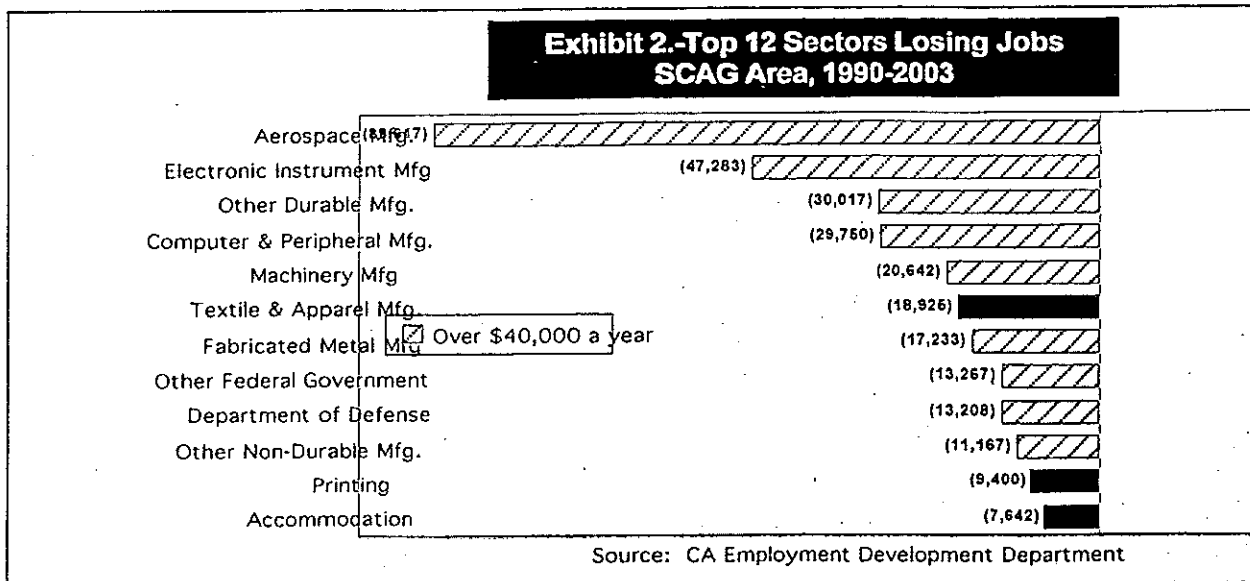
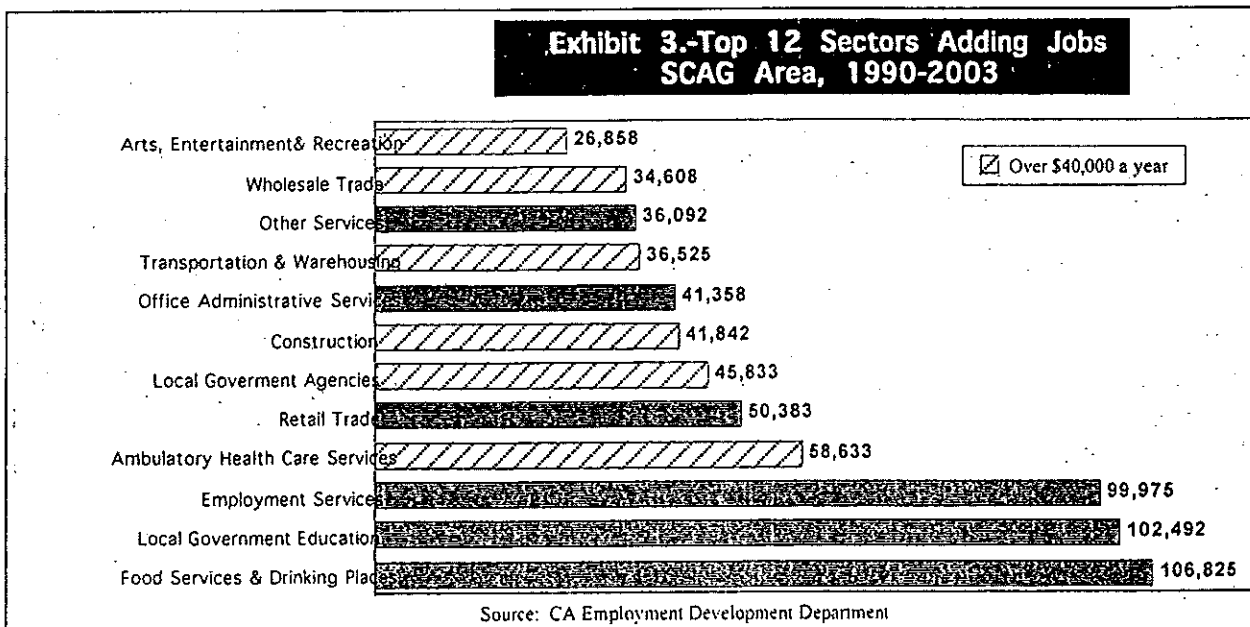


ables, computer & peripherals, machinery, fabricated metals, other non-durables, plus the defense and non-defense federal government.

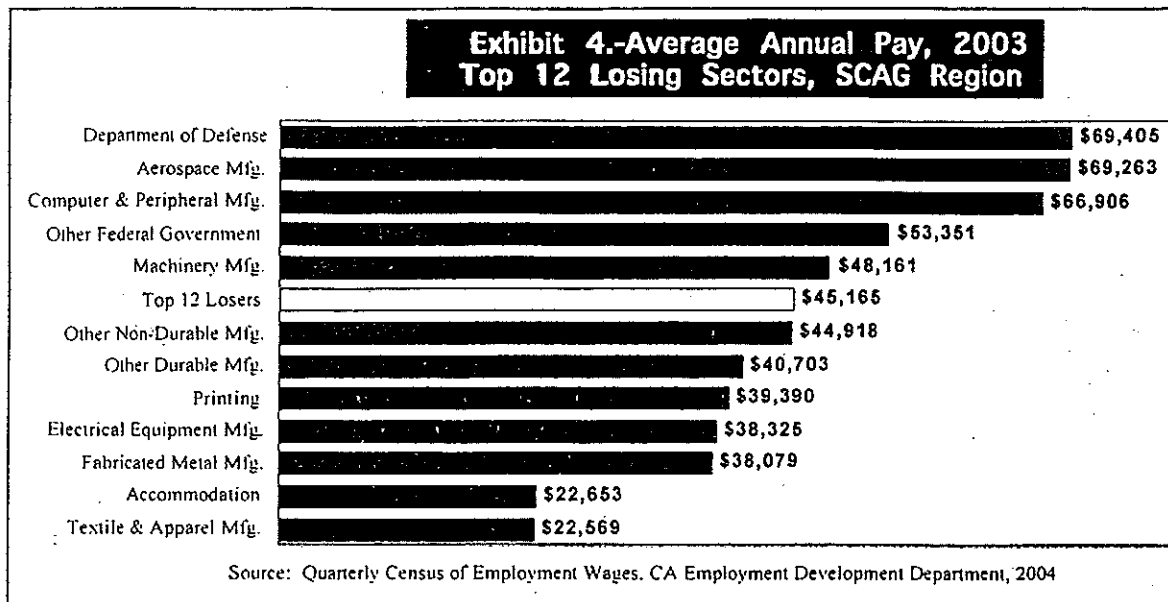


The 12 winning sectors represented a net gain of 681,425 jobs (*Exhibit 3*). Of these, 229,313 or 33.7% were in six sectors earning over \$40,000 a year in 2003 (*striped bars*) including arts, entertainment and recreation; wholesale trade; transportation and warehousing; construction; local government agencies and ambulatory health care. The other 452,108 included strong growth in food service and drinking places; employment services; and retail trade, three of the economy's lowest paying sectors.

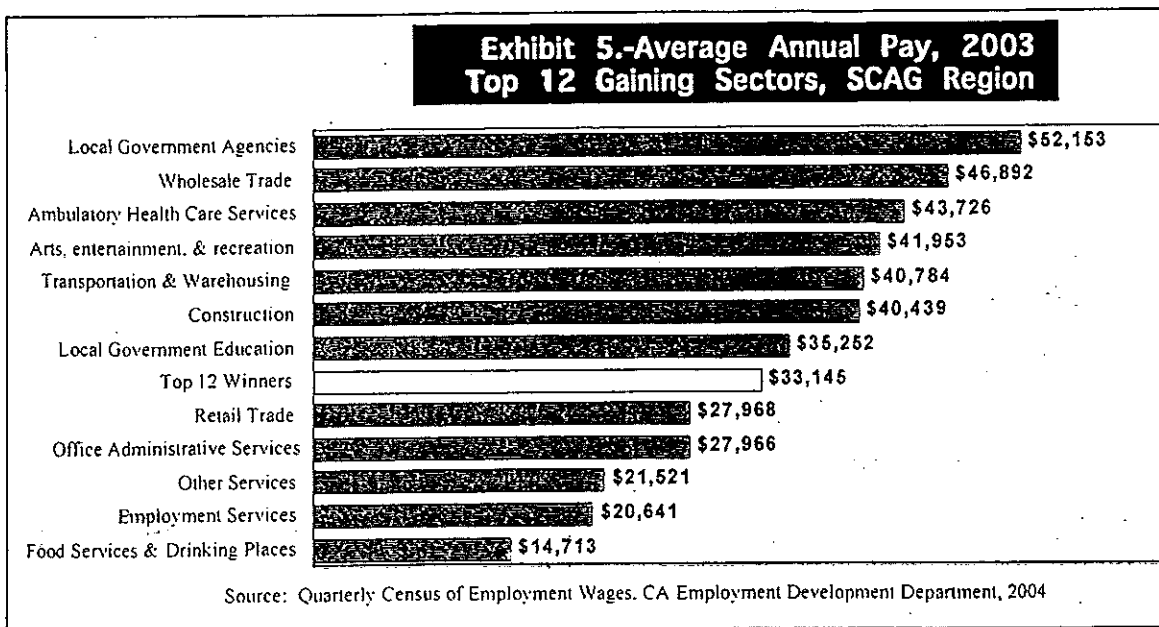


**Southern California Losing Sectors That Don't Have To Stay.** A second issue of importance in looking at the gaining and losing sectors is that most losing sectors are in fields that do not have to be in Southern California either to directly access its growing population, Hollywood

or the ports. The opposite is true for the growing sectors. In them, firms must stay in the area. Transportation and warehousing, wholesale trade and much of the employment agency activity is directly related to either international trade or serving the region's huge population. Construction and the service sectors need the area's residents. Arts, entertainment and recreation have grown because of Hollywood, theme parks and the increased local population.



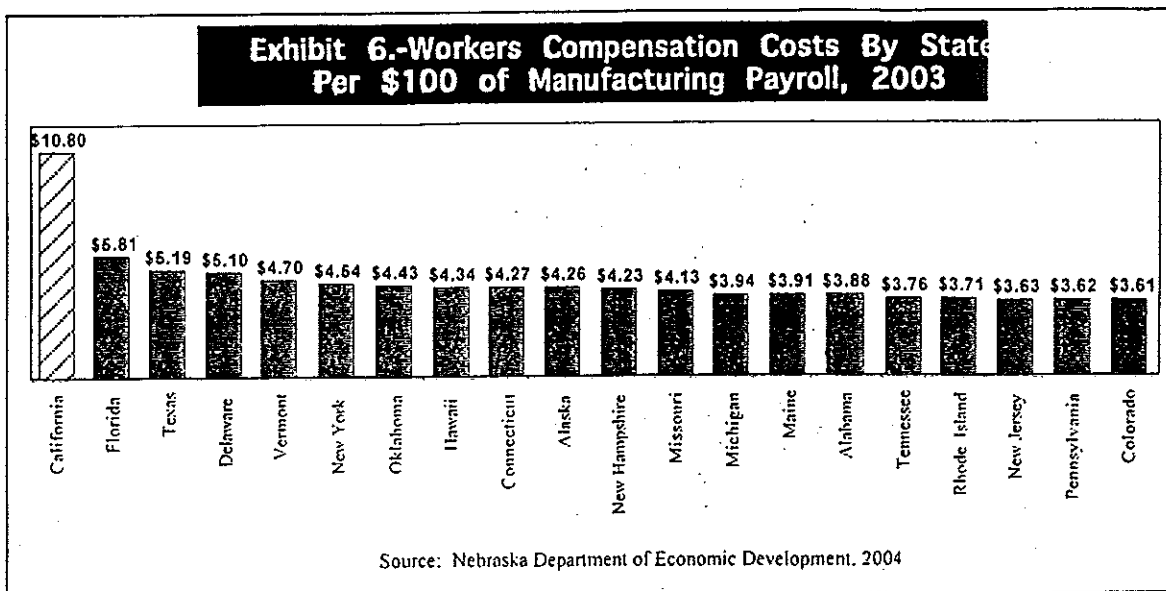
**Higher Pay Scales In Shrinking Sectors.** For Southern California, the deterioration of its ranking on the basis of per capita income or pay per job is underscored in looking at the 2003 average weekly pay levels in top losing and gaining sectors. Using average annual wages and salaries in 2003, the 12 sectors losing the most jobs had a weighted average pay scale of \$45,165. Three sectors averaged over \$65,000: Department of Defense (\$69,405), aerospace manufacturing (\$69,263) and computers and peripheral manufacturing (\$66,906). Only two sectors averaged under \$35,000: accommodation (\$22,653) shrank due to the 9-11 effect; and textile and apparel manufacturing (\$22,569) which is moving offshore (*Exhibit 4*).



At the same time, the 12 expanding sectors had weighted average wages and salaries of just \$33,145. That was \$12,020 or 26.6% below the average pay level for the 12 losing sectors. No sector averaged over \$65,000. The highest was \$52,153 for local government followed by wholesale trade at \$46,892 and ambulatory health services (*doctors, dentists, labs*) at \$43,726. Five sectors earned less than \$30,000 and they included two of the three fastest growing sectors: food and drinking places (\$14,713) and employment agencies (\$20,641).

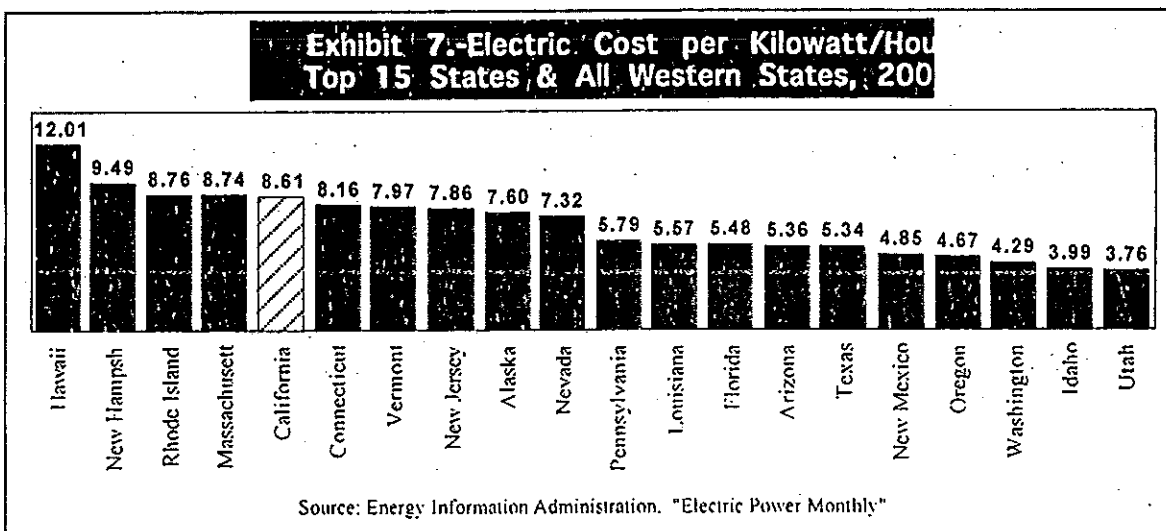
**High Cost Environment.** Why is Southern California losing high paying sectors that have a choice of where they can locate, while retaining those that need access to its growing population or coastal location? Much of the answer lies in the fact that the region is a very high cost area. Companies with the option to locate anywhere thus tend to either avoid California, put their job growth elsewhere or, in extreme cases, leave the state.

Three important cost categories highlight California's difficulties. The much publicized workers compensation insurance crisis is real. In 2003, the state's manufacturers paid an average of \$10.80 per \$100 of payroll (*Exhibit 6*). That is 85.9% higher than the \$5.81 in second placed Florida. The state's rate is 7-8 times those of such nearby competitive locations as Arizona (\$1.35), Utah (\$1.64) and Oregon (\$1.97).



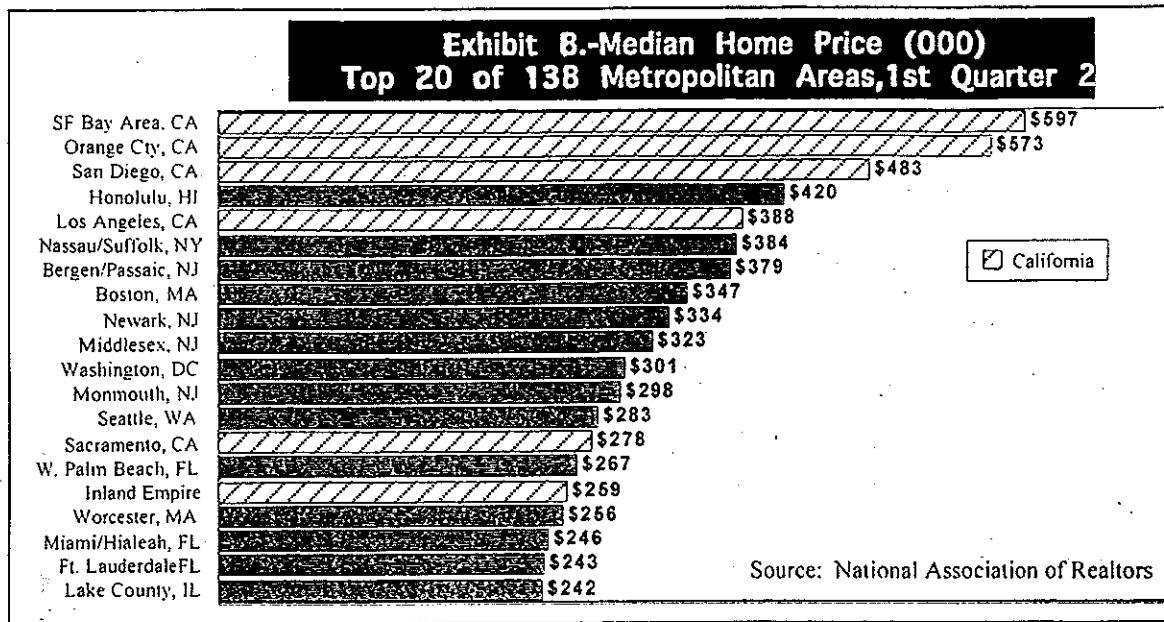
A second issue is that of electrical costs. Since the energy crisis, California's rates have become among the most expensive in the nation. In 2003, the average price per kilowatt hour for the state's industrial users was 8.61 cents, down from 10.83 cents in 2002. However, California still ranked fifth highest behind Hawaii (12.01), New Hampshire (9.49), Rhode Island (8.76) and Massachusetts (8.74). In the western states where California must directly compete, the state's industrial rates were the highest in the region. Nevada was the next at 7.32 cents per kilowatt hour or 15.0% less. Arizona was next at 5.36 cents or 37.7% less. The least expensive power in the west was in Utah at 3.76 cents per kilowatt hour or 56.3% below California.

Another issue of concern to companies is the median price of housing in California. This is the case as it is becoming increasingly difficult for workers to afford homes in the state. In some counties, this even applies to executives, professionals and high technology specialists.



The problem is seen in that of the 138 metropolitan housing markets in the United States, four of the five highest median prices were in California in first quarter 2004. The top three were in the

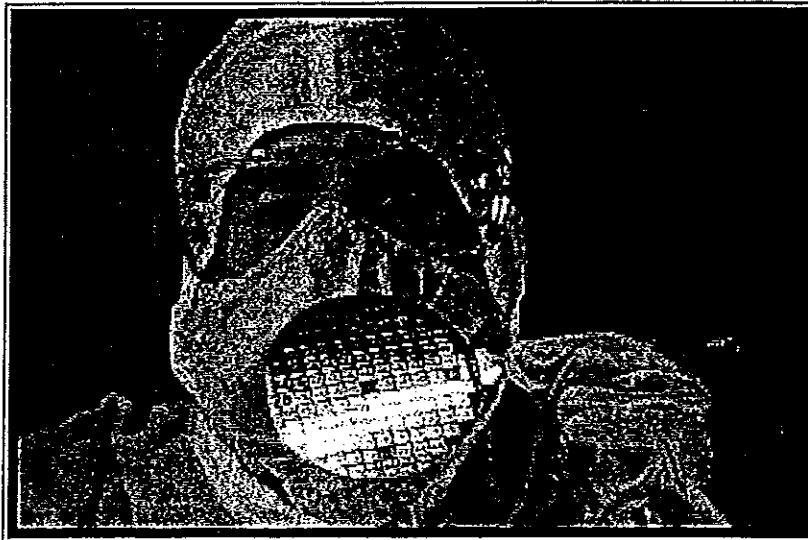
state: San Francisco Bay Area (\$597,000), Orange County (\$573,000) and San Diego County (\$483,000). Los Angeles ranked fifth (\$388,000) after Honolulu (\$420,000). Significantly, even the ostensibly "affordable" Inland Empire (\$259,000) was 16<sup>th</sup> highest of the 138 markets.



In a capitalistic economy, relative costs like these have meant that California is at a disadvantage in attempting to grow, lure or hold firms that can locate anywhere. This is particularly true in sectors where intense competitive pressures on the supply side or the cyclical performance of demand have squeezed profit margins. That has applied to the manufacturing sector in recent years. It has occurred in the technology group, first, with the dot.com bust and the lack of corporate investment, now, with the rise of low cost Asian competitors. In the early 1990's, it was definitely a factor in the demise of the state's once thriving aerospace and defense sectors.

It also means that local companies are increasingly putting their expansions outside the state. And, in the worst cases, companies have left the state. Recently, this has occurred with printing and the plastics firms both of which use a lot of electricity. It certainly applied to aerospace in the early 1990's.

While these factors have tended to stymied the sectors of California's economy in which geographic competition is important, they have had much less impact on those sectors that must locate in the midst of the state's huge and growing population, or near its ports and studios. Here, California is a bit like a monopoly. Firms that need access to these assets have no choice but to adapt to its high cost environment. They have thus propelled the state's growth. Unfortunately, the pay scales in the largest of these growing sectors have been relatively low compared to the pay scales in the largest of the shrinking sectors. This is the reason for the falling per capita income and average pay per job in the SCAG region.



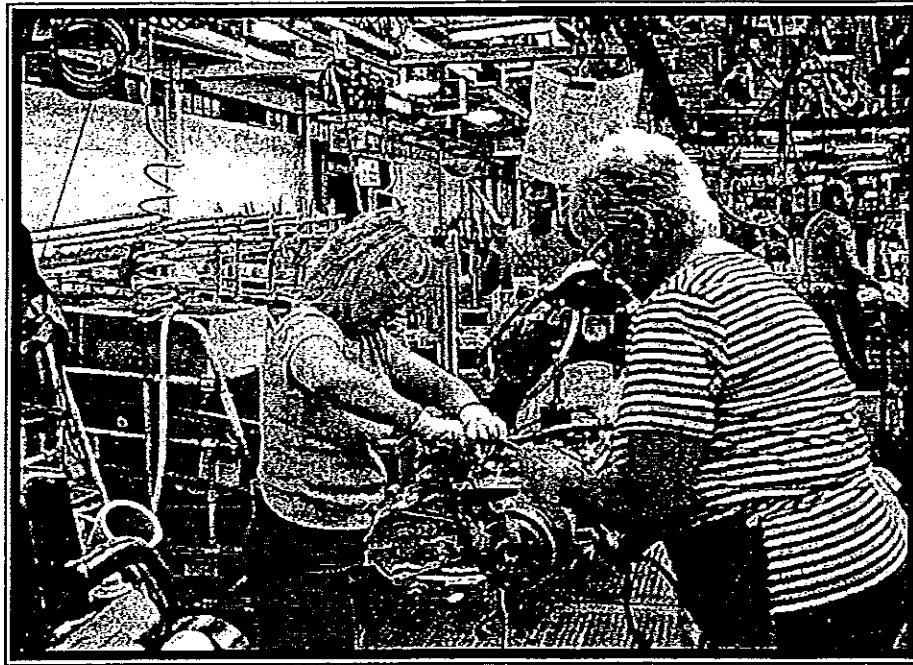
**Path To Prosperity: The Entrepreneurial-Education Approach.** Historically, California has always been a high priced location. And, throughout its history, mature companies with tight profit margins have tended to flee to other locations. However, mature companies are generally not the ones that create jobs in America. That has been the rôle of smaller entrepreneurial firms. California has built the sixth largest economy on earth (*current exchange rates*) largely because its wide-open attitudes have drawn a population of risk takers from across the country and around the world. This has created a culture that nurtures experimentation and has proven to be a spawning ground for entrepreneurship. The companies they start have tended to ignore the state's high cost difficulties during their periods of formation and maturation.

When the state's risk taking culture is connected to the ideas and research flowing from California's extraordinarily successful higher education system and its wealth of well-educated people, the mix has created entirely new industries that have propelled its economy. This was the original genesis of its success in aeronautics, aerospace and defense. More recently, it has applied to the computer, software and bio-technical revolutions.

Today, this framework largely remains intact, though it is fraying due to the budget crisis and the cutbacks in funding for the University of California and California State University systems. There is no question that investment in these systems is among the state's most important long term economic policies. So also is investment in the K-12, regional occupational programs and community college systems since increasingly the sectors that can propel the state's economy require better educated workers at all levels of service, production and management.

Put simply, as long as California lures entrepreneurs, nurtures ideas and produces well-educated workers, its future will be intact ... to a point.

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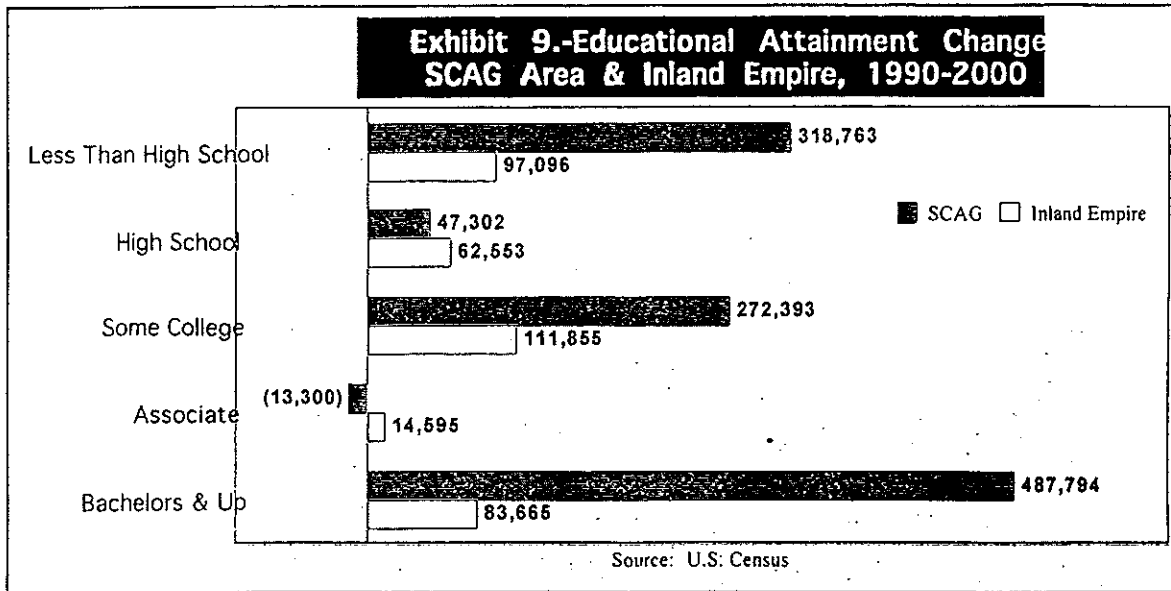


**Path To Prosperity: Challenge of the Marginally Educated.** Unfortunately, this approach to economic development will not attack a more insidious problem affecting California. That is the state's huge and rising number of poorly educated adult workers and the continuing flow of marginally educated young people into the labor force. Historically, this group has been impervious to education based strategies. Rather, they have chosen to achieve upward social mobility through work experience and on-the-job learning. This life strategy has been the most successful for workers employed in organizations with "job ladders" up which they could move over time. However, the long term demise of California's manufacturing sector has removed the principal source of such opportunities. This is the most likely reason for the decline in Southern California's per capita income and average pay per job. If another such vertically organized work environment is not created, California will likely see its economy increasingly divide into a world of well-educated haves and marginally-educated have-nots, a brutal future for the Golden State.

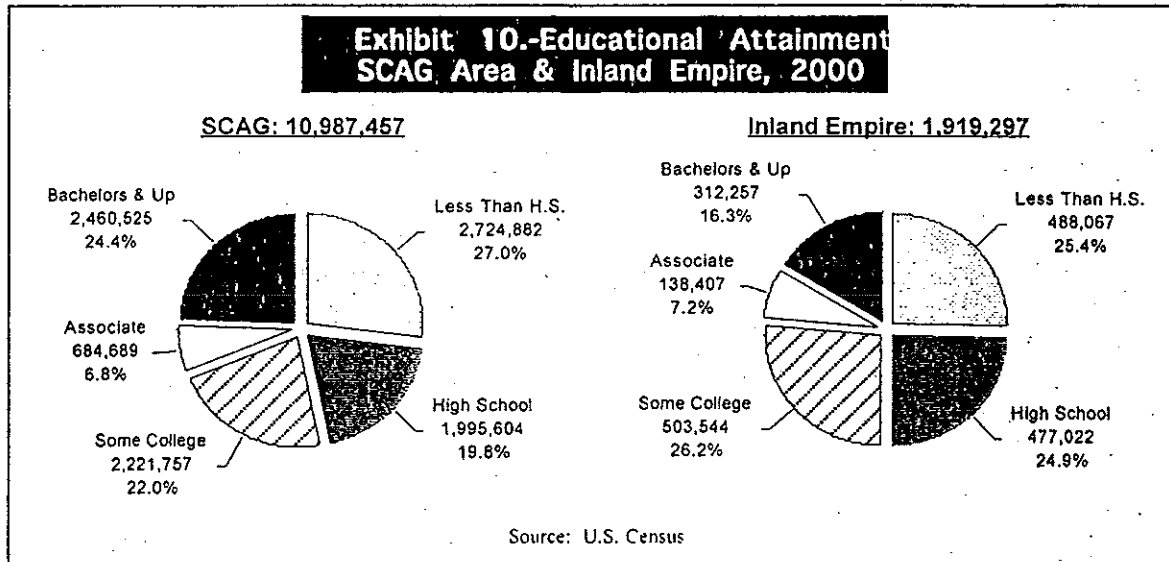
From 1990-2000, the dimension of the problem can be seen in the fact that of the 1,112,952 adults aged 25 and over added in the SCAG area, 318,763 were people who did not have a high school diploma (28.6% of gain). Another 47,302 people stopped their educations at high school and 272,363 had taken some college classes but not achieved an associate of arts or higher degree (28.7% of gain). Together, they represented 57.4% of the increase in the region's population (Exhibit 9).

Note: The picture was more difficult in the Inland Empire, SCAG's fastest growing area,. Some 26.3% of the growth in adults was among people who had not finished high school (97,096). Another 62,553 stopped their educations with a high school diploma (16.9% of gain) while some 111,855 took college courses but did not receive a degree (30.3% of gain). Together, that represented 73.4% of the population gain.

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By the 2000 Census, these trends meant that there were 4.7 million adults in the SCAG area with no college experience (46.8%). Including those who tried some college classes but achieved no degree, there were 6.9 million (68.8%). In the Inland Empire, 965,089 adults had no college experience (50.3%). Adding those with some college classes but no degree took the number to 1.46 million (76.5%).

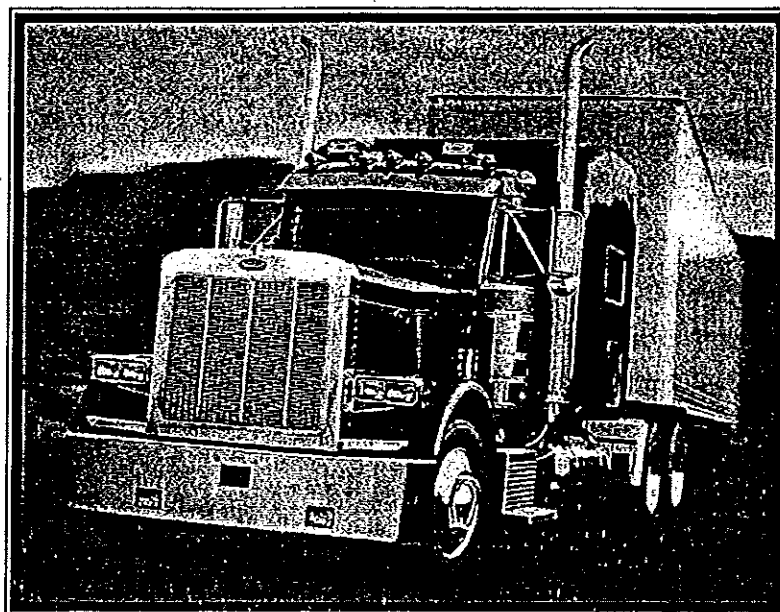


Even assuming that some college experience is sufficient education for today's job market, these data mean that nearly one of two people in the entire SCAG region and exactly that share in fast growing inland region are not well prepared for the modern economy. These are the workers in need of a workforce environment that replaces manufacturing and provides "skill ladders" up which they can move with increasing levels of experience and on-the-job learning. Unless that environment can be provided, these workers and California face a difficult future.

Logistics Group

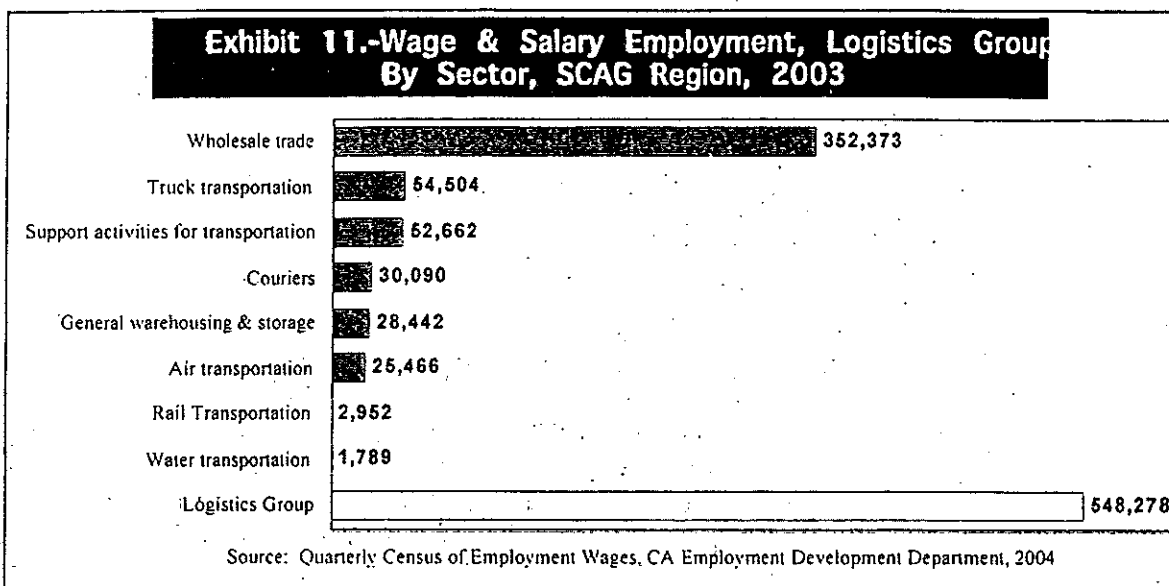


Fortunately for Southern California, the opportunity exists to encourage a group of sectors that has begun to provide large numbers of blue collar workers with access to the type of "skill ladder" circumstances that have traditionally only been found in manufacturing. This is the logistics group made up of the variety of sectors involved in receiving, processing, storing and moving goods (*Exhibit 11*). Altogether, the group included 38,706 firms in 2003 employing 548,278 workers. Their average annual wage and salary level was \$45,314. That year, they represented 9.3% of the SCAG area's employment. This was more than construction (5.7%) but less than manufacturing (14.7%). The sectors involved include:



- **Wholesale Trade** (352,373 workers, NAICS 42). These establishments engage in buying, selling, storing and transporting goods that ultimately will be used by other firms. They may be a subsidiary of a retail or production company (e.g., *Walmart; Toyota Motor Parts*). They may be a dedicated third party logistics firm that contracts to handle the movement and storage of merchandise for a single company (3PL). They may be involved with the products of many companies. In Southern California, many of these operations are involved in international trade. They normally handle durable (NAICS 421) or non-durable (NAICS 422) goods from warehouses. However, merchant wholesalers (NAICS 423 & 424) generally operate from offices and do not actually manage the storage of goods.
- **Truck Transportation** (54,504 workers, NAICS 484). These firms move goods within a region or across the country. They include companies that move full container loads of merchandise (e.g., *JB Hunt Transport Inc., Schneider National Inc.*). Other collect partial container loads throughout an area, move them to cross-docks where they are transferred into full containers bound for a single location (e.g., *Yellow Freight Systems; Roadway Express*). These containers are then either moved cross-country or to intermodal rail yards where they are transported cross-country. Once at their destination, the process is reversed.

- **Support Services For Transportation (52,662 workers, NAICS 488).** This eclectic group includes operations involved in such ancillary transportation functions as freight forwarding (*management of shipments across several modes of transportation*), the loading and unloading of ships and rail cars, motor vehicle towing, air traffic control or packaging and labeling services.
- **Non-Local Couriers (30,090 workers, NAICS 492110).** These companies generally move packages between metropolitan areas and around the world (*UPS; Federal Express*). They generally pick up packages and take them to a facility where they move “across a dock” into fully loaded rail or air cargo containers. These firms may be integrated with their own air cargo arm.



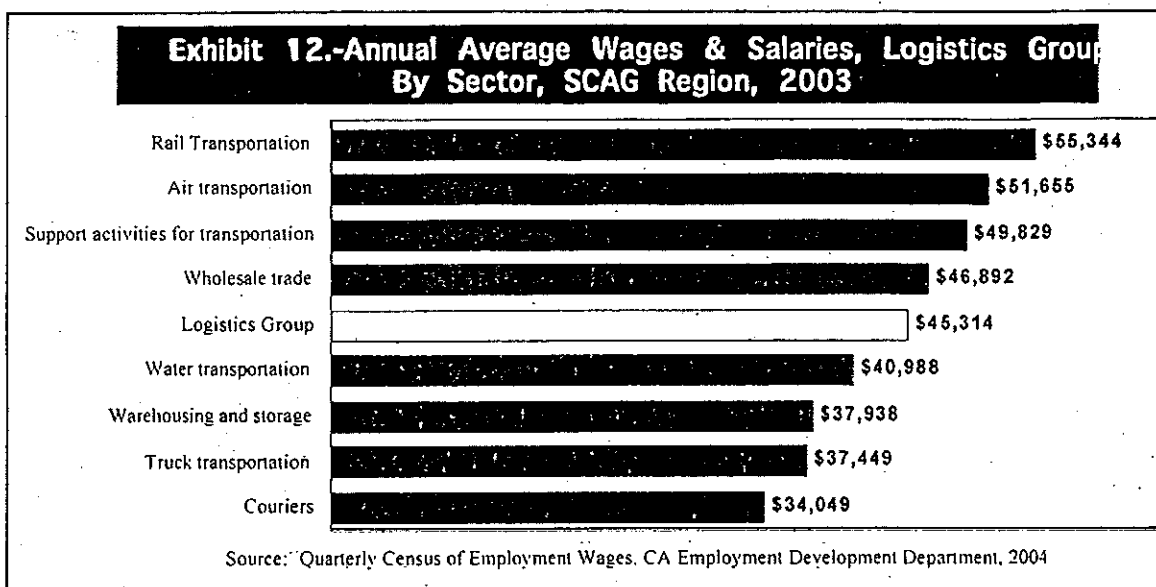
- **General Warehousing & Storage (28,442 workers, NAICS 493).** These are third party warehousing and storage operations that strictly hold general merchandise (*e.g., U.S. Logistics Corp.*), refrigerated products (*e.g., Amerigold Logistics*) or farm products (*e.g., Osram Sylvania Inc.*). This may also be the way the warehousing branch of a major retailer self-classifies an operation.
- **Air Transportation (25,466 workers, NAICS 481).** These operations include passenger airlines (*e.g., JetBlue Airways*), cargo airlines (*e.g., DHL Airways*) and companies integrating both activities (*e.g., Korean Air*). Los Angeles International Airport (*LAX*) has cross-docks that allow air cargo shipments to be assembled into air cargo containers headed for specific destinations. A similar facility is in the planning stages for Ontario International Airport (*ONT*).
- **Rail Transportation (2,952 workers, NAICS 482).** These entities move goods long distances by rail. Southern California is served by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (*BNSF*) and Union Pacific Southern Pacific Railroad (*UPSP*). These firms operate intermodal yards to which trucking firms either bring or pick-up containers moving in and out

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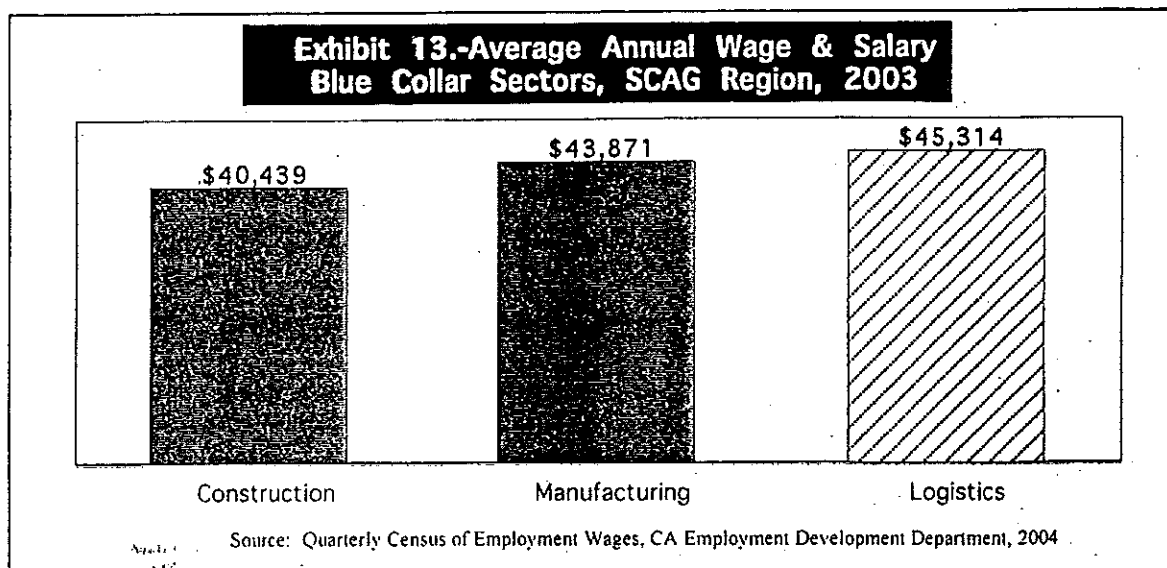
of the Southland by rail. Most of this work is outsourced to contractors who operate from within the yards.

- **Water Transportation** (1,789 workers, NAICS 483). These are the shipping lines that operate out of the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (e.g., *American President Lines*). Primarily, they are involved in the movement of containers between Southern California and the Far East.

**Logistics: Strong Average Annual Pay.** Within these sectors, the average annual wage and salary levels in 2003 were relatively strong (*Exhibit 12*). The highest pay was in the rail transportation (\$55,344), air transportation (\$51,655) and support services for transportation (\$49,829) sectors. The lowest was in the couriers (\$34,049), truck transportation (\$37,449) and warehousing and storage (\$37,938) sectors. Significantly, the weighted average for the group was \$45,314.



Importantly, annual average pay within the logistics group was higher than either the construction (\$40,439) or manufacturing (\$43,871) industries. In addition, two of the three largest segments of the logistics group respectively paid more than the two other blue collar sectors: wholesale trade (\$46,892) and support activities for transportation (\$49,829).



**Logistics: Defined Skill Ladders.** Within the sub-sectors that make up the logistics group, there are a wide variety of opportunities for workers to increase their incomes with job experience and on-the-job learning. Below four sub-sectors are used to illustrate this point (*Exhibit 14*): trucking/couriers; freight arranging; wholesale furniture and wholesale chemicals. They were chosen as they are representative of the types of firms within the logistics group. In each case, eight levels of training and/or experience are shown plus the number of occupational types, amount of employment and share of jobs in the category. In addition, the average pay for all occupations in the range is given plus the pay for the highest and lowest paying occupations.

<b>Exhibit 14.-Skill &amp; Pay Ranges, Four Sample Logistics Sectors, 2003</b>						
Trucking & Couriers	Job Types	Jobs	Share	Low Pay	Avg. Annual Pay	High Pay
Work Experience. Plus a Bachelor's or Higher	10	7,000	3.9%	\$57,541	\$98,297	\$159,003
Bachelor's Degree	7	1,100	0.6%	\$48,454	\$59,214	\$63,133
Work Experience	8	6,100	3.4%	\$34,807	\$51,182	\$83,440
Associate Degree	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Post-Secondary Vocational Education	4	1,800	1.0%	\$25,796	\$34,142	\$40,398
Long-Term On-the-Job Training	7	6,500	3.6%	\$34,080	\$39,381	\$69,104
Moderate-Term On-the-Job Training	9	15,600	8.7%	\$26,427	\$34,804	\$54,771
Short-Term On-the-Job Training	38	140,700	78.7%	\$16,785	\$31,012	\$39,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>178,800</b>	<b>100.0%</b>			
Freight Arranging	Job Types	Jobs	Share	Low Pay	Avg. Annual Pay	High Pay
Work Experience. Plus a Bachelor's or Higher	9	5,000	13.6%	\$57,541	\$99,626	\$159,003
Bachelor's Degree	10	2,100	5.7%	\$48,454	\$64,291	\$86,346
Work Experience	5	1,100	3.0%	\$39,169	\$54,425	\$83,440
Associate Degree	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Post-Secondary Vocational Education	3	1,300	3.5%	\$25,796	\$35,687	\$40,398
Long-Term On-the-Job Training	5	700	1.9%	\$34,080	\$43,152	\$69,104
Moderate-Term On-the-Job Training	4	6,100	16.5%	\$33,230	\$41,612	\$48,468
Short-Term On-the-Job Training	17	20,600	55.8%	\$21,732	\$30,515	\$37,128
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>36,900</b>	<b>100.0%</b>			
Wholesale Furniture	Job Types	Jobs	Share	Low Pay	Avg. Annual Pay	High Pay

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Work Experience. Plus a Bachelor's or Higher	8	2,700	8.2%	\$57,541	\$100,837	\$159,003
Bachelor's Degree	8	1,500	4.6%	\$26,841	\$51,038	\$63,133
Work Experience	6	1,700	5.2%	\$20,865	\$42,215	\$83,440
Associate Degree		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Post-Secondary Vocational Education	2	800	2.4%	\$31,679	\$38,218	\$40,398
Long-Term On-the-Job Training	8	1,900	5.8%	\$19,325	\$40,093	\$69,104
Moderate-Term On-the-Job Training	8	6,900	21.0%	\$17,699	\$43,610	\$54,745
Short-Term On-the-Job Training	21	17,400	52.9%	\$18,699	\$25,066	\$39,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>32,900</b>	<b>100.0%</b>			
<b>Wholesale Chemical</b>	<b>Job Types</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Low Pay</b>	<b>Avg. Annual Pay</b>	<b>High Pay</b>
Work Experience. Plus a Bachelor's or Higher	5	1,500	8.3%	\$57,541	\$105,921	\$159,003
Bachelor's Degree	6	800	4.4%	\$48,454	\$59,082	\$80,737
Work Experience	5	800	4.4%	\$29,188	\$46,632	\$56,871
Associate Degree	2	300	1.7%	\$38,165	\$41,706	\$48,789
Post-Secondary Vocational Education	2	400	2.2%	\$31,679	\$36,039	\$40,398
Long-Term On-the-Job Training	3	1,000	5.6%	\$34,080	\$51,715	\$69,104
Moderate-Term On-the-Job Training	8	6,100	33.9%	\$22,396	\$51,015	\$74,041
Short-Term On-the-Job Training	16	7,100	39.4%	\$18,699	\$26,962	\$39,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>			

Source: CA Employment Development Department. CA Staffing Patterns by Sectors, CA Occupational Employment Statistics, 2003

For workers with limited educations, there are several significant facts shown by these data:

- **Most Jobs Require Experience Not Schooling.** The vast majority of jobs require short, moderate or long term on-the-job learn, not degrees. This means the logistics group provides upwardly mobile opportunities to the large and growing number of marginally educated workers in Southern California. Among the four sectors studied, the shares of jobs in these categories were: trucking & couriers (91.1%); freight arranging (74.3%); wholesale furniture (79.6%); wholesale chemical (78.9%).
- **No Minimum Wage Work.** In each case, the occupations that required the lowest level of experience or training (*short term on-the-job training*) offer entry level workers relatively low pay levels, but in no case are they minimum wage jobs:
  - trucking & couriers paid \$16,785 (\$8.07 an hour)
  - freight arranging paid \$21,732 (\$10.45 an hour)
  - wholesale furniture paid \$18,699 (\$8.99 an hour)
  - wholesale chemical \$18,699 (\$8.99 an hour)
- **Proceeding Up Skill Ladder To Average Pay Levels Yields Healthy Incomes.** When workers stick with firms in these sectors, they can proceed up to average pay levels that are relatively strong, even if they never get out of the lowest category of work. Thus, the average lowest grade annual pay levels are:
  - trucking & couriers paid \$31,012 (\$14.91 an hour)
  - freight arranging paid \$30,515 (\$14.67 an hour)
  - wholesale furniture paid \$25,066 (\$12.05 an hour)

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- wholesale chemical paid \$26,962 (*\$12.96 an hour*)
- **Longer Experience Gives Higher Incomes.** For workers with ambition, the positions in for the *moderate* and *long* term, on-the-job training offers higher average pay levels:
  - trucking & couriers go up to averages of \$34,804 (*moderate*) and \$39,381 (*long*)
  - freight arranging goes up to averages of \$41,612 (*moderate*) and \$43,152 (*long*)
  - wholesale furniture goes up to averages of \$43,610 (*moderate*) and \$40,093 (*long*)
  - wholesale chemical reaches averages of \$51,015 (*moderate*) and \$51,715 (*long*)

**Logistics: Information Technology Reason For High Pay Scales.** It has been common wisdom that the warehousing and distribution sector is one that does not pay well. Certainly, this was true in earlier times when the sector was labor intensive and used a minimum of capital equipment. As the data show, this is no longer valid. The shift has occurred because of the advent of “just-in-time” inventory control systems in the nation’s manufacturers and retailers and the adoption of robotics and information technology by the logistics industry. The result is a logistics group that has become one of the most capital and information intensive parts of the U.S. economy. As often happens, worker pay has risen with efficiency.

An examination of how the logistics now operates shows how it has been affected by technology:

- In 2004, most of the goods and parts used by retailers and manufacturers are bar coded. When they are sold or used, laser scanners tell corporate computers that these items have left inventory. These systems are programmed to only order new supplies after inventories have reached pre-determined low levels. This “just-in-time” process lowers the risks of firms buying items they will never use. It also reduces their costs since at any given time less inventory is being held and financed.
- At the other end of the ordering process, logistics firms usually receive their orders through the internet or e-mail connections. They also provide systems that allow their customers to track the location of their merchandise. The office staffs of logistics companies must therefore be computer literate.
- Once received, orders are normally transmitted to the warehouse floor via computer terminals. Floor supervisors must therefore be computer savvy. Since modern warehouses range up to 1.3 million square feet of space (*30 acres*), supervisors often maintain contact with their staffs by a personal digital assistant, technology that warehouse workers must master. The orders to pick-up merchandise ultimately are put into a paper format including bar codes that the staff must attach to the merchandise.

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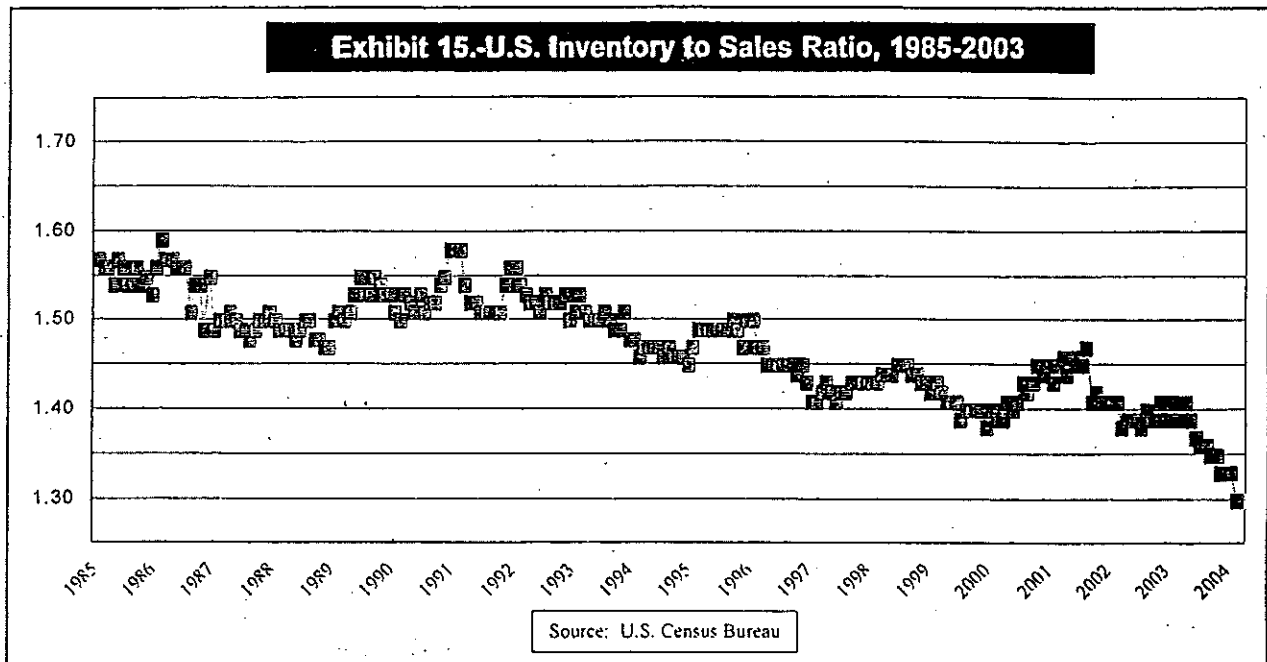


- Most of the staff in today's modern warehouses move merchandise from storage racks on to conveyor belts using fork lifts capable of reaching up to 40-foot heights. In the process, bar codes are placed on to the orders so that laser scanners can route them along the conveyors to the appropriate shipping bays. In the most sophisticated warehouses, robotic equipment is now performing these "picking" tasks.
- When shipments are placed into containers, global positioning satellite (*GPS*) chips are often attached to them so that they can be tracked around the world. When shipments are packed loosely into trucks, the vehicles themselves are often equipped with this technology. The companies thus need their staffs be trained in using this tracking software.
- As drivers move shipments, they maintain frequent communicate with their offices using web-based systems in the cabs of their trucks. Those drivers making numerous deliveries likely have a *GPS* system on board to help them follow routes that minimize travel time and distance. Again, the staff must be trained in the use of these systems. In addition, the routes they travel have been planned by office workers who must be knowledgeable in the use of geographic information systems software (*GIS*).
- With more and more merchandise entering Southern California's warehouses from Asia, product quality has become an supply chain management issue. As a result, firms are hiring an increasing number of workers to open shipments and randomly test whether they meet product quality standards. This requires workers able to use a variety of sophisticated measuring tools.
- A growing number of firms are including manufacturing or assembly operations within their warehousing facilities. This is adding to the types of jobs available within them.

It is this information and capital intensive world that has allowed the nation's goods to flow at the speed that they do now. The sector's pay scales have risen as a result.

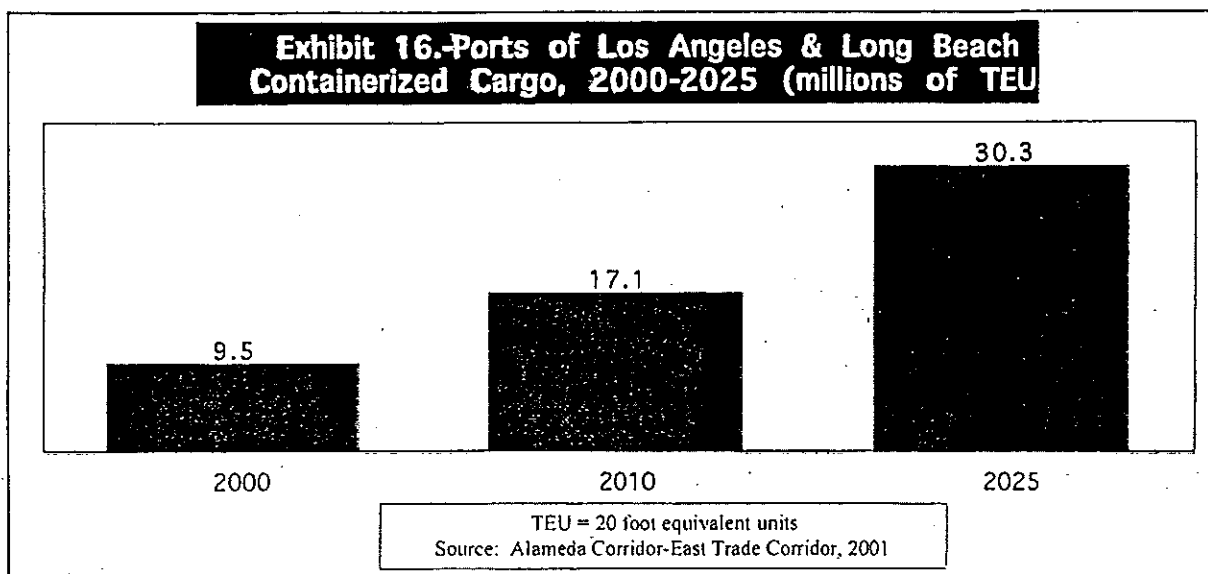
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**Logistics: Powerful Long Term Potential In Southern California.** Meanwhile, the growth of employment in the logistics sector should not be a short term phenomenon. Earlier, it was shown that the logistics group was among the few non-population related parts of Southern California's economy to provide significant job growth from 1990-1993. Thus, wholesale trade plus transportation/warehousing added 71,133 jobs in this period (*Exhibit 3 earlier*). In the recovery phase from 1993-2003, they were responsible for 95,133 new jobs. This occurred as trade with Asia soared and just-in-time systems caused the level of inventory held by U.S. companies per dollar of sales fall to the lowest level in U.S. history (*Exhibit 15*). At the same time, just-in-time systems have led to the creation of a series of large goods holding and processing areas in the United States. Given the importance of Asian trade, Southern California is one of these centers.

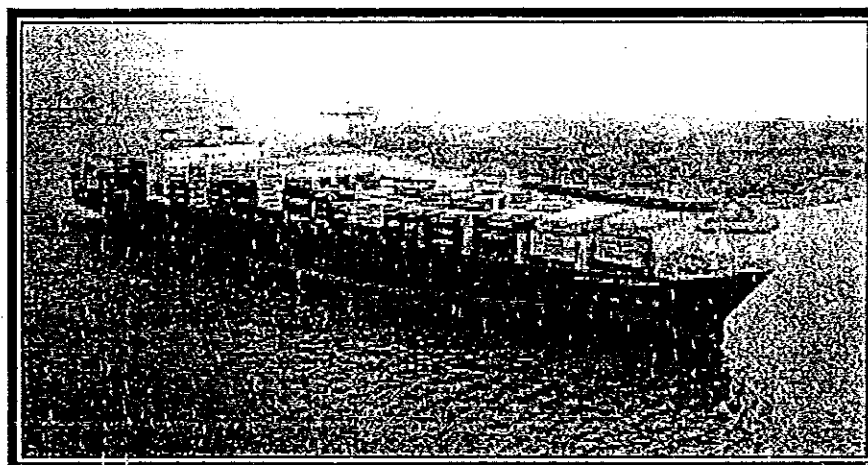


- International Trade.** Looking ahead, it is clear that the volume of international trade expected to arrive in Southern California will continue to set all time records. The Chinese economy is expected to continue its rapid growth with India joining it. The Japanese appear to be emerging from its long period of economic malaise. Smaller Asian countries like Korea, Malaysia and Singapore are again surging. At the same time, the technology of sea borne containerized traffic is changing with the advent of huge "post-Panamax" super-cargo ships. These container ships are too wide to go through the Panama Canal. They require so much water depth that the only West Coast ports from Alaska to Chile able to handle them are Los Angeles and Long Beach and Seattle-Tacoma harbors.



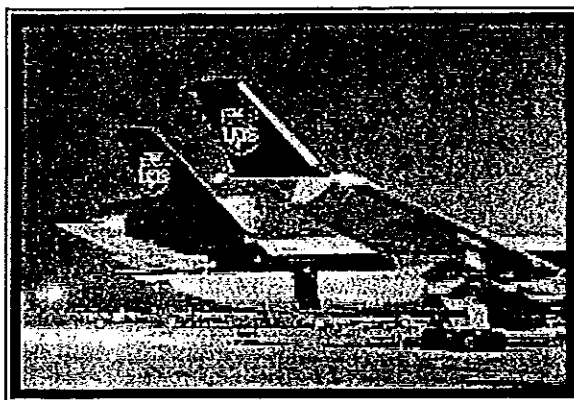


Combined, these two developments have led SCAG to forecast that from 2000-2010 the number of standardized cargo containers (*TEU=twenty-foot equivalent units*) moving through Southern California's ports will rise from 9.5 million in 2000 to 17.1 million in 2010, a gain of 80.6% (*Exhibit 16*). By 2025, the volume is anticipated to reach 30.3 million containers, more than triple the 2000 level. This will put an incredible strain on the companies, workers and infrastructure that must off-load, move, unload, store and distribute this cargo. Commensurate with this growth, the amount of employment supplied by firms in the largely blue collar logistics sector must rise dramatically.

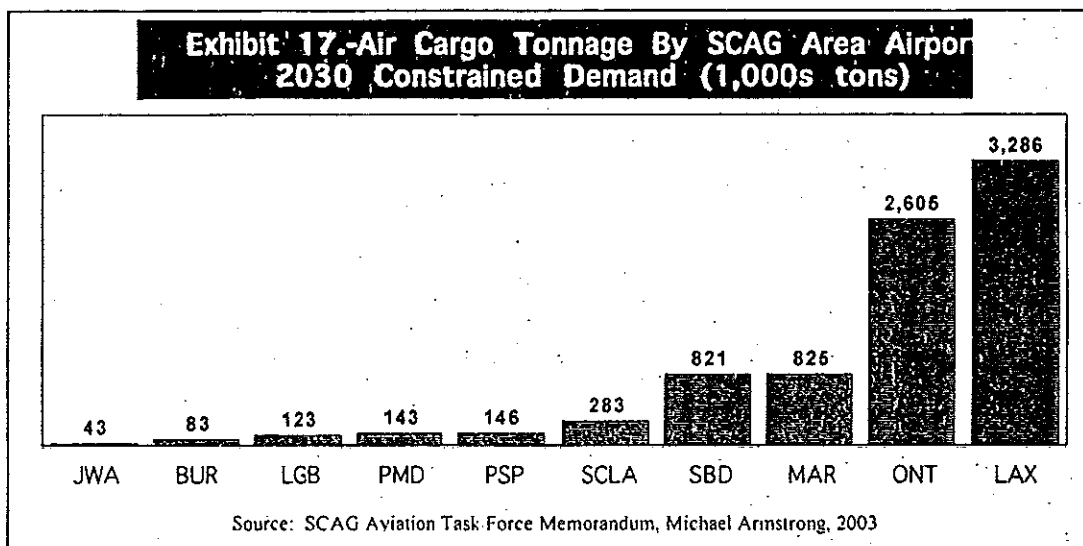


- **E-Commerce.** Another aspect of the logistics sector's growth is the increasing importance of e-commerce. In 2001, Forester Research, a specialist in technology issues, indicated that on-line sales represented \$51.3 billion or 2.4% of the \$2,160 billion in U.S. retail sales. In 2002, this jumped by 41% to \$72.1 billion. That represented 3.2% of the nation's \$2,250 billion in total retail trade. Initially, many e-commerce firms failed because they could not reliably get products to their customers. Today, the key to success is their ability to deliver goods through efficient supply chain management systems. That is virtually the same challenge faced by wholesalers delivering inventories to businesses

using just-in-time inventory systems though these firms have the added complexity of needing to reach nearly every home in America, if not much of the world.

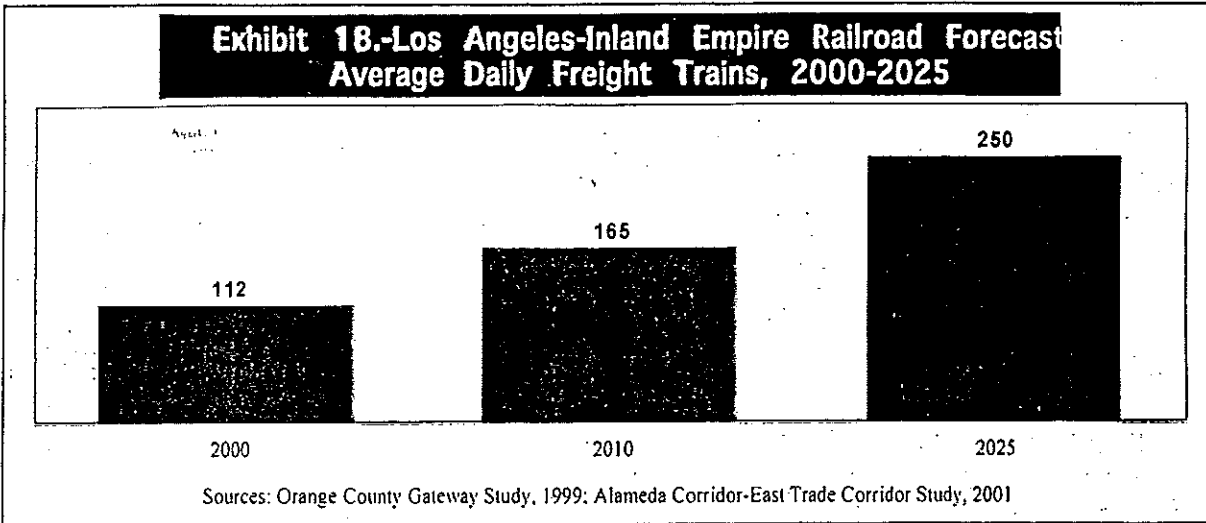


Given the level of international trade and entrepreneurship in Southern California, the provision of logistics for e-commerce firms is an important aspect of the area's warehousing sector and one that will grow along with this accelerating phenomena. Its importance can be implied from the region's air cargo figures. In 2002, Federal Express (525,078 tons) and UPS (383,078 tons) represented 37.1% of all air freight moving through LAX and ONT. An increasing share of this activity was undoubtedly related to e-commerce.



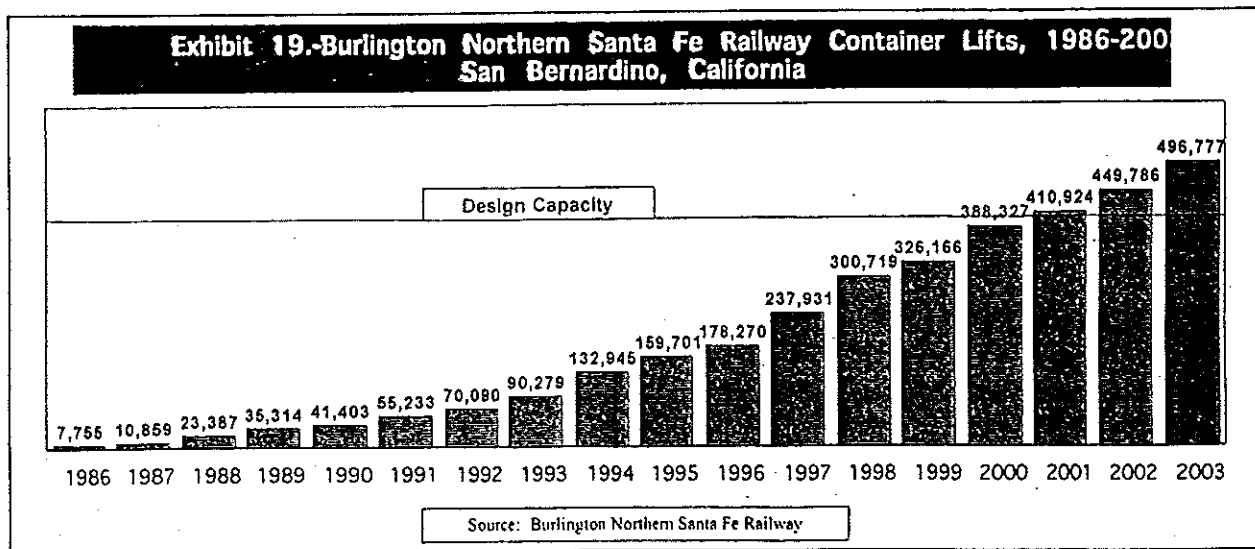
- Air Cargo.** Certainly, the growth of all forms of air cargo is another aspect of the anticipated increase in Southern California's logistics sector. In 2002, this activity totaled 2.6 million tons. By 2030, SCAG forecasts that this will more than triple to 8.4 million tons. This will occur because of the need for very high speed delivery among small, high value items like computer parts and pharmaceuticals. There will thus be an enormous expansion in the air cargo moving through Southland's airports. Here, it is interesting to note that in 2002, LAX handled 1.9 million tons of air cargo or 71% of the region's total. In 2030, the spread of logistics activities will see it handling 3.3 million tons or only 39% of the region's total (*Exhibit 17*).

- **Railroads.** Another sign of the enormous strength of Southern California's logistics sector is the growth of railroad activity. In 2000, an average of 112 freight trains per day left the Los Angeles area to move through Orange County and the Inland Empire before moving on to points east. By 2010, SCAG forecasts that this will rise to 165 a day, an increase of 47.3%. By 2025, the level is expected to have more than doubled to 250, an increase of 123.2% (*Exhibit 18*). To handle this volume, there will have to be a significant increase in the amount of track available to UPSP and BNSF railroads. Importantly, this forecast does not include allowance for shuttle trains moving unsorted containers between the harbors and the inland area (*see below*).



Another aspect of the railroad business is the growth that has occurred in the volume of intermodal lifts at the region's rail yards. These are the facilities where containers are transferred by trains and trucks. Perhaps the most telling example of how aggressive the volume of cargo being handled in Southern California has become is what has occurred at BNSF's expanded intermodal facility in San Bernardino. When this expansion opened in 1996 with 178,270 containers lifts, the railroad indicated that it expected the yard to reach its 400,000 lift design capacity in 2006. In fact, volume surpassed that level in 2001 even though the facility handles no international freight (*Exhibit 19*).

Looking ahead, BNSF and UPSP indicate that they will need at least one new intermodal yard a piece to keep up with the expanded volume of containers they anticipate handling in the near future. In addition, with international trade at the ports growing dramatically, it is clear that the speed at which containers need to be moved to processing centers must accelerate. The Alameda Corridor will help. However, the intermodal yards in Commerce-Vernon are too cramped to keep up. This means that unsorted, loaded containers will need to be shipped inland by rail for processing. This will require yet another intermodal facility, one located in the Inland Empire and dedicated to handling this aspect of international trade. It would have the added benefit of removing trucks from the freeways between Los Angeles County and the Inland Empire since that is how many of the containers containing goods bound for storage in the inland region are currently moved.



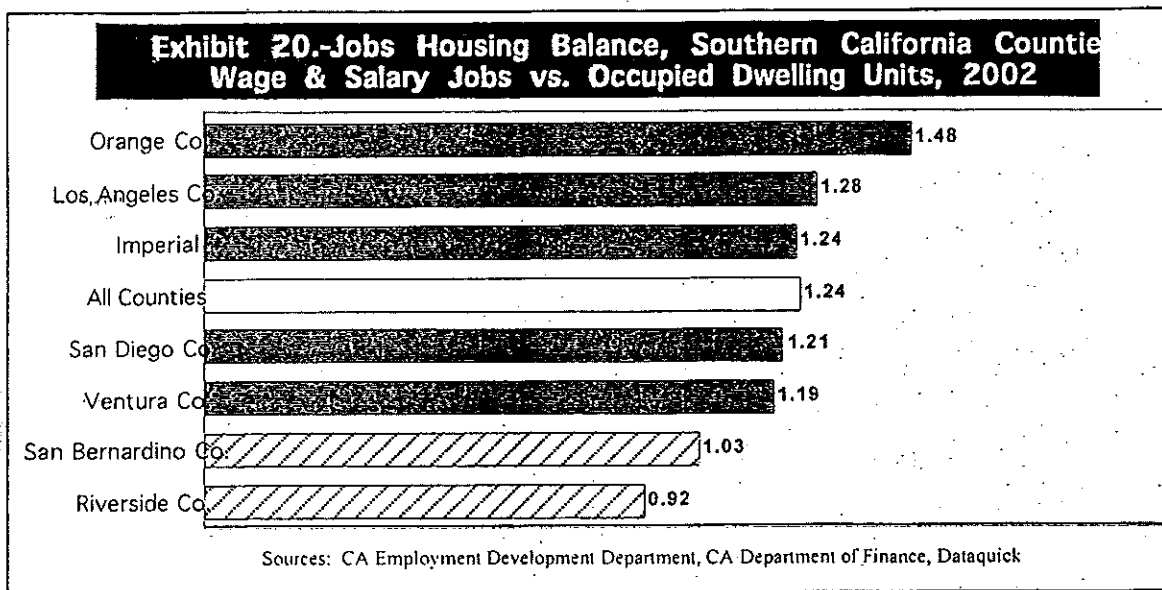
**Logistics: Significant Issues.** Like any major change in the economy, the growth of the logistics industry will bring significant long term issues:

- Land Hog.** Logistics facilities require massive amounts of land. This is the case as the technology involved in the efficient movement of massive amounts of cargo through the ports, intermodal rail yards and warehouses require very big facilities. For the ports, it means obtaining huge cranes and finding the space to temporarily hold very large numbers of containers before they can be shipped away. For the railroads, it means building several large new intermodal facilities for processing containers between trains and trucks. For the warehouses, it means finding room for the gigantic facilities implied by their technologies. For instance, today's largest warehouses run to 1.3 million square feet of floor space with 40-foot ceilings. That means 60 acres of land, assuming 50% coverage. Meanwhile, in recent years, the average logistics facility has created one new job for every 2,200 square feet of space. That is more than twice the ratio of one job per 1,000 square feet in manufacturing and seven times the one job per 300 square feet in office.
- Inland Locations.** Within in Southern California, a significant percentage of the new logistics facilities will have to be located in the Inland Empire. This is the case because much of the region's available unused industrially zoned land is located in the inland area. Even there, the recent industrial "hot zone" from Rancho Cucamonga to Corona, west of the I-15 freeway, is running out of space. This means a huge share of the facilities will have to be built from Fontana to Banning along the I-10 freeway, in the Moreno Valley-Perris area along the I-215 freeway or in the Victor Valley area of the High Desert along the I-15 freeway. Other areas with space include the Santa Clarita and Lancaster/Palmdale portions of Los Angeles County

Building major logistics facilities in the Inland Empire will have the advantage of putting companies that pay relatively well and have defined skill ladders in the Southern California area that has the largest share of marginally educated workers (*Exhibits 9-10 earlier*). It is also the place with an average of 1.04 ratio of wage and salary jobs per occupied

dwelling. That is far below the 1.24 average for Southern California and indicates that large numbers of commuters must daily drive from the area to jobs in coastal counties (Exhibit 20).

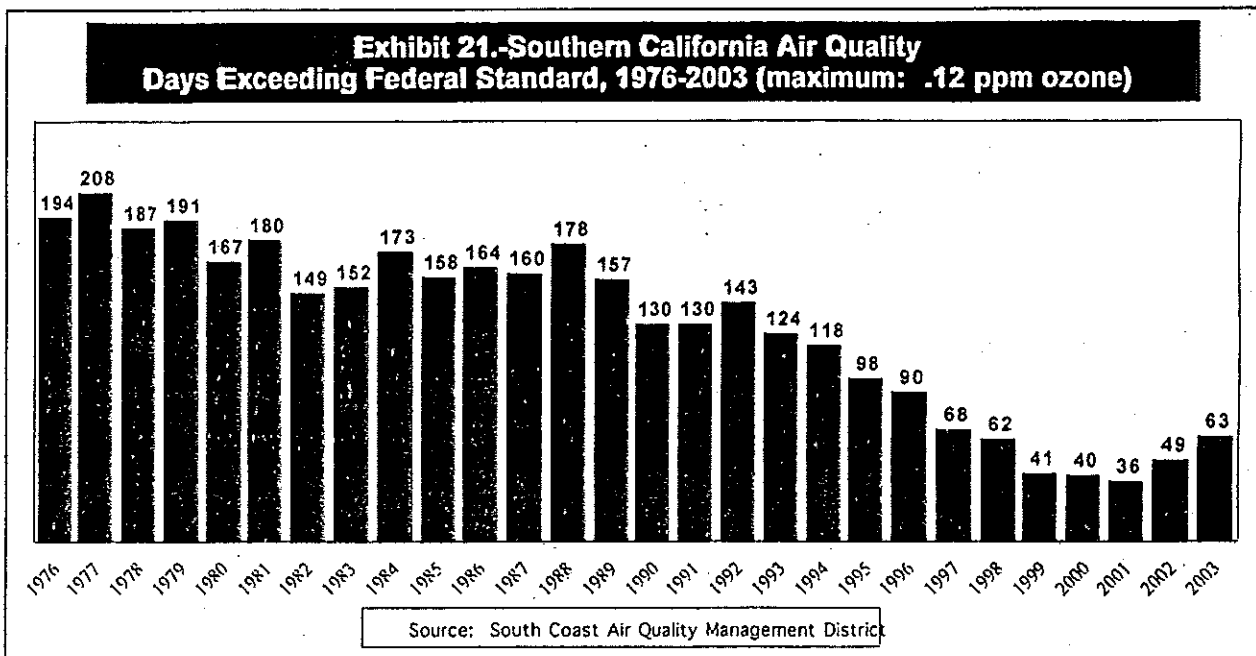
On the other hand, locating these facilities in the Inland Empire will mean that a good deal of its available land will be absorbed by giant facilities with a relatively low number of jobs per acre. It also means the area will host at least two additional intermodal rail facilities, one for BNSF and one for UPSP.



- **Truck Traffic & Freeway Financing.** The rapid growth of the logistics sector means that the number of trip miles driven by 18-wheel trucks along Southern California's already overcrowded freeways and arterial roads will increase dramatically. Given the lack of right of ways as well as the lack of funding for transportation facilities, the dramatically increased truck volume will help to slow the region's transportation system to a crawl. This difficulty will particularly impact the inland region since that is where much of the future growth of the logistics sector will have to be concentrated.
- **Rail Traffic & Financing.** Forecasts made for SCAG indicate that the dramatic growth expected in the number of trains running daily along the tracks of UPSP and BNSF railroads mean that in about 2012, Southern California's rail system will reach capacity. The only way that the railroads will be able to expand is if either their corporate owners or the federal government fund a significant increase in track capacity.

However, even if that funding is found, it is a fact that most of the arterial roads that cross railroad tracks in the San Gabriel Valley, Orange County and the Inland Empire do so at-grade. As a result, the increase in rail volume will essentially cut the cities located along these tracks in half. Currently, there is no source of funds in place to build grade separations and alleviate this problem.

- **Air Quality & Diesel.** In recent years, Southern California has managed to significantly lower the number of days in which it is not in compliance with the federal air quality ozone standard of 0.12 parts per million (*Exhibit 21*). However, recently the trend has begun to move back up. One of the primary uncontrolled source of emissions are the fumes from diesel engines. As the logistics industry increases in importance, the contribution to this problem by trucks, trains and ships will likely grow.



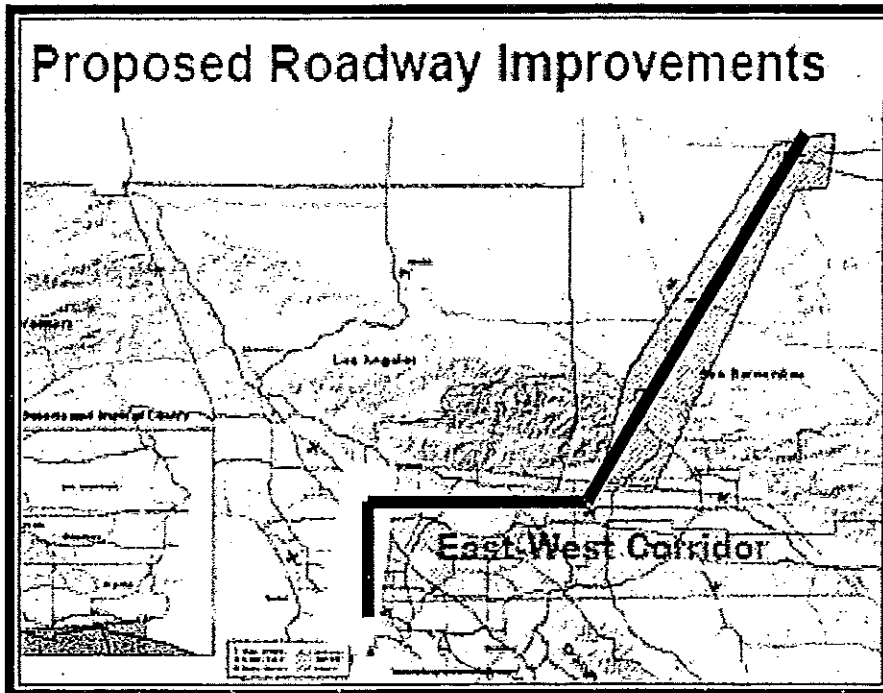
- **Shuttle Trains & Financing.** A special rail difficulty is the issue of using shuttle trains to move full international container shipments from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to an inland intermodal facility for processing. In particular, this would be used for merchandise that is bound for inland warehouses. These trains would have the advantage of freeing space and capacity in the ports and the nearby intermodal yards. As indicated earlier, it would also help remove truck traffic that is currently moving this merchandise from Los Angeles County to the Inland Empire.

However, a location needs to be identified for yet another intermodal rail yard in the inland area. In addition, track capacity and grade separations are already issues for the railroads and this would add to their difficulties. Importantly, the railroad indicate that the handling cost of loading and unloading containers is such that it is not profitable for them to process shipments unless they are moving beyond the Rocky Mountains. If a shuttle train is to be a success, a cash flow would have to be found to change these economics.

**Logistics: Strategies For Success.** Southern California's leaders have begun developing a variety of strategies that would allow policy makers to encourage the logistics group while mitigating the worst of its difficulties. This is important given the ability of firms in these sectors to provide a growing base of good paying jobs in the skill ladder environment needed by the area's nu-

merous marginally educated workers. Successful implementation would allow the region to begin dealing with its loss of standing on the basis of both per capita income and payroll per job:

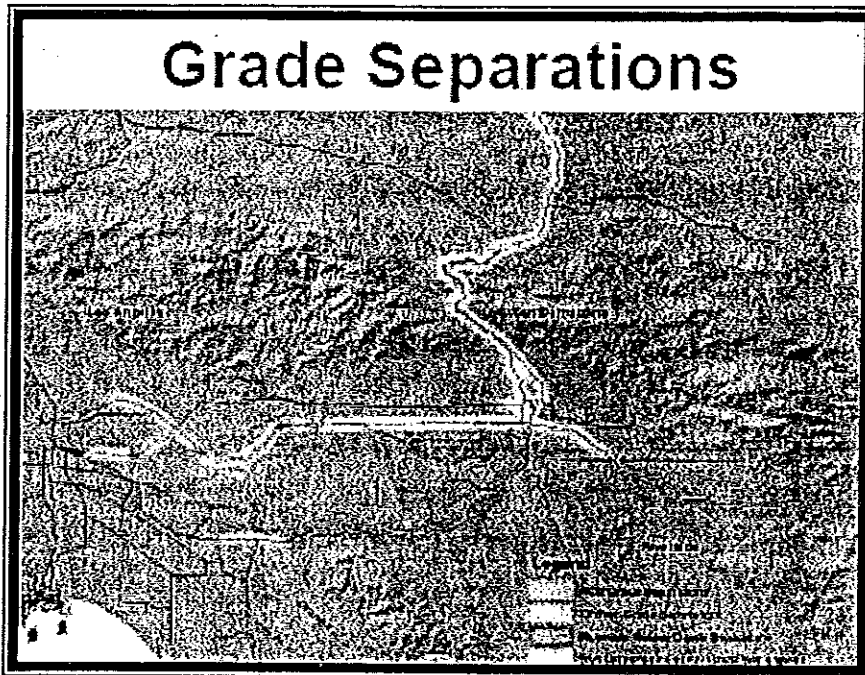
- **Operation Jump-Start.** Several of the problems facing the growth of the logistics group flow from the lack of funding for the transportation infrastructure needed to both permit the sector to grow and to offset the congestion that its growth implies. Here, SCAG's Operation Jump-Start outlines a route for dealing with these issues. It represents a strategy for providing transportation companies with benefits that will increase the speed and lower the cost of moving goods in exchange for them providing a cash flow to privately finance key parts of Southern California's infrastructure:



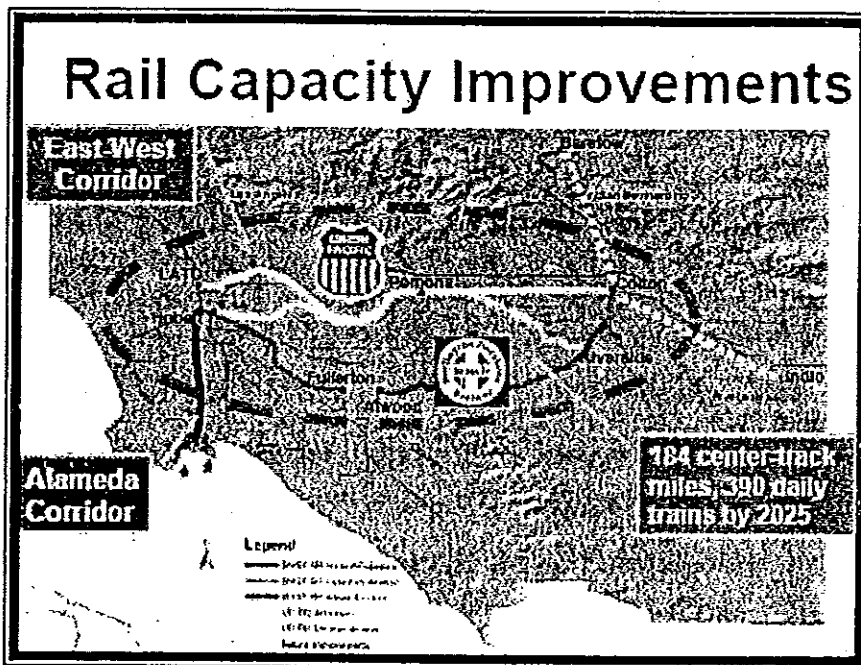
- **Dedicated Truck Lanes.** To decrease congestion, increase safety and lower the amount of pollution from idling trucks, dedicated truck lanes would be added to the I-15 freeway from the Victor Valley to the SR-60 in Ontario, along the SR-60 from there to the I-710 and along the I-710 to the harbors. The 141.8 miles of additional lanes would be financed with a truck toll of \$0.56 per mile to cover construction and maintenance. The \$16.5 billion raised would finance the project through tax exempt bonds. Heavy trucks isolated from competition with other vehicles would allowing triple trailering to be an option.
- **Expanded Railroad Track & Grade Separations.** To expand the capacity of the rail system, additional tracks would be laid on the UPSP and BNSF routes from Los Angeles through the San Gabriel Valley, Orange County and urbanized Inland Empire. In addition, grade separations would be built along the major arterials along this route to eliminate delays on surface streets and the noise of whistling trains. These projects would be funded by a \$5.39 fee

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per container that would cover the \$1.2 billion cost of building the additional rail capacity and \$2.2 billion cost of overpasses and underpasses across the tracks. Tax exempt finance would be authorized to undertake these efforts.



Together, these projects would ensure that international cargo could move through the Inland Empire at high speed without all of the delays and vehicle traffic disruptions inherent in the current over-burdened system.



- High Speed Maglev System. While not directly related to the movement of goods, SCAG's strategy also provides for a \$6.2 billion privately funded high-



speed Maglev train system to initially connect LAX to ONT. Ultimately the system would bind together the main population centers in Southern California. It would benefit the logistics sectors by decreasing the amount of automobile traffic and increasing the efficiency of Southern California's transportation system.

- **Shuttle Trains-Inland Port.** Currently, international cargo that is bound for warehouses in Southern California is off-loaded near downtown Los Angeles. Much of it is hauled by truck along the SR-60 and I-10 freeways to the growing base of warehouses in the Inland Empire. The Alameda Corridor Transit Authority has begun investigating the feasibility of an "inland port" (*intermodal rail yard for international cargo*) in either the Devore, Victor Valley or San Geronio Pass areas of the inland area to speed the flow of this merchandise while removing it from these congested freeway corridors. Their strategy would require the building of the expanded rail capacity outlined with Operation Jump-Start as shuttle trains would be used to move the cargo to this new facility. The current difficulty with this approach is finding a financing source for the added cost of handling these containers.
- **Additional Intermodal Rail Yards.** As with other aspects of Southern California's goods handling infrastructure, the region's intermodal rail yards near downtown Los Angeles and in San Bernardino are reaching their absolute capacity. This is leading to time delays in moving both domestic and international containers between trains and trucks. Both BNSF and UPSP are investigating the building of new facilities. Due to its large swaths of land along the main lines of both companies, the Inland Empire would be the location of these yards. The locations under consideration are in the city of San Bernardino, near Southern California Logistics Airport in Victorville and in San Geronio Pass.
- **Expanded Air Cargo Capacity.** Every forecast of air cargo usage indicates that LAX cannot begin to handle the long term volume anticipated for Southern California. With the demise of the El Toro airport proposal, most of the region's additional capacity is being developed in the Inland Empire. Los Angeles World Airways has just picked a developer for a one million square foot air cargo cross-dock facility for ONT. Hillwood (*a Perot Company*) is working with the Inland Valley Development Agency to build a 240,000 square foot air cargo facility at San Bernardino International Airport (*former Norton Air Force Base*). Southern California Logistics Airport (*former George Air Force Base*) already provides two hour turnaround time for dedicated air cargo carriers. March Air Reserve Base is being developed as a joint use facility that will also handle dedicated air cargo carriers.

Should these strategies be brought to fruition, Southern California would benefit in several ways. During the construction phases, a very large number of blue jobs would be created. These jobs plus the strong multiplier impacts of construction spending would buoy the region's economy. Once the projects are completed, the efficiency and competitiveness of the Southland's economy would be enhanced while the most negative aspects of congestion and idling vehicles would be

mitigated. Importantly, this expanded infrastructure backbone would unleash the potential strength of the logistics sectors, offering Southern California's marginally educated workers a growing path towards on-the-job learning and higher standards of living. Ultimately, these strategies thus offer the region a way to address the recent declines in its relative prosperity.

## Summary

In the late 1950's, President Dwight Eisenhower recognized the close connection between transportation infrastructure, economic efficiency and the standard of living. He therefore launched the building of the Interstate Freeway. It is hard to imagine the performance of today's U.S. economy had that conservative President not convinced the Congress to move forward with the investment in this extraordinary system. In the 1960's, Governor Pat Brown saw the connection between infrastructure and economic growth and undertook the building of the California State Water Project. Again, it is hard to imagine the performance of California's economy had that moderate Governor not made the investment in this mammoth project.

In the 2000's, Southern California faces infrastructure challenges that rival those efforts. If the area's economic power is to be unleashed, its economy must be freed of the constraints imposed by lack of truck, rail and airport infrastructure. Investment in these projects would have the beneficial effect of allowing the region's logistics sector to accelerate, providing a growing base of good paying jobs which its marginally educated workers can learn via on-the-job experience and learning. This would appear to be the only route that the region has available to helping those workers achieve growing standards of living while simultaneously correcting the recent deep slide in Southern California's relative prosperity vis-à-vis other major parts of the country. Importantly, it would do so while helping to mitigate the environmental difficulties caused by the inevitable increase in truck and rail traffic congestion and idling diesel engines.

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ORANGE COUNTY  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

ITEM V. A.

STAFF REPORT

**Subject:** Appoint Private Sector Representative

**Summary:** The OCCOG Bylaws Article V.2.L: "The OCCOG Board shall appoint one person from the private sector to serve as an Ex Officio Member of the Board. Every 2 years, the OCCOG Board shall request the OCCOG staff to coordinate the selection of the Ex Officio representative. OCCOG staff shall solicit private sector candidates from all stakeholder communities. A subcommittee of the OCCOG Board shall present a recommended candidate to the OCCOG Board for their final selection and appointment. Appointees shall serve a 2-year term or until replaced by action of the Board."

Pursuant to these Bylaws, the OCCOG Board directed OCCOG staff to solicit private sector candidates earlier in 2004. OCCOG staff sent solicitations letters to approximately 50 private sector entities and interest groups, ranging from the business community to environmental organizations. By the application deadline, OCCOG had received eight applications from individuals with diverse backgrounds, including developers, consultants and a representative from an environmental organization.

In November 2004, an OCCOG Board Private Sector Representative Recommendation Subcommittee – consisting of Vice-Chair Richard Dixon, Board Member Bev Perry and Board Member Marilynn Poe – met and considered the applicants. The Subcommittee's recommendation is Kristine Thalman, Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Chapter of the Building Industry Association, based on Ms. Thalman's vast experience with local government and her current involvement with housing issues, a priority issue for OCCOG.

**Recommendation:** Appoint a Private Sector Representative to the OCCOG Board pursuant to the recommendations of the OCCOG Private Sector Representative Recommendation Subcommittee.

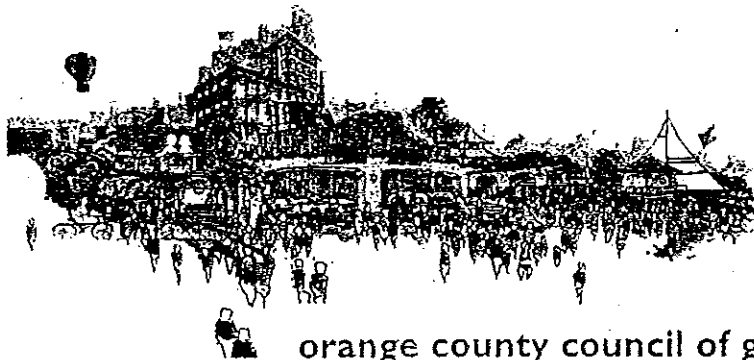
**Attachment:**

1. Copy of the Private sector Representative Solicitation Letter
2. Private Sector Applicants
3. Recommended Candidate Kristine Thalman's Application Letter

**Staff Contact:** Annabel Cook, Regional Issues Consultant - (714) 571-5844

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## orange county council of governments

Dear;

The Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), the largest single county council of governments in California, is seeking a representative from the private or non-profit sector to serve on our Board of Directors. The Board has directed us to seek individuals who are interested in assisting OCCOG as we tackle key regional issues and help our member agencies plan for the future.

### What is OCCOG?

Started in 1996 as a joint powers authority among cities and special districts, OCCOG has grown to 55 member agencies and now includes all 34 cities, the County of Orange and numerous special districts, including the Orange County Transportation Authority, sanitation and water districts.

OCCOG is designed to compliment, serve and unify jurisdictions and agencies on matters of mutual concern without duplicating other jurisdictional activities.

### The Private Sector Representative

The OCCOG Board of Directors has a position for a representative from the private or non-profit sector to advise the Board (comprised of public officials) on various matters. The three major universities in Orange County (UC Irvine, Cal State Fullerton and Chapman) also have one seat on the Board that is advisory. These advisory seats are ex officio and have a two-year term.

The OCCOG Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Orange County Sanitation District in Fountain Valley and the position does not pay a stipend – the position is voluntary.

### Why should I apply?

OCCOG is involved in many exciting and important projects in Orange County and the Board position provides a great opportunity to influence key policy makers in the region. Some of the projects OCCOG is currently working on include:

- Air Quality/Alternative Fuel Vehicle outreach and education
- Water quality/urban runoff
- Housing/mixed-use and infill development
- Reduce Orange County Congestion program
- Demographic projections
- Regional housing and transportation plans (through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG))

- cities**
- Aliso Viejo
  - Anaheim
  - Brea
  - Buena Park
  - Costa Mesa
  - Cypress
  - Dana Point
  - Fountain Valley
  - Fullerton
  - Garden Grove
  - Huntington Beach
  - Irvine
  - La Habra
  - La Palma
  - Laguna Beach
  - Laguna Hills
  - Laguna Niguel
  - Laguna Woods
  - Lake Forest
  - Los Alamitos
  - Mission Viejo
  - Newport Beach
  - Orange
  - Placentia
  - Rancho Santa Margarita
  - San Clemente
  - San Juan Capistrano
  - Santa Ana
  - Seal Beach
  - Stanton
  - Tustin
  - Villa Park
  - Westminster
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- agencies**
- Costa Mesa Sanitary District
  - East Orange Water District
  - El Toro Water District
  - Emerald Bay Service District
  - Irvine Ranch Water District
  - Mesa Consolidated Water District
  - Moulton Niguel Water District
  - OC Fire Authority
  - OC Sanitation District
  - OC Transportation Authority
  - OC Water District
  - Placentia Library District
  - Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Area Sewer District
  - Serrano Water District
  - Silverado-Modjeska Parks & Recreation District
  - South Coast Water District
  - Trabuco Canyon Water District
  - Transportation Corridor Agencies

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The enclosed "2004 Guide to OCCOG" provides more detailed information about OCCOG.

**How do I apply and what is the process?**

If you are interested in becoming a part of the OCCOG Board of Directors, please send a letter of interest, including some background information on what you will bring to the Board, by \_\_\_\_\_ to:

Orange County Council of Governments  
ATTN: Lou Bone, Chair  
600 West Santa Ana Blvd., suite 214  
Santa Ana. CA 92701.

A subcommittee of the Board will review all letters of interest and develop a short list of candidates who will be interviewed in November 2004. The committee will bring its recommendation to the full Board at its November 18 meeting and it is anticipated that the new representative will begin in January 2005.

I thank you for your interest in this position and should you have any questions, please contact Janet Huston, Executive Director at (714) 972-0077 or [jhuston@occities.org](mailto:jhuston@occities.org).

Sincerely,

Lou Bone  
Chair

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OC Private/Non-Profit Sector Representative Applicants

	Last	First	Title	Organization	Address 1	Address 2	Phone	Fax
1	Bahadori	Hamid	Principal Transportation Engineer	Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA)	27812 Jade	Mission Viejo, CA 92691	(949) 587-0508	(714) 885-2326
2	Bertrand	Edward		Best, Best & Krieger LLP	5 Park Plaza, Suite 1500	Irvine, CA 92614	(949) 263-2600	(949) 260-0972
3	Brown	Gary	C.E.O.	Orange County Coastkeeper	441 Old Newport Blvd. Suite 103	Newport Beach, CA 92663	(949) 723-5424	(949) 675-7091
4	Card	Les	Principal & C.E.O.	LSA Associates	29 Executive Park, Suite 200	Irvine, CA 92614	(949) 553-0666	(949) 553-8076
5	LaMar	Steven	President	LegiSight, LLC	34 Abeto	Irvine, CA 92620	(714) 730-7147	
6	Reinhart	Douglas	President	RCE Consultants, Inc.	One Jenner Street, Suite 200	Irvine, CA 92618	(949) 453-0111	(949) 453-0411
7	Thalman	Kristine	C.E.O.	Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter	17744 Sky Park Circle, Suite 170	Irvine, CA 92614	(949) 553-9500	(949) 553-9507
8	Trischler	Thomas	Principal	Trischler Associates SITUS Development	703 North Shaffer Street	Orange, CA 92867-6866	(714) 532-1400	(714) 633-5050

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Wednesday, September 29, 2004

The Honorable Lou Bone  
Orange County Council of Governments  
600 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Suite 214  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Chairman Bone:

Thank you for your invitation to submit a letter of interest and background information seeking a seat on the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) Board of Directors. I am interested in the volunteer opportunity to work with OCCOG in an ex-officio capacity on key regional issues.

Many of the exciting and important projects that OCCOG is currently working on related to water quality and urban runoff, mixed-use housing infill development, traffic mitigation, demographic projections, and regional housing and transportation plans are all areas of interest to our industry.

The Orange County Chapter of the Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA/OC) is a non-profit trade association representing more than 900 companies employing 112,000 people affiliated with the home building industry. The BIA/OC mission is to promote proactive participation in the development of economic and community issues, including its 34 cities and numerous special districts. Participating as a member of the OCCOG board would be a natural alignment of community and professional resources.

I have enclosed my biography so that you may understand the full extent of experience I can bring to the OCCOG Board of Directors. Your consideration of my submittal is appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you or Janet Huston in the coming weeks after the subcommittee of the board has reviewed all candidate inquiries.

Sincerely,

Kristine E. Thalman  
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

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Kristine E. Thalman joined the Orange County Chapter of the Building Industry Association (BIA/OC) on June 14, 2004, as the organization's new chief executive officer. Kristine is charged with managing the operations of the largest chapter of the BIA of Southern California. With a staff of nine and a 46-member elected Board of Directors, Kristine oversees all aspects of a very active educational organization that organizes more than 30 programs and functions annually for over 900 member companies, representing over 112,000 employees in the homebuilding industry in Orange County. Kristine also serves as the chief spokesperson for the homebuilding industry in Orange County before administrative and legislative bodies and the media on California land use planning and environmental laws.

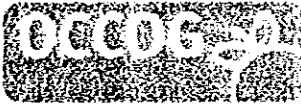
Prior to joining the BIA/OC, Kristine served as Director of Local Government Affairs with KB HOME, where she created the company's government affairs program in the Greater Los Angeles and Orange County Divisions four years ago. Coupled with her prior experience as government relations manager for the City of Anaheim, a position she held for 12 years, Kristine has proven experience in public policy development and superior skills in local, state and federal legislative advocacy on issues related to the industry.

Having worked for one of America's leading homebuilders, Kristine has a unique understanding of the complex issues the residential construction industry is addressing today. Kristine also has experience in transportation systems management, and public affairs and community outreach in the homebuilding industry. Her volunteer experience with the BIA includes serving as a board member of the Building Industry Legal Defense Fund and the BIA Baldy View Chapter.

She has given of her time and talents in the community as a board member of philanthropic organizations, such as the March of Dimes and the Boys & Girls Club. Kristine received a Distinguished Service Award in 1995 from the Orange County League of Cities.

Choosing to devote her early years to raising a family while attending night classes at community college, Kristine is a mid-career college graduate, receiving her Public Administration degree from the University of LaVerne in 1992. She also received a degree in Communications from Mount San Antonio in Walnut, CA.

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**ORANGE COUNTY  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**ITEM V. B.**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** Approve the Reallocation of Reduce Orange County Congestion Program Funding.

**Summary:** On October 22, 2004 OCCOG received notification from the County of Orange that they have decided to decline the award they received as part of the Reduce Orange County Congestion (ROCC) Program. Their withdrawal from the program is due to time constraints relating to their Kids Beach Pedestrian Sidewalk project. The time constraints for the project are incompatible with the Federal timeline to which the ROCC funds are subject.

Staff consulted with the ROCC Technical Advisory Group . The Group has recommended allocation of the free funds to the City of Orange-- Sante Fe Specific Plan Update project, the highest-ranking, unfunded project.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Reallocation of Reduce Orange County Congestion Program Funding.

**Attachment:** Letter from the County of Orange withdrawing from program.

**Staff Contact:** Janet Huston, Executive Director, (714) 972-0077  
Matthew Henkes, Policy Analyst, (714) 972-0077





# COUNTY OF ORANGE

RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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October 22, 2004

Mr. Matthew Henkes, Policy Analyst  
Orange County Council of Government  
600 West Santa Ana Blvd Suite 214  
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Re: Sunset Beach Walkway (sidewalk) at Kid's Beach-ROCC Program Funding.

Dear Mr. Henkes:

This letter is a follow up to our previous phone conversation concerning our Kid's Beach project. The County of Orange is very appreciative of the Orange County Council of Government's support for funding from the Reduce Orange County Congestion (ROCC) Program for subject project. However, due to constraints relative to the project schedule and uncertainty of the availability of ROCC funds, the County of Orange will have to respectfully decline the ROCC funding.

Over the last two years, the County of Orange has worked diligently on subject project with Caltrans, local officials and neighborhood residents and has committed to our stakeholders that the project would be constructed as quickly as feasible. To this end, we have completed project design, secured permits, advertised and bid the project all with the hope of securing funding to award the project within this calendar year. It was our expectation, in applying for ROCC funding, that ROCC funds would be available within this timeframe. However, due to the timing uncertainty of the ROCC funds and the project schedule commitment to our stakeholders, we have decided to use alternative funding for the project.

The County of Orange wishes to again express our appreciation for your favorable consideration of subject application and looks forward to participation in future Program activities. If you have any questions, please call me at 714-834-3484 or you may contact Harry Persaud. Harry may be reached at 714-834-5282.

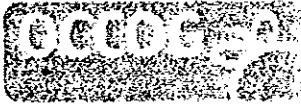
Sincerely

Ignacio Ochoa  
County Traffic Engineer

cc: Vince Rosales  
Ed Kwan  
Tom McCabe







**ORANGE COUNTY  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**ITEM VI. A.**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** Report on Federal Advocacy

**Summary:** On November 20, 2004, OCCOG was notified that it has been allocated \$200,000 from the Federal Health and Human Services 2005 Fiscal Year budget for its Healthy Waterways Initiative. Although program details will be emerging over the next several months, the Initiative will address the limiting or elimination of contaminants from waterways in Orange County and will assist our region in meeting NPDES mandates.

A preliminary description of the Healthy Waterways Initiative is attached for your review. Please note that water quality has been identified by the OCCOG Board of Directors and General Assembly as a priority issue for OCCOG and, therefore, is a part of OCCOG's federal funding requests.

**Recommendation:** Receive report.

**Attachment:**

1. Preliminary Description of the Healthy Waterways Initiative
2. Partial Listing of Projects (Alphabetical with Letters "L" Through "O") Receiving Health and Human Services Funding

**Staff Contact:** Annabel Cook, Regional Issues Consultant - (714) 571-5844





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FY 2005 CDC PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT REQUEST FOR  
HEALTHY WATERWAYS INITIATIVE

Need

\$2 million to the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) from the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Health Improvement Account for its **Healthy Waterways Initiative**, which coordinates the public health message across cities in Orange County (34 cities, population 3.0 million) that demonstrates the link between human health, household and business-generated pollutants, and recreational and drinking waters. Cities in Orange County will collectively have spent more than \$15 million in FY 2002-03 and estimate spending over \$15 million in FY 2003-04 and for many years into the future to address the health affects of poor water quality.

Background

Some urbanized areas – especially Orange County, California -- rely on groundwater recharge to provide significant portions of their drinking water. Groundwater recharge takes both water processed through the waste stream and significant amounts of freshwater runoff (sometimes called **urban runoff**) and puts it in a groundwater basin where it is later drawn out into the potable water system.

The water is treated to some extent before it is placed in the basin. But more and more contaminants of concern enter the basin without treatment and enter the drinking water system. These contaminants include:

- Prescription drugs (primarily hormones and antibiotics)
- Pesticides
- Solvents

Limiting or eliminating discharges of contaminants of concern into our waterways can be done several ways – through expensive treatment systems at groundwater injection sites or at storm drain outlets near rivers, creeks, and bays – but also through solid focused educational efforts. The Orange County Healthy Waterways Initiative is one such effort. It:

- Centralizes human health-protective messages about water, including:
  - The proper disposal of prescription drugs (not into sinks and toilets!);
  - Ways to limit urban runoff through effective water conservation;
  - Ways to limit discharges of oil, bacteria, nutrients, and pesticides into the storm drain system (including rivers, creeks, bays, and the ocean);
  - Ways to properly dispose of household hazardous materials (oils, paints, batteries, solvents, etc.)
- Provides grants to qualifying and applicant cities for educational materials and media to deliver the messages (school curriculum, advertising, direct mail,

- cities
- Aliso Viejo
  - Anaheim
  - Brea
  - Buena Park
  - Costa Mesa
  - Cypress
  - Dana Point
  - Fountain Valley
  - Fullerton
  - Garden Grove
  - Huntington Beach
  - Irvine
  - La Habra
  - La Palma
  - Laguna Beach
  - Laguna Hills
  - Laguna Niguel
  - Laguna Woods
  - Lake Forest
  - Los Alamitos
  - Mission Viejo
  - Newport Beach
  - Orange
  - Placentia
  - Rancho Santa Margarita
  - San Clemente
  - San Juan Capistrano
  - Santa Ana
  - Seal Beach
  - Stanton
  - Tustin
  - Villa Park
  - Westminster
  - Yorba Linda

County of Orange

- agencies
- Costa Mesa Sanitary District
  - East Orange Water District
  - El Toro Water District
  - Emerald Bay Service District
  - Irvine Ranch Water District
  - Los Aliso Water District
  - Mesa Consolidated Water District
  - Moulton Niguel Water District
  - OC Fire Authority
  - OC Sanitation District
  - OC Transportation Authority
  - OC Water District
  - Placentia Library District
  - Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Area Sewer District
  - Serrano Water District
  - Silverado-Modjeska Parks & Recreation District
  - South Coast Water District
  - Trabuco Canyon Water District
  - Transportation Corridor Agencies

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The goal of the **Healthy Waterways Initiative** is to meet federal NPDES mandates relating to the pollution prevention and pollution reduction by focusing on the relationship between human health and water – where healthy recreational waters keep water users. (swimmers, waders, surfers) safe and well and where healthy drinking water helps us avoid ingesting products not meant for us (solvents, pesticides, other people's prescriptions, etc.).

Those mandates are specific to the Orange County region. In 2002, the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards in Orange County (regulators that base their authority on the federal Clean Water Act's provisions) have issued their "3<sup>rd</sup> Term" rules regulating what Orange County cities and the County are required to do to keep pollution from waterways. Few, if any, regions in the nation are in the **3rd Term** permit, which is designed to be **iterative** and therefore stricter than the permits issued under 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Term rules. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Term permit requires Orange County cities to make **10 million impressions annually** on the 3 million Orange County residents about ways to improve water quality.

Because the issue is one that starts inland and ends up on the coast, it affects all Orange County cities. Actions in the Orange County foothills directly impact whether a beach in the County is closed or a groundwater basin contaminated due to pollution. In 1999, Huntington Beach received national media attention when its beaches (a major tourist attraction in Southern California) were closed because of water pollution; however, even today, after more than \$7 million in investigative costs, the sources of the 1999 beach closures have not been identified.

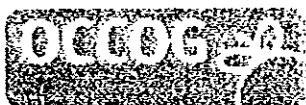
The regulations require a collaborative, regional approach. The Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) is ideally positioned to help cities, the County and special districts in the region with their outreach efforts to residents, businesses and visitors. OCCOG, with 54 member agencies, is the largest single-county council of governments in California. Its diverse membership and representation on its Board by jurisdictions (34 cities and Orange County), agencies (transportation, water and sanitation agencies/districts), universities and the private sector is unmatched by any council of governments in the U.S.

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Lance Armstrong Foundation, Austin, TX in collaboration with the Abramson Cancer Center at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA for the Living Well After Cancer program	\$100,000
Lance Armstrong Foundation, Austin, TX, for a Lance Armstrong Foundation Survivorship Center	\$100,000
Lehigh Carbon Community College, Schnecksville, PA for a bioterrorism preparedness program	\$25,000
L'Garde, Inc., Tustin, CA for bioterrorism technology development	\$400,000
Livingston Parish Government, Denham Springs, LA, for a Healthy People 2010 Project	\$100,000
Marin County Health and Human Services Department, San Rafael, CA for research and analysis related to breast cancer incidence and mortality in the county	\$440,000
Marion County, OR to develop Disease Prevention and Education Programs	\$50,000
Medical Center Blount, Oneonta, AL, for an immunization program	\$20,000
Medical Institute for Sexual Health (MISH), Austin, TX, for the development of curricula for medical students and primary care residents related to sexual health	\$200,000
Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas, Julie and Ben Rogers Cancer Center, Beaumont, TX to expand cancer screening services	\$400,000
MIRA, Bloomfield Hills, MI	\$50,000
Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, Eagleville, PA for a bioterrorism preparedness program	\$50,000
National Center for Early Defibrillation, Pittsburgh, PA for educational outreach	\$25,000
National Childhood Cancer Foundation, Bethesda, MD, to provide information and assistance to families impacted by childhood cancer	\$1,500,000
National Children's Cancer Society, St. Louis, MO for the Beyond the Cure cancer survivorship program	\$1,000,000
National Foundation for Trauma Care, Irvine, CA to conduct a study on the impact a terrorist attack would have on trauma centers	\$150,000
National Nursing Centers Consortium, Philadelphia, PA for the Lead Safe Babies program	\$75,000
National Student Assistance Association, Washington, DC to study the efficacy of Student Assistance Programs in providing a mechanism to connect students in need of mental health and substance abuse services in coordination with the University of Pittsburgh	\$100,000
Nevada Cancer Institute to create the Lance Armstrong Foundation Cancer Survivorship Center	\$250,000
New England Coalition on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Providence, RI, for the New England obesity initiative diagnostic study	\$50,000
New York Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, NY for its Patient Follow-up Coordinator Program to reduce barriers to compliance with treatment among cardiac patients from medically underserved populations	\$150,000
New York University for the advancement of the design and function of cochlear implants	\$200,000
North Shore AIDS Health Project, Gloucester, MA for programs related to prevention and control of hepatitis	\$150,000
Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, Scranton, PA for cancer screening evaluation	\$100,000
Ophelia Project, Erie, PA, to develop an educational curriculum, in collaboration with Pennsylvania State University, to address issues of anorexia and bulimia facing adolescent girls	\$50,000
Oral Vaccine Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada for the development of innovative vaccine delivery alternatives	\$900,000
→ Orange County Council of Government, Santa Ana, CA, for a Healthy Waterways Initiative	\$200,000

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**ORANGE COUNTY  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**ITEM VI. B.**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Outreach

**Summary:** The Orange County Council of Governments had initially set the second of its two Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Proposition 40 workshops to take place in December 2004. This workshop will address proposed changes to the RMC Proposition 40 Program and to allow agency representatives to interact with important stakeholder and other groups. However, based on recent discussions with staff at the RMC, the workshops have been moved to January 2005 in order to be able to report the most up-to-date information available regarding proposed criteria amendments. The subject areas covered in the workshop will remain unchanged.

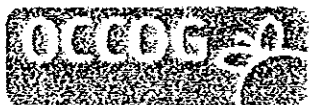
**Recommendation:** Receive report.

**Attachment:** None

**Staff Contact:** Matthew Henkes, Policy Analyst, (714) 972-0077







ORANGE COUNTY  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

ITEM VI. C.

STAFF REPORT

**Subject:** OCCOG Chair Update

**Summary:** The OCCOG Chair will provide a report to the OCCOG Board of Directors.

**Recommendation:** Receive Report.

**Attachment:** None

**Staff Contact:** Annabel Cook, Regional Issues Consultant, (714)972-0077

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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director  
**SUBJECT:** Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 to include the matching grant funds for California Library Literacy Services, State Library of California, as submitted on November 29, 2004.

**DATE:** December 20, 2004

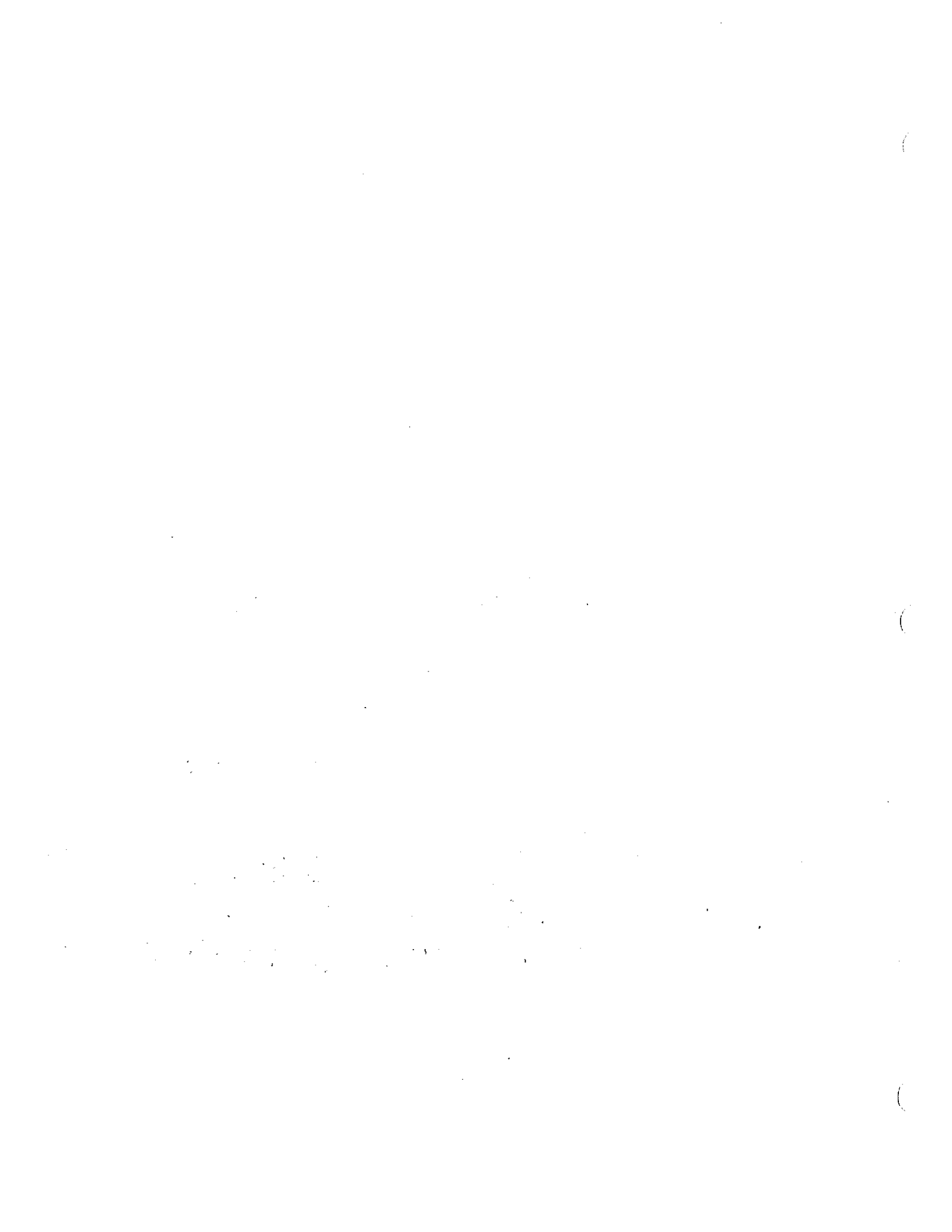
**BACKGROUND:**

Following the award of the Matching Grant portion of the California Library Literacy Services Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 the State Library required a Budget for those funds. This is the third Budget re-work required by the State Library for this year's funds.

The Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 to include the matching grant funds for California Library Literacy Services, State Library of California, as submitted on November 29, 2004 is Attachment A.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and File the Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 to include the matching grant funds for California Library Literacy Services, State Library of California, as submitted on November 29, 2004.



## California Library Literacy Services Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2004/05

List below all private and public funds budgeted for all of your California Library Literacy Services - - Adult Literacy Services, Family Literacy Services, ELLI, LLABS, ESL and Other in Fiscal Year 2004/05.

In order to capture the whole funding picture of your literacy services you can include the funds you use to support your ESL, Reach Out & Read, and other complementary literacy services not funded with State Library funds in the column provided. Understand that those ESL and Other funds will not be included in the matching formula by the California State Library when calculating an award. Any funds received from the California State Library, whether State or Federal (such as LSTA) are not eligible for matching. In-kind support such as space, utilities, etc., is also not eligible for matching, and is therefore not reflected on this form.

Budget for FY 2004/05 by Program & Supporting Functions						Grand Total		
Placentia Library District	Adult Literacy Services	Family Literacy	Mobile Library Literacy	ELLI	ESL	Other	Grand Total	
Support Revenue							State Revenue Other Revenue	
California Library Literacy Services (California State Library Grant) *	39,191.0	10,000.0		10,000.0			59,191	178,815
Library/Local Jurisdiction Commitment (City, County, District, Library)	#####							0
California Work Opportunity (CalWorks)								0
Community Based English Tutoring (CBET)								0
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)								0
County Health/Human Services/Alcohol & Drug (Prop 36)								0
County Housing Authorities/Departments (CHA)								0
County Sheriff's Department/Corrections								0
Donations from Individuals (including Bequests)								0
Even Start								0
First Five/Children & Families Commission (Prop 10)								0
Head Start								0
Healthy Start								0
Library Foundations								0
Library Friends Groups								0
Local Literacy Councils/Groups								0
Private/Corporate Foundations (e.g., Verizon)	3,000.0	2,000.0		10,000.0				15,000
Pro Literacy Worldwide (PLW) (formerly LVA/Laubach)								0
Service Clubs (e.g., Rotary, Kiwanis)	1,000.0							1,000
Special Events Net (fundraisers)								0
United Way								0
WIA (Workforce Investment Act) Sec. 225/231								0
WIA (Workforce Investment Act) EL CIVICS								0
Other (identify)								0
ELLI Rollover Amount	222,006	12,000	0	20,000	0	0	59,191	194,815
<b>Total</b>	<b>182,815 *</b>					<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>254,006</b>

Total eligible for California State Library Match \*

**Budget Detail**  
Proposed for FY 2004/05

Instructions:

Library Nam Placentia Library District

Proposed for FY 2004/05

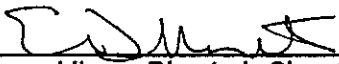
<b>Personnel</b>						
Title	FTE	Benefits Yes/No	State \$ Portion	Local Jurisdiction \$	Other Revenue \$	Total Cost
Literacy Coordinator	1	Yes	0	83,312	95,503	178,815
ELLI & FFL Coordinator	1	Yes	59,191			59,191
						0
						0
						0
						0
<b>1 Sub-total of Personnel</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>59,191</b>	<b>83,312</b>	<b>95,503</b>	<b>238,006</b>

<b>Contract Services</b>						
Title	FTE	Benefits Yes/No	State \$ Portion	Local Jurisdiction \$	Other Revenue \$	Total Cost
						0
						0
<b>2 Sub-total of Contract Services</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>3 Operations</b>				10,000		10,000
<b>4 Library Materials (circulate)</b>						0
<b>5 Library Materials (giveaway)</b>				6,000		6,000
<b>6 Equipment (\$5K+)</b>						0
<b>7 Indirect Costs</b>						0
<b>8 Sub-total of 3-7 above</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,000</b>
<b>Grand Total (sub-totals 1, 2, &amp; 8)</b>			<b>59,191</b>	<b>99,312</b>	<b>95,503</b>	<b>254,006</b>

(Grand Total should match grand total on Projected Budget)

Note: Comments can be included as an attachment to this form.

 _____ Library Director's Signature	Elizabeth D. Minter _____ Library Director's Name (printed)
Nov 29 2004 11/29/2004 _____ Date	

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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Annual Report of Financial Transactions of Special Districts for Placentia Library District as prepared by Munson, Cronick & Associates and submitted to the State Controller on December 1, 2004.

**DATE:** December 20, 2004

**BACKGROUND:**

Munson, Cronick & Associates has completed work on the District's Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Annual Report of Financial Transactions and submitted it to the State Controller. The Report is Attachment A.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and File the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Annual Report of Financial Transactions for the State Controller as prepared by Munson, Cronick & Associates.





# SPECIAL DISTRICTS FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS REPORT

## COVER PAGE


### Placentia Library District

SCO Reporting Year    2004                      ID Number:                      12173004000

#### Submitted by the Reporting Entity

Fiscal Year Ended    06/30/04                      (MM/DD/YY)

CLIENT'S COPY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Library Director  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Elizabeth D. Minter  
Name (Please Print)

December 1, 2004  
Date

Per Government Code section 53891, this report is due within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year. If filed in electronic format, the report is due within 110 days after the end of the fiscal year.

Per Government Code section 26909, a copy of the independent audit is to be filed with the Controller within 12 months after the close of the fiscal year.

#### To File Electronically:

1. Complete all forms as necessary.
2. Transmit the completed output file using a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) program or via diskette.
3. A responsible member of the agency must sign this cover page and mail it to either address below.

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Division of Accounting and Reporting  
Local Government Reporting Section  
P. O. Box 942850  
Sacramento, CA 94250

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Local Government Reporting Section  
3301 C Street, Suite 700  
Sacramento, CA 95816

## Placentia Library District Special Districts Financial Transactions Report

### General Information

Fiscal Year 2004

<b>Mailing Address</b>			
Street 1	411 E. Chapman Av	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is Address Changed?
Street 2			
City	Placentia	State	CA Zip 92870-
Email	eminter@placentialibrary.org		

Members of the Governing Body				
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Title
Member	Richard		DeVecchio, Ed. D.	Trustee
Member	Margaret	V	Dinsmore	Trustee
Member	Betty		Escobosa	Trustee
Member	Al		Shkoler	Trustee
Member	Gaeten	M	Wood	Trustee
Member	Elizabeth		Minter	Director
Member				
Member				
Member				

Other Officials				
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Title

Report Prepared By				
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Phone No
	Merrilyce		McHenry	(714) 449-9909

Independent Auditor				
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Phone No
	Merrilyce		McHenry	(714) 449-9909

**Placentia Library District**  
**Special Districts Financial Transactions Report - Non-Enterprise Activity**

**Revenues, Expenditures, Sources and Uses**

Fiscal Year	2004	General and	Debt Service	Capital Projects
		Special Revenue	Funds	Funds
		Funds		
		A	B	C
Non-Enterprise Activity		Library Services		
<b>Taxes and Assessments</b>				
Current Secured and Unsecured (1%)		1,284,045		
Voter Approved Taxes				
Property Assessments				
Special Assessments (Mello/Roos, Mark/Roos)				
Prior Year Taxes and Assessments		33,194		
Penalties and Cost on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments				
Licenses, Permits, and Franchises				
Fines, Forfeits, and Penalties				
<b>Revenue From Use of Money and Property</b>				
Interest Income		11,920		
Rents, Concessions and Royalties				
<b>Federal</b>				
Aid for Construction				
Other Federal				
<b>State</b>				
Aid for Construction				
State Water Project				
Homeowners Property Tax Relief		17,408		
Timber Yield				
Other State		92,378		
<b>Other Governmental Agencies</b>				
Redevelopment Pass-Through				
Other		288,884		
<b>Charges for Current Services</b>				
<b>Contributions From Property Owners</b>				
<b>Self Insurance Only</b>				
Member Contributions				
Claim Adjustments				
Other Revenues		12,390		
<b>Total Revenues</b>		\$1,740,219	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Salaries and Wages		669,243		
Employee Benefits		158,744		
Services and Supplies		640,677		
Self Insurance Only - Claims Paid				

**Placentia Library District**  
**Special Districts Financial Transactions Report - Non-Enterprise Activity**

**Revenues, Expenditures, Sources and Uses**

Fiscal Year	2004	General and	Debt Service	Capital Projects
		Special Revenue	Funds	Funds
		Funds		
		A	B	C
Contributions to Outside Agencies				
Debt Service				
Retirement of Long-Term Debt		70,000		
Interest on Long-Term Debt				
Interest on Short-Term Notes and Warrants				
Fixed Assets		23,041		
Other Expenditures				
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		\$1,561,705	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>		\$178,514	\$0	\$0
Financing Sources and Uses				
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt				
Proceeds of Refunding Debt				
Payments to Refunded Debt Escrow Agent				
Inception of Lease Purchase Agreements				
Other Financing Sources				
Other Financing Uses				
Operating Transfers In (Intra-District)				
Operating Transfers Out (Intra-District)				
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues/Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Uses</b>		\$178,514	\$0	\$0
<b>Fund Equity, Beginning of Period</b>		\$959,265	\$0	\$0
Prior Period Adjustments				
Residual Equity Transfers				
Other				
<b>Fund Equity, End of Period</b>		\$1,137,779	\$0	\$0

**Placentia Library District  
Special Districts Financial Transactions Report  
Consolidation of Fund Equities and Transfers  
Consolidation of Fund Equities and Transfers**

Fiscal Year	2004			
	General and Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Enterprise Funds
<b>Consolidation of Fund Equities</b>				
Non-Enterprise Activities	\$1,137,779	\$0	\$0	
<b>Enterprise Fund Equities</b>				
Airport				\$0
Electric				\$0
Harbor and Port				\$0
Hospital				\$0
Waste Disposal				\$0
Water				\$0
<b>Total Ending Fund Equities</b>	<b>\$1,137,779</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		Transfers In	Transfers Out	Net
		A	B	C
<b>Consolidation of Transfers In and Transfer Out</b>				
General and Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	
Debt Service Funds		\$0	\$0	
Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	
<b>Enterprise Activities</b>				
Airport		\$0	\$0	
Electric		\$0	\$0	
Harbor and Port		\$0	\$0	
Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	
Water		\$0	\$0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Placentia Library District**  
**Special Districts Financial Transactions Report**  
**Appropriations Limit Information**  
Appropriations Limit Information

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	2004
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Appropriations Limit as of the End of the Fiscal Year	<u>2,662,799</u>
Total Annual Appropriations Subject to the Limit as of the End of the Fiscal Year	<u>1,469,887</u>
<b>Amount (Over) Under the Appropriation Limit</b>	<u>\$1,192,912</u>

**Placentia Library District  
 Special Districts Financial Transactions Report - Long-Term Debt**

**General Obligation Bonds, Revenue Bonds, Certificates of Participation and Other**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	2004	
District-wide or Improvement District/Zone		District-wide
Improvement/Zone (If Applicable)		
Type of Debt		Other Long-Term Indebtedness
Activity		Library Services
Purpose of Issue		Building
Nature of Revenue Pledged		None
Percent of Pledge		0.00
Year of Authorization		1972
Principal Amount Authorized		1,000,000
Principal Amount Issued		1,000,000
Beginning Maturity Date		1972
Ending Maturity Date		2004
<b>Principal Amount Unmatured, Beginning of Fiscal Year</b>		<b>\$145,000</b>
Adjustments - Increase (Decrease)		
Principal Amount Issued During Fiscal Year		
Principal Amount Matured During Fiscal Year		
Principal Amount Defeased During Fiscal Year		70,000
<b>Principal Amount Unmatured, End of Fiscal Year</b>		<b>\$75,000</b>
Principal Amount in Default, End of Fiscal Year		
Interest in Default, End of Fiscal Year		
Amount Held in Bond Reserve		

**Placentia Library District  
 Special Districts Financial Transactions Report - Lease Obligations**

**Lease Obligations**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	2004	
<b>Activity</b>	Library Services	
<b>Purpose of Lease</b>	Equipment	
<b>Original Term of Lease - Number of Years</b>		14
<b>Type of Lease</b>		Rental
<b>Name of Lessor</b>	ABN AMRO Inc	
<b>Total Principal and Interest Unmatured, Beginning of Fiscal Year</b>		\$317,590
<b>Principal Payment During Fiscal Year</b>		16,511
<b>Interest Payment During the Fiscal Year</b>		13,175
<b>Adjustments - Increase (Decrease)</b>		
<b>Total Principal and Interest Unmatured, End of Fiscal Year</b>		\$287,904
<b>Total Unmatured Principal (Only) End of Fiscal Year</b>		



Placentia L. District  
Special Districts Financial Transactions Report - Consolidated Balance Sheet

Assets

Fiscal Year	2004	General and Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Enterprise Funds	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	Total Memorandum Only
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,139,191							\$1,139,191
Taxes Receivable	4,093							\$4,093
Interest Receivable								\$0
Accounts Receivable								\$0
Loans, Notes, and Contracts Receivable	204,379							\$204,379
Due from Other Funds								\$0
Inventory of Materials and Supplies								\$0
Other Current Assets								\$0
Lease Payments Receivable								
Unearned Finance Charges								
Investments	43,661							\$43,661
Restricted Assets								
Deferred Charges								
Unamortized Discount on Long-Term Debt								
Other Assets	32,349							\$32,349
<b>Fixed Assets</b>								
Land						81,498		\$81,498
Buildings and Improvements						1,735,960		\$1,735,960
Equipment						640,884		\$640,884
Construction in Progress								\$0
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>						\$2,458,342		\$2,458,342
Accumulated Depreciation								\$0
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>						\$2,458,342		\$2,458,342
<b>Other Debits</b>								
Amount Available in Debt Service Funds							75,000	\$75,000
Amount to be Provided								
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$1,423,673	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,458,342	\$75,000	\$3,957,015

Placentia Library District  
Special Districts Financial Transactions Report - Consolidated Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year	Liabilities and Equity						Total Memorandum Only
	2004	General and Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Enterprise Funds	General Fixed Assets	
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>							
		18,826					\$18,826
Accounts/Warrants Payable							\$0
Loans and Notes Payable		1,069					\$1,069
Interest Payable - Matured/Accrued		13,756					\$13,756
Other Current Liabilities		52,037					\$52,037
Compensated Absences Payable		200,206					\$200,206
Due to Other Governments							\$0
Due to Other Funds							\$0
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>							
General Obligation Bonds							\$0
Revenue Bond							\$0
Certificates of Participation							\$0
Special Assessment							\$0
Federal							\$0
State							\$0
Time Warrants							\$0
Other Long-Term Indebtedness						75,000	\$75,000
Unamortized Premium on Long-Term Debt							\$0
Advances for Construction							\$0
Deferred Revenue							\$0
All Other Non-Current Liabilities							\$0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		\$285,894	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$360,894
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Contributed Capital							\$0
Investments in General Fixed Assets					2,458,342		\$2,458,342
Retained Earnings							\$0
Reserved							\$0
Unreserved							\$0
<b>Fund Balances</b>							
Reserved		25,036					\$25,036
Unreserved Designated		193,393					\$193,393
Unreserved Undesignated		919,350					\$919,350
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>		\$1,137,779	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,458,342	\$3,596,121
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>		\$1,423,673	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,458,342	\$3,957,015

**Supplement to the Annual Report of Special Districts  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004**

<b>Special District ID Number:</b>	12173004000
<b>Name of District:</b>	Placentia Library District

The U. S. Bureau of the Census requests the following information about the fiscal activities of your government for the 2003-2004 fiscal year (defined from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004). Governments furnishing this information will no longer receive U. S. Bureau of the Census Form F-29 or F-32, Survey of Local Government Finances. If you have any questions, please contact:

**U. S. Census Bureau  
Jeffrey Little  
1-800-242-4523**

**A. Personnel Expenditures**

Please report your government's total expenditures for salaries and wages during the year, including amounts paid on force account construction projects.

<b>Z00:</b>	<b>\$ 669,243</b>
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**B. Capital Outlay Expenditures for Enterprise Activities**

Please report your government's capital outlay expenditures for the following enterprise activities, if applicable:

<b>Airport Enterprise</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Land and Equipment (Census Code G01)	\$
Construction (Census Code F01)	\$

<b>Electric Enterprise</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Land and Equipment (Census Code G92)	\$
Construction (Census Code F92)	\$

<b>Harbor and Port Enterprise</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Land and Equipment (Census Code G87)	\$
Construction (Census Code F87)	\$

<b>Hospital Enterprise</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Land and Equipment (Census Code G36)	\$
Construction (Census Code F36)	\$

<b>Waste Disposal Enterprise</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Land and Equipment (Census Code G81)	\$
Construction (Census Code F81)	\$

<b>Water Enterprise</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Land and Equipment (Census Code G91)	\$
Construction (Census Code F91)	\$



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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** **Mandated Cost Claims Receipt or Fiscal Year 2003-2004 as prepared by Shields Consulting Group and submitted to the State Controller's Office on December 13, 2004.**  
**DATE:** December 20, 2004

**BACKGROUND:**

The California Constitution provides that local government agencies shall be reimbursed by the State of California for their actual costs of complying with State requirements such as The Brown Act.

The recently adopted Proposition 1A requires that the State be current in reimbursing local agencies for Mandated Cost Claims before it can use/re-allocate any additional local property taxes. Placentia Library District has been submitting claims for the past six years and at some point in time these funds may be repaid by the State.

Shields Consulting Group is a firm in Sacramento that specializes in the preparation and filing of the Mandated Cost Claims and receives a preparation fee. They provide this service to a number of independent special districts and cities.

The submission for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 is Attachment A.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and File the Mandated Cost Claims Receipt or Fiscal Year 2003-2004 as prepared by Shields Consulting Group and submitted to the State Controller's Office on December 13, 2004.





## MANDATED COST CLAIMS RECEIPT

AGENCY                    PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT  
AGENCY ID                1730040

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Mandate</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
486/75	Mandate Reimbursement Process	2003/2004	\$1,290
486/75	Mandate Reimbursement Process	2004/2005 estimate	\$1,100
641/86	Open Meetings Act/Brown Act Reform	2003/2004	\$9,246
641/86	Open Meetings Act/Brown Act Reform	2004/2005 estimate	\$8,000

Total of Claims Submitted                    \$19,636

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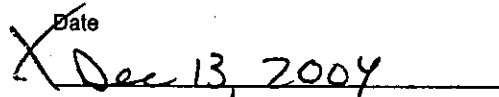
State Controller's Office acknowledges the receipt of the above mandated cost claims submitted by Shields Consulting Group, Inc.

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Received by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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CLAIM FOR PAYMENT Pursuant to Government Code Section 17561 MANDATED REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS			For State Controller Use Only	Program
			(19) Program Number 00041	<b>041</b>
			(20) Date Filed ___/___/___	
			(21) LRS Input ___/___/___	
(01) Claimant Identification Number 1730040			Reimbursement Claim Data	
(02) Claimant Name PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT			(22) MRP-1, (03)(a)	
County of Location ORANGE			(23) MRP-1, (03)(b)	6
Street Address or P.O. Box 411 E. CHAPMAN AVENUE			(24) MRP-1, (03)(c)	
City PLACENTIA			(25) MRP-1, (04)(1)(f)	
State CA				
Zip Code 92670				
Type of Claim	Estimated Claim	Reimbursement Claim	(26) MRP-1, (04)(2)(f)	1290
	(03) Estimated X	(09) Reimbursement X	(27) MRP-1, (04)(3)(f)	
	(04) Combined	(10) Combined	(28) MRP-1, (06)	
	(05) Amended	(11) Amended	(29) MRP-1, (07)	
Fiscal Year of Cost	(06) 2004/2005	(12) 2003/2004	(30) MRP-1, (09)	
Total Claimed Amount	(07) \$1,100	(13) \$1,290	(31) MRP-1, (10)	
Less: 10% Late Penalty, not to exceed \$1,000			(14)	(32)
Less: Prior Claim Payment Received			(15)	(33)
Net Claimed Amount			(16)	\$1,290 (34)
Due From State	(08) \$1,100	(17) \$1,290	(35)	
Due to State			(18)	(36)
<b>(37) CERTIFICATION OF CLAIM</b>				
In accordance with the provisions of Government Code 17561, I certify that I am the officer authorized by the local agency to file mandated cost claims with the State of California for this program, and certify under penalty of perjury that I have not violated any of the provisions of Government Code Sections 1090 to 1096, inclusive.				
I further certify that there was no application other than from the claimant, nor any grant or payment received, for reimbursement of costs claimed herein, and such costs are for a new program or increased level of services of an existing program. All offsetting savings and reimbursements set forth in the Parameters and Guidelines are identified, and all costs claimed are supported by source documentation currently maintained by the claimant.				
The amounts for Estimated Claim and/or Reimbursement Claim are hereby claimed from the State for payment of estimated and/or actual costs set forth on the attached statements. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.				
Signature of Authorized Officer 			Date 	
ELIZABETH D. MINTER			LIBRARY DIRECTOR	
Type or Print Name			Title	
(38) Name of Contact Person For Claim Steve Shields, Shields Consulting Group, Inc.			Telephone Number (916) 454-7310 E-Mail Address steve@shieldscg.com	



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Program	MANDATED COSTS MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS CLAIM SUMMARY					FORM MRP-1
<b>041</b>						
(01) Claimant  PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT			(02) Type of Claim Reimbursement                      X  Estimated		Fiscal Year  2003/2004	
<b>Claim Statistics</b>						
(03) Chapter/Statute, Name, and Number of Mandates					(a) Test Claims	(b) Reimbursement / Incorrect Reduction Claims
466/75      MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS						3
641/86      OPEN MEETINGS ACT/BROWN ACT REFORM						3
Total Number of Claims Filed						6
<b>Direct Costs by Department</b>			<b>Object Accounts</b>			
(04) Reimbursable Components			(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Test Claims			Salaries	Benefits	Services & Supplies	Travel & Training
X Reimbursement Claims						Fixed Assets
Incorrect Reduction Claims						Total
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION					\$1,290	\$1,290
(05) Total Direct Costs					\$1,290	\$1,290
<b>Indirect Costs by Department</b>						
(06) Indirect Cost Rates			Department Rate	Distribution Base		Total
(07) Total Indirect Costs						
(08) Total Direct and Indirect Costs			[Line (05)(f) + line (07)]			\$1,290
<b>Cost Reduction</b>						
(09) Less: Offsetting Savings						
(10) Less: Other Reimbursements						
(11) Total Claimed Amount			[Line (08) - (line (09) + line (10))]			\$1,290

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Program <b>041</b>		MANDATED COSTS MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS COMPONENT/ACTIVITY COST DETAIL					FORM MRP-2	
(01) Claimant PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT				(02) Fiscal Year 2003/2004				
(03) Reimbursable Component: Check only one box per form to identify the component being claimed.								
Test Claims		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement/Incorrect Reduction Claims			Training			
(04) Description of Expenses				Object Accounts				
(a) Employee Names, Job Classifications, Functions Performed, and Description of Expenses	(b) Hourly Rate or Unit Cost	(c) Hours Worked or Quantity	(d) Salaries	(e) Benefits	(f) Services and Supplies	(g) Travel and Training	(h) Fixed Assets	
Consultant costs necessary to prepare and submit successful reimbursement claims  SHIELDS CONSULTING GROUP, INC.					\$1,290			
(05) Total X Subtotal					\$1,290			

AGENCY PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT

FISCAL YEAR 2003/2004  
MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS CLAIM  
CHAPTERS 486/75 AND 1459/84

The Parameters and Guidelines for this program provide that if a local agency contracts with an independent contractor for the preparation and submission of reimbursement claims, the costs reimbursable by the state for that purpose shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 10 percent of the amount of the claims prepared and submitted by the independent contractor, or (2) the actual costs that would necessarily have been incurred for the purpose if performed by employees of the local agency.

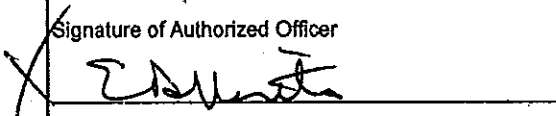
The Parameters and Guidelines for this program further provide that the maximum amount of reimbursement provided for an independent contractor may be exceeded if the local agency establishes, by appropriate documentation, that the preparation and submission of these claims could not have been accomplished without incurring the additional costs claimed by the local agency. An estimate of actual costs that would necessarily have been incurred if performed by employees of the local agency shall accompany the claim. This cost estimate is to be certified by the governing body or its designee.

The Agency's governing board or its designee determined that the cost of having its mandated cost claims completed by Shields Consulting Group, Inc. would be less than the if the Agency staff would have performed the same work. The Agency has determined that the contractor's expertise and lack of available staff time make contracting with Shields Consulting Group, Inc. the most cost effective manner to file for its mandated cost reimbursement.

Cost Estimate/Analysis	Hours	Rate	
Shields Consulting Group, Inc.	15.00		\$1,290
Agency Staff	45.00	\$45	\$2,025

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CLAIM FOR PAYMENT			For State Controller Use Only	Program
Pursuant to Government Code Section 17561			(19) Program Number 00219	<b>219</b>
OPEN MEETINGS ACT/BROWN ACT REFORM (LOCAL AGENCIES)			(20) Date Filed ___/___/___	
			(21) LRS Input ___/___/___	
(01) Claimant Identification Number 1730040			Reimbursement Claim Data	
(02) Claimant Name PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT			(22) BAR-1, (04)	12
County of Location ORANGE			(23) BAR-1, (05)(f)	
Street Address or P.O. Box 411 E. CHAPMAN AVENUE			(24) BAR-1, (06)	8512
City PLACENTIA			(25) BAR-1, (07)	10
State CA			(26) BAR-1, (08)	734
Zip Code 92670			(27) BAR-1, (10)	
Type of Claim	Estimated Claim	Reimbursement Claim	(28) BAR-1, (12)	
(03) Estimated	X	(09) Reimbursement	(29) BAR-1, (13)	
(04) Combined		(10) Combined		
(05) Amended		(11) Amended		
Fiscal Year of Cost	(06) 2004/2005	(12) 2003/2004	(30)	
Total Claimed Amount	(07) \$8,000	(13) \$9,246	(31)	
Less: 10% Late Penalty, not to exceed \$1,000		(14)	(32)	
Less: Prior Claim Payment Received		(15)	(33)	
Net Claimed Amount		(16) \$9,246	(34)	
Due From State	(08) \$8,000	(17) \$9,246	(35)	
Due to State		(18)	(36)	
<b>(37) CERTIFICATION OF CLAIM</b>				
In accordance with the provisions of Government Code 17561, I certify that I am the officer authorized by the local agency to file mandated cost claims with the State of California for this program, and certify under penalty of perjury that I have not violated any of the provisions of Government Code Sections 1090 to 1098, inclusive.				
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The amounts for this Estimated Claim and/or Reimbursement Claim are hereby claimed from the State for payment of estimated and/or actual costs set forth on the attached statements. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.				
Signature of Authorized Officer 			Date X Dec 14, 2004	
ELIZABETH D. MINTER			LIBRARY DIRECTOR	
Type or Print Name			Title	
(38) Name of Contact Person For Claim Steve Shields, Shields Consulting Group, Inc.			Telephone Number (916) 454-7310	
			E-Mail Address <a href="mailto:steve@shieldscg.com">steve@shieldscg.com</a>	

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Program		MANDATED COSTS					FORM
219		OPEN MEETINGS ACT/BROWN ACT REFORM (LOCAL AGENCIES)					BAR-1
CLAIM SUMMARY							
(01) Claimant PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT			(02) Type of Claim Reimbursement X Estimated			Fiscal Year 2003/2004	
(03) Department		General Administration					
<b>Claim Statistics</b>							
(04) Number of regular meetings for which a brief agenda was prepared and posted						12	
<b>Direct Costs: Actual Time Option</b>			<b>Object Accounts</b>				
(05) Reimbursable Component	(a) Salaries	(b) Benefits	(c) Services and Supplies	(d) Fixed Assets	(e) Travel and Training	(f) Total Direct Costs	
Preparation of Brief Agenda and Posting							
<b>Direct Costs: Standard-Time Option</b>							
(06) Standard-Time Reimbursement Option					[From form BAR-2S, line (05)(f)]	\$8,512	
<b>Indirect Costs: Actual Time Option and/or Standard-Time Option</b>							
(07) Indirect Cost Rate						10.00%	
(08) Total Indirect Costs					Method 2	\$734	
(09) Total Direct and Indirect Costs					[Line (05)(f) + line (06) + line (08)]	\$9,246	
<b>Direct and Indirect Costs: Flat-Rate Option</b>							
(10) Flat-Rate Reimbursement Option					[From form BAR-2F, line (05)(d)]		
(11) Total Direct and Indirect Costs of All Options					[Line (09) + line (10)]	\$9,246	
<b>Cost Reduction</b>							
(12) Less: Offsetting Savings							
(13) Less: Other Reimbursements							
(14) Total Claimed Amount					[Line (11) - {(line (12) + line (13))}]	\$9,246	

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Program <b>219</b>	MANDATED COSTS OPEN MEETINGS ACT/BROWN ACT REFORM (LOCAL AGENCIES) COMPONENT/ACTIVITY COST DETAIL					FORM BAR-2S
(01) Claimant PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT			(02) Fiscal Year 2003/2004			
(03) Department	General Administration					
(04) Standard-Time Reimbursement Option: Complete columns (a) through (f).						
(a) Date	(b) Meeting Type or Name	(c) Number of Agenda Items	(d) Minutes Per Agenda Item	(e) Blended Hourly Rate	(f) Total	
07/21/03	Governing Board	40	20	\$54.68	\$729	
08/25/03	Governing Board	46	20	\$54.68	\$838	
09/22/03	Governing Board	42	20	\$54.68	\$766	
10/20/03	Governing Board	41	20	\$54.68	\$747	
11/24/03	Governing Board	37	20	\$54.68	\$674	
12/22/03	Governing Board	37	20	\$54.68	\$674	
01/19/04	Governing Board	32	20	\$54.68	\$583	
02/23/04	Governing Board	32	20	\$54.68	\$583	
03/22/04	Governing Board	33	20	\$54.68	\$601	
04/26/04	Governing Board	41	20	\$54.68	\$747	
05/24/04	Governing Board	41	20	\$54.68	\$747	
06/30/04	Governing Board	45	20	\$54.68	\$820	
(05) Total X Subtotal					\$8,512	







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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*

**SUBJECT:** **Legislative Issues and a Review of the Status of the State Budget and State Library Budget**

**DATE:** December 20, 2004

**BACKGROUND**

The recent Legislative Alerts from the California Special Districts Association are contained in Agenda Item 22.

The Literacy Matching Grant award was \$29,121.

Notes from Coalition of Independent Special Library Districts meeting on November 13, 2004 in San Jose are Attachment A. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the Buena Park Library. The Board needs to determine who will attend.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Determine who will attend the meeting of the Coalition of Independent Special Library Districts on ~~November 13, 2004~~ *Jan 22, 2005* in Buena Park.
2. Other action to be determined by the Library Board of Trustees.

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**Council of Independent Special District Libraries,  
Meeting 11/13, held at CLA in San Jose**

Attending: Buena Park: Louise Mazerov, Chair; Palos Verdes: Katherine Gould, Ted Paulson, Jane Jones, Nancy Mahr; Dixon: Gregg Atkins.

Discussion included:

- Keep a presence in CSDA (Kathy has applied to be a member of the Legislative Committee)
- All Independent Special District Libraries will be kept on the mailing list even if they can't participate
- Teleconferencing equipment will be acquired by Buena Park to facilitate participation at upcoming meetings
- Will connect with groups such as CLA (Dillions and the legislative committee), State Library, CSDA (Ralph Heim & Geoffrey Neil), League of Cities and CSAC – let them know we exist
- Meet during second half of January/after January release of State budget
- Encourage participation in Day in the District and Leg Day
- Offer: those who go to Leg Day visit legislators for those who cannot attend
- Topics for meeting
  - Suggestions (send to Louise by January 10)
  - Tools – can we develop any that would be useful? Sharing policies?
  - Is everyone getting CSDA emails – do we need to share more information

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 22, 2005 AT BUENA PARK LIBRARY  
TELECONFERENCING AVAILABLE**

**RSVP BY JANUARY 14**



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## PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *ewm*

**SUBJECT:** Determine whether to offer an incentive program for selected staff to become certified as Notary Publics, determine what that program will be and set the amendment to the Fines & Fees Policy for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 for public hearing.

**DATE:** December 20, 2004

**BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting on October 25, 2004 the Library Board of Trustees authorized the addition of Notary Public Services at a cost of \$10.00 per signature and Passport Photographs at a cost of \$10.00 per person. These changes to the Fines & Fees Schedule need to be set for public hearing.

The Board carried forward the discussion of compensation for staff serving as Notary Publics to the November Board Meeting and at the November Board Meeting to the December Board Meeting.

The following options are possible for staff involvement with the implementation of this change in District services and job descriptions:

1. Based on the fact that the Notary Public service is an entrepreneurial activity outside the scope of the Library's Mission Statement (copy included on page 1 of the Agenda), and that staff serving as Notary Publics would need to sit an examination conducted by the State of California and purchase special supplies and equipment, the Library Director recommended that the Board establish a "bonus" for those staff willing to take on the extra responsibility of a 5% addition to their hourly rate of pay, and that the number of authorized staff be limited to four. The estimated personnel cost for the first twelve months, including Social Security/Medicare, if the individuals selected were both passport clerks (one full-time and one half-time), one additional library clerk and one library assistant would be approximately \$5,843. If the training, exam and supply costs were \$300 per person the total first year cost would be approximately \$7,043. This would take 705 notary fees to offset. In the second year it would take approximately 600 notary fees to offset (assuming one change in staff).

In Fiscal Year 2003-2004 the staff processed 6,413 passports. It is reasonable to plan for a notary service that would grow to be equally busy. Because of the potential for this type of growth I am recommending a "fixed" rather than a "floating" bonus system.

2. Other methods for determining the bonus are possible. A fixed rate could be used, such as \$100 per month, payable at the second pay period each month – this would cost \$5,168.
3. If the Board wants to use a "piece rate", such as \$2.00, the Social Security/Medicare will need to be added to that. This will be very labor intensive for the Administrative Assistant because the

statistics will need to be collected and certified every two weeks as part of the payroll preparation. If usage turns out to be high then the amount paid will be far in excess of the fixed rates.

4. If the Board has the option of making a permanent change in the job descriptions for the Clerk I and Clerk II positions to require a Notary Public certification as part of the job in order to complete the probationary period. This means that any staff member hired in either of those classifications (all full time and part time excluding substitutes) would have to be eligible to become a Notary Public and complete the process within six months of being hired.

This would work for new hires but does not address the individuals already in these classifications. Since these individuals were hired prior to the change in the job description they could be "grandfathered" in to the new requirement by a bonus for taking the certification. The Library Directors is recommending \$1,000, payable upon presentation of the Notary Public License or Certificate issued by the State of California. The start-up bonus should have a six month expiration date so that the District can initiate the service as rapidly as possible. There are currently five individuals who would be affected by this proposal. There would be no penalty if anyone opted to not be certified but participation would be included as part of the annual performance review.

This means that after the initial start-up cost of \$5,000 plus certification class, exam and supply expenses that the ongoing annual expenses would be only for the class, exam and supply expenses.

Regardless of the payment/bonus process used I recommend that it include a provision that if a Notary stays certified and active for thirty-six (36) months or more that they will not be responsible for reimbursing the District for their training, exam(s), equipment and supplies. For those leaving or stopping the service in less than thirty-six (36) months the pro-rated balance of their training, exam(s), equipment and supplies will be deducted from their final paycheck.

According to the provisions of Placentia Library District Policy 1010, amendments must be discussed at the Regular Board Meeting prior to the Regular Board Meeting at which it is adopted. This policy may be waived by a 4/5 vote of the Board.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Determine whether to offer an incentive program for staff to become certified as Notary Publics.
2. Determine the structure of the incentive program for staff becoming Notary Publics and authorize the Library Director to prepare the amendment of Placentia Library District Policy 2150, Compensation and any applicable Job Descriptions.
3. Authorize the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing for the amendment of the Fines & Fees Schedule to be held at the Library Board Meeting on January 24, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** Election of Board Officers  
**DATE:** December 20, 2004

**BACKGROUND:**

The following positions need to be elected:

President (Incumbent is Shkoler, 6 years)

Secretary (Incumbent is Escobosa, 2 years)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Elect a Library Board President and a Library Board Secretary for 2005.





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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Library Board Representatives for 2005 by the Board President  
**DATE:** December 20, 2004

**BACKGROUND:**

The following positions need to be appointed:

Placentia Library Foundation Board of Directors (2 positions – incumbent is DeVecchio and the other position is vacant)

Independent Special Districts of Orange County (Incumbent is Wood)

Independent Special District Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) Selection Committee (Incumbent is Wood)

Placentia Civic Center Authority (2 positions – incumbents are Shkoler and Wood)

Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) (Incumbent is *Tanner* ~~Wood~~)

**RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint Library Board Representatives.



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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** Selection of Date and Time for Regular Board Meetings for 2005: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Placentia Library District of Orange County to Establish the Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2005.  
**DATE:** December 20, 2004

**BACKGROUND:**

*third Monday*  
The current date and time is the first Monday following the eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) of each month at 6:30 P.M.

Resolution 04-09 is Attachment A: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Placentia Library District of Orange County to Establish the Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2005.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Determine the regular meeting date and time for 2004. *3rd Mon - Turner/Case*
2. Read Resolution 04-09 by Title only. *Gu Russell*
3. Adopt Resolution 04-09. *Gu / Minter*





Day of December 2004.

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Betty Escobosa, Secretary  
Placentia Library District Board of Trustees

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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director

**SUBJECT:** Authorization of signatures for District accounts at Bank of the West, Wells Fargo Bank, Citibank and the Orange County Auditor: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Placentia Library District of Orange County to grant signature authority to Library Trustees, the Library Director and Designated staff with the Orange County Auditor, Bank of the West, Wells Fargo Bank and Citibank.

**DATE:** December 20, 2004

**BACKGROUND**

Bank and Orange County Auditor signature authorizations need to be updated for all accounts in order to reflect the changes in Board membership.

Resolution 04-10 is Attachment A: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Placentia Library District of Orange County to grant signature authority to Library Trustees, the Library Director and Designated staff with the Orange County Auditor, Bank of the West, Wells Fargo Bank and Citibank.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Read Resolution 04-10 by Title only.
2. Adopt Resolution 04-10.

*EW*





RESOLUTION 04-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
TO GRANT SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO LIBRARY TRUSTEES, THE LIBRARY  
DIRECTOR AND DESIGNATED STAFF WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY  
AUDITOR, BANK OF THE WEST, WELLS FARGO BANK AND CITIBANK

WHEREAS, the Placentia Library District of Orange County is governed by the California Education Code, Section 19658, which states: *"The revenue derived from the [property] tax, together with all money acquired by gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise, for the purposes of the library, shall be paid into the county treasury, to the credit of the library fund of the district in which the tax is collected, subject only to the order of the library trustees of the district. If payment into the treasury is inconsistent with the terms or conditions of any gift, devise, or bequest, the board of library trustees shall provide for the safety and preservation of the fund, and the application thereof to the use of the library, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the gift, devise or bequest."*; and

WHEREAS, the Placentia Library District of Orange County has established petty cash accounts for its General Fund, County Exempt Fund and Literacy Gift Fund at Bank of the West; and

WHEREAS, the Placentia Library District of Orange County has established a payroll account at Wells Fargo Bank; and

WHEREAS, the Placentia Library District of Orange County has established an emergency payroll account at Citibank; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Placentia Library District of Orange County authorizes any three of the Library Board of Trustees may sign any authorization for any transaction of District funds on deposit with the Orange County Treasurer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Library Director has the authority to designate Staff and/or Trustees to pick-up checks or other materials from the Office of the Orange County Auditor or Orange County Treasurer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any Trustee or the Library Director may sign any check up to \$500.00, and that any two Trustees, or one Trustee and the Library Director, may sign any check over \$500.00 for accounts 664009305, 664012929, 664016995, 664023272 and 664023298 at Bank of the West; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any Trustee of the Library Director may sign any check up to \$500.00, and that any two Trustees, or one Trustee and the Library Director, may sign any check over \$500.00, and authorize any other transactions, for account 201-1939659 at Wells Fargo Bank; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any two Trustees, or any Trustee and the Library Director, may authorize any transactions for accounts 387-007032-7, 387-007027-7, 387-007026-9, 387-007028-5, 387-007029-3, 387-007030-1 and 387-007031-9 at Citibank.

AYE: TRUSTEES: Shkoler, Escobosa, DeVecchio, Turner, Wood

NO: TRUSTEES: None

ABSTAIN: TRUSTEES: None

ABSENT: TRUSTEES: None

State of California )  
 ) ss.  
County of Orange )

I, Betty Escobosa, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Placentia Library District of Orange County, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution as duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting hereof held on the twentieth day of December 2004.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of December, 2004.

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Betty Escobosa, Secretary  
Placentia Library District Board of Trustees

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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** Date for the February 2005 Regular Board Meeting  
**DATE:** December 20, 2004

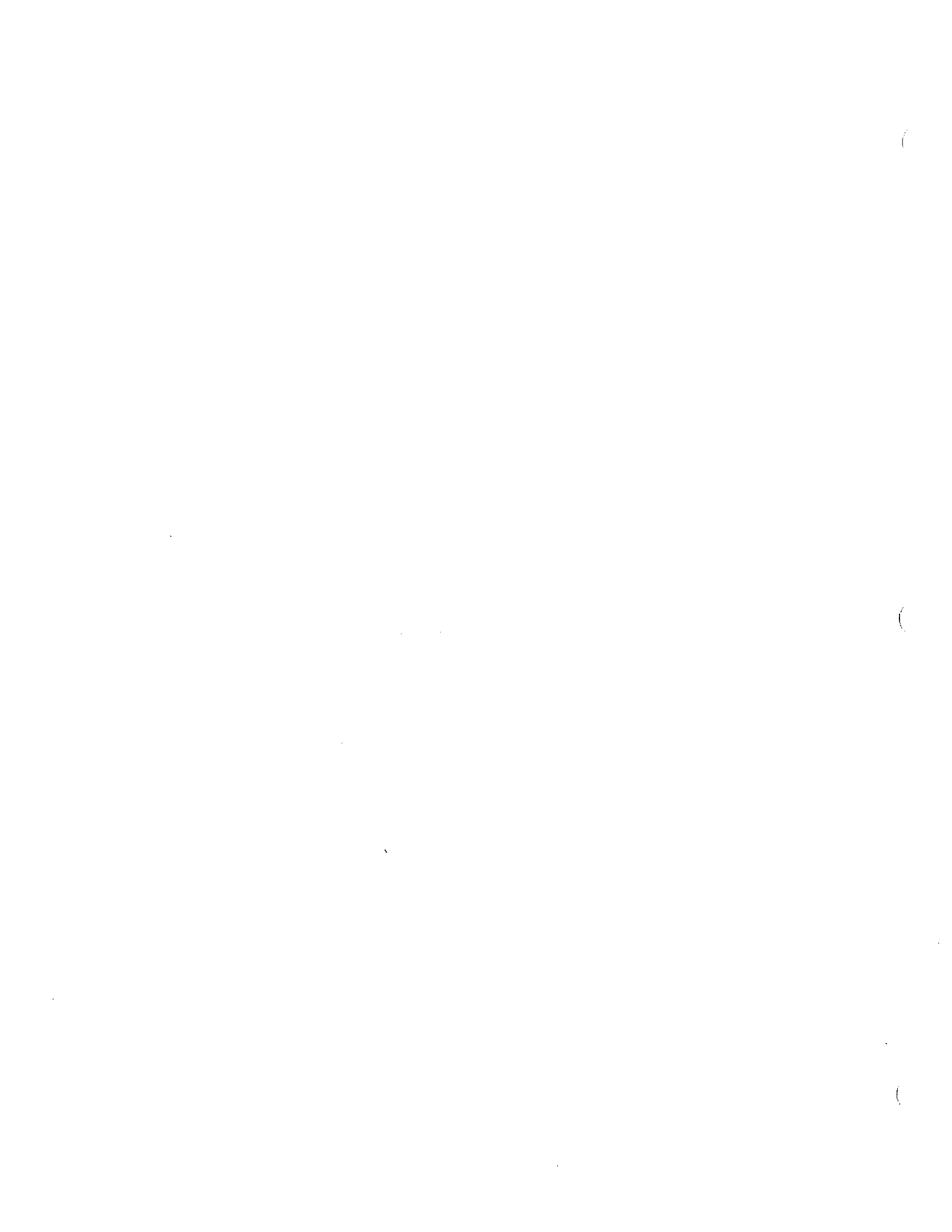
**BACKGROUND:**

If the schedule adopted in Agenda Item 33 keeps the same Regular Board Meeting dates the February 2005 Meeting will be scheduled for President's Day, February 21, 2004. Staff recommends that in this case that the date be changed to Monday, February 28, 2005 at 6:30 P.M.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Set meeting for Monday, February 28, 2005 at 6:30 P.M.

*Tues Feb 22*  
*Tues/Wood*



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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** Safety Committee Incentive Program for Staff Shirts  
**DATE:** December 20, 2004

**BACKGROUND:**

In an effort to continue to promote safety awareness, the safety committee has developed an incentive program for library employees. For every safety course taken on-line as provided by Special District Risk Management Authority, a library employee earns an increment of \$3.00 towards the purchase of a Library Staff Shirt with a maximum allowance of \$18.00 per fiscal year.

Three foundation classes are mandatory in order to qualify for the incentive.

**Foundation Classes**

- 706 – General First Aid
- 716 – Office Safety
- 802 - Sexual Harrassment

The remainder of listed classes may be taken in any order and there is no limit to how many classes may be taken in a fiscal year but the maximum allowance still applies with respect to purchasing a Library Staff Shirt.

- 801 - Workplace Violence
- 803 - Ethnic Diversification
- 804 - Workplace Stress
- 805 - Health & Wellness
- 806 - Diet & Nutrition
- 807 - Computer Security Awareness
- 701 - Back Injury
- 702 – Slips, Trips and Falls Prevention
- 703 – Hearing Conservation
- 704 – Eye Safety

- 705 -- CPR Academic
- 707 -- Drug-Free Workplace
- 708 - Alcohol-Free Workplace
- 709 -- Electrical Safety
- 710 -- General Office Ergonomics
- 711 -- Disaster Preparedness
- 713 -- Fire Extinguisher
- 714 -- Fire Prevention
- 715 -- Driving Safety
- 717 -- Building Evacuation
- 718 -- First Responders to Terrorist Incidents

The courses are available for library staff to take during regular work hours. Scheduling of employee time to take a course(s) will be at the discretion of the employee's supervisor. Certificates of Completion for each course are required for the employee to be credited the corresponding increment. The Certificate of Completion will be filed in the employee's personnel file.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Safety Committee Incentive Program and authorize the Library Director to revise program as necessary. If approved, Program will be brought to the January 19, 2005 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting for adoption into Library policy.

Prepared by: Wendy Goodson  
Katie Matas

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM.*  
**SUBJECT:** Personnel Contract between the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Director  
**DATE:** December 20, 2004

**BACKGROUND:**

President Shkoler has requested an item on the Agenda to present and vote on a Personnel Contract between the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Director.

No additional background information or documents have been provided.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Action to be determined by the Library Board of Trustees.





**Employment Agreement  
Between the Placentia Library  
and  
Elizabeth Minter**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into on 1/1/05 by and between the Placentia Library District, a municipal corporation, hereinafter called "Employer", and Elizabeth Minter, hereinafter called "Employee", both of whom understand as follows:

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Employer desires to employ the services of Elizabeth Minter as Library Director of the Placentia Library District, as provided by Section 2000 of the Placentia Library District Policy Handbook; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the District Board, hereinafter called "Board", to provide certain compensation and benefits, to establish certain conditions of employment, and to set working conditions of said Employee; and

WHEREAS, Employee desires to accept employment as Library Director of the Placentia Library District;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

**Section 1: Duties**

Employer hereby agrees to employ Elizabeth Minter as Library Director of said Employer to perform the functions and duties specified in the District Policy Manual and to perform other legally permissible and proper duties and functions as the Board shall from time to time assign.

The Library Director shall be in charge of and responsible for the operation and management of the Placentia Library and the general business and governmental affairs of the Placentia Library District in accordance with the laws of the State of California governing special districts. The Library Director shall do and perform all services, acts, or functions necessary or advisable to manage and conduct the business and governmental affairs of the District, and as may be from time to time determined by the Board of Directors and as detailed in the job description as provided by Section 2300 of the Placentia Library District Policy Handbook. Employee shall perform all duties with due diligence and with the best interest of the District in mind.

**Section 2: Term**

- A. The term of this contract will begin on 1/1/2005 and shall continue for a period of six months and will automatically terminate on 6/30/2005. At least 30 days prior to the



expiration of this agreement the board will meet for the purposes of renewing this contract. In the event the board determines not to renew the contract the board will provide 30 days written notice of their intent not to renew.

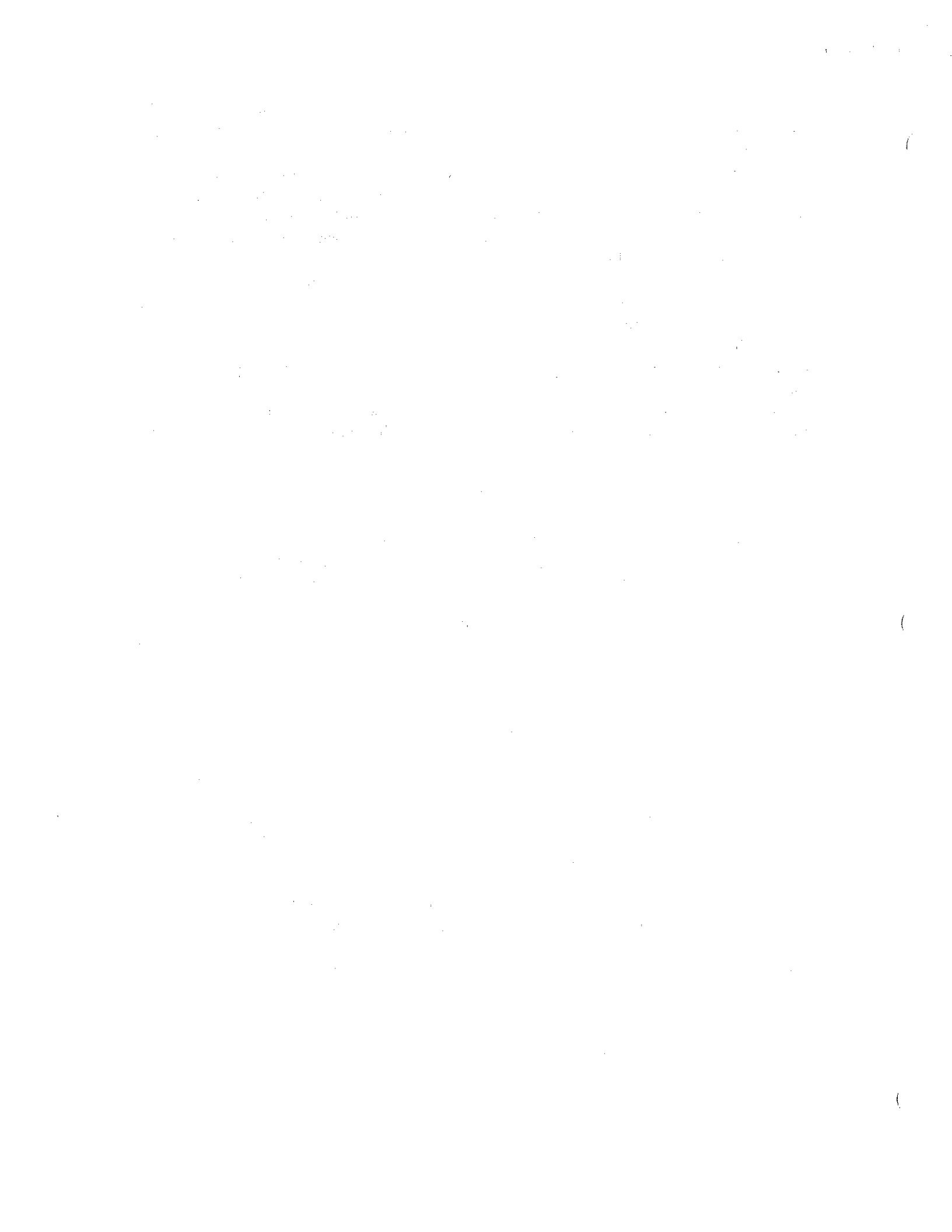
- B. During the term of this contract the employee is "at-will." Employment at-will may be terminated with or without cause and with or without notice at any time by the employee or the Board. Employee further understands that she does not have a property interest in her position as Library Director. The employee further understands and agrees that her status as an at-will employee may not be changed except in a writing signed by the President of the Board of Directors following a resolution approved by the majority of the Board of Directors. The term of this agreement shall commence on January 1, 2005, and shall continue until terminated by either party as provided for herein.
- C. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent, limit or otherwise interfere with the right of the Board to terminate the services of employee at any time, subject only to the provisions set forth in Section 7 of this agreement.
- D. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent, limit or otherwise interfere with the right of the Employee to resign at any time from her position with Employer, subject only to the provisions set forth in Section 7 of this agreement.

### **Section 3 : Salary**

- A. Employer agrees to compensate Employee for her services rendered pursuant hereto an annual base salary of \$100,012.22, payable in semi-monthly installments.
- B. Cost of living (COLA) adjustments or any other benefits except as expressly provided in this agreement will not apply.
- C. Salary increases, if any, during the term of this agreement shall be based, in part, on a performance review with the percentage salary increase determined by the Board of Directors (see Section 4, below).

### **Section 4 : Performance Evaluation**

- A. Employer agrees to meet with Employee from time to time for purposes of evaluating the Employees performance. The board in its sole discretion will establish the criteria for evaluating the employees performance and to establish goals by which to measure Employee's performance. Employer further agrees to meet with Employee after the 3-month anniversary date of this agreement for the purpose of evaluating Employee's performance.
- B. The Board shall make every reasonable effort to review and evaluate the performance of the Employee at least once annually in advance of the adoption of the annual operating budget. Said review and evaluation shall be in accordance with specific criteria developed by Employer, and may include staff input as part of that process. The criteria may be added to or deleted from as the Board may determine, in consultation with the Employee. Further, the Board President shall provide the Employee with a summary written statement of the findings of the Board and provide an adequate opportunity for the Employee to discuss the evaluation with the Board.



## **Section 5: Management Benefits**

Employee shall receive the following fringe benefits:

- A. Employee shall accrue vacation in accordance with the District's personnel policy manual.
- C. Employee accrues 8 hours of sick leave per month. In the event of retirement, permanent disability or death, the District shall pay the employee, or heirs, in accordance with the District's Policy Handbook.
- D. Health, dental, life, accidental death and dismemberment, and other health-related insurances, retirement, reimbursement for authorized District related expenses, and disability leave shall all be allowed in accordance with the District's Policy Handbook.
- E. In accordance with the District's leave policy, the Employee shall be entitled to all holiday leave, jury duty, bereavement leave and other leave stipulated available to management employees as defined by the District's Policy Handbook.
- G. This agreement is not intended to and in fact does not entitle the Library Director to any benefits other than those stated in this agreement.

## **Section 6: Professional Development**

- A. Employer agrees to budget for and to pay for professional dues and subscriptions of Employee necessary for the continuation and full participation in national, regional, state, and local associations and organizations necessary and desirable for continued professional participation, growth, and advancement, and for the good of the Employer.
- B. Employer hereby agrees to budget for and to pay for reasonable travel and subsistence expenses of Employee for professional and office travel, meetings, and occasions necessary to continue the professional development of Employee, and to adequately pursue necessary functions for Employer, including but not limited to American Library Association, Placentia Chamber of Commerce, Independent Special Districts and the California Special Districts Associations, and such other appropriate, regional, state, and local governmental groups and committees thereof, as approved by the Board, which Employee serves as a member on behalf of the District.
- C. Employer also agrees to budget for and to pay for reasonable travel and subsistence expenses of Employee for short courses, institutes, and seminars that are necessary for professional development and for the good of the Employer.
- D. Employee shall obtain prior Board approval for any expenses in this Section which are not budgeted and for all out-of-state functions. Emergency situations may be approved by the Board President or his/her designee.

## **Section 7: Termination of Agreement, Severance Pay and Retirement**

- A. This agreement may be terminated at any time by either party in writing with or without cause or notice. Both sides agree that it is preferable to provide thirty (30) days advance notice of termination, but such advance notice is not required.
- B. The parties to this Agreement expressly acknowledge that Employee is "at will" and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Employee may be terminated at any time with or without cause at the sole discretion of the District. The District recognizes



the right of the Employee to terminate her employment at any time with or without reason.

- C. Notwithstanding anything else contained in the Agreement, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall terminate automatically and immediately upon the death or permanent disability of Employee.
- D. Termination for Cause - In the event Employee is terminated by Board for cause, the Employee shall be given written notice setting forth the reasons for such termination. No severance or termination pay shall be awarded to the Employee if Employer determines to terminate Employee for cause.
- E. Termination Without Cause - Employer and Employee agree that circumstances may arise under which Employer wishes to terminate this agreement without reference to specific issues or failure to perform on the part of Employee. In the event Employer wishes to terminate Employee without reference to cause, then Employee shall be entitled to severance pay in a lump sum equal to three month's salary.
- F. In the event Employee is terminated by the Board pursuant to either paragraph D or E above, the Employee shall receive accrued but unused vacation. Accrued sick leave benefits shall be paid in accordance with District personnel policy.
- G. Should employee choose to retire, written resignation with desired retirement date shall be provided to the board 60 days prior to said date.

#### **Section 8: Notices**

Notices pursuant to this agreement shall be given by deposit in the custody of the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

- A. President -- Placentia Library Board of Trustees, Placentia Library, 411 East Chapman, Placentia, CA 92870
- B. Elizabeth Minter, 539 Gardenia Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870. Alternatively, notices required pursuant to this agreement may be personally served in the same manner as is applicable to civil judicial practice. Notice shall be deemed given as of the date of personal service or as of the date of deposit of such written notice in the course of transmission in the United States Postal Service.

#### **Section 9: General Provisions**

- A. The text herein shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing between the District and the Employee and contains all of the covenants and agreements between the parties with respect to such employment in any manner whatsoever.
- B. Each party to this agreement acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements, orally or otherwise, have been made by any party, or anyone acting on behalf of any party, which are not embodied herein, and no other agreement, statement, or promise not contained in this agreement shall be valid or binding. Any modification of this agreement will be effective only if it is in writing and signed by both the District and the Employee.





- C. This agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs at law and executors of the Employee.
- D. If any provision, or any portion thereof, contained in this agreement is held unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement, or portion thereof, shall be deemed severable, shall not be affected, and shall remain in full force and effect.
- E. The parties agree to submit any and all disputes regarding this contract or the employment relationship to binding arbitration with the American Arbitration Association, pursuant to their rules for Employee/Employer matters.
- F. This agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of California.
- G. Employee understands that the Board may, from time to time, revise the District's Personnel policies. Employee understands that he is subject to those policies and procedures when they are not in conflict with the contents of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Placentia Library District, has caused this agreement to be signed and executed in its behalf by its Board president, and duly attested by its Secretary, and the Employee has signed and executed this agreement, both in duplicate, the day and year first above written.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Board President

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Secretary

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Employee



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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** Library Director's Report  
**DATE:** December 20, 2004

I participated in the following activities during the current report period:

- Nov 22 Took care of Santiago Library System transfers of Certificates of Deposit at a Wells Fargo Bank in Anaheim  
Attended Library Foundation Donor Reception Committee Meeting at Emerald Isle
- Nov 27 Saturday manager/passports.
- Dec 3 Prepared for and attended Foundation Donor Reception
- Dec 7 Attended monthly meeting of the Association of Professional Fundraisers where Placentia Boys & Girls Club Director Nathan Chappell made a presentation on the use of work study volunteers and college interns.
- Dec 10 Attended Citizen of the Year Breakfast, arranged for banner and cake for the staff in honor of Jim Roberts's award.
- Dec 11 Saturday manager/passports.
- Dec 15 Attended California Special Districts Association training on Brown Act and Public Records Act in San Diego.

The following staff meetings were held:

- Dec 1 CPR training for all staff, 19 participated and certified.
- Dec 15 Conducted by Jim Roberts because Wendy and I were at the Special District Seminar in San Diego.

Lunches with staff members:

- Dec 2 Petey Peterson

Staff/Volunteer welfare issues: Nothing to report. Everyone is well and back to work.



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
 FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager *JR*  
 DATE: December 20, 2004

**SUBJECT: Program Committee Report for the month of November.**

DEPARTMENT	NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES
<i>ADULT SERVICES</i>	1	5
<b><u>TYD Total</u></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>53</b>
 <i>CHILDREN'S SERVICES</i>		
Wed. PM Story Times	0	0
Thurs. AM Story Times	0	0
3-4 year-old music times	0	0
5-6 year-old music times	0	0
Lapsits	0	0
Class Visits	0	0
School Visits	0	0
After School Face Painting	0	0
After School Scary Stories	0	0
<b>TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>YTD TOTAL</b>	<b><u>87</u></b>	<b><u>3,672</u></b>

<i>LITERACY SERVICES</i>	<i>Nov 2004-05</i>	<i>FY 2004-05 YTD</i>
Total Tutors	121	224
Total Students	220	219
Total Hours	1,291	6,477

For more detailed literacy statistics, see Agenda Item 35, pages 2 of 3 and 3 of 3.



**Agenda Item 39**

**TO:** Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
**FROM:** Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager JK  
**DATE:** December 20, 2004  
**SUBJECT:** November Activities in the Children's Department.

The Children's Librarian, Caroline Gurkweitz, is on vacation, and she did not submit a Board Report for the month of November 2004.





TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager *JR*

DATE: December 20, 2004

**SUBJECT: Placentia Library Literacy Services (PLLS) Activities Report for the month of November.**

**Tutor Training.** The Literacy Coordinator conducted one regular workshop and one accelerated workshop in November and eight tutors were trained, five teens and three adults. Seven additional tutors, four adults and three teens were trained on December 5, for a total of fifteen for both months. All new tutors are presently matched or are being matched. The next tutor training is scheduled for January 16, 2005.

**Families for Literacy (FFL) Program Status.** There was no FFL programming in November.

**Placentia Rotary Reading Enrichment Program (PRREP).** Recruitment for PRREP continued in November. We presently have more than 70 PRREP volunteers from both El Dorado High School and Valencia High School trained and matched or pending match. We are presently matching PRREP tutors with grade school students..

**Reach Out and Read On Hold.** PLLS's partnership St. Judes Medical Center and the Reach Out and Read Program, a pediatric-based literacy program, remains on hold. Our long time volunteer for this outreach, Diane Martlaro, had to stop earlier this year, and our other volunteer, Pettey Peterson, has also had to stop. We want to thank both of these volunteers for there many volunteer hours. We will continue to try to recruit volunteers to continue this partnership.

this year in late September. We now have ELLI active this school year at three elementary schools: Melrose, Ruby Drive, and Tynes. We are staffing all sites with Federal Work Study staff and volunteers, and we have a total of 21 ELLI staff assigned to the schools.

**Grant Update.** Our grant writers, Machoskie & Associates submitted several letters of inquiry to possible grantors in November.

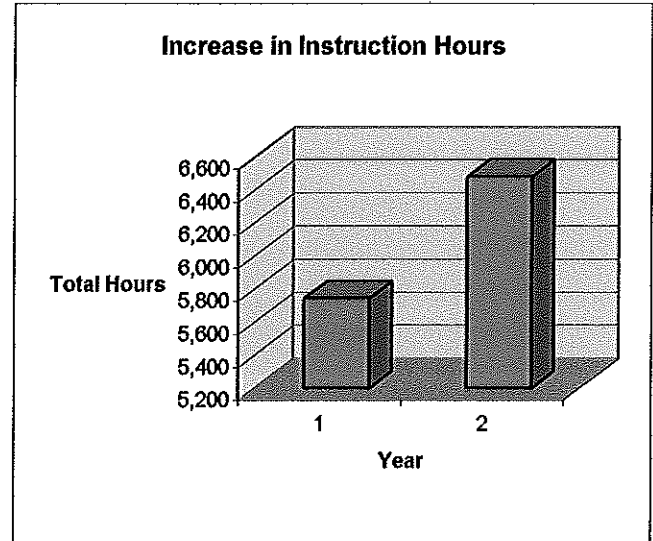
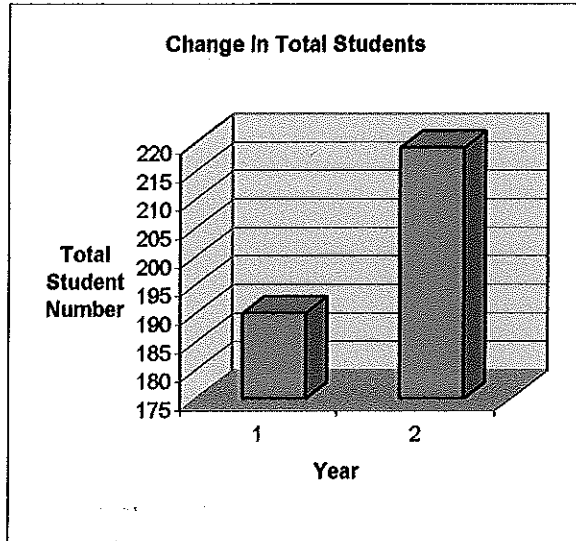
**Classes to start at Women's Transitional Living Center (WTLC).** In November and early December, we tested and screened seven students at WTLC. Classes are scheduled to start there on Tuesday, December 14. Grace Lopez, a new intern from the University of Phoenix, will teach the first eight sessions. She will teach two one-hour classes from 6-8 PM.

**Literacy statistics.** See Agenda Item 40, Pages 2 of 3, and 3 of 3.

## Placenta Library Literacy Services

### Report of Growth and Progress

	NOV 03-04	NOV 04-05	YTD 03-04	YTD 04-05
<b>Tutors</b>				
Adult	84	57	119	127
Teen	55	74	71	97
Hours Instruction	1,602	1,261	5,741	6,477
Other Volunteer Hours	48	120	440	480
Total Hours	1,650	1,381	5,933	6,957
<b>Training Workshops</b>				
Workshops Held	1	2	10	14
	9	8	80	126
<b>Students</b>				
With Adult Tutors	118	104	156	121
With Teen Tutors	64	116	82	98
In Groups	0	0	0	0
Total Active Students	182	220	238	219
<b>Families for Literacy</b>				
Family Students	6	6	16	6
Family Tutors	6	6	16	6
Hours of Instruction	36	80	204	240
<b>ELLI Program</b>				
K-8th Grade Students	308	45	305	45
Tutors for K-8th Grade	12	15	12	15
Hours of Instruction	588	148	588	1,558
<b>Total Tutors</b>	139	121	190	224
<b>Total Students</b>	186	220	190	219
<b>Total Instruction Hours</b>	1,602	1,261	5,741	6,477





TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Mary Strazdas, Librarian

DATE: December 13, 2004

**SUBJECT: Reference and Adult Services report for November**

- We held one adult program in October: "Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids" with Christie Castiglione of the Orange Health Care Agency.
- There were two Program Committee meetings during the month.
- Christmas sleighs were filled with a seasonal bibliography and seasonal books.
- Substitutes assisted 17 times during the month; one substitute continued to train.
- During November, we answered 174 telephone calls, 1593 desk reference questions, 7 e-mail reference questions, and 35 ready reference questions. We had 90 instances of instruction, 2275 uses of the computers, 185 signups for the patron database, and we replaced 31 reference books in addition to those cited in other statistics.

REFERENCE DESK STATISTICS

Month: Reference Desk Statistics November 2004

Date	Phone Ref ?s	Desk Ref ?s	Email Ref ?s	Ready Ref	Instruction	Computer Use	Ref Books: In Lib Use	Patron Database
1	14	72	0	2	5	114	3	17
2	10	85	0	0	5	132	2	12
3	5	93	0	1	12	127	0	23
4	12	41	1	7	4	105	2	8
5								
6	8	37	0	2	0	51	0	6
7	6	49	1	0	4	59	0	6
8	10	70	1	2	7	122	0	11
9	5	95	1	1	12	126	0	9
10	4	49	0	2	8	127	2	6
11								
12								
13	23	68	0	1	0	46	0	3
14	6	52	0	1	2	65	3	6
15	7	95	0	1	1	122	0	5
16	9	90	0	1	3	130	3	6
17	7	84	1	0	3	137	3	4
18	3	34	0	3	3	90	2	5
19								
20	5	71	0	0	0	45	0	1
21	4	41	1	2	8	59	4	8
22	12	103	0	2	5	110	0	8
23	9	73	0	1	2	112	0	9
24	0	46	0	3	2	88	2	2
25								
26								
27	3	26	0	0	0	35	0	2
28	0	36	0	1	0	54	0	9
29	4	122	0	0	0	108	0	10
30	8	61	1	2	4	111	5	9
31								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2275</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>185</b>

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Gary Bell, Librarian *GB*

DATE: December 20, 2004

**SUBJECT: History Room report for November**

- Added Victoria Wolcott's book to local author collection.
- Added Orange County Past and Present to local history collection.
- Shelf read the local history collection and brought books to front of shelves.
- Sorted through materials that were returned from Valencia High School reunion.
- Assisted five patrons in searches for materials relating to Placentia history.





To: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

From: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager *JR*

Date: December 20, 2004

**SUBJECT: Placentia Library Web Site Development Report for the month of November.**

In November, the Placentia Library District had 36,867 "hits" on the Web Site, an average of 1,192 a day. The following are our year to date statistics of the most hits:

Pages Visited	July 04	Aug 04	Sep 04	Oct 04	Nov 04
Borrowers	215	248	258	266	212
Friends	147	129	133	91	96
District	156	214	162	161	127
Kids	230	220	657	319	292
Foundation	118	170	123	111	95
History Room	192	232	215	202	201
Literacy/CLC Logo	180	182	192	139	161
Passports	484	350	559	272	249
Poet Laureate	498	456	528	626	700
Total Views Most Hits	2,220	2,201	2,827	2,193	2,133

Total Most Hits YTD      11,574




**TO:** Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
**FROM:** Julie Shook, Technical Services Manager  
**DATE:** December 20, 2004  
**SUBJECT:** Technology Report for November 2004

The Library Director's hard drive was replaced.



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Laranne Millonzi, Development Director and Volunteer Coordinator 

DATE: December 20, 2004

**SUBJECT: Publicity materials produced for November 2004**

**Information on the Placentia Library cable channel #24, updated November 2004:**

*Note: Animation added to slides*

1. Welcome to Placentia Library, address, website & telephone number
2. Library Board of Trustees
3. Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule
4. Library Hours
5. Veteran's Day Closure
6. Library Departments
7. Friends of Placentia Library Used Bookstore
8. Bookstore Volunteers Needed
9. Special Back Room Book Sale Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Hours and Dates
10. Friends Membership Drive
11. Library Hours
12. Veteran's Day Closure
13. Drop-in Homework Help
14. "Reparenting" with Myra Mycena
15. Literacy Services Logo
16. Literacy Program Tutors Needed
17. Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids Program
18. Library Hours
19. Veteran's Day Closure
20. Telephone Renewal Instructions
21. Wi Fi Here Now
22. Apply for your passport at Placentia Library
23. Passport Hours
24. Placentia Historical Afghan Sale
25. Library Hours
26. Veteran's Day Closure
27. Placentia's Newest Local History For Children & Adults
28. Lapsit Storyhours.
29. Story Times, ages 3-6
30. Music Times, ages 3-4
31. Music Times, ages 5-6
32. Story Time at Home, *Tumblebook Library*
33. Library Hours
34. Veteran's Day Closure
35. [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org), 24/7 Reference, the Library Catalog
36. [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org), Online Resources
37. Placentia History Room Hours
38. Placentia History Room Displays
39. Placentia History Room Collections
40. Placentia History Room Archival Resources
41. Veteran's Day Closure

**General Newspaper articles published:**

1. Rail-project cuts promised
2. Placentia election results
3. Placentia names new police chief
4. Placentia rail project hinges on vote
5. Nature walks
6. Placentia crossing guards
7. Scott Nelson led the campaign in contributions
8. Placentia revitalization ideas
9. Special District elections
10. Placentia public works boss
11. Placentia mobile office
12. Placentia court decision
13. BP observes national children's book week
14. Girls' night out in Buena Park
15. Walter Ehlers speaks at BP library
16. County honors district librarian
17. Volunteer opportunities
18. Three O.C. cities rank in top 25 of safest places to live in the U.S.
19. Six nominees named for Citizen of Year (2)
20. Votes near finish line
21. Aliso Viejo street banners
22. Results still in the air; Brady leads


**Library Newspaper articles published:**

1. Library's History Room expands hours
2. Placentia Library Seeking Volunteers (1)
3. Wood, DeVecchio, Turner take library seats
4. Library offers help with homework (3)
5. Library Foundation thanks its donors
6. Tuesday Music Time
7. Sign-ups open for library 'sleepover' (2)
8. Healthy eating is topic at library
9. Santa photos offered at library (3)
10. Longtime connections, dedication lauded
11. Checking out after 25 years
12. Library 'sleepover' scheduled Friday

**Flyers and Notices:**

1. Foundation annual giving campaign solicitations
2. Foundation thank you cards, new hours & save the date inserts, and ID cards are sent out
3. Donor reception invitations
4. Friends membership solicitation letters, with email address request cards
5. Friends membership thank you letters are sent out with membership cards
6. Second Sunday book sale flyer
7. Upcoming Events bulletin board
8. Labor Day closure
9. Santa flyers
10. Peggy Dinsmore/Literacy Library Celebration invitations

**Welcome to Placentia Library District**



411 East Chapman Avenue  
Placentia, CA 92670-4198  
714-528-1906 Ext. 210  
[www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

**Placentia Library  
Board of Trustees**

Al Shkoler, President  
Margaret "Peggy" Dinsmore  
Betty Escobosa  
Gaeten Wood  
Richard DeVecchio, Ed.D.

**Placentia Library  
Board of Trustees**

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Monday, Nov 22 at 6:30 P.M.  
Monday, Dec 20 at 6:30 P.M.  
Monday, Jan 24 at 6:30 P.M.  
Monday, Feb 21 at 6:30 P.M.


**Placentia Library Hours**

Sunday	1:00 - 5:00 P.M.
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**Placentia Library  
528-1906**


Renewals Ext.' 6  
Adult Services Ext.' 209  
Children Services Ext.' 212  
Literacy Ext.' 213  
Passport Information Ext.' 265  
Volunteer Information Ext.' 201  
[www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

**USED BOOKSTORE**



☐ Staffed entirely by Volunteers  
☐ Located in the Library lobby

**GREAT BARGAINS!!**



**Bookstore Volunteers Needed!**

Sundays 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
Tuesdays 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.  
Saturdays 11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
Substitutes needed for additional hours

*Please call Laranne at 528-1925, Ext. 201 for information*

**SPECIAL BACKROOM SALE**

**BARGAINS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS!**


When: Second Sunday of each month  
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
Upcoming Sales: Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 9

Where: BACKROOM where Friends sort and price donations - ENTER through delivery entrance from parking lot

What: **Everything in stock**



Why: To provide money to support Library needs while providing quality reading materials at low cost



**November**

**Friends Membership Drive**

Individual - \$5      Family - \$10  
Sustaining - \$25      Life - \$50

*For more information, please stop by the Library or call Laranne at 524-1925, Ext. 201*


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**Drop-In Homework Help  
@ Placentia Library!**

**P.A.S.S.**  
**Placentia Achieves School Success**

- for students in the 1st through 11th grade,
- a place to get personal assistance with homework,
- Mondays & Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.,
- sign in sheet in the library area,
- students must bring homework, including textbooks,
- limited to 20 students each evening.

For more information, please contact  
Toby at 714-920-8400 ext. 213 or Jim at ext. 215.




**Myra Mycena  
Presents**

**"Reparenting"**

"Reparenting" is the idea of adults making new rules for themselves and no longer following the old ones that were probably set up by their own parents years ago. In other words, it's okay to change things!

Tuesday, October 19, from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.  
Placentia Library meeting room  
We will have refreshments!



Call Literacy Coordinator Jim Roberts  
if you or someone you know  
needs help in reading or speaking English

☎ 524- 8408 Ext. 213

**Placentia Library Literacy Services**

- Volunteer tutors needed!
- Attend one 3 hour training workshop
- Training workshops are held at the Library on the first Sunday of the month 1:30 - 4:30 P.M.
- The next scheduled workshops are:  
Nov 7<sup>th</sup> & Dec 5<sup>th</sup> & Jan 5<sup>th</sup>

For more information and to sign up call 524-8408, Ext 213

**Healthy Foods for  
Healthy Kids**

Tuesday, October 19, from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.  
Placentia Library meeting room

Christie Castiglione of the County of Orange Health Care Agency will suggest foods children need for good health and energy to learn, play, and work while they grow up.


Christie will show slides and have handouts. The library will supply snacks

For more information, call 258-1906, ext. 209

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Renew your books by phone  
Using Telecirc  
**714-765-1775**  
*24 hours a day 17 days a week*


 "Please enter your library card number, followed by the # sign"

- Renew books
- Find out which titles you have checked out
- Find out which items you have on hold
- Find out which titles you have overdue
- Find out if you have any fines

**What's Here Now!**  
**Check Your Passport**

**PLACENTIA LIBRARY**  
  
Passport Application  
Acceptance Agency

*Passport Services Available at the Library*

 **Passport hours at the Library are:**

Sunday	1:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Monday	9:00 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.
Tuesday	9:00 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.
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Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Placentia Library is an official U.S. Department of State  
Passport Acceptance Agency  
For Passport information  
call 326-1956 Ext. 265 or visit the Library Website [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

**Placentia Historical Afghans**




Green X Cranberry X Blue

On Sale Now at the Circulation Desk - \$55.00 plus tax


*Proceeds support the Placentia History Room*

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**Placentia's Newest Local History  
For Children & Adults**





Available At The  
Library Circulation Desk  
**\$12.93 (including tax)**

*Great Gift Idea  
For Young & Old*



**Lapsit Story Times**  
*Presented by Lin Boesler*  
Ages newborn to 2 years  
Thursday Mornings  
10:00 – 10:20 A.M.  
in the  
Childrens Area  
Sponsored by the  
Corden & Dixie Shaw Endowment  
*No pre-registration required – no charge*



**Story Times  
For Children  
Ages 3 - 6**  
Thursday Mornings  
10:30 – 11:00 A.M.  
*Presented by Lin Boesler*  
*No pre-registration required – no charge*

**Music Times  
For Children  
Ages 3 - 4**  
Tuesday Evenings  
6:00 – 6:30 P.M.  
*Featuring Lin Boesler*  
*No pre-registration required – no charge*


**Music Times  
For Children  
Ages 5 - 6**  
Tuesday Evenings  
6:30 – 7:00 P.M.  
*Featuring Lin Boesler*  
*No pre-registration required – no charge*

**Story Time at Home**  
Use the *Tumblebook Library*  
at  
[www.placentiaallibrary.org](http://www.placentiaallibrary.org)  
Click on: Just for Kids  
Click on the Tumblebooks icon  
An on-line collection of animated, talking picture books

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[www.placentiaallibrary.org](http://www.placentiaallibrary.org)

**24/7 Reference**  
There are times you need help, but can't make it to the library. Live, real-time help from a librarian is available, 24 hours a day. *(no library card number needed)*

**The Library Catalog**  
You can look up what books are available at the Placentia Library, as well as Yorba Linda Library, and all of the Anaheim Library branches. *(no library card number needed)*


Additionally, you can reserve books, check on your library account, and renew your books. *(library card number needed)*

[www.placentiaallibrary.org](http://www.placentiaallibrary.org)

**Online Resources**  
*(To access, you must have your library card number available)*

- LearnATest
- Newspapers
- Facts On File
- NoveList
- General Reference Center/Magazine Index
- Business & Company Resource Center
- Health & Wellness Resource Center

**Placentia History Room**







Staffed and Managed  
by Volunteers

Hours  
Monday & Tuesday &  
Wednesday  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
*Call or e-mail by special arrangement*

**Placentia History Room**








Displays currently featuring

-  Local school annuals
-  Traveling historical photographs of local schools
-  Books by local authors












**Placentia History Room**

Historical Collections Include

-  Bancroft's Historical series
-  Local oral histories
-  California historical fiction
-  Complete collection of Women's Round table Scrapbooks
-  Local citrus label collection
-  Spanish made cannonball - possibly from the 1769 Portola Expedition
-  Adobe brick from Ontiveros Adobe built in 1832

**Placentia History Room**


Archival Resources Include

-  West Atwood Yacht Club membership
-  Assorted Samuel Leach Kremer maps and papers
-  Article re international student visit to Placentia, Italy
-  West Placentia Little League
-  International Kiwanis papers and scrapbook (1945-1970)
-  Virginia Carpenter photograph collection
-  Placentia Courier negative collection
-  Historic photograph collection
-  Newspaper clippings, brochures, newsletters, maps of local historic interest

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# Rail-project cuts promise

Incoming Placentia council majority says it will dump administrators, lobbyists, advisers.

BY HEATHER McCREA  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

<sup>332</sup>PLACENTIA • The city's incoming council majority pledged Wednesday to terminate administrators, lobbyists and public outreach consultants on the community's cash-strapped railroad project as soon as possible.

Voters ousted incumbents Judy Dickinson and Scott Brady but kept Connie Underhill, the only council member to criticize spending on the city's pursuit of a \$543 million project to separate train tracks and streets.

Joining her in the majority will be top vote-recipient Russ Rice and Joseph Aguirre, who edged out Brady by 116 votes.

The Orange County registrar of voters had thousands of ballots left to be counted that could conceivably alter who wins Placentia's third seat. But Brady said he doesn't expect the new numbers to change the results.

"That means we can actually begin to stop the hemorrhaging of funds out to consultants and to re-establish our priorities," Underhill said.

The city has spent and borrowed more than \$20 million of its own money on the railroad projects, some \$9.9 million on administration, lobbying and public outreach. Reserves have been exhausted and funding diverted from other programs.

"We need to start some-



PAUL RODRIGUEZ, THE REGISTER

**CITIZEN VOICES:** Craig Green, left, and Greg Sowards, among the first residents to criticize city spending on the rail project, visit the Metrose traffic underpass, the first construction site.

where," Aguirre said. "The financial situation facing Placentia is not something that is going to be solved overnight."

They also want to establish a citizens oversight committee to work with the city treasurer as a check on budgets and spending. Underhill will also ask for a regular listing of checks that are written.

The trio wants to remove top manager Chris Becker and have the city's director of public works - a post currently vacant but close to being filled - take over control.

Becker was formerly public works director but left the \$136,000-a-year position to become a consultant to OnTrac, the joint-powers authority the city formed in 2000 to oversee the railroad projects. The ef-

fort includes an underpass project nearing completion and a smaller effort dubbed the Quiet Zone to secure a ban on train whistles.

"It seems a tad knee-jerk," Brady said. "My suspicions are our new director of public works doesn't have the skill set to do a Quiet Zone. He will probably have to hire consultants."

The city will need people with expertise to obtain federal and state funding necessary for the rail projects, he said.

But the incoming council members said they and city staff could handle most of the lobbying.

"I think our money situation is such that we have to do it ourselves," Underhill said.

Though council members want to bring the railroad projects back under the control of the Public Works Department, they said they won't immediately dismantle OnTrac.

"I don't know that we have to take an official action right now on it if we terminate the contracts," Underhill said. "I think it can exist as a shell."

Incumbent council members Chris Lowe and Norman Eckenrode have traditionally supported OnTrac. Becker and past decisions on spending.

Lowe said OnTrac has served a purpose for the city and consultants are deferring their pay until more grant funds are secured.

Lowe would not comment on the new majority's shift in control.

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## CITIES

### Placentia names new police chief

<sup>332</sup>John Schaefer, a captain with the Seal Beach Police Department, was named Monday as Placentia's police chief. Former Chief Russ Rice, a candidate in today's City Council election, retired last year but has remained until a replacement was found.

Schaefer, 50, has 30 years of experience in Orange County police departments. His new job begins Nov. 22 and pays \$113,000 a year.

City Administrator Robert Dominguez said the department has needed a permanent leader to focus on issues such as cutting crime and filling vacancies in the agency's 53 sworn positions.

"I think he has the integrity and credibility and the strength of leadership we are looking for," Dominguez said.

- Afsha Bawany  
(714) 704-8

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**PLACENTIA** <sup>332</sup>  
**Election results:** Eager to know who won the City Council, treasurer, library and water district races? Adelphia Cable

Channel 3 will run election results until midnight tonight following the live broadcast of the 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting and again Wednesday starting at 6 a.m. Information: Community Services, (714) 993-8232.

- Afsha Bawany  
(714) 704-3796  
abawany@ocregister.com

# Placentia Rail Project Hinges on Vote

Absentee ballots are still being counted in council race. A new slate seeks changes for OnTrac.

DAN WEIKEL  
Staff Writer

As absentee ballots continue to be counted, the fate of a \$450-million railway project that has threatened to bankrupt Placentia hangs in the balance. The vote has swung back and forth in the last week, and if a majority takes control of the city Council, it plans to overhaul its ambitious effort to lower five miles of railroad tracks through downtown.

To keep the OnTrac project going, Placentia leaders have cut city programs, sold parkland, issued bonds and even considered eliminating the Police Department. Records show that the city now \$31 million in debt.

One of the first things two potential victors want to consider firing OnTrac's team of highly paid consultants, including Christopher Becker, the executive director, who is under investigation by the Orange County district attorney's office.

"We all agree that Becker and a private consultants need to go," Aguirre, a long-time community activist and critic of OnTrac's management.

Becker was not available for comment. In the past he has decided his work on the project said he has become an election-year scapegoat.

Aguirre is part of a slate of

three candidates, including one incumbent, that is close to taking over the five-member council.

During the campaign, they vowed to solve the city's financial problems, rethink OnTrac and return the project's management as a cost-cutting move. It is now run almost exclusively by consultants.

The slate of challengers includes retired Police Chief Russell J. Rice and Councilwoman Constance Underhill. Both hold comfortable leads, according to the latest returns Tuesday. The vote returns show that Mayor Judy A. Dickinson is headed to defeat, while Councilman Scott P. Brady is locked in a seesaw battle with Aguirre.

Dickinson and Brady have been staunch supporters of OnTrac and Becker, who left his job as city public works director to take a lucrative private consulting contract to manage the project.

The other council members are Christopher Lowe and Norman Z. Eckenrode. Eckenrode has been in office for decades. Both support OnTrac.

Thus far, the county has counted roughly half the absentee ballots cast Nov. 2.

Assuming the slate wins, "we won't have to mend fences, but Eckenrode and Lowe will have to

get in step with us," Underhill said.

Lowe said he was willing to sit down with members of a new council majority to hear their ideas and make changes if necessary.

"We don't agree, but they have the support of the community," Lowe said. "Our goals are the same with OnTrac. Just how we reach those goals is the question."

Governed by a board of Placentia city officials, OnTrac is an ambitious effort to build 11 overpasses and lower five miles of railroad tracks into a concrete trench. The project is intended to help revitalize downtown Placentia and improve one of the main rail corridors that serve the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

So far, at least \$9.2 million has been spent on consultants, including grant writers, financial advisors, administrators, lobbyists, political strategists, and on studies and public relations. Some of the consultants charge up to \$300 an hour.

The project now faces a \$12-million shortfall in state funds and considerable uncertainty over whether it will receive \$225 million in federal assistance — money that city officials have been banking on.

A recent audit by the city's interim city manager has warned that Placentia might run out of

money late next year if federal and state funds don't materialize for OnTrac and major steps aren't taken to solve the city's worsening financial problems.

Today, Placentia is deeply in debt and owes more than \$5 million to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Corp. for OnTrac-related work.

In addition, the district attorney is looking into allegations made by the Placentia city attorney that Becker, when he was public works director, illegally influenced his hiring by the city to manage OnTrac as a consultant.

His original consultant's contract guaranteed him \$450,000 a year for 10 years, making him at the time one of the highest-paid transportation officials in the nation. His salary was scaled back to \$300,000 more than a year ago, as a controversy arose over OnTrac expenses.

Becker has refused to talk with the Los Angeles Times for months, but has denied wrongdoing. He says he is the victim of election-year attacks by Citizens for a Better Placentia, a group of activists that backed Aguirre, Rice and Underhill.

The slate members say Becker has done a woeful job of managing the project, hiring expensive consultants and pushing ahead without adequate funding and during the state budget crisis.

"We need a new management model," Rice said. "We are going to consider replacing the consultants by bringing the project back in house."

The city is now on the verge of hiring a new public works director,

who might be in place by the time the new council is sworn in. OnTrac was originally handled by the city's public works department, until the council decided to hand over management responsibilities to a team of consultants.

Brady, who remains a council contender, said he doubted whether the public works department can handle a project as costly and complicated as OnTrac.

Slate members said they want a complete evaluation of the project and the city's financial condition to determine how OnTrac should proceed.

They said trenching may be abandoned in favor of a series of underpasses and overpasses that could be built over the years as money became available. The gradual approach is being used in neighboring Fullerton to improve the rail corridor and reduce traffic congestion.

The slate also wants to create a citizens oversight committee to make OnTrac more accountable to the public and City Council.

Meanwhile, they said, the city should continue to pursue government funding and complete the Melrose Avenue underpass as well as the quiet zone, a series of grade crossing improvements so trains do not have to sound their horns in town.

"Right now our biggest priority is to stop the hemorrhaging," Underhill said. "We need to look at the organizational structure of OnTrac and the possibility of scaling down the project. There might be several different directions we can go."

*'We don't agree, but [the new slate has] the support of the community.'*

Christopher Lowe, incumbent councilman

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**NATURE WALKS:** Join Ranger Carroll for a short, informative nature walk. Learn about some of Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park's history, plants, animals and trails. Walks are easy and suited to the whole family (sorry, no pets). Meet us at noon in front of the Natural History Museum at the entrance to the park at 28373 Alarkway in Laguna Niguel. The walks will be held on the **second and fourth Saturday** of the month. Walks are free to the public and last approximately 30 minutes. Parking: \$2. Special programs can be arranged by calling Ranger Carroll at (949) 923-2299.

## Library's History Room expands hours

The Placentia Library's History Room has expanded its hours. It is now open to the public from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The library is also inviting residents with historical items to discuss the preservation of materials at the library, 411 E. Chapman Ave.

Information: (714) 996-8390.

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**Crossing guards:** Two city-funded crossing guards began monitoring streets around Kraemer Middle School before and after school Thursday. Parents lobbied for new safety measures after a 13-year-old boy was hit and injured by a car on the first day of school. City Council members approved the additional guards Tuesday. Information: (714) 993-8124.

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# Scott Nelson led the campaign in contributions

The final pre-election campaign finance reports show that City Council candidate Scott Nelson raised the most money - \$19,000 - during this campaign, including a \$13,000 loan from Nelson and Associates. He spent \$18,000 on the campaign.

The reports covered contribution details for Oct. 1 to Oct. 16 and were released Oct. 21. Nelson also raised the most money, \$5,000, for that period. For the overall campaign, incumbent Councilwoman Connie Underhill was second, raising \$14,820, while Russ Rice placed third with \$14,213. Incumbent council members

Scott Brady raised \$10,000 and Judy Dickinson, \$11,000; candidates Joe Aguirre raised \$9,800 and Ron Moskowitz, \$7,000.

John Hoeyers had not turned in a report as of Monday.

Placentia Library District candidates Richard DeVechio, Jerry Tollefson, Jean Turner and Gaeten "Gae" Wood filed forms with the county Registrar of Voters declaring they would not raise more than \$1,000 or create a campaign committee. Here are details as listed in the Oct. 21 reports, including city treasurer candidates and political

action committees:

## CITY COUNCIL

### AGUIRRE

Contributors: Gaj Properties LLC, \$250. Overall campaign spending: \$5,000.

### BRADY

Contributors: California Women's Leadership Association, \$100. Overall campaign spending: \$16,000.

### DICKINSON

Contributors: TOD Properties LLC Chairman Rick Kreuzer, \$1,000; Ada Reyes, Paula Tannahill, Taoramina Industries and LSA Associ-

ates Inc., \$250 each; Sue Dahlstrom, \$185; Hospice Care of California, G.M. Wood, J.N. Shepherd, Lampson Enterprises Inc. and CA Women's Leadership Association, \$100 each. Overall campaign spending: \$11,000.

### MOSKOWITZ

Contributors: Hammond M. Salley, \$100. Overall campaign spending: \$7,000.

### NELSON

Contributors: Committee for Improved Public Policy, \$1,000; Dale and Betsy Nelson, \$500; Barbara Sabet, Industrial Process Equipment,

Frank Clarke, Columbia Aluminum Products and PJ Drums, \$125 each; Ed Kuehl Insurance, \$100.

### RICE

Contributors: James L. Bardwell, \$100. Overall campaign spending: \$14,000.

### UNDERHILL

Contributors for incumbent include: Police Officers Research Association, \$1,000; W. Jeff Brauckman, \$500; Placentia Develop. Co LLC, \$245; Marilyn Calsron-Haffner, \$100. Overall campaign spending: \$14,000.

## CITY TREASURER

### GREG SOWARDS

No additional contributors this period. Overall campaign spending: \$8,000.

### LEE CASTNER

Mary I. Ziegler and M.C. Canney, \$150. Overall campaign spending: \$4,000.

### PACs

## PLACENTIA CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Contributors: Clark and Green Associates, Bryan A. Stirrat and Associates and KFM Engineering Inc., \$1,500 each; Asaro Keagy Freeland McKinley and Bartz LLP, McClean and Schultz, Overland Pacific and Cutler Inc. and Chris Becker and Associates Inc., \$1,000 each; John A. Ramirez, \$750;

Edward E. Miller, TOD Properties LLC Chairman Rick Kreuzer, Geologic Associates Inc., Norman Emerson, Total Service Inc., LSA Associates, Inc. and Wec Corp. Inc., \$500 each; James F. Anderson, George W. McFarlin, Michael Robert Houston and Alberto Flores-Torres, \$250 each; Steven R. Andrews, \$100.

Overall campaign spending: \$14,000.

## CITIZENS FOR A BETTER PLACENTIA

No contributors this period. Overall campaign spending: \$9,000.

## PLACENTIA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Did not raise or spend more than \$500 this period.

— Compiled by Afsha Bawany

# ELECTIONS 2004

## Wood, DeVecchio, Turner take library seats

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By AFSHA BAWANY  
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They aren't looking to radically overhaul the system, but the three library directors chosen by voters Tuesday are hoping to make the library more wheelchair-friendly, add more books and CDs and raise money to enhance programs and technology.

Incumbents Gaeten "Gae" Wood and Richard DeVecchio and newcomer Jean A. Turner will serve four-year terms on the Placentia Library District board. They were challenged by Robert Gorman and Jerry

ollivier, 56, who led the vote tally throughout the evening, said Tuesday she would like to focus on continuing library



GAETON 'GAE' WOOD

Retired from sales and marketing, she would also like to increase the selection of books, create more English-as-a-second-language programs and acquire the latest computer technology. Wood also said she'd like to see new programs that cater to the elderly population, adults and children.

Richard DeVecchio, 66, a retired teacher and administrator, would also like to make the library more user-friendly

service improvements, such as making the building handicap accessible and bringing it up to standards.

Retired from sales and marketing, she



RICHARD DeVECCHIO

more best-seller books and current releases to the collection, as well as books-on-tape is another DeVecchio priority. He would also like to see a stabilized budget to fund various literacy programs and more computers.

Jean Turner, 78, a retired administrative assistant and office manager, applied for an appointment to the board earlier this year but wasn't cho-

for disabled people. He said the front check-out counter should be lowered for better access to those in wheelchairs.

Adding



JEAN TURNER

keep our library vibrant and fully staffed and open as many hours as possible," Turner said.

The Placentia library recently brought back a day of service that had been cut 10 years ago.

Turner said she would also like to add to book collections which would appeal to everyone from children to senior citizens.

sen. Now, she said she has a chance to work hard and give ideas to the board.

"I am prepared to make the commitment to do a good job and

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**PLACENTIA**  
**Revitalization Ideas:** The Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting at 6:30 tonight is open to the public at the Backs Community Building, 201 N. Bradford Ave. The committee will discuss proposals made by three business/property owners for redevelopment of their sites in the Old Town area for recommendation to the City Council. (714) 993-8124.

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### Library offers help with homework

Homework help for stu-

dents is available from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave.

The program is available free for students in the first through 12th grades.

Information: Jim Roberts or Toby Silberfarb: (714) 524-8408, Ext. 215 or 213.

### Healthy eating is topic at library

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The Placentia Library will sponsor a lecture about "Healthy Foods Children Should Be Eating" from 7 to

8:30 p.m. Nov. 15  
The free session will be held in the library's Meeting Room, 411 E. Chapman Ave.

Christie Castiglione of the county Health Care Agency will suggest nutritious foods and show slides.

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**SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

**COSTA MESA SANITARY**

2 elected

	Total	%
+ FERRYMAN (I)	17,114	48
+ PERRY (I)	12,255	35
MILLARD	6,133	17

**EL TORO WATER**

3 elected

	Total	%
+ GOLDMAN (I)	9,985	29
+ MARTIN (I)	9,175	27
+ DUDLEY (I)	7,720	22
VERGARA	5,734	17
SOGLIUZZO	2,054	6

**IRVINE RANCH WATER**

3 elected

	Total	%
+ MILLER (I)	43,929	29
+ MATHEIS (I)	41,662	27
+ WITHERS (I)	36,564	24
YANG-MCHALLY	17,278	11
MANGUM	13,622	9

**MESA WATER**

Division 2  
 1 elected

	Total	%
+SHOENBERGER (I)	2,435	53
OOTEN	2,190	47

**MIDWAY CITY SANITARY**

2 elected

	Total	%
+NEUGEBAUER (I)	12,871	46
+ PARIS (I)	12,040	43
AHRENS	3,275	12

**Short term**

1 elected

	Total	%
+ KIRK-PILGER	7,532	46
FRY	4,522	28
NEVAREZ	4,342	27

**MOULTON-NIGUEL WATER**

Division 1  
 1 elected

	Total	%
+ FIORE (I)	5,485	78
DEZHAM	1,528	22

**MUNICIPAL WATER**

Division 4  
 1 elected

	Total	%
+ FINNEGAN (I)	35,606	51
WORTHINGTON	17,903	26
MACALLISTER	15,801	23

**Division 6**

1 elected

	Total	%
+ BAKALL (I)	33,885	45
THOMAS	27,942	37
VANDERWERFF	14,193	19

**Division 7**

1 elected

	Total	%
+ HIRMAN (I)	52,259	66
FROELICH	26,777	34

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**Sign-ups open for library 'sleepover'**

The Placentia Library will hold its Night at the Library, beginning at 8 Nov. 19 at 411 E. Chapman Ave.

Sign-ups are under way at the library. Registration, at \$5 per child, is on a first-come, first-served basis and may not be made by phone. Children ages 4 to 12 and an accompanying adult are eligible to apply. Applications are available

at the library and registration is limited to the first 50 children.

The night includes games, crafts, snacks, movies and a special performer.

Information: (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

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**Placentia Library District**

**Board of Trustees**

3 elected

	Votes	%
100% Precinct Reporting		
Gaeten Wood*	7,416	26
Richard C. Devecchio	7,272	25
Jean A. Turner*	6,643	23
Jerry Tollefson*	4,238	15
Robert S. Gorman	3,357	12

**O.C. WATER**

**Division 3**

1 elected

	Total	%
+ YOH	23,469	48
ECKENRODE	13,057	27
POTTER	12,303	25

**Division 4**

1 elected

	Total	%
+ ANTHONY (I)	36,461	78
LACAYO	10,534	22

**PLACENTIA LIBRARY**

3 elected

	Total	%
+ WOOD (I)	7,416	26
+ DEVECCHIO (I)	7,272	25
+ TURNER	6,643	23
TOLLEFSON	4,238	15
GORMAN	3,357	12

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**Public works boss:** Travis Hopkins, a senior civil engineer and acting public works director in Carson, was named today as Placentia's new public works director. Hopkins was picked from among seven candidates. He has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Idaho. He will begin Nov. 22 with an annual salary of \$97,918.

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**Santa photos offered at library**

Take pictures with the 2004 Hollywood Christmas Parade's Santa Claus from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 21 in the Placentia Library Meeting Room, 411 E. Chapman Ave.

Elizabeth Toller of Creative Images by Aunt Betsy will take the photographs.

The library asks for a minimum donation \$20 per picture in advance or \$25 per picture at the door. Proceeds will be used to buy new chairs for the Children's Department.

Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Information: (714) 524-8408, Ext. 213.

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**Mobile office:** State Sen. Bob Margett, R-Arcadia, will set up a mobile office from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. today at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. His staff will be on hand to provide senior tax-credit assistance, discuss identity theft, the budget and family issues as well as residents' concerns.

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**Court decision:** A U.S. District Court judge has ruled that the city must pay \$25,000 to Carlos and Denise Perez for moving their auto parts store. In 2003, the city seized their business through eminent domain to make room for Melrose Street underpass. In all, the city paid \$661,950 to close the deal.

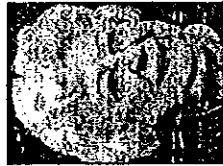
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# Longtime connections, dedication lauded

**A**t Placentia-Linda Hospital, volunteer coordinator Diane Powell, brought together mothers whose offspring were all born at the hospital to participate in a Halloween dressup parade.

As they marched through the halls of the hospital, led by hospital guild volunteer Brenda Benner, they were rewarded not only with smiles of approval of the costumes they had donned for the occasion, but also with



**ELEANORE RANKIN**  
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

special treats from appreciative department employees. Hugs were given freely to these endearing parade marchers as well as to those in strollers propelled by proud moms.

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Quite a different kind of

Halloween event took shape later at the Bradford Park. The Halloween Haunt, now in its eighth year and assembled by the Placentia Founders Society at this historic venue, was the best attended ever.

President Alice Husovsky said more than 1,500 children and adults went through the maze of spookier quarters with even spookier characters residing in each of the rooms in the fictitious hotel as well as on the grounds.

"It was a fun event for our



**HALLOWEEN AT THE HOSPITAL** included Christopher Peters, left, Aubrey Grasboss, Ireland Lamunyon, and Katie Doyle.

area, and one that families look forward to year after year," she said. "It's hoped

that the children will learn at an early age how important it is to preserve this historic home-museum. We're grateful to the many adult volunteers and high school students who participated, making it such fun for so many families." \*\*\*

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## Library offers help with homework

Homework help for students is available from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave.

The program is available free for students in the first through 12th grades.

Information: (714) 524-8408, Ext. 215 or 213.

The Placentia Library is the recipient of a collection of books donated by Allan and



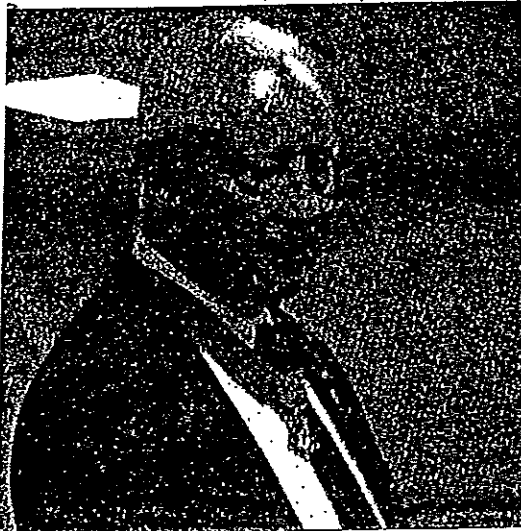
**TOBY SILBERFARB**

Sandra Stark in commemoration of the 350th anniversary of the Jewish experience in North America and United Nations Day.

Toby Silberfarb, the library's literacy coordinator, assisted the Starks in assembling the collection of children and young adults' books for this "Jewish Life in America" collection, a first of its kind for the Library.

Library Foundation President Jean Lasley also recognized Sandra Stark for her many years of dedication to the library, including her service on the Board of Trustees.

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Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Walter D. Ehlers spoke at his WWII experiences before a group at the BP Library recently. See story on page 3. (Courtesy Photo)

## BP Observes National Children's Book Week

Orange County families invited to join Mervyn's and the Santiago Library System's celebration of National Children's Book Week.

The Santiago Library System, a consortium of Orange County's public libraries and Mervyn's have teamed up to bring Orange County children fun, free activities celebrating books and reading in honor of National Children's Book Week.

National Children's Book Week, Nov. 15-21, is a celebration of the written word and a chance for kids of all ages to discover the joy of

reading and the opportunities it brings.

Join the Buena Park Library District, 7150 La Palma Ave., on Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in the library's downstairs auditorium to see the Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre share their story telling talents with the children of Buena Park.

This year marks the 85th observance of National Children's Book Week. Educators, librarians, booksellers and families will celebrate across the country by participating in book festivals, reading clubs, literacy workshops and perfor-

mances. Locally, public libraries are participating in a month-long festival of storytelling entitled "Storytelling: Here, There and Everywhere." Mervyn's considers reading the foundation of all learning and sponsors a national campaign entitled "Go Places. Read" to foster a love of reading among its guests and their children. As a sign of support for National Children's Book Week, Mervyn's has donated \$350,000 in grants and in-kind donations to library and nonprofit partners in Arizona, California, Colorado and Texas.

## Girls' Night Out in Buena Park

*Girls' Night Out event at the Buena Park Library's Guild Bookstore set for Wednesday*

The Volunteer Guild of the Buena Park Library is holding a fundraising "Girls' Night Out" - an event dedicated to women - in its second floor bookstore on Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 6 - 8 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the guild in its fundraising efforts to benefit the library's public programming and service needs.

Sales representatives and independent consultants for vendors Cookie Lee Jewelry, Creative Memories, Mary Key Cosmetics, Pampered Chef, Partylite, Tastefully Simple and Tupperware will be on hand to demonstrate their products for early holiday shopping.

There will be free opportunity drawings available to those who attend, as well as gift certificates and

take-away items.

SLS Creative Business Solutions has organized this event in support of the Volunteer Guild located in the library at 7150 La Palma Ave., on La Palma between Knott and Western.

For more information about the event and other Guild Bookstore activities, call 714-826-4100, Ext. 123.

## Walter Ehlers Speaks at BP Library

*Congressional Medal of Honor recipient enraptures listeners with tales of war, bravery*

Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Walter D. Ehlers spoke to an eager audience at the Buena Park Library District, recounting the World War II events that led to his receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor, the most prestigious of military honors.

Ehlers, now residing in Buena Park, held listeners' attention as he described his early life growing up in the state of Kansas. He spoke about how he applied the family values he had learned at home when he enlisted in the U.S. Army prior to the outbreak of the Second World War.

Throughout the war, Ehlers served his country in military campaigns in Africa, Italy and Europe. It was as a sergeant that Ehlers took part in the June 6, 1944, D-Day landings at Normandy on the coast of France. His courageous actions in leading his men into battle...



Ehlers, a Buena Park resident, told attendees about his experiences on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (Courtesy Photo)

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# County honors district librarian

**M**edia teacher Linda Birtler at EL DORADO HIGH

SCHOOL's library was selected as the recipient of the Orange County Department of Education's Outstanding Contributions to Education Award.

She has worked with the school's staff in developing programs that guide students navigating through the tremendous amount of information available in libraries.

She also assists in developing programs to help students learn how to properly cite references.

Birtler was honored at the county Board of Education meeting last month.

Also present were El Dorado Assistant Principal Doug Domene, district representative Joan Bennett, district librarian Richard Moore, and Linda's husband, Helmut.

ward recognizes the actions of individuals,



**CORINNE GRIFFITHS ON CAMPUS**

impacted the education of Orange County students. Candidates must be nominated by individuals, school districts, and organi-

zations.

Birtler's nomination was submitted by El Dorado Principal Karen Wilkins.

This is Birtler's third year at the campus but her 19th with the PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

She came to the district as the director at the newly remodeled Esperanza Information Center.

That facility was enlarged in 1985-86 to handle the anticipated growth in enrollment up to 3,000 students.

Birtler was able to work closely with teachers there to



**LINDA BIRTLER** receives plaque from Ken Williams, Orange County Department of Education board member.

promoted student use of the library and helped students achieve more in-depth understanding of their core curricula.

She was pleased to find that El Dorado was eager to

their students in achieving their content standards as well as to assist students to become more information literate through hands-on experiences.

And Birtler shared her

brary in meeting the stringent state standards.

"School libraries are not an option if a district wants its students to have great success in reading, research, and information handling," she explained.

"Libraries are at the core of these activities, and I feel lucky to work for administrators at the site and district level who support the concept that strong school libraries do make a statistically-verifiable difference in raising student achievement," she said.

In addition to her duties as Library media teacher at EDHS, Birtler serves as the district library coordinator. She holds a standard teaching credential with a major in French and minors in history and English. In addition, she has a master's degree in library science.

Birtler has served on numerous site and district committees every year of her ten-

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re in this district.

She has also been active in other professional organizations such as the California School Library Association.

"I think what I like best about my job is that I get to work with students and teachers in a very unique setting. I manage the "biggest classroom on campus." I get to work with students at their point of need," Birtler explained.

Birtler and her husband, Helmut, have lived in Yorba Linda since 1971.

**MORSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Last month's principal award winners were Julia Bach, Tommy But, Allen Castro, Christian Castro, Matthew Castro, Daniel Zech, Long Dang, Adrian Iraz, Alexis DiPasqua, Christian Devile, Junior Gu-

ierrez, Kaylee Jacovelli, Jordan Jenkins, Amber Kazalbash, Nikolai Kolaov, Griffin Kurland, Tyler Latenhauer, Brian Meza, Rosa Montero, Blanca Ochoa, Lorena Ortega, Noah Reynoso, Alec Romero, Arizona Schraeder, Angel Serrano, Alyssa Shaw, Michelle Tran, Alma Zagal, and Adam Zepeda.

**ESPERANZA HIGH SCHOOL:** Principal Dave Flynn is proud to announce new staff members for this school year.

Amanda Brown (special ed), Stephen De Vries (Special Ed), Shannon Disbrow (special ed), Diane Dunn (counseling clerk), Lynn Greer (counseling secretary), Raquel Heuer (attendance clerk), Mark Honig (Social Science/Careers), Jean Jaquot (Chemistry), James Johnson (Music), Kressler Nguyen (Biology), Isaac Owens (Social Science/Careers), Stephanie Shulman

(Biology), Andaleeh Uzun (Spanish), and Julie Young (P.E.) all joined the staff.

Flynn would also like to extend a special welcome for the new Assistant Principal Gail Kairis.

Kairis came from VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL with five years of experience as a counselor and administrative team member, along with ten years of teaching high school business and career courses.

Her responsibilities at EHS will include campus maintenance, safety and discipline, along with teacher and program evaluations.

Corinne Griffiths, a Placentia-Yorba Linda district teacher, covers our students' accomplishments. Fax items to (714) 685-7773 or (714) 779-2633 or e-mail to CorinneEscobar@Griffiths.net.

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## Volunteer opportunities

► Leisure World's Saddleback Outreach Liaison Dottie Fredericks says volunteers are needed to put together food baskets and children's gift packages for needy families in the area for the holidays. All hands, young, old, and in between are welcome. The outreach is at 23011 Moulton Parkway, Suite B12. Call: (949) 380-8144 or (949) 455-0216.  
► Laguna Coast Wilderness Park will host wilderness access volunteer training from 9-11 a.m., Dec. 18 and trail restoration and planting assistants from 8-11 a.m. the same day. Both helpers will be trained at the Nature Center at Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. Public parking is south of the intersection of El Toro Road and Laguna Canyon Road. For information, call 923-2285.

### Three O.C. cities rank in top 25 of safest places to live in the U.S.

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ACE: Family members and their dog enjoy another calm day on the lake in Mission Viejo, the fourth-safest city in America.

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The chamber will reveal this year's male and female top citizens during its breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Dec. 10 at the Alta Vista Country Club, 777 E. Alta Vista St.

The \$15 cost is payable at the door, with advance reservations requested.

Information: (714) 528-1

### Serious crimes infrequent in Mission Viejo, Lake Forest and Irvine, study of cities' stats indicates.

By GWENDOLYN DRISCOLL  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Orange County has three of the safest cities in America, according to an independent survey that ranks the country's safest and most dangerous cities.

With just one murder in 2003, Mission Viejo ranked fourth on a list of the 25 safest cities with populations of at least 75,000 in the annual City Crime Rankings report by Morgan Quitno Press, a Kansas research and publishing company.

Lake Forest, which ranked 14th in 2002, moved to sixth place, and Irvine, 13th last year, placed 11th.

"People have been asking the question, 'Why does that happen?'" said Sheriff Mike Carona, whose department oversees policing in Mission Viejo and Lake Forest.

"The answer is we have a great partnership with the community. We don't tell the community what they need, we work with them to figure out what their concerns are."

Mission Viejo ranked third last year.



ALL'S QUIET: Sheriff's deputy Dave Van De Kreeke patrols the streets Monday in Mission Viejo.

The three Orange County cities have placed on the top 25 safest cities list for several years, a fact Carona attributes to a focus on small crime as well as large.

"If you take care of those things that are small ... in the community, then the big things tend to take care of themselves."

Carona added that safety had little to do with a heavy police presence, noting that Mission Viejo had one deputy for every 1,666 residents.

Nearly 700 cities and metro areas were surveyed in the report, although data was not available for some major cities such as Chicago; Albany, N.Y.; and Kansas City, Mo. Cities were evaluated based on

six of eight "category one" crime statistics - including murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault - collected annually by the FBI.

In 2003, Mission Viejo had one murder, four rapes, 25 robberies, and 84 aggravated assaults. North Charleston, S.C., a city of comparable size that ranked third on a list of "most dangerous cities," had 12 murders, 96 rapes, 417 robberies and 811 aggravated assaults in 2003.

#### MORE ON SAFETY

LIST: A look at the safest and the not-so-safe. Local 2

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# TOP 25 SAFEST CITIES IN AMERICA\*

1. Newton, Mass.
2. Brick Township, N.J.
3. Amherst, N.Y.
4. Mission Viejo, Calif.
5. Woodstock, N.Y.
6. Forest Hill, N.Y.
7. Sand Oaks, N.Y.
8. Colonie, N.Y.
9. Cary, N.C.
10. Dover Township, N.J.
11. Irvine, Calif.
12. Troy, Mich.
13. Greece, N.Y.

14. Parma, Ohio
15. Hamilton Township, N.J.
16. Danbury, Conn.
17. Simi Valley, Calif.
18. Sunnyside, N.Y.
19. Sterling Heights, Mich.
20. Livonia, Mich.
21. Lee's Summit, Mo.
22. Farmington Hills, Mich.
23. Orem, Utah
24. Fargo, N.D.
25. Stamford, Conn.

- How other O.C. cities compare:**
26. Orange
  35. Newport Beach
  36. Huntington Beach
  70. Costa Mesa
  87. Westminster
  92. Fullerton
  96. Buena Park
  98. Anaheim
  101. Garden Grove
  145. Santa Ana

**Among the most dangerous ...**

No Orange County city ranked among the top 25 "Most Dangerous" cities in America, but four other California cities - including neighboring San Bernardino - did. They are:

12. Richmond
  16. San Bernardino
  17. Compton
  24. Oakland
- Source: "City Crime Rankings, 19th Edition" Morgan Quitno Press  
\*Evaluates cities with populations of 75,000 or more

**MORE ONLINE**

For more information: [www.morganquitno.com](http://www.morganquitno.com)



EUGENE GARCIA, THE REGISTER

**FEW WORRIES:** A couple walk a dog along Lake Mission Viejo. The city has a low crime rate despite low police presence.

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## Library Foundation thanks its donors

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## Library offers help with homework

Free homework help for first- through 12th-graders is available from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the

Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. Information: (714) 524-8408, Ext. 215 or 213.

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## Checking out after 25 years

It's been a big part of her life and though she's reluctant to leave, Margaret "Peggy" Dinsmore knows it's time to let someone else step in.

Dinsmore, 83, worked for the Placentia Library for five years and was a board member for 25 years. She was instrumental in adding the Literacy



**MARGARET DINSMORE**

Volunteers of America to its programs.

"I feel sad but also feel happy there's a good group of trustees taking over," Dinsmore said.

Dinsmore said goodbye in style with a retirement party at the Alta Vista Country Club Nov. 4.

She'll find time to rest now, but Dinsmore said she will stay active in the community.

A Pleasant Place is devoted to coverage of good news. Call 704-3796 or fax ideas to 704-3714.

# Crime in Orange County

Orange County cities report the number of crimes committed in eight categories to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Register calculated the cities' ranks based on the 2003 crime rates per 10,000 residents. Violent crimes include murder and manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property crimes are burglary, larceny, theft, car theft and arson. A city with the lowest crime rate was ranked as No. 1.

This ranking is different from the methodology used in "America's Safest (and Most Dangerous) Cities" study, which looks only at cities with 75,000 or more residents. The study bases comparisons on six of the eight crimes reported to the FBI. It does not take in account larceny and arson.

**MORE ONLINE**

For the entire set of 2003 crimes reported for O.C. cities, please visit [www.eeregister.com](http://www.eeregister.com).

City	Population	Violent crime	Property crime	Violent crime rate	Violent crime rank	Property crime rate	Property crime rank	Overall crime rate	Overall crime rank
So Viejo	41,022	43	483	10	6	118	3	128	3
Abbeville	336,132	1,319	10,446	39	31	311	29	350	31
Alhambra	37,411	68	1,589	18	15	425	34	443	34
Anaheim	79,844	326	1,945	41	32	244	21	284	23
Costa Mesa	111,281	304	3,566	27	24	322	31	350	30
Orange	47,745	74	1,051	15	14	220	18	236	18
Orange Point	36,180	81	649	22	20	179	11	202	11
Mountain Valley	56,136	108	1,449	19	17	258	24	277	22
Meridian	130,194	363	4,599	28	25	353	33	381	33
Redden Grove	169,186	732	4,602	43	33	272	26	315	27
Northampton Beach	195,832	411	4,118	21	19	210	17	231	16
Placentia	163,823	144	3,310	9	3	202	15	211	15
Habersham	60,613	225	1,568	37	28	259	25	296	25
Palmdale	15,939	29	297	18	16	186	12	205	12
Yuba Beach	24,423	55	583	23	21	239	20	261	19
Yuba Hills	33,980	45	661	13	9	195	13	208	14
Yuba Niquel	63,719	78	957	12	8	150	6	162	6
Yuba Woods	16,687	8	94	5	1	56	1	61	1
Yuba Forest	77,749	107	1,231	14	11	158	9	172	8
Alamitos	11,833	45	303	38	29	256	23	294	24
San Juan Viejo	97,317	114	1,468	12	7	151	7	163	7
Westport Beach	78,915	115	2,526	15	13	320	30	335	29
Orange	132,987	262	3,376	20	18	254	22	274	21
Placentia	48,299	127	1,010	26	23	209	16	235	17
Rancho Santa Margarita	48,666	34	476	7	2	98	2	105	2
San Clemente	56,573	76	830	13	10	147	5	160	5
San Juan Capistrano	35,000	50	554	14	12	158	8	173	9
Santa Ana	347,016	1,788	9,728	52	34	280	28	332	28
San Juan Beach	24,784	61	397	25	22	160	10	185	10
San Juannton	38,356	118	890	31	26	232	19	263	20
San Juanlin	69,357	265	1,895	38	30	273	27	311	26
San Juan Park	6,124	6	120	10	4	196	14	206	13
San Juanminster	90,454	328	3,047	36	27	337	32	373	32
San Juanba Linda	61,706	61	814	10	5	132	4	142	4

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## Votes near finish line

Placentia is on the verge of declaring a winner for the third City Council seat.

### Placentia City Council

(Three seats)

Election officials expected to finish counting provisional ballots Wednesday, said Bret Rowley, Orange County Registrar of Voters Office spokesman.

The deadline to certify the Nov. 2 election results is next Tuesday, he said.

As of 7 p.m. Tuesday, incumbent Councilman Scott Brady led challenger Joseph Aguirre by 178 votes, maintaining the less than 0.5 percent separation between the two. See [www.oc.ca.gov/election](http://www.oc.ca.gov/election) for Wednesday's number.

Former Police Chief Russell Rice and incumbent Connie Underhill have secured the other two council seats.

The city will swear in the new members at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in City Hall council chambers, 401 E. Chapman Ave.

— AFSHA BAWANY

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### Sign-ups open for library 'sleepover'

The Placentia Library will hold its Night at the Library, beginning at 8 o'clock Nov. 19 at 411 E. Chapman Ave.

Sign-ups are under way at the library. Registration, at \$5 per child, is on a first-come, first-served basis and may not be made by phone. Children ages 4 to 12 and an accompanying adult are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the library and registration is limited to the first 50 children.

The night includes games, crafts, snacks, movies and a special performer.

Information: (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

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### Santa photos offered at library

Take pictures with the 2004 Hollywood Christmas Parade's Santa Claus from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Placentia Library Meeting Room, 411 E. Chapman Ave.

The library asks for a minimum donation \$20 per picture in advance or \$25 per picture at the door. Proceeds will be used to buy new chairs for the Children's Department.

Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Information: (714) 524-8408, Ext. 213.

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### ALISO VIEJO

**Street banners:** The city's Development Review Committee will take up two requests to install banners at its 4 p.m. meeting Dec. 7. Orange County United Way wants to install 12 banners - 2.25 feet by 8 feet - on light poles for a year. And Soka University wants to install 60 banners - 30 inches by 60 inches - throughout the city and on campus for 40 days. The committee meets at City Hall, 12 Journey.

Call Cindy Odell at (949) 454-7355 or e-mail [codell@ocregister.com](mailto:codell@ocregister.com)

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### Placentia Library

The library, 411 E. Chapman Ave., is seeking volunteers to help with book sales and assisting customers, as well as pricing and sorting donations, with sale proceeds benefiting library programs and services. Call Laranne, (714) 528-1925, Ext. 201.

To add or change items in this listing, call (714) 704-3792 or e-mail to [placentianews@ocregister.com](mailto:placentianews@ocregister.com).

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# Results still in the air; Brady leads

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City awaits end to its longest election tally in history.

By AFSHA BAWANY  
PLACENTIA NEWS-TIMES

Acting Deputy City Clerk Jamie Delos Santos repeats the same thing every day to curious Placentia residents: No, all the votes have not been counted and please call the county Registrar of Voters Office.

But she doesn't mind an-

swering five to 10 phone calls a day, since this is the first time in Placentia's election history that the results of a close election race have taken this long to figure out.

As of Tuesday, incumbent Councilman Scott Brady was leading challenger Joe Aguirre in the race for the third council seat by 164 votes.

Former police Chief Russell Rice and incumbent Connie

Underhill have secured the other two council seats that were on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The registrar of voters is still unsure when final tallies will be in for the third post, which has seen a steady increase in numbers for Brady in the last week.

An update will be posted at

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## RESULTS

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5 p.m. every day by the registrar until the validation and tally of absentee and provisional ballots are complete. The deadline is Nov. 30.

Until then, Brady is confident the numbers will work to his advantage but said he believes Aguirre would have done a great job, said Tuesday he is committed to resolving train traffic issues and pursuing redevelopment of Old

Town. He sees the new council working through their differences.

"When this election started, this was a referendum against OnTrac," Brady said. "Hopefully once you're on council, you ultimately look at what's best for the city."

During the campaign, the candidate slate of Aguirre, Rice and Underhill pledged to terminate OnTrac administrators, lobbyists and public-outreach consultants for the community's railroad project as soon as possible.

The trio also wanted to remove OnTrac's top manager

Chris Becker, saying the city's director of public works should take over control of the rail projects.

Mayor Judy Dickinson and Councilmen Brady, Norman Eckenrode and Chris Lowe supported OnTrac, Becker and past decisions of spending.

Lowe has said OnTrac serves a purpose for the city and noted that consultants are deferring their pay until more grant funds are secured.

At Tuesday night's City Council meeting, Eckenrode asked city staff to analyze whether the new public works director could take over control of OnTrac.

Underhill said that resolving the city's financial crises and stopping the hemorrhaging of funds out to consultants would take longer to sort out since the council won't have a consensus.

"The slate had an idea of immediate action that would stop immediate flow of cash," Underhill said.

Rice agreed with Brady and said he is willing to work with whoever is on the council.

"We all want to get to the same place but our methods differ," Rice said, adding Eckenrode's proposal was a positive step in addressing the differences facing the new members.

### Placentia City Council

(Third seat)

Candidate	Votes	%
Scott Brady	6,888	14.8
Joseph Aguirre	6,724	14.4

Registrar of Voters tallies as of Tuesday

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Musictime for ages 5-6 meets from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. Free. Call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.



SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
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MINUTES

I. Call to Order: 10:30 P.M.

Members Attending: Esther Guzman  
Katie Matas  
Wendy Goodson

Members Absent: Caroline Gurkweitz

III. Old Business

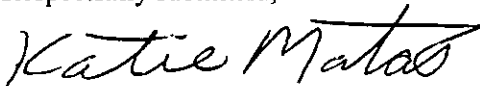
1. The fire extinguishers were checked by Katie Matas on November 17, 2004.
2. A list of emergency phone numbers of regular volunteers is being compiled for the staff.
3. The damaged floor tiles in the Friends' Book Store were replaced.

IV. New Business

1. There is a light out in the loading dock area. The City was notified and will fix it.
2. The Administration and the Safety Committee are working on a proposal for a safety incentive program for the staff. The program involves staff completion of on-line safety classes.

The next meeting will be December 15, 2004 at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Matas

