

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO

March 20, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo is attached to provide information regarding the project bid timeline, IFB No. S-1340, for the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo is attached to provide information regarding the Community Action Partnership of Orange County's (CAPOC) OC Diaper Bank Resource Fair.

II. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

A. AMERICA'S HYDROPOWER HIGHWAY (AHH)

Public Notice: Camp Pendleton pumped storage hydropower project FERC Project No. P-15146-000

B. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE)

SCE's Notice of Filing: Application for approval under Public Utilities Code Section 851 for the sale of the Lower Tule Hydroelectric Power Plant to Lower Tule Hydro LLC (A.25-03-001)

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: IFB No. S-1340 FOR
WOODBURY PARK PROJECT

From: John Montanez
Dept.: Community Services
Date: March 20, 2025

OBJECTIVE

To provide City Council with information regarding the project bid timeline, IFB No. S-1340, for the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion project.

BACKGROUND

In December 2021, the City of Garden Grove was awarded a \$6,000,000 grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation to help fund the revitalization and expansion of Woodbury Park. Included in the remodel of the 3.3-acre park is the installation of a new walking trail, outdoor fitness equipment, recreational swimming pool, two playground areas, picnic shelters, a skate spot, basketball courts, lighting, restrooms, and a parking lot. The project will include the expansion of the park on property that is currently part of Woodbury Elementary School, located adjacent to the park, on the southeast side of the property. This expansion will add almost a half-acre of open space that will be available for the public to use as passive or active space, expanding the park to a total of 3.8 acres. Staff contracted David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc. to complete the design plans and specifications for the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project.

DISCUSSION

On Friday, March 14, 2025, IFB No.S-1340 was released for the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project. The following is the IFB schedule:

- Mandatory Job Walk on Thursday, April 3, 2025
- Questions Deadline on Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- Bid Submittal Date on Monday, April 14, 2025

As this project moves forward, updates will be posted on the City's website where additional project information is available: ggcity.org/parksplan.

SUMMARY

The Community Services Department released IFB No. S-1340 on Friday, March 14, 2025 for the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project.

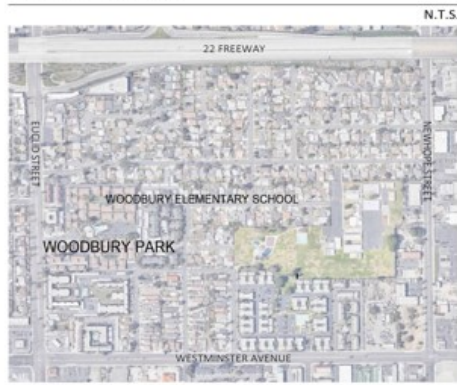


JOHN MONTANCHEZ
Director



By: Janet Pelayo
Deputy Director

Attachment: Woodbury Park Design



CYNTHIA AVENUE

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PLACE

PARK PLAN

WOODBURY PARK

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE



Attachment: CAPOC Diaper Bank flyer



60 YEARS OF ACTION
**COMMUNITY ACTION
PARTNERSHIP**
ORANGE COUNTY



Join us in celebration of

THE OC DIAPER BANK'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center

11402 Magnolia St, Garden Grove, CA

92841 Saturday, March 22nd | 10am - 12pm

Questions: call (714) 741-5222

Learn more about free local resources and
receive baby items such as diapers,
clothing, formula, and toys!

***while supplies last**

Please register using the QR code, or by
visiting forms.office.com/r/HwvnyYrSwx.



In partnership with





PUBLIC NOTICE

CAMP PENDLETON PUMPED STORAGE HYDROPOWER PROJECT

FERC PROJECT NO. P-15146-000

Hydropower Highway, LLC has filed an application with the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)** for a **Preliminary Permit** for the proposed **Camp Pendleton Pumped Storage Hydropower Project**. This permit allows the applicant to **study the feasibility** of the project before applying for a full license.

Project Description:

The **Camp Pendleton Pumped Storage Hydropower Project** is a proposed **5,287 MW** pumped storage hydroelectric facility that would utilize **the Pacific Ocean as a lower reservoir and an upper reservoir near Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton**. The project aims to provide **renewable energy storage and grid stability**.

Location:

- **State:** California
- **Counties:** San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange
- **Nearby Towns:** Camp Pendleton, La Mirada, Seal Beach
- **Water Bodies:** Pacific Ocean, La Flores Creek

Applicant Contact Information:

Hydropower Highway, LLC

Attn: Adam Rousselle Sr.

2113 Middle Street, Suite 201

Sullivans Island, SC 29482

Email: Aroussellesr@HydropowerHighway.com

Phone: 267-254-6107

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2025 MAR 11 AM 2:43

Public Participation:

The public may **submit comments, motions to intervene, or protests** regarding this application. Interested parties must follow FERC's regulations under **18 CFR 4.37**.



How to Access the Full Application:

The full application is available for public review on FERC's website at **www.ferc.gov** under **Docket No. P-15146-000**. Copies may also be requested directly from the applicant.

Deadline for Public Comment:

FERC will issue a notice setting a deadline for comments and interventions. Please visit **www.ferc.gov** for updates and submission guidelines.

For further information, please contact **FERC's Public Reference Room** at **1-866-208-3676** or email **ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov**.

RECEIVED
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

2025 MAR 17 PM 11:12
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March 12, 2025

Re: Southern California Edison Company's Notice of Filing:
Application for Approval Under Public Utilities Code
Section 851 for the Sale of the Lower Tule Hydroelectric
Power Plant to Lower Tule Hydro LLC (A.25-03-001)

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 4, 2025, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting approval of the sale of the Lower Tule Hydroelectric Power Plant in Tulare County, California.

The enclosed notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in every county within SCE's service territory and will be included as a bill notice provided to every SCE customer. To obtain more detailed information, you may view or download a copy of SCE's filing on SCE's website at www.sce.com/applications: Click the "View and Search All CPUC Documents" green bar and filter by the "Proceeding # column." Alternatively, sort by the "Created" column and filter by the most recently filed applications. You may also request a print copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

Claire Keane

Claire Keane

CKK/kk
Enclosure

Para más información en cómo este cambio impactará su factura, descargar esta notificación en español en el sitio Web de SCE www.sce.com/avisos

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE ELECTRIC RATES
APPLICATION [A.25-03-001]**

Why am I receiving this notice?

On March 4, 2025, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed an application (A.25-03-001) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting approval to sell SCE's Lower Tule Hydroelectric Project (the Hydroelectric Project) located in Tulare County, California (the Application) to Lower Tule Hydro LLC. In the Application, SCE seeks to increase its revenue by approximately \$32.7M. SCE has forecasted that the sale will save customers approximately \$17.4M when compared to the costs of continued operation and/or decommissioning.

If the CPUC approves SCE's request, it will affect your rates and bill.

Why is SCE requesting this rate increase?

- The Hydroelectric Project is not currently operational and is no longer necessary for SCE's generation needs.
- SCE will be paying the buyer a transfer payment upon closing as compensation for assuming the operation, maintenance and eventual decommissioning costs of the Hydroelectric Project as well as other project liabilities.
- This sale is the lowest cost option for SCE's customers when compared to the forecasted costs of the alternatives such as (a) repairing and continuing to operate the Hydroelectric Project and/or (b) decommissioning the Hydroelectric Project.

How could this affect my monthly electric rates?

If SCE's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill using 500 kWh per month would increase by approximately \$0.31 (0.2%) per month in the year following the close of the sale.

CUSTOMER BILL IMPACT TABLE

Bundled Average Rates (¢/kWh)				
Customer Group	Current Rates	Proposed Increase	Proposed Rates	% Change
Residential	31.6	0.06	31.7	0.2%
Lighting - Small and Medium Power	29.3	0.05	29.4	0.2%
Large Power	19.4	0.03	19.4	0.1%
Agricultural and Pumping	23.2	0.04	23.2	0.2%
Street and Area Lighting	34.9	0.03	34.9	0.1%
Standby	16.4	0.02	16.4	0.1%
Total	27.3	0.04	27.4	0.2%

Residential Bill Impact (\$/Month)				
Description	Current Bill	Proposed Increase	Proposed Bill	% Change
Non-CARE residential bill	\$ 176.04	\$ 0.31	\$ 176.35	0.2%
CARE residential bill	\$ 110.81	\$ 0.19	\$ 111.00	0.2%

The projected rate increase described in this notice is a forecast and is likely to slightly change depending on the month and year in which the sale of the Hydroelectric Project closes.

How does the rest of the process work?

The Application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt, modify, or deny SCE's Application. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Contact the CPUC

Parties to the proceeding may review the Application, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers in order to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2503001 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding. Your participation by providing your thoughts on SCE's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free)
Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference SCE Lower Tule Application A.25-03-001 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

Where can I get more information?

Contact SCE

If you have any questions about SCE's request, you may contact them at:

Email: case.admin@sce.com
Phone: (626) 302-0449

mail at:

Southern California Edison Company
Attn: Case Administrator
A.25-03-001 – Lower Tule Hydro Application
P.O. Box 800
Rosemead, CA 91770

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at
www.sce.com/applications

WEEKLY MEMO 03-20-2025

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

March 13, 2025 - March 19, 2025


Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

X @CityGardenGrove

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@CityGardenGrove

Wed 3/19/2025 2:38 pm PDT

🌸 Let's march into sustainability by turning food waste into fresh beginnings. Toss these in your organics bin: ✓ Fruit & veggie...




Impressions	51
Potential Reach	4,757
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%




gardengrovecityhall

Wed 3/19/2025 2:34 pm PDT

Spring is blooming, and so is our chance to make a greener impact! 🌸 Let's 🌱🌱🌱🌱 into sustainability by recycling our organics an...




Impressions	385
Reach	383
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%




Garden Grove City Hall

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Impressions	209
Reach	209
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%




@CityGardenGrove

Wed 3/19/2025 10:40 am PDT

Plus, complete the workshop to earn a HUD Homebuyer Certificate, unlocking access to first-time home buyer loan programs and...


Literacy Program
H.E.L.P.

HUD Housing Counseling

Presented in Collaboration
with City of Garden Grove and 

Saturday
March 22, 2025
8:45AM - 1:00PM

LIGHT BREAKFAST &
LUNCH PROVIDED



Garden Grove Courtyard Center
12732 Main St, Garden Grove, CA 92840

- How to Use your VA Loan to Buy a Home with No Down Payment
- How to get up to \$110,000 in Down Payment Help from the City of Garden Grove to buy a home
- How to Boost Your Credit for Home buying
- Earn Your HUD Home Buyer Certificate Qualifies for Down Payment and 1st Time Buyer Programs!

SCAN QR CODE OR REGISTER AT:

Impressions

48

Potential Reach


4,757

Engagements

1



Engagement Rate (per
Impression)


2.1%



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Wed 3/19/2025 10:40 am PDT


FREE HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP THIS SATURDAY !!   This Saturday, March 22 | 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 📍 Garden Grove...



Education For Military Service Members, Veterans And Family Members


Homeownership
Education &
Literacy Program
H.E.L.P.

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SCAN QR CODE OR REGISTER AT:

[MYHOMEOWNERSHIP.ORG/HELPPC](https://myhomeownership.org/helppc)

Attention: will receive a HUD Homebuyer Certificate Good for Down Payment Help

Impressions

245

Reach


203

Engagements

6



Engagement Rate (per
Impression)


2.4%



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59

Potential Reach


4,757


Engagements

4



Engagement Rate (per
Impression)


6.8%





Garden Grove City Hall


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Garden Grove...




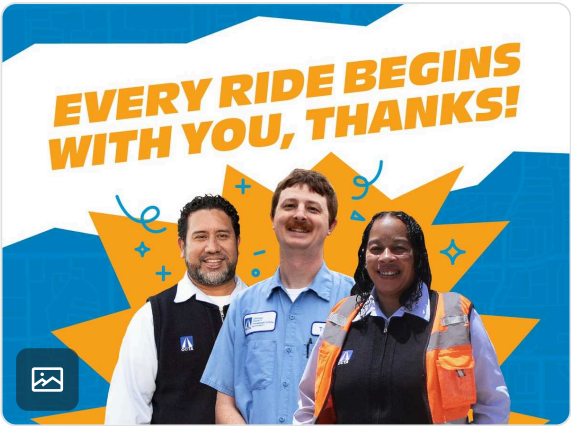
Impressions	262
Reach	262
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.3%





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Tue 3/18/2025 2:59 pm PDT

Today is Transit Employee Appreciation Day!

Behind every smooth ride, every on-time arrival, and every safe journey, there's a...




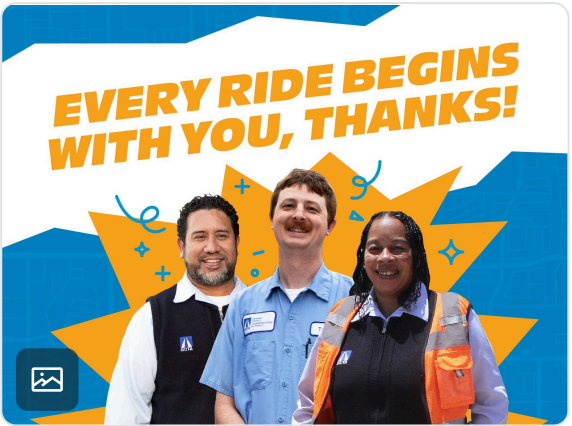
Impressions	65
Potential Reach	4,757
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%





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Tue 3/18/2025 2:52 pm PDT

Today, March 18, is **Transit Employee Appreciation Day!**

Behind every smooth ride, every on-time arrival, and...



Impressions	392
Reach	375
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%







Garden Grove City Hall


Tue 3/18/2025 2:52 pm PDT

Today, March 18, is **Transit Employee Appreciation Day!** 🚊 Behind every smooth ride, every on-time arrival, and...



Impressions	371
Reach	371
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%







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Fri 3/14/2025 2:00 pm PDT

Is your front yard a hidden gem? 💎
Whether it's a charming garden or a lush lawn, your front yard deserves to shine! ...



Impressions	476
Reach	445
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.4%






Garden Grove City Hall


Fri 3/14/2025 2:00 pm PDT

Is your front yard a hidden gem? 💎
Whether it's a charming garden or a lush lawn, your front yard deserves to shine! ...

Garden Grove City Hall




Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	400
Reach	377
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%



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Fri 3/14/2025 2:00 pm PDT


Is your front yard a hidden gem? 💎
Whether it's a charming garden or a lush lawn, your front yard deserves to shine! ...



Spruce Up Your Home for a Chance to Win a Home Depot Gift Card

Self-nominate your home for Garden Grove Gems, from April 1 through April 24! Four nominees will be selected to win \$100 Home Depot gift cards!


Impressions	98
Potential Reach	4,757
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2%




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Fri 3/14/2025 9:56 am PDT

🌟 On Tuesday, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized the Garden Grove Unified School District high school student...




Impressions	1,160
Reach	1,078
Engagements	38
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%




Garden Grove City Hall


Fri 3/14/2025 9:56 am PDT

🌟 On Tuesday, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized the Garden Grove Unified School District high school student...




Impressions	1,021
Reach	996
Engagements	66
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.5%





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Thu 3/13/2025 5:32 pm PDT

#TBT to an unforgettable National Night Out in #GardenGrove! 🚒🚓 From fun community connections to police...





Impressions3,197

Reach1,815

Engagements104


Engagement Rate (per Impression)3.3%





Garden Grove City Hall
Thu 3/13/2025 5:31 pm PDT

#TBT to an unforgettable National Night Out in #GardenGrove! 🚒🚓 From fun community connections to police...




Video Views249


Impressions510

Reach481

Engagements31


Engagement Rate (per Impression)6.1%





@CityGardenGrove
Thu 3/13/2025 1:09 pm PDT

The **MicroBiz Program** offers low-interest loans up to \$50,000 to help small businesses grow! Get technical and financ...





Impressions106

Potential Reach4,761

Engagements7

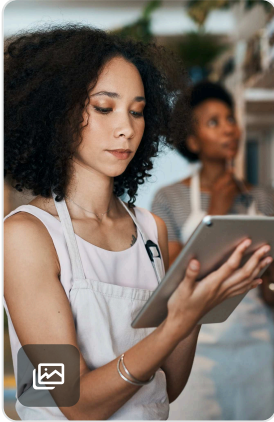
Engagement Rate (per Impression)6.6%






gardengrovecityhall
Thu 3/13/2025 1:06 pm PDT

Are you a small business owner in #GardenGrove? The **MicroBiz Program** offers low-interest loans up to \$50,000 to...





*None of existing businesses located in Garden Grove

- Business must be a microenterprise with 5 or less employees

- Business must have medical malpractice, liability, and insurance

- Business owner needs to be low-income or living someone who is low-income per the household income table below

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$15,000	\$19,000	\$23,000	\$27,000	\$31,000	\$35,000	\$39,000	\$43,000


SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Assessments from experienced business advisors
- Business planning and counseling
- Marketing management and budgeting
- Workforce development
- Sales and marketing
- Technology

BUSINESS EXPANSION LOAN

- Up to \$50,000 loan
- 2-5 year repayment term
- Low-interest rates
- See City's website for details

CITY CONTACT:



*NEGOCIOS PEQUEÑOS Y MICROEMPRESAS UBICADOS EN GARDEN GROVE

- El negocio debe ser una microempresa con 5 o menos empleados

- El negocio debe tener licencia, permisos y seguros apropiados

- El dueño de negocio debe tener bajos ingresos o controlar a alguien con bajos ingresos según los límites de ingresos del hogar individuales o combinados

Tamaño del hogar	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Ingreso anual	\$15,000	\$19,000	\$23,000	\$27,000	\$31,000	\$35,000	\$39,000	\$43,000


ASISTENCIA TÉCNICA ESPECIALIZADA

- Evaluaciones por asesores empresariales con experiencia
- Planificación y asesoramiento empresarial
- Gestión financiera y elaboración de presupuestos
- Desarrollo de la fuerza laboral
- Ventas y marketing
- Tecnología

PRESTAMO PARA LA EXPANSIÓN DEL NEGOCIO

- Prestamo de hasta \$50,000
- Plazo de amortización de 2 a 5 años
- Interés de bajo interés
- Disponible a día web de la ciudad para más detalles

CONTACTA EN LA CIUDAD:





Impressions639

Reach502

Engagements16


Engagement Rate (per Impression)2.5%






Garden Grove City Hall
Thu 3/13/2025 1:06 pm PDT

Are you a small business owner in #GardenGrove? The **MicroBiz Program** offers low-interest loans up to \$50,000 to...







Impressions593

Reach563


Engagements32


Engagement Rate (per Impression)5.4%





@CityGardenGrove
Thu 3/13/2025 9:41 am PDT

UPDATE: 3/13/25 at 9:30 a.m.  Street sweeping will not take place today, Thursday, March 13, 2025.




Impressions51

Potential Reach4,761


Engagements2

Engagement Rate (per Impression)3.9%




@CityGardenGrove

Thu 3/13/2025 9:37 am PDT

UPDATE: 3/13/24 at 9:30 a.m. 

Street sweeping will not take place today, Thursday, March 13, 2025.



Impressions

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Potential Reach


4,763

Engagements

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Engagement Rate (per Impression)

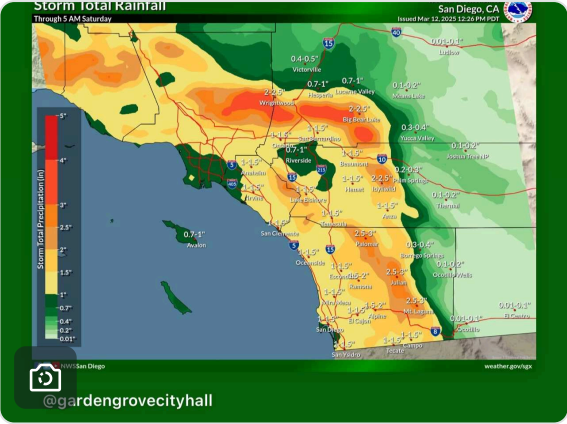
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Thu 3/13/2025 9:37 am PDT

 Street sweeping will not take place today, Thursday, March 13, 2025. UPDATE: 3/13/25 at 9:30 a.m.



Impressions

1,786

Reach

1,763

Comments

0

Story Taps Back

24



Post Performance

March 13, 2025 - March 19, 2025

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depart...
Mon 3/17/2025 4:17 pm PDT

Don't let a DUI steal your luck this St. Patrick's Day 🍀🚓 #GardenGrovePD Neighborhood Traffic Unit will have...



Video Views	379
Impressions	979
Reach	979
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



Garden Grove Police Depart...
Mon 3/17/2025 11:01 am PDT

Weekend recap 3/13/2025 - 3/16/2025
#GardenGrovePD #GGPD32 #GGPD #SafeStreetsGG



Video Views	1,126
Impressions	2,256
Reach	2,246
Engagements	301
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13.3%





Garden Grove Police Depart...
Fri 3/14/2025 6:04 pm PDT

Meet K9 Jett and his handler, Officer Moser, the newest team at #GardenGrovePD! 🐾👮
K9 Jett, an 18-month-old German Shepher...



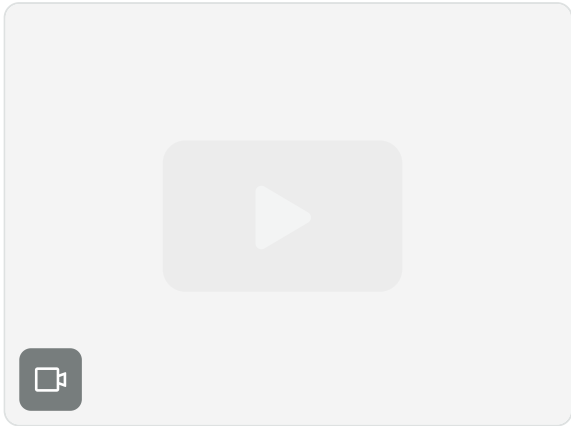
Video Views	2,283
Impressions	3,686
Reach	3,510
Engagements	451
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.2%





Garden Grove Police Depar...


Fri 3/14/2025 6:01 pm PDT

Meet K9 Jett and his handler, Officer Moser, the newest team at #GardenGrovePD! 🐾👮 K9 Jett, an 18-month-old German Shepher...




Video Views	—
Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—




Garden Grove Police Depar...

Thu 3/13/2025 11:32 am PDT

SUBJECT: Fatal Traffic Collision LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 13200 Block of Chapman Ave., City of Garden Grove DATE/TIME OF...



Impressions	12,491
Reach	11,678
Engagements	2,151
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	17.2%

WEEKLY MEMO 03-20-2025

NEWS ARTICLES

Student-athletes are honored

BY [OC TRIBUNE STAFF](#) ON [MARCH 19, 2025](#) • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



ATHLETES can be good students, too (GGUSD photo).

High school students do more than play sports and have romances. The CIF-SS, the governing body for prep athletics, also honors athletes with top academic honors.

Here are the “Student Athletes of the Year” from schools in our West Orange County area.

- Edison: Adelaide Bellinger (lacrosse), Kai Hara (cross country, track and field);
- Garden Grove: Adam Pena (cross country, track and field), Ortega Zamine (swimming, water polo).
- Huntington Beach: Alia Pasternak (flag football, track and field); Kailan Gan (volleyball).
- La Quinta: Simon Pham (tennis), Katelyn Vo (basketball);
- Ocean View: Morgan Carles (swimming), Santiago Valle (swimming, water polo);
- Orange: Natalie Ramirez (tennis), Xavier Valentine (football);
- Westminster: Robert Lapine (baseball), Thy Bui (tennis).

Students honored are nominated by their schools. They must be a senior with a minimum of 3.5 GPA over the past three years with a letter in at least one varsity sport and participating in extracurricular activities (music, drama, service groups, etc.)

Top poloist is honored

Junior Gaby Zifcak of Ocean View High School, a utility player has been named to the Division 7 All CIF-SS girls’ water polo team.

Nationally ranked at bat

The MaxPreps national rankings for baseball and softball include some area teams. They are:

Baseball

Huntington Beach (3-0), Mater Dei (6-0).

Softball

Orange Lutheran (7-1), Huntington Beach (5-0)

Pacifica (6-4) is ranked 38th in California.

Coaches, parents, fans, etc. are encouraged to send results, stats, photos, feature ideas to us at orangecountytribune@gmail.com.

West County Baseball/Softball Results	
Monday baseball	
Bishop Marshall 4,	Pacifica 1
Marina 5,	Tesoro 0
Monday softball	
Santiago 10,	Estancia 0
Los Amigos 15,	Orange 2
Valencia 16,	Ocean View 0
Tuesday baseball	
Los Amigos 15,	Western 0
Loara 6,	Rancho Alamitos 0
Magnolia 19,	Bolsa Grande 11
Anaheim 5,	Katella 2
Tuesday softball	
Marina 3,	Edison 0
Huntington Beach 6,	Gahr 0

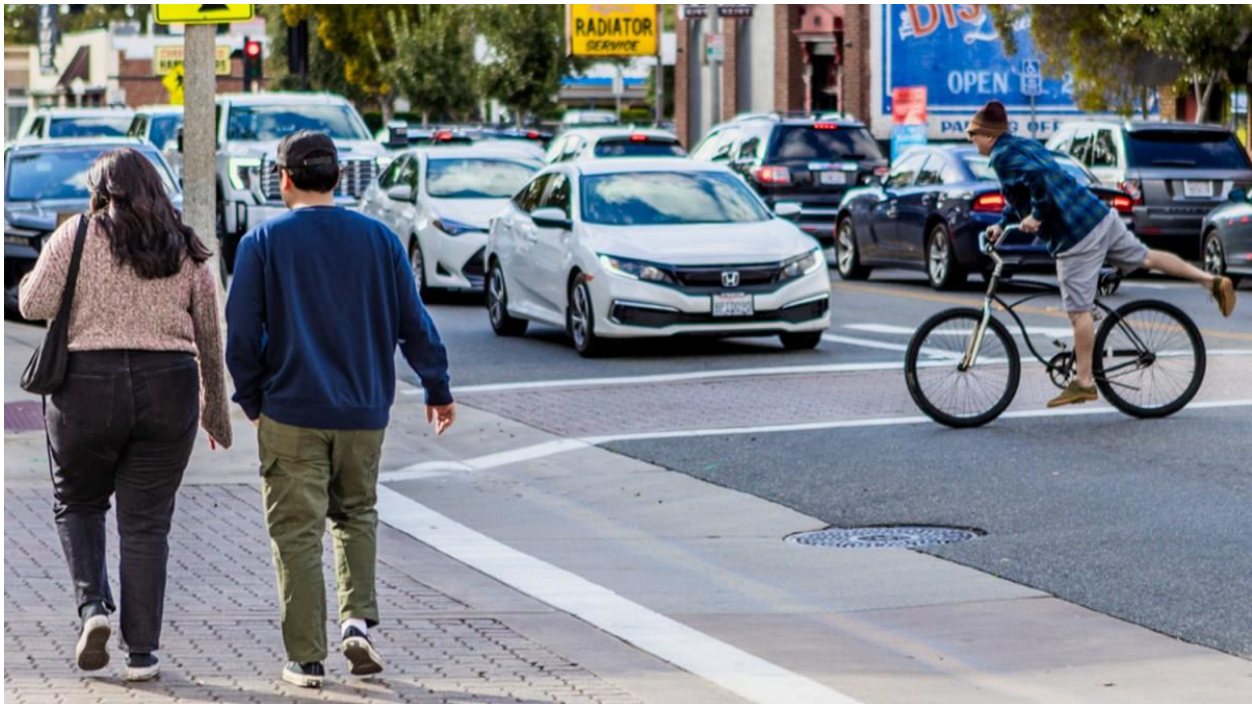
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Orange County Grapples With New State Parking Laws



BY HUGO RIOS Mar 19, 2025



Pedestrians and a bicyclist in the Orange Circle on Friday, Feb 14, 2025.

Parking in certain areas of Orange County could soon be more difficult for drivers while pedestrians might be able to cross streets more safely in those same places.

It comes as some Orange County cities are beginning to mull over how to tackle a new state parking law aimed at making streets safer for pedestrians.

The law took effect in January 2024, but allowed for a one-year grace period.

Now, people may start seeing fines for parking within 20 feet of street corners as a new state law – [AB 413](#) – prohibits motorists from parking too close to any unmarked crosswalk or intersection.

But it's a mishmash approach with little public outreach so far.

Last month, Seal Beach city officials laid the groundwork to start enforcing California's new parking law, approving an ordinance to establish a city fine on motorists parking within 20 feet of crosswalks and intersections.

A majority of states in the U.S. have implemented laws prohibiting parking on crosswalks or curb extensions, commonly known as daylighting, according to the [California Bicycle Coalition](#).

While the law allows for enforcement starting at the beginning of this year, some city leaders across the Golden State opted for more public outreach efforts instead.

Cities like [San Diego](#), [San Francisco](#) and [Lodi](#) passed resolutions that called for an extension of the state's daylighting laws in order to educate people and provide warnings to residents.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency announced last month that only citations will be given at intersections that are already painted red, allowing people more time to become acclimated with the updated regulations.

Now, city officials in Orange County are figuring out how to best tackle enforcing a new state law that has little public awareness.

Natalie Garcia, Santa Ana Police Department's public information officer, said in an email last Tuesday that residents are receiving verbal warnings rather than facing citations, adding that "a date to begin enforcement has not been determined as of yet."

This comes as Santa Ana has been struggling with parking enforcement downtown – with the city officials warning their contracted parking officers against enforcing non-parking infractions like missing license plates or expired registration.

It's also unclear what's happening in Anaheim as spokespeople didn't respond to questions about the new parking law.

As of Tuesday, Anaheim City Council members haven't had a public discussion about the new parking laws.

In Irvine, Sgt. Karie Davies said the police department has issued 8 citations since the start of the year. She added that the department has posted notices on social media

about enforcing daylighting laws “so the public was aware of the law and is now enforceable.”

Fullerton Mayor Fred Jung, also a board member on the Orange County Transit Authority, said the new state law makes sense in regions like Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.

But not in Orange County, he said.

Jung also said individual cities need more time to properly educate residents on the new parking laws that could be “incredibly difficult to enforce.”

“You can’t enforce something without informing the public,” Jung said in a phone interview, adding that public outreach is going to take more than a post on a city’s website.

He added that residents living in areas where parking is already tight – including low-income neighborhoods and congested apartment complexes – are more impacted.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 20, 2025

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the March 27, 2025 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from March 14, 2025 to March 20, 2025



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 20, 2025 – April 19, 2025

Thursday	March 20		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	March 20	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Friday	March 21		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	March 25	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 27	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 4		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 10	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 10	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation And Arts Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Monday	April 14	6:30 p.m.	Special Meeting - Neighborhood Improvement And Conservation Commission, CMC
Thursday	April 17		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	April 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 18		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Saturday	April 19	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Eggscavation, Atlantis Play Center 13630 Atlantis Way Garden Grove, CA 92844



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 27, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: March 20, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line.

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



Cities concerned about Gov. Newsom's decision to reboot SB 54 single-use packaging regulatory process

Mar 19, 2025

By Melissa Sparks-Kranz, [Legislative Advocate](#), [Environmental Quality](#)

In a rare move, Governor Newsom intervened in a state rulemaking process earlier this month. On March 7, he prevented one of his state agencies, CalRecycle, from submitting the final single-use plastic and packaging regulations to the Office of Administrative Law for final approval — and instead told the regulator to start over.

This move has raised red flags for cities and some lawmakers. Local governments, who play an essential role in implementing the landmark law, won't have clarity in the cost recovery from manufacturers until the rulemaking is completed.

"For too long cities and their residents have had to pay the costs of disposing of plastic waste," said Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director and CEO of Cal Cities. "SB 54 offers common sense solutions to this unsustainable situation, by shifting the burden back where it belongs to plastic producers to make products more recyclable. This bill had the support of lawmakers and the Governor when it became law back in 2022 because it is the right thing to do to reduce plastic waste. We must move forward expeditiously with the rulemaking to ensure that the full promise of this law is realized."

The regulations were based on the [2022 landmark law](#), SB 54, authored by Sen. Ben Allen, long-time former chair of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. The law requires manufacturers of single-use plastic packaging and food service materials to take responsibility for the cost and recycling of the products they create.

The finalized regulations would have created the implementation framework for SB 54 and require cities and counties to include single-use plastic materials in their collection, recycling, and composting programs. The final regulation would also require that local governments be fully reimbursed for implementation by the Producer Responsibility Organization, the entity that represents plastic and packaging producers in California.

Cal Cities provided public comments to CalRecycle during the rulemaking process, making it clear that cost recovery for local governments must be explicitly stated in the regulations.

Despite a year's worth of opportunities for feedback, input, and collaboration, business and industry groups, including the [former director of the agency](#), lobbied to withhold the rulemaking package without clearly specifying concerns.

The call by the Governor to restart the regulations creates significant uncertainty. The Governor indicated that affordability considerations were among his chief factors for halting the process. Many vested stakeholders have expressed concerns about this decision, citing that costs and

design of recyclable and compostable products are foundational in the law and fully in the hands of producers to pay for, not to be shifted to ratepayers on their utility bills.

Cal Cities and key stakeholders are urging CalRecycle to restart the formal rulemaking and adopt regulations as quickly as possible to establish and uphold the deadlines identified in statute. Without final regulations, the path forward is uncharted territory. Cal Cities is working to ensure that local governments are protected and receive full reimbursement for the costs associated with this program.

The [SB 54 Advisory Board](#), a legislatively formed public body with diverse representatives, serves as an important forum for all stakeholders, including cities, to contribute to the discussions related to the ongoing rulemaking processes. The next meeting will be held Friday, March 21 at 10 a.m.

What Elected Officials and Stakeholders Are Saying About the SB 54 Regulatory Restart

Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) who authored SB 54 (2022). *“This law has always been about affordability — it’s been increasingly difficult for our cities and counties to handle the endless influx of plastics into our waste stream and they have been forced to increase rates on regular folks over and over again. We’re certainly disappointed that the regulations are not going forward on time and as planned. But we’re hopeful the administration and agency can move swiftly this go around, learn from the intense stakeholder negotiations we’ve been involved with over the past few days, and come out with revised regulations that get us on track toward swift implementation of the law. When that happens, it’ll be a win for both our environment and ratepayers.”*

Senator Catherine Blakespear (D-Encinitas) and Chair of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. *“The statutory timelines in SB 54 have not changed and we need to remain committed to meeting them, despite this regulatory step back. Producer responsibility for plastic packaging will bring financial relief to residents and businesses that are facing repeated recycling and waste management rate hikes to pay for the ever increasing difficulty of managing our complex waste stream. The plastic pollution scourge continues to foul our most pristine places, including beaches, trails, mountains and lagoons, while we dither over our regulatory approach.”*

California State Association of Counties Chief Executive Officer Graham Knaus. *“When California lawmakers and Governor Newsom enacted this law three years ago, they promised to reduce plastic pollution, and save consumers and local governments money from the rising costs of waste management. It’s time to do just that. As the Newsom administration restarts the regulatory process, counties call on CalRecycle to ensure that local governments are not at risk of being penalized if plastic manufacturers fail to comply.”*

Stop Waste Executive Director Timothy Burroughs, the chair of the SB 54 Advisory Board. *“SB 54 is a long-overdue solution to the growing burden of plastic packaging waste in our communities. While rulemaking has been delayed, the law’s core purpose remains unchanged—shifting the cost of collecting, sorting, and recycling single-use plastic packaging and foodware from ratepayers to producers. Now is a critical moment for local governments to stay engaged and help drive forward implementation that builds back public trust in our recycling systems and makes producers responsible for designing materials that are easily recyclable and that reduce plastic waste.”*

Monterey Bay Aquarium, Ocean Conservancy, and Oceana jointly issued the following statement: *“We are disappointed that Governor Gavin Newsom failed to implement what he calls ‘the most significant overhaul of California’s plastics and packaging recycling policy in history,’ which puts the interests of the plastics and fossil fuel industry above the wallets and welfare of Californians and the environment.*

When he signed Senate Bill 54 (Allen) in June 2022, Governor Newsom touted the law for going ‘further than any other state on cutting plastics production at the source’ and said that ‘California won’t tolerate plastic waste that’s filling our waterways and making it harder to breathe. We’re

holding polluters responsible and cutting plastics at the source.’ We expect the Governor to keep this commitment.”

Rural County Representatives of California issued the following **statement**: “The withdrawal of the regulations has created substantial uncertainty among local governments and regulated entities and will certainly frustrate the law’s implementation timeline. The regulations helpfully established clear deadlines and expectations outlining when local agencies were required to begin integrated covered materials into their collection and recycling programs. Governor Newsom cited costs as a factor in withdrawing the regulations; however, many stakeholders disagree with that characterization. SB 54 was intended to shift costs for managing and recycling packaging from residents to the entities who introduce those materials into the stream of commerce. Those manufacturers derive profit from those goods while avoiding the end-of-life management challenges they create.”

National Stewardship Action Council Executive Director Heidi Sanborn. “There has never been a bill more discussed, deliberated, or thought through with the key stakeholders than SB 54 was. There were about 25 of us in the room, from CalChamber to NGOs and Local Governments. A deal is a deal – if the regulations went too far then let’s fix them and move on but we should not be renegotiating a bill that had the most exceptional stakeholder process I’ve seen in my 20 years of bill negotiations.”

Resource Recovery Coalition of California Executive Director Veronica Pardo. “We are disappointed by the delay in implementing SB 54, which slows California’s progress in reducing single-use plastic waste and improving recyclability. This legislation was developed through years of stakeholder engagement to establish a more sustainable waste management system while providing businesses with much-needed regulatory clarity.

This setback stalls critical regulations designed to cut single-use plastic waste by 25% and ensure all packaging is recyclable or compostable by 2032. These rules were intended to hold producers accountable, protect the environment, and create a predictable framework for businesses. Further delays risk undermining California’s leadership in sustainability and weakening efforts to combat plastic pollution.

As California refines its approach, we remain committed to collaborating with state leaders, industry partners, and environmental advocates to develop effective, practical solutions that align with the state’s sustainability goals. Moving forward, maintaining clear guidance and a reliable regulatory framework will be essential to ensuring a smooth transition for all stakeholders.

We encourage state leaders to uphold California’s commitment to reducing plastic pollution and ensure the timely and effective implementation of SB 54. Our organization stands ready to support efforts that will make SB 54 a success and drive meaningful environmental progress.”

CALPIRG issued the following **statement**: “We’re very concerned by Governor Newsom’s decision to delay implementation of California’s landmark plastic reduction law. Pollution from single-use plastic packaging is now at a crisis level — harming our environment, cluttering our communities, and threatening public health. We cannot delay tackling this problem, so we hope the governor will stand strongly against the scourge of plastic waste and see that our state meets the Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act’s goals and timeline.”

“Nothing we use for a few minutes for eating or drinking should pollute our waters or threaten our health for hundreds of years. With millions of bits of plastic floating down our rivers and getting to the ocean, it’s easy for wildlife to mistake a piece of plastic for food — with life-threatening consequences. I’m concerned that any ‘redo’ of plastic pollution reduction rules may let plastic companies weaken the law. We’re counting on Gov. Newsom to protect all Californians and our environment.”



Sen. Umberg introduces final part of Cal Cities' recovery housing package

Mar 19, 2025

By Caroline Grinder, Legislative Advocate, Community Services

Last week, Sen. Tom Umberg reintroduced a Cal Cities-sponsored bill aimed at increasing state oversight of unlicensed sober living homes. [SB 35](#) builds on a bill Cal Cities sponsored last year, incorporating provisions that allow cities to help enforce state licensure laws.

"Ensuring the quality of care in substance use disorder treatment facilities is not just about regulatory compliance — it's about protecting some of our most vulnerable populations," [said Senator Umberg](#). "I worry that the Legislature's failure to pass last year's bill sent the wrong message to those struggling with addiction — that their well-being isn't a priority. I know that's not the case, and I'm proud to bring SB 35 forward to close the loopholes that enable substandard care and predatory practices in sober living and treatment communities."

The bill responds to recommendations from a recent [state audit](#) requested by Asm. Diane Dixon, which revealed that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has not consistently investigated allegations of unlicensed facilities providing or advertising treatment services. In many cases, the department has failed to conduct site visits, do other follow-up and ensure illegal operations have stopped.

In one example highlighted in the audit, DHCS substantiated an allegation that an unlicensed facility was unlawfully providing services. However, the audit found no indication the department followed up to verify the facility's claim that it had ceased operations — nor did it conduct a site visit to confirm compliance.

To address these gaps, the auditor recommended that DHCS improve the timeliness of inspections and complaint investigations, conduct more site visits, and establish follow-up procedures to ensure unlicensed facilities cease unlawful operations.

SB 35 would implement these recommendations by requiring DHCS to meet specific timelines for investigating allegations of unlicensed treatment services. If the department fails to meet these deadlines, cities and counties could seek approval to conduct site visits and enforce licensure laws themselves. SB 35 also requires DHCS to conduct follow-up site visits to ensure unlawful activity has stopped.

This proposal rounds out Cal Cities sponsored recovery housing bill package for this year. Cal Cities is sponsoring [three other recovery housing proposals](#): [SB 329 \(Blakespear\)](#), [AB 492 \(Valencia\)](#), and [AB 424 \(Davies\)](#). These measures will strengthen state oversight to protect residents and communities.



City of Elk Grove Claims Top Honors in 2025 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards

Mar 19, 2025

Also recognized are Los Angeles, Madera, and Contra Costa counties and the cities of San Pablo and Burbank



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sacramento — The League of California Cities (Cal Cities), County Engineers Association of California (CEAC), and California State Association of Counties® (CSAC) proudly announce the winners of the 2025 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards. These awards celebrate innovative and cost-efficient programs across California that preserve and protect investments in local streets, roads, and bridges.

Sponsored by Cal Cities, CEAC, and CSAC, the Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards will be presented to six groundbreaking programs during the Cal Cities Public Works Officers Institute/CEAC Spring Conference on March 19 in Universal City.

"Counties and cities across California are leading the way in developing smart, sustainable infrastructure solutions that enhance safety, improve mobility, and protect our environment," said David Leamon, President of the County Engineers Association of California and Stanislaus County Director of Public Works. "By leveraging innovative techniques and cost-effective strategies, local governments are extending the lifespan of their streets and roads, reducing environmental impacts, and ensuring communities have safe and reliable transportation networks for years to come."

This year's overall winner, the City of Elk Grove, is recognized for its recent surface treatment project. This project used an innovative, cost-effective approach to road preservation that increased safety and enhanced public access.

"Californians rely on safe, dependable local streets and roads, and local governments are investing in important infrastructure projects that strengthen their communities," said Scott Smith, Cal Cities Public Works Department President and Fountain Valley Public Works Director. "These award-winning projects exemplify the cutting-edge innovation happening at the city and county level to improve road safety and help meet our state's environmental goals." Brief descriptions of the winning projects are included below. Full descriptions of winners and finalists are available on the [Save California Streets website](#).

Overall Winner:

City of Elk Grove Surface Treatment Project

The City of Elk Grove's surface treatment project used an innovative, cost-effective, and staff-led approach to road preservation. By applying optimal treatments—slurry seal, micro-surfacing, cape seal, and overlay—the city maximized pavement longevity, safety, and public access. Dividing roads into 113 subzones minimized disruptions and reduced costs, ensuring more funds went directly to streets. Completed on time within a \$10.3 million budget, the project improved the Pavement Condition Index from 68 to 80, earning it the overall winner award.

Roads: Efficient and Sustainable Road Maintenance, Construction, and Reconstruction Projects

Castaic-Hasley Hills South, County of Los Angeles

Los Angeles County Public Works completed the Castaic-Hasley Hills South Project which reconstructed 5.8 miles of deteriorated residential roads. The project used cold central plant recycling and cement stabilized pulverized base to reuse in-place materials instead of traditional reconstruction methods. This approach improved road quality while reducing costs by \$3.5 million, cutting landfill use by 135,000 cubic yards, and significantly lowering energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

Bridges: Efficient and Sustainable Bridge Maintenance, Construction, and Reconstruction Projects

Avenue 25 Bridge Replacement at Ash Slough, County of Madera

The Avenue 25 Bridge Replacement Project in Madera County replaced a structurally deficient 343-foot, 16-span bridge with a more durable 320-foot, 9-span reinforced concrete slab bridge. The \$4.5 million project, which received federal funding, used innovative techniques like pipe pin connectors, cast-in-drilled-hole piles, and fiber-reinforced concrete to enhance durability, reduce material use, and improve seismic resilience. Environmental sustainability was a primary focus for the project, and minimizing environmental impacts, flooding, and preserving water quality were all considered.

Safety or Intelligent Transportation System Projects

Downtown Burbank San Fernando Boulevard Reconfiguration, City of Burbank

The Downtown Burbank San Fernando Boulevard Reconfiguration, a 12-month pilot project, improved safety and accessibility on a busy three-block corridor. As part of the Complete Our Streets Plan, it removed a travel lane and converted the street to one-way northbound. This reduced vehicle-pedestrian conflicts by 50%, increased crosswalk yield compliance to over 80%, and naturally slowed vehicle traffic. The project also added street parking and commercial loading zones to support the needs of businesses.

Complete Streets Projects — TIE

Rumrill Boulevard Complete Streets Project, City of San Pablo

The Rumrill Boulevard Complete Streets Project transformed a 1.6-mile corridor linking Central Richmond and the BART station to key San Pablo destinations. The project was a community-driven plan focused on enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety while addressing chronic stormwater challenges. Improvements include wider sidewalks, ADA ramps, 21 upgraded crossings, 3.4 miles of Class IV bike lanes, transit shelters, and 230 new trees. The project cut collisions from 145 to 50 annually, nearly eliminating fatalities. It also achieved significant environmental benefits by treating stormwater and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Danville Boulevard – Orchard Court Complete Streets Improvement Projects, County of Contra Costa

The Danville Boulevard – Orchard Court Complete Streets Improvement Project enhanced safety and accessibility for all travel modes. This project transformed a wide arterial roadway into a pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly corridor with a landscaped roundabout, new sidewalks, bike lanes, shorter crosswalks, and pedestrian refuge areas. Sustainability was a key focus with an emphasis on preserving roads in good condition, using recycled materials, and reutilizing materials in-place during construction. The project reduced vehicle emissions, improved water quality, and preserved mature oak trees.

To learn more about the Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards and explore previous award-winning projects, please visit the [Save California Streets website](#).

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You won't want to miss the timely and relevant sessions at the City Leaders Summit!

Mar 19, 2025

The current schedule and session descriptions are available in the “schedule” section of [the summit event page](#)

By Cal Cities Staff

Cal Cities’ biggest advocacy event — the [City Leaders Summit](#) — is around the corner. But it’s more than an opportunity to make your voice heard at the state Capitol. It is a chance to get timely legislative updates and find solutions for some of the biggest challenges facing cities. The summit begins on April 23 with a full day of lobbying, including a member rally and press conference. Cal Cities’ legislative team will kick off the summit with updates on the most pressing advocacy issues, including Proposition 36, homelessness, disaster recovery, and impacts of the federal budget.

Attendees can take a break that evening at a reception with the California State Association of Counties, hosted by Cal Cities Partners. During the summit, city officials can also attend sessions on gang prevention, environmental inequities, disruptive public comments, PFAS, governance, zoning, and more.

Tristan Cleveland, an urban planner and researcher, will welcome city officials on April 24 with a keynote address on how to redesign cities in a way that draws people together and restores trust. Cleveland holds a Ph.D. from Dalhousie University, where he conducted research on how to transform car-oriented communities. Cleveland has worked on sustainable suburban planning for Las Vegas and the UAE. He recently wrote a plan for Park City’s main street, in Utah, in preparation for the 2034 Olympic Games.

Closing out the summit is Lee Silber. After co-founding a chain of action sports retail stores, Silber became an award-winning speaker and best-selling author. He is currently working on his 27th book, “Generation We.” His interactive keynote will help city officials understand what motivates each generation to vote and how to create personalized messages for each age group.

Attendees can also join Cal Cities in celebrating California Cities Week. The weeklong celebration, April 20-26, recognizes the work cities do to enhance the lives of all Californians. During the summit, there will be opportunities to boost awareness about the value of cities, as well as honor the people who work tirelessly to deliver essential services.

The full schedule and session descriptions are available in the “schedule” section of the [summit event page](#). For more information about division lobbying, contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).

Registration and hotel information

Registration for all three days starts at \$650 for city officials from any [member city](#). Summit registration includes admission to all educational sessions, the Wednesday reception, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast. The deadline to register is April 16, after which officials must register on-site if space is available.

The City Leaders Summit will be at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, located in the heart of downtown Sacramento across from the Capitol. The SAFE Credit Union Convention Center is just 15 minutes away from Sacramento International Airport.

For questions about registration, please contact conference registrar [Megan Dunn](#). For questions on legislative meetings, please contact your [Regional Public Affairs Manager](#). For sponsorship opportunities, please contact [Amy Wade](#). For all other questions, please contact Associate Manager, Event Program, [Kayla Boutros](#).



Federal uncertainty should not trickle down to cities, Cal Cities officers tell federal lawmakers

Mar 19, 2025

By Kayla Sherwood, senior communications and media manager

Cal Cities leadership and more than 150 California city officials traveled to Washington last week to advocate for top city priorities on Capitol Hill. The advocacy mobilization was part of the annual National League of Cities Congressional City Conference, where over 3,000 city officials from across the country gather to engage Congress, connect, and learn from each other. The timing was particularly important, as Congress was considering a vote on a stop-gap funding measure. Cal Cities officers discussed the importance of safeguarding critical funding in federal spending.

"Uncertainty at the federal level should not trickle down to uncertainty in cities' ability to fund local programs and services," Cal Cities President Lynne B. Kennedy told federal lawmakers.

Cal Cities officers raised a range of issues with lawmakers, including fiscal sustainability, disaster preparedness, housing and homelessness, and infrastructure. Cal Cities met directly with key lawmakers, including Reps. Pete Aguilar, Jim Costa, Laura Friedman, John Garamendi, Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Mike Levin, Mark Takano, David Valadao, and Juan Vargas, as well as Sens. Alex Padilla and Adam Schiff.

"This week, city officials from every corner of California came to Washington asking the same thing: How can we work together to improve life for Californians?" [said Sen. Padilla](#). "We owe it to them to continue fighting each and every day for the projects and funding Californians depend on. I remain committed to using every legislative tool available to ensure we protect and advance California's priorities."



More than 75 city leaders attended the joint meeting with Sens. Padilla and Schiff for a wide-ranging discussion on local priorities.

"I look forward to partnering with the League of California Cities to bring down costs and secure critical funding to protect our families, our kids, and our communities and give them the resources they need to succeed," [said Sen. Schiff](#).

Cal Cities also met with top federal emergency officials to discuss reimbursements and disaster aid for communities throughout the state. West Hollywood Mayor Chelsea Byers and Cal Cities Fire Chief Department President Chief Chris Nigg joined that meeting to provide their perspectives following the recent Southern California wildfires.

Chief Nigg also presented to the NLC Public Safety and Crime Prevention Federal Advocacy Committee about critical challenges facing fire departments across the nation, including how the rising costs and fire equipment procurement delays are putting public safety at risk. "The fire service is not just another industry. It is an essential public service, with a zero-fail mission that cannot be left at the mercy of corporate monopolies" said Nigg.

Leading the Cal Cities delegation were President Lynne B. Kennedy (Rancho Cucamonga Mayor Pro Tem), First Vice President Gabe Quinto (El Cerrito Mayor Pro Tem), Second Vice President Teresa Acosta (Carlsbad Council Member), Immediate Past President Daniel Parra (Fowler Mayor), and Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman.