



CEO's Message



Summer and a new budget year are here!

Well ladies and gentlemen, we made it through another Fiscal Year and through Board adoption of a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11. But it wasn't easy!! During Fiscal Year 2009-10, we hounded you constantly to reduce costs, we maintained our position freeze policy and we limited capital projects. Please be aware that your efforts are paying off and, in fact, resulted in our being able to balance the Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget, albeit with the use of \$46 million in reserves. But the Board responsibly, and with a vision to the future and next year, retained our core services.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I want to thank each of you for stepping up during a difficult process, knowing that we are not done. But we have the right talent in place for success – you!!

And we do know that employees and employee organizations are sacrificing on the Salary/Benefit/Labor side. I guess "sacrificing" is a misnomer since we are very fortunate as respects salaries and benefits, and even being

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Registrar of Voters Achieves Election Success Board Swears-In New Fourth District Supervisor

The Registrar of Voters (ROV) would like to thank the 180 employees and nearly 5,000 volunteers who helped make the June 8th statewide Primary Election a success.



Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley (right) works with election night staff sorting materials on the new moving conveyor system.

The department's efforts to prepare, including specialized training for poll workers and doubling community outreach efforts to recruit volunteers, helped operations run smoothly on election night. "The election went very well," said Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley. "We were the first of counties with a population over 100,000 to finish precinct reporting on Election Night as well as the first to certify the results by June 22nd."

In line with this notable series of firsts, June 8th was also the first time the ROV increased efficiency using a moving conveyor to sort supplies, including the 482,708 ballots both mailed in and cast in person at 1,104 polling places throughout Orange County.

Election winners of local contests include Shawn Nelson, who received the highest number of votes in the June 8th election for Fourth District Supervisor, thus enabling him to serve the remaining months of former Supervisor Chris Norby's term. Nelson will be the incumbent candidate for a full term of office in the November General Election.

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employed. But we have worked with you to have level salaries (i.e., no increases again this year). Your leadership and that of your labor organization leaders is an important part of our continued success. You may have also heard recently that the Orange County Attorney's Association has voted to take a 3.5% salary increase rather than deferring it for another year.

On the huge upside, how about the Board's monumental success in working through OC Parks and OC Community Resources to receive a donation of 20,000 acres of spectacular, prime open space and wildlands. This is a multi-generational accomplishment by both the Irvine Company and Mr. Donald Bren, and by the Orange County Board of Supervisors. And Mark Denny, thanks to you and your Team for a commitment to excellence with the major involvement of Steve Franks and Alisa Drakodaidis.

There are other successes ... The John Wayne Airport improvement project; the Court facilities transfer; major Public Works projects, including flood channel improvements; settlement of the Blackstar case; H1N1 influenza protection and many more. I'd also like to commend the entire group at the Registrar of Voters under the direction of Neal Kelley for conducting a successful county-wide primary election. For all not directly involved, this is not an easy task, folks; it is one conducted under a lot of pressure and scrutiny.

And we still have major challenges. Among them, finishing the Airport improvement project, addressing unfunded liabilities in the Pension System, managing technology and updating our IT Business Model.

We also welcome our new member of the Board of Supervisors in the Fourth District and his staff. As I have told Supervisor Nelson – our job (all of us) is to help the Supervisor and the District be successful vis-à-vis the residents and constituents of the Fourth District. Congratulations are also in order to John Moorlach and Pat Bates on their successful re-election bids.

I look forward, along with the Board of Supervisors, to a successful 2010-11. Financially, it will be a struggle, especially since we have yet to see a State Budget. But Orange County got started a few years ago, and we have a Board that understands the seriousness of the issues and we have you! So we can meet each and every challenge.

Summer is here!! Take some time to refresh yourselves. I certainly will. Spend some time with your families ... laugh ... play. Then get back to work!!

You are the best!

Thomas G. Mauk
County Executive Officer

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Supervisor Shawn Nelson is joined by his wife Sharon and their three children at his June 22nd Swearing In ceremony.

Supervisor Nelson was sworn in by Clerk of the Board Darlene Bloom at the June 22nd Board Meeting with his wife and three children at his side. Supervisor Nelson then immediately joined the Board, marking the first time in five months that the Board of Supervisors has consisted of all five supervisorial districts. The Fourth District represents the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra and Placentia.

Other countywide election winners include Second District Supervisor John M.W. Moorlach, Fifth District Supervisor Pat Bates, Assessor Webster Guillory, Auditor-Controller David Sundstrom, Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly, District Attorney Tony Rackauckas, Public Administrator/Public Guardian John Williams and Sheriff-Coroner Sandra Hutchens. ■

Supervisors Approve \$5.5 Billion Budget

July First marked the start of a new Fiscal Year for the County of Orange, with a \$5.5 billion budget in place for 2010-11. The Board of Supervisors approved the budget during their meeting on June 29th, charting a financial course for agencies and departments to follow in the year ahead.

While the new budget did include significant reductions related to a decrease in property tax revenue and lower sales tax revenue, the budget did not include any employee layoffs. Still to be determined

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are the potential impact of actions to be taken by the State of California to produce a balanced budget, with several budget proposals still under consideration in Sacramento. State funding is a significant revenue component for social service and health care programs on the County level.

Of the total budget, the County has the most flexibility with the portion of the budget known as General Fund Net County Cost, which amounts to \$686 million for the new fiscal year. Of that amount, approximately 50% is allocated for Public Protection programs and 22.5% will support Community Services programs.

In approving the new budget, the Board also extended the resolution authorizing elected officials to donate 5% of their salary back to the County and reducing the pay of executive managers by 5%. These actions, taken in recognition of the ongoing County’s financial challenges, saved about \$600,000 during the 09-10 fiscal year. ■

New Director, New Programs for OC Animal Care

After a year as the organization’s Interim Director, Ryan Drabek has been named Director of OC Animal Care while the organization moves forward with new programs designed to increase pet adoptions and encourage responsible pet ownership.

Drabek started with OC Animal Care in September 2001 as an Animal Control Officer and served as a Public Education Officer and Program Supervisor for Field Services and Community Outreach prior to becoming Interim Director in May 2009. “I benefitted from ‘growing up’ in the organization and feel I have a good knowledge base of our services and programs,” said Drabek, who is building upon the organization’s past successes. Summertime is a busy time for OC Animal Care,

with many special events planned to place available animals in permanent homes. A June Pet Fair resulted in 81 adoptions and OC Animal Care is again partnering with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim for the “Angels for Animals” event on July 17th. Coming on the heels of the baseball All-Star Game in Anaheim, Drabek hopes this year’s “Angels for Animals” event will exceed last year total of 126 adoptions. The “Angels for Animals” program covers the cost of adoption and needed vaccinations, so new adoptive owners only pay for microchipping and licensing of the pet – a great deal for new owners and for OC Animal Care!

A major success for OC Animal Care this year has been a license amnesty program authorized as a pilot project by the Board of Supervisors. “We sold almost 7,000 more licenses during that 45 day period than the previous year,” Drabek noted. The additional revenue helps decrease the financial burden on the County and contract cities while increasing the chances that a lost pet will be reunited with its owner through the license information.

While a new animal shelter continues to be a major goal for OC Animal Care, Drabek and his staff have been working hard to improve relationships with community groups and other animal shelters in Orange County. This broader approach to outreach and a continued focus on customer service are keys to the future success of OC Animal Care. “Our successes are 100% attributed to our dedicated, caring staff,” Drabek stated. ■



Sandra Heaton Art Contest

“OC Parks is fortunate to have Sandy and her unique talent as part of our family,” said Mark Denny, Director of OC Parks. “Her illustrations help highlight the history, wildlife and natural features that visitors can enjoy at OC Parks facilities. Sandy’s artwork is seen by tens of thousands of people every year at County parks.”

Thanks to all the County employees who ventured out to have their photos taken with artwork by OC Parks graphic designer Sandra Heaton, who was profiled in last month’s issue of the *County Connection* newsletter. ■

[HEATON’S ART CONTEST SLIDESHOW: CLICK HERE](#)



Please click here to view a slideshow of those who participated, who can all expect to receive a prize from OC Parks within the next few weeks.

Eco-Friendly County Programs Commended by Grand Jury

Three County of Orange departments were lauded by the Grand Jury last month for their commitment to protecting natural resources and employing environmentally conscious practices. In a report titled “Orange County Goes Green,” the Grand Jury described the OC Waste & Recycling department as “one of the most cost-conscious agencies in the county – and one of the most respected in the nation.”

The report praised **OC Waste & Recycling’s** ability to capture methane gas from the County’s Frank R. Bowerman Landfill, convert it into liquid natural gas, and then sell it to power local bus and truck fleets. In addition, the department puts forth tremendous effort to protect the natural environment in its management of the County’s landfills, manages four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers and has successfully increased the diversion of self-hauled waste from the landfills by 70% through recycling outreach and the self-hauled waste surcharge.

[GREEN PROGRAMS SLIDESHOW: CLICK HERE](#)



OC Waste & Recycling Director Mike Giancola stands in front of the Liquid Natural Gas converter located at Frank R. Bowerman landfill.

The **County Executive Office’s Procurement Department** was also noted in the Grand Jury report for the development of the OC Green Fair, inspired by the Board of Supervisors’ adoption of an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy. The purchasing policy sets

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forth guidelines for County agencies and departments to ascertain goods and services that are eco-friendly compared to other competing products.

The environmental stewardship efforts of **John Wayne Airport** were also acclaimed in the report including the early implementation of water conservation, pollution prevention, energy efficiency, air quality, noise abatement and recycling practices. This is illustrated through the Airport’s requirement of all fleet vehicles, such as taxi cabs and parking shuttles, to use compressed natural gas. Aircraft at JWA have decreased their fuel costs and substantially reduced carbon emissions by using ground-based

electrical power for cooling aircraft, rather than onboard auxiliary power units when they are parked at the gate. In addition, almost half of the refuse collected from aircraft and facilities is recycled and all used fuel, oil and solvents are re-used.

“These County Departments have demonstrated innovation by developing environmentally sustainable practices and policies so that we can remain conscientious stewards of our great county for many generations to come,” said Board Chair Janet Nguyen.

Read the Grand Jury Report at www.ocgrandjury.org. ■

Sunset Magazine Spotlights Beauty of Upper Newport Bay

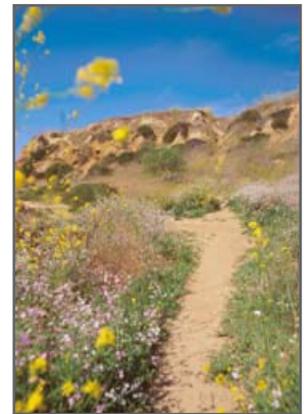
Sunset, a Western regional travel and lifestyle magazine, featured the Upper Newport Bay as a relaxing Southern California day trip. Even though wildflower season is at its peak during spring time, there is still plenty to do during the months of summer.

With approximately 1,000 acres of open space, The Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve and Ecological Reserve is the largest coastal wetland in Southern California. The location is renowned as one of the premium bird watching sites in North America and is home to six rare bird species. The area also includes the Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center, which is dedicated to new standards for protecting and preserving open space and endangered wetlands in a highly populated urban setting.

Whether you hike through the bluffs, watch for rare species of pelicans and terns, boat through the Back Bay or enjoy the remaining wildflowers, you are sure to find a haven in the pristine wetlands. *Sunset* magazine called it an “outdoor oasis” and we couldn’t agree more.

Read the *Sunset* article [here](#).

Click [here](#) to learn even more about Upper Newport Bay from the OC Parks web site. ■



The bluffs in Upper Newport Bay.

Intern Stephanie Haight Honored with Excellence in Volunteerism Award

First-year Master of Social Work student Stephanie Haight of Yorba Linda was recently honored with the Excellence in Volunteerism Award for contributing more than 500 hours of service in one academic year to the Social Services Agency (SSA) as an intern with the Children and Family Services' Specialized Family Services Program.

The children served through the program suffer from medical issues in addition to abuse and neglect. Stephanie's commitment to these special clients was exemplary, and throughout her placement, she consistently excelled in the following areas:

- Scheduled time outside of regular business hours to accommodate the needs of families, while also working more than the required internship hours.
- Tackled challenging assignments with an ongoing desire to enhance her knowledge and skills.
- Maintained an open attitude, motivation, sincerity, honesty and diligence in working with children and families faced with difficult situations.
- Demonstrated insight into the complicated duties and challenges related to the role of Senior Social Worker in the Specialized Family Services Program.

- Quickly acquired the skills required to perform tasks that frequently take others much longer to achieve.

This Excellence in Volunteerism Award reinforces the County's long-standing commitment to involve volunteers in a full range of activities, from policy formulation and advice to program delivery. It celebrates the successful partnership between County employees and volunteers whose combined efforts enhance services for Orange County residents. ■



(from left to right) Senior Social Services Supervisor Robin Fraser, MSW Intern Stephanie Haight, and Senior Social Worker April Wright-Herrera.

Get the 411 On OC Assessor Department

1. The Assessor Department determines the taxable value of over 1 million units of property in Orange County every year. The total assessed value for 2009 is about \$419 billion.
2. Assessor appraisal and audit staff are certified by the state and trained to appraise many types of property including tract homes, oceanfront estates, condominiums, apartment buildings, hotels, timeshares, sports and entertainment venues, retail centers, office towers, golf courses, cemeteries, historic properties, agricultural and vacant land, business personal property, marine and aircraft, mobile homes, mobile home parks and more.
3. The Department reviews about 400,000 documents each year (mostly deeds, trusts, contracts, building permits and tract maps), to adjust values in accordance with Prop. 13, to track the ownership of property, and to adjust land base records and revise parcel maps when property is sub-divided.
4. The Assessor collaborated with county assessors and industry statewide in 2004 to develop and launch the first statewide business property e-Filing system. This is a shared-service among 40 of California's 58 county assessors. The system is managed by the Orange County Assessor and is operated from the County's Data Center. Many Fortune 500 corporations and thousands of small businesses statewide use this system to file their business property reports, saving businesses and assessors thousands of dollars in annual costs.

To get more of the 411, visit <http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Assessor - Webster Guillory>.



Service Awards

For the Month of June

35 YEARS

Rodger Woodruff
Auditor-Controller

30 YEARS

Nicholas Chrisos
County Counsel

Constance Rice
Health Care Agency

Dorothy Morgan
OC Community Resources

David Sankey
OC Community Resources

Olivia Velazquez
OC Community Resources

Sandra Montoya
Probation

Bruce Robinson
Probation

Kathryn Beckett
Sheriff-Coroner

David Tilstra
Sheriff-Coroner

Michael Wallace
Sheriff-Coroner

Monica Nguyen
Social Services Agency

25 YEARS

Lan Nguyen
Auditor-Controller

Wanda Florence
County Counsel

Thomas Morse
County Counsel

Cheryl Foy
District Attorney

Cynthia D'Arnaud-Guerre
Health Care Agency

Nahed Girgis
Health Care Agency

Bob Newtown
Health Care Agency

Phillip Jones
OC Public Works

Sonia Ortiz
OC Public Works

Pamela Hostetler
Probation

James Nolen
Probation

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25 YEARS
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Kathleen Wright
Probation

Timothy Finneran
Sheriff-Coroner

Michael James
Sheriff-Coroner

James Rudy
Sheriff-Coroner

Sharon Atkins
Social Services Agency

Rebecca Ayon
Social Services Agency

Nely Berea
Social Services Agency

Diana Cruz-Toro
Social Services Agency

Iosif Manea
Social Services Agency

Elva Nelson
Social Services Agency

Myrna Tapia
Social Services Agency

Marcia Sauer
Treasurer-Tax Collector

20 YEARS

Nirmala Cadambi
Assessor

Sharmila Sanyal
Assessor

Stefanie Marangi
District Attorney

Angela Nguyen
District Attorney

Scott Scoville
District Attorney

Scott Simmons
District Attorney

Charles Spinella
District Attorney

Jeanette Besagar-Salvador
Health Care Agency

Deborah Chitty
Health Care Agency

Steven Clagett
Health Care Agency

Conchita Delmundo
Health Care Agency

Arghavan Rashidi-Fard
Health Care Agency

Maite Sbabo
Health Care Agency

Christina Valdez
Health Care Agency

Albert Dantic
John Wayne Airport

Timothy Coalson
OC Community Resources

Eric Frederickson
OC Community Resources

Concepcion Perez
OC Community Resources

Hamid Abedzadeh
OC Public Works

Bienvenido Bolisay
OC Public Works

Guillermo Rico
OC Public Works

Ashok Tahilramani
OC Public Works

Susana Reyes
Probation

Joe Batriz
Sheriff-Coroner

Brenda Bosco
Sheriff-Coroner

Brian Bunn
Sheriff-Coroner

Kenneth Burmood
Sheriff-Coroner

Aaron Chamberlain
Sheriff-Coroner

James Dahl
Sheriff-Coroner

John Gomez
Sheriff-Coroner

Steven Herrera
Sheriff-Coroner

Roger Hilton
Sheriff-Coroner

Nhan Hoang
Sheriff-Coroner

Michael Jensen
Sheriff-Coroner

David Manos
Sheriff-Coroner

Thomas Matsudaira
Sheriff-Coroner

Ira McCoy
Sheriff-Coroner

James Nasser
Sheriff-Coroner

David Njust
Sheriff-Coroner

Sheryl Parent
Sheriff-Coroner

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**20 YEARS
CONTINUED**

David Pavlu
Sheriff-Coroner

Brian Peelle
Sheriff-Coroner

Gerald Perreira
Sheriff-Coroner

Gina Pressler
Sheriff-Coroner

Martin Ramirez
Sheriff-Coroner

Joseph Shebell
Sheriff-Coroner

Robert Simmons
Sheriff-Coroner

Steven Toliver
Sheriff-Coroner

Brian Tunque
Sheriff-Coroner

Raymond Ulmer
Sheriff-Coroner

Martin Vaca
Sheriff-Coroner

Lisa Vining
Sheriff-Coroner

Elizabeth Arellano
Social Services Agency

Marisela Avalos
Social Services Agency

Rudy Banuelos
Social Services Agency

Angie Fitzgerald
Social Services Agency

Jo Anne Hussey
Social Services Agency

Peter Luna
Social Services Agency

Deborah Moodie
Social Services Agency

Kenneth Santini
Social Services Agency

Quynh-Anh Dinh
Treasurer-Tax Collector



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