated native species. She holds a B.S. in Plant Genetics and Pathology from UC Riverside.



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For more information call (951) 277-0219 or email [scic@rcrcd.org](mailto:scic@rcrcd.org)



Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District



## Story Time Among the Sycamores

Free story and an activity: Second week of each month • 10:00 am

**Sept 9, 2023** Where are the Night Animals? by Mary Ann Fraser  
Activity: Paper bag owl puppet

**Oct 13, 2023** Bear Has a Story to Tell by Philip C. Stead  
Activity: Nature bracelets



We read rain or shine! Please register ahead of time. 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](mailto:scic@rcrcd.org)

- Practice rhythm and sounds.
- Work on following directions.
- Practice fine motor skills.
- Use imagination and get creative!
- Cultivate a love of nature.
- Parents: meet other local parents.

**TO REGISTER FOR STORYTIME: [scic@rcrcd.org](mailto:scic@rcrcd.org)**



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LIVE DJ | SPOOKY TRAIN RIDE | TRUNK OR TREAT | PUMPKINS



FOR GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER AS A TRUNK OR TREAT  
VENDOR, CONTACT [PAUHERN@RIVCO.ORG](mailto:PAUHERN@RIVCO.ORG) OR 951.955.3105

Want to participate with a trunk/table? Email [WeAreTV.org@gmail.com](mailto:WeAreTV.org@gmail.com) for info

# TEMESCAL VALLEY

## MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Held Monthly on the Second  
Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.  
(Dark in December)**

Riverside County District Two's Office is looking for community feedback to help address questions and concerns about local issues as well as hearing your thoughts and vision as the community continues to grow.

For more information, please visit  
[rivcodistrict2.org/temescal-valley-mac](http://rivcodistrict2.org/temescal-valley-mac)



**Karen Spiegel**

Riverside County Supervisor - 2nd District

**Next meeting: The Retreat at Wedgewood, 8007 Soft Winds Drive**



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