

CEO's Message



State Funding Developments

The County of Orange was in the news recently for our effort to gain an equitable share of funding from the State of California. After the State cut off the County's Vehicle License Fee (VLF) funding in June and efforts to restore this funding of about \$49.5 million through the legislative process were unsuccessful, the Board of Supervisors explored the County's options. Through a careful legal analysis, it was determined the County is actually due an additional \$73.5 million dollars in property taxes for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

As you might expect, this did not come as welcome news to the State, which continues to experience budget problems and is facing several lawsuits

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New Terminal Opens to Travelling Public at John Wayne Airport

JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT SLIDESHOW: [CLICK HERE](#)



(from left to right) Director of JWA Alan Murphy, Supervisor Janet Nguyen, Southwest Airlines Senior VP of Operations Greg Wells, Chairman Bill Campbell, Supervisor Patricia Bates, and Vice Chairman John M.W. Moorlach unveil Terminal C's new JWA logo on November 13th. Please click here to view a slideshow of photographs from related events.

John Wayne Airport (JWA) celebrated the opening of Terminal C on November 14, which includes six new bridged aircraft gates, two additional commuter terminals, more security checkpoints, and expanded dining and shopping options for passengers.

"To top off this milestone day, we are thrilled to learn that Southwest Airlines intends to launch service to Mexico City and Cabo San Lucas from Orange County next year, utilizing our first-ever international facilities," said Alan L. Murphy, Airport Director.

As part of the \$543 million [Airport Improvement Program](#), the construction of Terminal C was funded without the use of tax dollars and was completed on schedule and within budget.

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over its current budget. However, the Auditor-Controller has the legal duty and requirement to calculate this type of funding in the same manner as it is done for every other County in California.

What does all of this mean? First, the County has not received any additional funding yet because the first deadline for payment of property taxes does not arrive until December 12. Second, the State may challenge the County's action which could further delay the availability of additional funding.

The Board of Supervisors has directed the County to revisit our current budget in February when we may have answers to some of these questions. In the interim, the Board has approved actions to defer any layoffs that may have been needed to adjust for the State's diversion of VLF funding. We are pleased that the Public Defender and District Attorney's office were able to retain the staff they need to fulfill their vital responsibilities.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more developments on this important issue.

Thomas G. Mauk
County Executive Officer

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It has added 282,000 square feet of new space to the existing 448,000 square feet in Terminals A and B at the [Thomas F. Riley Terminal](#), where travelers can now check-in and print a boarding pass for any airline from any self-service kiosk. "We are one of the first U.S. airports to offer this [universal system](#)," Director Murphy said.

Other enhancements to JWA's Riley Terminal include:

- New, easy-to-read flat screen monitors throughout the airport, featuring flight and baggage information for all airlines
- Five new passenger security screening lanes
- Customer Service desks located in each terminal across from the gate areas that allow airlines to easily rebook passenger flights

In addition to the new terminal, the Airport Improvement Program includes a [new parking structure](#) with more than 2,000 parking spaces and [advanced parking technology](#):

- Digital signage to help travelers know how many parking spots are available in real-time
- Kiosks that allow travelers the convenient option to pay for parking as they exit the airport (pay-on-foot), before getting to their cars

New [restaurants](#) and shops have already opened and others will begin serving customers in the weeks ahead, bringing a combination of well-known Orange County and national brands to the airport.

According to an [economic impact study](#) conducted by the Orange County Business Council in 2010, the JWA Improvement Program has resulted in nearly \$1.2 billion worth of economic benefits for the local community. For every \$1 invested in the program, more than \$2 circulated back into the economy. It has also been credited with the creation of approximately 6,670 much-needed jobs over the life of the project. ■

County Hosts Veterans Celebration

OC VETERANS SLIDESHOW: [CLICK HERE](#)



It was a beautiful day on November 3, when County employees came from all over to help show support during the OC Veterans Celebration.

On November 3, County employees came from all over to the Old County Courthouse to hear heart-warming stories from veterans during a celebration honoring their service. Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Campbell welcomed everyone and expressed the County's respect and appreciation for the veterans who live and work here. The event's program included many speakers who shared personal stories of their service or the service of others.

Ron Norby, Deputy Director of Medical Services for the Health Care Agency explained that, "The transition that veterans go through when they return from service lasts a lifetime. One third of those incarcerated in the state of California are veterans." Norby went on to say that, "The County of Orange is one of the first Counties in the nation to develop a partnership between the Department of Veterans Affairs and local law enforcement to provide dedicated social workers to offer services" to these individuals.

Members of the Board of Supervisors introduced veterans who served in three major conflicts. Supervisor John M.W. Moorlach reflected on World War II, telling the story of his mother's experiences in Northern Holland. "I would not be here today

had my parents not survived WWII, and without the veterans who liberated the Netherlands from Nazi occupation," said Supervisor Moorlach. James V. Powers, a WWII fighter pilot, recalled the end of fighting in Germany and being allowed to go home for 30 days before being sent to fight in the Pacific. He proposed to and married his girlfriend during this time and while they were honeymooning the "big bombs" were dropped in Japan, ending the war.

Supervisor Janet Nguyen introduced Lawrence Kerzman, a Korean War vet, who described memories of severe cold and frostbite he endured while fighting. "I thank my lucky stars that I was able to return to sunny southern California after the cold of Korea." Supervisor Nguyen concluded by thanking veterans for fighting to protect a democracy that allowed her, an Asian-American, a young professional, and a mother to serve as an elected official.

It was then Supervisor Pat Bates' turn to reflect about the Vietnam War. "We, as their fellow citizens, should always be grateful to them for their service and proud of them for their bravery. These veterans met their responsibility when they were needed." Vietnam veteran Frank Orzio recalled a recent speaking engagement where a little girl came up to him asking, "Sergeant, would you like to see my Daddy's medals?" She then proceeded to pull out her father's dog tags from her shirt pocket. "Everyone in the Army gets dog tags when they are first enlisted, but to this little girl, these tags were something special," he explained.

County Department Heads also shared personal stories during the event. Sheriff Sandra Hutchens spoke about accepting the Freedom Award that recognizes employers who go above and beyond in support of their employee reservists. Only 15 organizations received the award, and only two sheriff's departments nationwide were recognized. Dr. Michael Riley, Social Services Director, shared his own experiences as a Vietnam vet. "I remember coming home: I went from a double

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tent in the 100 + degree heat and humidity to, within 48 hours, arriving in Omaha, Nebraska.” Dr. Riley went on to say, “We were one, and that is something I will always remember.”

Karen Roper, Director of OC Community Services, briefly described the services Orange County Community Resources (OCCR) provides to veterans. She also highlighted a very exciting program OCCR plans to launch with the Health Care Agency (HCA) called Vet Connect. In addition, HCA will soon convene an “Orange County Veterans Forum,” bringing together leaders from Veteran Affairs, the County and other veterans service providers to identify the services currently available and begin to develop short and long term strategies for better coordination of services and filling service gaps. ■

County Honored for Support of Military Guard and Reserve

The Orange County Board of Supervisors received a prestigious honor from the California Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) during the Board’s November 8 meeting. The Seven Seals Award received by the County depicts the seals of the seven military services and is the highest award granted by the ESGR.

Chairman Bill Campbell gratefully accepted the award from Andrew Wiktorowicz, the California ESGR State Chairman. They were joined by Assistant Sheriff Mike James, recognizing the significant number of Sheriff’s Department employees who serve in the Guard and Reserves. The Seven Seals Award recognizes a citizen, business, or organization that has demonstrated outstanding support, commitment, and extreme patriotism to the United States military. Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972. The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding



support, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving conflicts through informal mediation.

The presentation of the award during November coincided with the Board’s participation in Veterans Day observances and the completion of a survey of County employees who are serving or have served in the nation’s military. ■

OC Animal Care Helps Shelter Pets Stay Cool

After receiving approval from the Board of Supervisors as part of the annual budget process, a new misting system was installed at the OC Animal Shelter in September to help keep pets cool during the hot summer months.

“The new system is similar to the misters that you may see at local amusement parks or restaurants, but it has been specially configured to fit into the outdoor kennels used by animals at our facility,” said Ryan Drabek, Director of OC Animal Care.

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State of the art Koolfog© technology uses specialized, high pressure nozzles to emit a fine mist that is perfectly sized for evaporation. When evaporation occurs, temperatures drop.

In addition to the existing shady area that animals enjoy when the weather gets warm, more than 400 outdoor kennels and several large cat enclosures are now equipped with the misting devices.

"What is also particularly beneficial for OC Animal Care is that the system is transferable, which means that it is capable of being relocated to a new facility," Drabek added. ■



County Programs Walk the Red Carpet

The County of Orange was well represented at the first "Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet" Awards program held November 17 by the Orange County Business Council.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Campbell was presented the Award for Public Sector Leadership, recognizing his focus on the fields of renewable energy and economic development. OC Public Works received the Award for Public-Private Partnership for the Ortega Highway Widening Project. In the category of Sustainable and Green Development, John Wayne Airport received the Award for the Central Utility Plant project. Finally, an honorable mention was given to the Health Care Agency's Environmental Health Division for its E-Submit Business Portal.

The Business Council created the Red Carpet awards program to recognize outstanding public agencies that are proactively cutting through the red tape and improving the local business climate through innovative projects, cutting regulations, reducing fees and streamlining processes. Other local governments receiving awards included the cities of Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Irvine and Newport Beach, and the Anaheim Union High School District. ■

Photo with Santa



Bring your Pet to OC Animal Care for a...

Photo with Santa!

Saturday, December 3rd: 10 am - 2 pm
Saturday, December 10th: 10 am - 2 pm
Saturday, December 17th: 10 am - 2 pm
Sunday, December 18th: 10 am - 2 pm

OC Animal Care
 561 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868

Bring your pet to OC Animal Care for a Photo with Santa! All participants will receive a festive holiday frame with your pet's photo. We will also email you a digital copy to share with your friends and family! All donations will benefit the animals of OC Animal Care!




For more information, please visit our website at ocpetinfo.com or call (714) 935-6848




Discovery Science Center offers Free Admission to County Employees

Throughout January and February of 2012, the Discovery Science Center will offer County of Orange employees free admission to OC Waste & Recycling's new [Eco Challenge Exhibit](#).

Simply bring your County of Orange identification badge to take advantage of this opportunity. Additional tickets for accompanying guests may be purchased at the discounted price of \$9 each. The Eco Challenge Exhibit teaches visitors how to make eco-friendly choices every day to best care for our environment. Three following separate elements engage guests in the learning process:

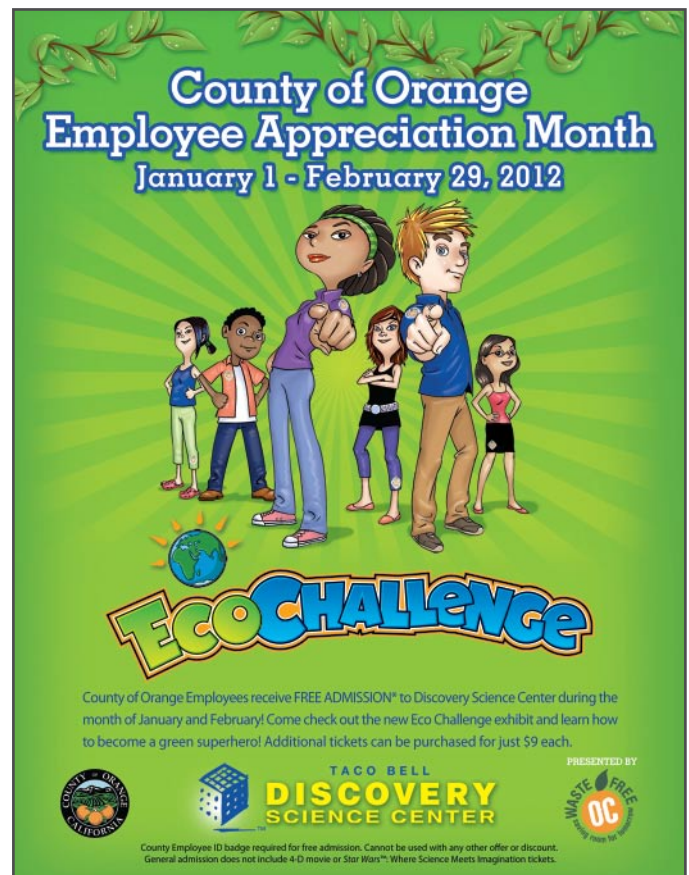
In the **Discovery Market**, visitors use a shopping cart and a digital shopping list to learn various product options and choose the most environmentally-friendly packaging.

In the **Race to Recycle**, visitors must distinguish among four different categories of waste: recyclables, hazardous waste, green waste and landfill waste.

At the **Eco Garage**, visitors identify household hazardous waste items such as paint, gardening pesticides, motor oil and batteries and learn how to dispose of them properly at Orange County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

Are you ready to become a Green Superhero? Visit the Eco Challenge Exhibit. Then tell us what



you think. You will receive an electronic survey following your visit.

For more information, please contact Isabel Rios, Manager of Recycling and Environmental Programs at OC Waste & Recycling at (714) 834-4118 or Isabel.rios@ocwr.ocgov.com. ■

Flu Shot Program Makes the Rounds

So far this year, the Health Care Agency's Employee Health team has provided flu shots to more than 1,500 employees, with many provided at the 18 on-site flu shot clinics conducted or coordinated by the department. The clinics were staged at different work locations including sites at the Health Care Agency, District Attorney's office, Probation, Social Services Agency, Sheriff-Coroner and OC Public Works.

Cal/OSHA regulations mandate free flu vaccination to those in specified assignments while some Agencies opted to underwrite the cost of flu shots for their employees to encourage vaccination. One

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of the largest turn-outs was at OCEA health fair. Over 200 employees received their flu shots that day. Without exception, staff expressed much appreciation for the work of Employee Health Services in bringing the flu shots to their location. The County employees' flu shot program was started in 2003 to decrease flu illnesses in the community and workplace.

The Employee Health office still has flu shots available. Flu shots are offered daily from 9 am-11 am on a walk-in basis at 600 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Ste. 405, Santa Ana. Getting a flu shot is a great way to protect you and your loved ones from flu illness. If you still have not received your flu shot for this year, please protect yourself and get one.

For more information, please visit Employee Health's website at <http://intra2k3.ocgov.com/ehealth/>.



Get the 411 on OC Parks

1. OC Parks manages nearly 60,000 acres of parks, open space, historical sites and beaches for the County of Orange.
2. Irvine Regional Park was California's first regional park, opening in 1897. It was originally called "Orange County Park," but was later renamed to honor its donor, James Irvine Jr. ("J.I.).
3. In 2010, the Irvine Company donated 20,000 acres of open space to the County of Orange, including the areas of Limestone, Fremont and Black Star canyons.
4. OC Parks operates Arden, the Helena Modjeska Historic Home and Gardens. The home, where 19th century Polish actress Helena Modjeska once lived, is one of only two buildings in Orange County on the National Register of Historic Places.
5. Numerous feature films and commercials have been filmed at OC Parks' locations, including the Old Orange County Courthouse. J. Edgar, starring Leonardo di Caprio, was filmed at the historic building earlier this year.
6. OC Parks also operates the OC Zoo inside Irvine Regional Park. The zoo features animals from the desert southwest, including black bears, coyotes and a mountain lion.

To learn more about OC Parks, please visit: www.ocparks.com



Service Awards

For the Month of November

35 YEARS

Kathleen Ivan
Assessor

Johnathon Garofalo
OC Community Resources

Reed Olive
OC Waste & Recycling

Ruth Otterbein
Sheriff-Coroner

Mary Fryberger
Social Services Agency

30 YEARS

Cecilia Novella
Auditor Controller

Judy Ogan
Health Care Agency

Katherine Bish
Health Care Agency

Ernesto Romero
OC Community Resources

Allen Olivares
OC Public Works

Michael A. Beatty
Probation

Mark Long
Probation

Karyn Sebbo
Social Services Agency

25 YEARS

Kathleen Chase
Health Care Agency

George Howison
OC Community Resources

Eva Burdett
OC Community Resources

Loretto Molina
OC Public Works

John Chang
OC Public Works

Nan-Ping Chung
OC Public Works

Karen Gaipo
OC Public Works

Todd Thomas
Probation

Gema Veronica Aranda
Public Guardian

Kevin Vann
Public Guardian

Dennis Carpio
Sheriff-Coroner

Keith Boettner
Sheriff-Coroner

Kirk Wilkerson
Sheriff-Coroner

Joel Buchlmayer
Sheriff-Coroner

Lionel Luna
Sheriff-Coroner

John Davis
Sheriff-Coroner

Wenceslao Galvan
Sheriff-Coroner

Mark Haselton
Sheriff-Coroner

Brent Giudice
Sheriff-Coroner

Darryl Romero
Sheriff-Coroner

Robert Smith
Sheriff-Coroner

Clinton Thommen
Sheriff-Coroner

Joseph Warner
Sheriff-Coroner

20 YEARS

Sheryl Frank
District Attorney

Malvia Page-Gonzales
Child Support Services

Brian Uyeda
Health Care Agency

Mary Casdorph
Health Care Agency

Rosa Fernandez
Health Care Agency

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20 YEARS CONTINUED

Nathalie Jensrud
Health Care Agency

Jessie Prado
OC Public Works

Henry Desens
Sheriff-Coroner

Dilia Ballesteros
Social Services Agency

Myron Howland
Health Care Agency

Cynthia Lemus
OC Waste & Recycling

Jason Frederick
Sheriff-Coroner

Ted Carrera
Social Services Agency

Ronald Bennett
Health Care Agency

Joseph Simon
Public Guardian

Richard Leonard
Sheriff-Coroner

Maria Chacon
Social Services Agency

Sonia Munoz
OC Community Resources

Oliver Didio
Sheriff-Coroner

Sean Scoles
Sheriff-Coroner

Marisabel Curtis
Social Services Agency

Rosalie Esparza
OC Community Resources

Brent Parenteau
Sheriff-Coroner

Jon Soydinc
Sheriff-Coroner

Israel De La Cruz
Social Services Agency

Patricia Langevin
OC Community Resources

Kevin Area
Sheriff-Coroner

Rodney Thomas
Sheriff-Coroner

Elena Del Valle
Social Services Agency

Rita R. Tanner
OC Community Resources

Gregory Van Patten
Sheriff-Coroner

Christine Lyon
Sheriff-Coroner

Franco Di Caprio
Social Services Agency

Elise Storey
OC Community Resources

Socorro Lucero
Sheriff-Coroner

Lawrence Stephens
Sheriff-Coroner

Vera J. Garcia
Social Services Agency

Thomas Adams
OC Community Resources

Rafael Ojeda
Sheriff-Coroner

Jesus Hernandez
Sheriff-Coroner

Anna L. Gutierrez
Social Services Agency

Robert Barilla
OC Public Works

Robin Scruggs
Sheriff-Coroner

Joseph Martindale
Sheriff-Coroner

Noemi Kropp
Social Services Agency

Maria Rodriguez
Social Services Agency

Jaime Reyes
Social Services Agency

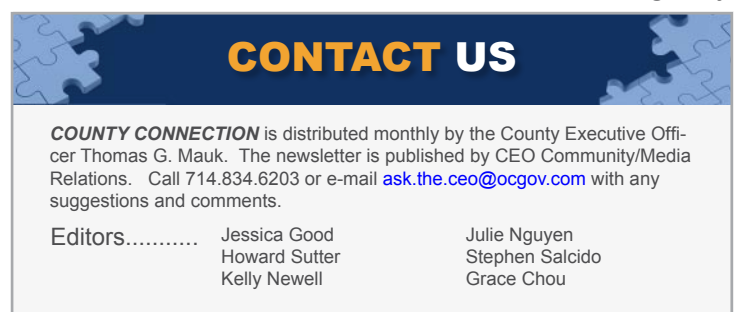
Hope Tarrant
Social Services Agency



COUNTY OF ORANGE
MISSION STATEMENT

"Making Orange County a safe, healthy, and fulfilling place to live, work, and play, today and for generations to come, by providing outstanding, cost-effective regional public services."

Click [here](#) to read the full mission and values statement.



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