



CALIFORNIA
STATE LIBRARY
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Library Directors

cc: Fiscal Officers
System Coordinators

FROM: Tom Andersen
Chief, Library Development Services *GM for TA*

DATE: January 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Public Library Fund Allocations, 2006-07

The certification process of local revenue for the allocation of the 2006-07 Public Library Fund (PLF) has been completed and allotment payment to local libraries has been initiated at the level of \$21,360,000, as appropriated in the FY 2006-07 enacted state budget.

The list of public libraries qualifying, together with their PLF allocations for 2006-07, is attached. Five (5) libraries did not qualify in this cycle for a PLF allotment due to non-submission or inability to meet the required maintenance of effort. Allocations for those libraries are shown as "0" in columns 4 and 5.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Sharon Gomez at (916) 653-6492, email sgomez@library.ca.gov or Ira Bray at (916) 653-0171, email ibray@library.ca.gov.

Attachment

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND
FY 2006/2007
(Payment Based on Population)

	1	2	3	4	5
Public Library	Population FY 06/07	Local Appropriation	Meets Criteria Y/N	At 100% Funding Total Cost of PLF Program (1 x \$2.5369)	Proportionally Funded Allocation (1 x .577301)
Alameda	74,405	3,039,164	Y	188,758	42,954
Alameda Co.	522,431	22,496,047	Y	1,325,355	301,600
Alhambra	89,326	2,203,482	Y	226,611	51,568
Alpine Co.	1,241	307,868	Y	3,148	716
Altadena L.D.	55,300	2,219,600	Y	140,291	31,925
Amador Co.	38,133	794,817	Y	96,740	22,014
Anaheim	342,410	10,134,535	Y	868,660	197,674
Arcadia	56,145	2,656,884	Y	142,434	32,413
Azusa City	48,302	1,191,161	Y	122,537	27,885
Banning Unif. S.D.	30,659	960,300	Y	77,779	17,699
Beaumont L.D.	44,137	700,000	Y	111,971	25,480
Belevedere-Tiburon	10,954	1,226,540	Y	27,789	6,324
Benicia	27,319	1,194,936	Y	69,306	15,771
Berkeley	105,385	12,912,325	Y	267,351	60,839
Beverly Hills	35,813	9,608,516	Y	90,854	20,675
Brawley	25,488	471,391	Y	64,661	14,714
Buena Park L.D.	81,349	2,197,250	Y	206,374	46,963
Burbank	106,879	5,507,054	Y	271,141	61,701
Burlingame	35,632	3,389,112	Y	90,395	20,570
Butte Co.	217,209	2,434,345	Y	551,038	125,395
Calabasas	23,387	1,052,840	Y	59,330	13,501
Calaveras Co.	45,711	577,228	Y	115,964	26,389
Camarena (Calexico)	36,740	696,722	Y	93,206	21,210
Carlsbad City	98,607	9,155,745	Y	250,156	56,926
Carmel (Harrison)	4,038	888,929	Y	10,244	2,331
Cerritos	54,834	5,565,970	Y	139,108	31,656
Chula Vista	223,423	7,875,073	Y	566,802	128,982
Coalinga-Huron U.S.D.	27,310	974,000	Y	69,283	15,766
Colton	51,781	1,342,491	Y	131,363	29,893
Colusa Co.	21,512	564,745	Y	54,574	12,419
City of Commerce	13,439	2,741,751	Y	34,093	7,758
Contra Costa Co.	925,909	23,554,985	Y	2,348,939	534,528
Corona	144,661	2,843,930	Y	366,990	83,513
Coronado	26,248	1,991,188	Y	66,589	15,153
Covina	49,378	1,248,680	Y	125,267	28,506
Daly City	104,820	3,188,484	Y	265,918	60,513
Del Norte Co.L.D.	29,196	172,461	Y	74,067	16,855
Dixon Public Library District	25,804	1,038,914	Y	65,462	14,897
Downey City	113,063	2,477,726	Y	286,830	65,271
El Centro	42,002	465,365	Y	106,555	24,248
El Dorado Co.	176,204	2,918,331	Y	447,012	101,723
El Segundo	16,965	2,314,300	Y	43,039	9,794
Escondido	140,766	3,657,568	Y	357,109	81,264
Folsom	69,445	1,599,599	Y	176,175	40,091
Fresno Co.	872,204	23,944,539	Y	2,212,694	503,524
Fullerton	136,428	3,568,110	Y	346,104	78,760

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Glendale	206,308	7,797,716	Y	523,383	119,102
Glendora	52,199	2,074,785	Y	132,424	30,135
Hayward	146,398	3,623,363	Y	371,397	84,516
Hemet	69,544	2,366,374	Y	176,426	40,148
Humboldt Co.	132,526	2,400,814	Y	336,205	76,507
Huntington Beach	201,000	6,543,534	Y	509,917	116,038
Imperial	10,140	3,500	Y	25,724	5,854
Imperial Co.	52,215	648,322	Y	132,464	30,144
Inglewood	118,112	3,638,422	Y	299,638	68,186
Inyo Co.	18,515	878,328	Y	46,971	10,689
Irwindale	1,559	385,250	Y	3,955	900
Kern Co.	779,869	12,148,170	Y	1,978,450	450,219
Kings Co.	147,729	1,716,209	Y	374,774	85,284
Lake Co.	64,105	763,125	Y	162,628	37,008
Larkspur	12,040	608,540	Y	30,544	6,951
Lincoln	33,589	569,428	Y	85,212	19,391
Livermore	81,443	4,644,770	Y	206,613	47,017
Lodi	62,817	1,559,670	Y	159,360	36,264
Lompoc	71,676	1,005,815	Y	181,835	41,370
Long Beach	490,166	16,112,432	Y	1,243,502	282,973
Los Angeles	3,976,071	113,695,732	Y	10,086,895	2,295,390
Los Angeles Co.	3,644,424	120,775,000	Y	9,245,539	2,103,930
Los Gatos	28,989	1,978,260	Y	73,542	16,735
Madera Co.	144,396	1,476,042	Y	366,318	83,360
Marin Co.	139,451	9,719,707	Y	353,773	80,505
Mariposa Co.	18,216	424,671	Y	46,212	10,516
Mendocino Co.	90,445	1,060,087	Y	229,450	52,214
Menlo Park	30,750	1,832,445	Y	78,010	17,752
Merced Co.	246,751	2,610,345	Y	625,983	142,450
Mill Valley	13,735	1,630,751	Y	34,844	7,929
Mission Viejo	97,997	2,720,904	Y	248,609	56,574
Modoc Co.	9,836	299,500	Y	24,953	5,678
Mono Co.	13,597	809,850	Y	34,494	7,850
Monrovia	39,006	1,420,274	Y	98,954	22,518
Monterey	30,161	2,714,167	Y	76,515	17,412
Monterey Co.	226,988	5,730,299	Y	575,846	131,040
Monterey Park Buggermeyer	64,387	1,594,382	Y	163,343	37,171
Moreno Valley	174,565	2,408,638	Y	442,854	100,777
Mountain View	71,995	4,267,000	Y	182,644	41,563
Murrieta	92,933	1,924,369	Y	235,762	53,650
Napa City-Co.	128,455	5,764,743	Y	325,877	74,157
National City	63,537	2,387,547	Y	161,187	36,680
Nevada Co.	100,066	2,500,202	Y	253,857	57,768
Newport Beach	83,361	5,703,220	Y	211,479	48,124
Oakland	431,291	23,676,597	Y	1,094,142	248,980
Oceanside	174,925	4,762,403	Y	443,767	100,984
Ontario City	171,113	3,152,073	Y	434,097	98,784

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Orange	137,801	4,154,399	Y	349,587	79,553
Orange Co.	1,519,194	36,558,455	Y	3,854,043	877,032
Orland Free	14,606	333,785	Y	37,054	8,432
Oxnard	189,990	5,046,168	Y	481,986	109,681
Pacific Grove	15,305	981,228	N	0	0
Palm Springs	46,437	2,711,726	Y	117,806	26,808
Palmdale City	141,012	2,818,060	Y	357,733	81,406
Palo Alto City	62,148	6,978,394	Y	157,663	35,878
Palo Verde Valley L.D. (Blythe)	43,317	143,375	Y	109,891	25,007
Palos Verdes L.D.	67,200	5,725,365	Y	170,480	38,795
Pasadena	146,138	10,701,398	Y	370,737	84,366
Paso Robles	28,969	1,674,700	Y	73,491	16,724
→ Placentia L.D.	→ 54,980	→ 3,106,161	Y	→ 139,479	→ 31,740
Placer Co.	178,264	4,945,020	Y	452,238	102,912
Pleasanton	67,876	3,813,083	Y	172,195	39,185
Plumas/Sierra Co.	24,945	517,186	Y	63,283	14,401
Pomona	161,850	2,856,774	Y	410,597	93,436
Porterville	45,220	757,403	Y	114,719	26,106
Rancho Cucamonga	170,479	3,445,450	Y	432,488	98,418
Rancho Mirage	21,537	2,308,030	Y	54,637	12,433
Redlands (A.K. Smiley)	71,086	2,215,183	Y	180,338	41,038
Redondo Beach	67,112	3,587,997	Y	170,256	38,744
Redwood City	76,087	5,598,063	Y	193,025	43,925
Richmond	103,468	5,480,553	Y	262,488	59,732
Riverside	287,820	9,808,188	Y	730,171	166,159
Riverside Co.	997,720	13,990,334	Y	2,531,116	575,985
Roseville	104,655	4,155,433	Y	265,499	60,417
Sacramento	1,316,162	33,525,449	Y	3,338,971	759,822
Salinas	148,350	3,550,000	Y	376,349	85,643
San Anselmo	12,418	363,065	N	0	0
San Benito Co.	55,901	670,065	Y	141,815	32,272
San Bernardino	201,823	2,758,100	Y	512,005	116,513
San Bernardino Co.	1,156,303	14,368,274	Y	2,933,425	667,535
San Bruno	41,515	1,742,109	Y	105,319	23,967
San Diego	1,311,162	41,840,669	Y	3,326,287	756,935
San Diego Co.	1,028,152	15,978,476	Y	2,608,319	593,553
San Francisco	798,680	69,096,675	Y	2,026,171	461,079
San Jose	953,679	47,411,101	Y	2,419,388	550,560
San Juan Bautista	1,726	91,013	Y	4,379	996
San Leandro	81,074	4,989,083	Y	205,677	46,804
San Luis Obispo City-Co.	234,273	7,225,745	Y	594,327	135,246
San Marino	13,482	756,829	N	0	0
San Mateo	97,970	5,015,700	Y	248,540	56,558
San Mateo Co.	275,506	21,200,472	Y	698,931	159,050
San Rafael	57,349	1,983,815	Y	145,489	33,108
Santa Ana	351,322	5,052,545	Y	891,269	202,819
Santa Barbara	231,894	5,967,544	Y	588,292	133,873

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Santa Clara	110,771	6,354,761	N	0	0
Santa Clara Co.	412,132	26,279,183	Y	1,045,538	237,924
Santa Cruz	205,155	11,697,491	Y	520,458	118,436
Santa Fe Springs	17,780	1,698,400	Y	45,106	10,264
Santa Maria	118,055	2,039,214	Y	299,494	68,153
Santa Monica	90,750	9,079,272	Y	230,224	52,390
Santa Paula (Blanchard) Dist.	29,133	581,605	Y	73,908	16,819
Sausalito	7,394	593,233	Y	18,758	4,269
Shasta Co.	181,483	1,686,422	Y	460,404	104,770
Sierra Madre	11,010	718,177	Y	27,931	6,356
Signal Hill	11,089	346,450	Y	28,132	6,402
Siskiyou Co.	46,146	868,482	Y	117,068	26,640
Solano Co.	369,725	17,054,463	Y	937,955	213,443
Sonoma Co.	479,929	14,597,363	Y	1,217,532	277,064
South Pasadena	25,674	1,424,769	Y	65,132	14,822
So. San Francisco	61,824	3,886,271	Y	156,841	35,691
St. Helena	5,989	953,416	Y	15,193	3,457
Stanislaus Co.	514,370	10,262,651	Y	1,304,905	296,946
Stockton-San Joaquin Co.	605,448	12,434,374	Y	1,535,961	349,526
Sunnyvale	133,544	6,527,871	Y	338,788	77,095
Susanville D.L.	18,337	130,499	Y	46,519	10,586
Sutter Co.	91,450	1,089,950	Y	232,000	52,794
Tehema Co.	61,533	524,708	Y	156,103	35,523
Thousand Oaks	127,644	8,555,169	Y	323,820	73,689
Torrance	147,108	6,759,551	Y	373,198	84,926
Trinity Co.	14,024	266,299	Y	35,577	8,096
Tulare	51,477	726,074	Y	130,592	29,718
Tulare Co.	323,922	2,458,413	Y	821,758	187,001
Tuolumne Co.	58,231	1,058,913	Y	147,726	33,617
Upland	74,099	1,869,770	Y	187,982	42,777
Ventura Co.	470,579	10,424,753	Y	1,193,812	271,666
Vernon	95		N	0	0
Victorville	95,145	1,197,410	Y	241,373	54,927
Watsonville	57,196	5,943,670	Y	145,101	33,019
Whittier	86,841	3,075,609	Y	220,307	50,133
Willows	14,045	253,565	Y	35,631	8,108
Woodland	52,972	1,379,355	Y	134,385	30,581
Yolo Co.	137,372	3,816,393	Y	348,499	79,305
Yorba Linda	66,794	3,926,850	Y	169,450	38,560
Yuba Co.	69,827	616,113	Y	177,144	40,311
	37,151,832			\$93,864,692	\$21,360,000

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager/Literacy Coordinator
DATE: February 20, 2007
SUBJECT: National Award for Museums and Library Service. 

BACKGROUND:

Enclosed is the Placentia Library Literacy Services (PLLS) application for the National Award for Museums and Library Service. The application focuses on the services and outreach of the PLLS. About four libraries are awarded each year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Library Board of Trustees receive and file.





2007 Nomination - Cover Sheet

National Awards for Museum and Library Service

Placentia Library District

1. Institution Name

411 E. Chapman Ave.

2. Institution's Mailing Address

Placentia CA 92870
City State Zip

714 524 8408 x 215 714 528 8236

3. Phone Number 4. Fax Number

www.placentialibrary.org

5. Web Address

Elizabeth D. Minter, M.L.S.

6. Name of Institution's Director/CEO

Library Director 714 528 1925 x.203
Title Phone Number

eminter@placentialibrary.org
E-mail Address

7. Type of Organization (check one in the appropriate category)

Museums:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquarium | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arboretum/botanical garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural history museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Planetarium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's/youth museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Science/technology museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic house/site | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |

Libraries:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archive | <input type="checkbox"/> Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/university | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consortium | <input type="checkbox"/> Special |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |

\$2,080,449 15 16
8. Institution's Annual Budget 9. Number of Full-time Staff Part-time Staff

54,980 295

10. Community Population 11. Number of Days Open/Year

54,980

12. Number of People Served through Community Programming

Ellie Rankin

13. Name of Nominating Individual

President, Friends of Placentia Library Friends of Placentia Library
Title Relationship to Institution

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Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Placentia Library District is to provide library services and materials that are responsive to the informational, recreational, educational, and cultural needs of all members of the community.

Brief Institutional History:

The Placentia Library District developed the Placentia Library Literacy Services (PLLS) in response to the changing needs of the members of the community. PLLS is the product of a partnership with the California State Library Literacy Services. PLLS has offered free tutoring and confidential English instruction to adults and children for nearly a quarter of a century. Originally established as a one-to-one adult tutoring program, PLLS has dramatically expanded services over the past six and a half years by reaching out to many communities in North Orange County, greatly increasing the Placentia Library District's sphere of influence. It is the only full service library literacy program in North Orange County. PLLS continues to adjust and expand the literacy services it offers to the changing community.

In Fiscal Year 2002-03, PLLS initiated the English Language and Literacy Intensive (ELLI) Program, a California State Library grant funded project. The ELLI Program targets Title I schools where most of the student population come from low to moderate socio-economic families, many of whom are English Language Learners. ELLI tutors work under the direction and supervision of teachers to assist students individually or in small groups. They provide extra help in a variety of subjects, and because most of the tutors are university students, they also serve as role models for children lacking exposure to higher education.

The Placentia/Yorba Linda Unified School District requires students to perform 40 hours of community service as a graduation requirement. In September 2003, the Placentia Library, the school district, and the Rotary Club of Placentia joined together to begin the Placentia Rotary Reading Enrichment Program (PRREP). PRREP actually joined with Interact, the Rotary International affiliate at the high school level. With the Library as the lead, PRREP/Interact began recruiting local high school students from El Dorado and Valencia High Schools to tutor grade school students. During the past four school years, over 400 PRREP volunteers have tutored more than 1,000 grade school students, accounting for over 5,000 hours of community service.

Providing homework help is another community outreach that the Placentia Library District began in October 2004. Utilizing high school students, Federal Work Study tutors, interns from the University of Phoenix and Cal State Fullerton, and community volunteers, PLLS began a drop-in, first-come first-served homework club at the Library for students in grades K-12. In FY 2005/06, PLLS began two off-site homework clubs, one at Topaz Elementary School and one at the Homeless Intervention Shelter House (H.I.S. House). This year, we began our fourth homework club at Kraemer Middle School. By the end of FY 2006/07, we estimate that as many as 2,000 students will have received homework help.

Narrative:

PLLS plans to continue the expansion of its off-site homework help program. Our goal is to have a PASS homework help program at each Title I elementary school in the PYLUSD.

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Placentia Library Literacy Services expanded its services to the community during Fiscal Year 2005-06, as two new homework projects began in September 2005. One was a homework project at Topaz Elementary School. Topaz is located in Fullerton but it is in the Placentia/Yorba Linda School District. Two years ago, because of overcrowded conditions at Kraemer Middle School, Topaz graduates began attending seventh grade at Tuffree Middle School, and many of them did not do as well as expected. To facilitate the transition of going from sixth to seventh grade, PLLS and Topaz Elementary began a unique homework club after school, on campus, for seventh grade and some eighth grade students. As these students walk home from Tuffree Middle School, they stop and receive homework help in a familiar setting. This past school year, a total of sixty-six students received homework help from forty-one volunteer tutors at the Topaz-Tuffree homework club. In a recent letter of support, Sharon Cordes, Tuffree Middle School principal stated..."Two measurements of success that we are pleased to report are that several students who regularly attend the homework club received above-average grades on their first semester report cards, and they are successfully completing homework assignments on time. These are achievements that the same students weren't accomplishing last school year."

The other homework project that also started in September 2005 was at the Homeless Intervention Shelter, H.I.S. House, a homeless shelter located in Placentia. The homeless clients at H.I.S. House often have children. These children are under-served and at-risk, particularly when it comes to homework assistance. In that respect, twenty-four of our tutors provided homework help to thirty-one children at H.I.S. House last school year, and we anticipate that number to increase during FY 2006/07.

PLLS started an additional homework club in FY 2006/2007 at Kraemer Middle School. Kraemer is a very large Middle School with more than 1,600 students in grades 6-8. Many of these students come from Title I elementary schools, and a large percentage of them are English learners. Recognizing this need, PLLS started a homework club at Kraemer Middle School on October 30, 2006, and by the end of the calendar year, more than 80 students had received homework help. PLLS experienced immediate success with the homework club at Kraemer. On the first day of the homework club, a 7th grade

student brought in his progress report in pre-algebra and he had an "F." In exactly three weeks, his progress report in pre-algebra had improved to an "A." We anticipate continued success at the Kraemer Middle School/Placentia Library Homework Club the rest of FY 2006/07.

PLLS receives positive feedback from parents, teachers, and school administrators on a regular basis. This information helps us to monitor and adjust the services that we provide to the underserved and at risk children in our community.

We became aware of a growing gang presence in Placentia in 2006. We joined forces with the Placentia/Yorba Linda Unified School District; PRREP/Interact Club; Alpha Center, and the Disney Corporation's Show Your Character program to plan a community service project that had a gang resistance component. The collaborative outreach targeted more than 70 sixth grade students at Topaz Elementary School. That program was so successful that PLLS pledged to expand it in school year 2006-2007. PLLS and PRREP/ Interact (the Rotary International Youth Club) will launch a Gang Awareness and Prevention Program (GAPP) at Kraemer Middle School where there are more than 200 sixth grade students. The Valencia High School drama club is included in the partnership. Selected as one of twenty-five "Disney Show Your Character" projects in Orange County California, GAPP will culminate in March 2007 with an assembly at the Valencia High School auditorium and has the potential to reach as many as 400 high school and middle school students. Plans are underway to expand this program to all local middle schools.

The PLLS/PRREP team effort does not stop with the GAPP program. PRREP students serve as volunteer literacy tutors in each of the homework clubs and at the library. Some of the PRREP students volunteer at elementary school sites in special programs. Additionally, PLLS/PRREP have expanded the scope of their community outreach to include the Down Syndrome Buddy Walk and the addy G Foundation's Carol-A-Thon as scheduled community based activities. The "Buddy Walk" is the annual fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County and is the largest one of its kind in the United States. On November 5, 2006 PLLS/PRREP volunteers participated in the event helping with the obstacle course and serving lunches. The addy G foundation is a non-profit that reaches out to pediatric cancer victims by providing access to the arts. On December 17, 2006, more than sixty PLLS/PRREP volunteers participated in a Carol-A-Thon, and helped raise almost \$3,000 for the foundation. PLLS also has intern partnerships with the University of Phoenix and Cal State Fullerton. The diverse components of PLLS allow interns the flexibility to complete their requirements while providing community service.

As a result of its diverse components and outreach to the community, statistics for the Placentia Library Literacy Services in Fiscal Year 2005-06 were impressive: 23 tutor training workshops and 181 new tutors trained; 310 adult and teen tutors accounted for more than 25,000 hours of instruction to more than 2,000 students. PLLS also sponsored four homework clubs, one on-site and three off-site, accounting for nearly 500 students who received help.

Institutional Financial Statements

Budget

Library General Fund:	\$152,755
CA State Library Grant	54,384
Local Grants (varies yearly)	<u>8,000</u>

Total: \$215,139

In-Kind Funding from \$146,000 yearly
Federal Work Study (FWS) (varies yearly)

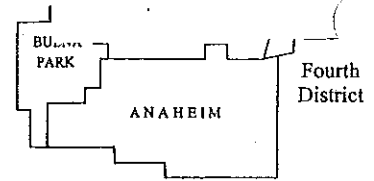
Staffing

Three (3) full-time staff
One (1)-1/2 time staff
Three (3)-full-time equivalent (FWS)



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February 8, 2007

National Awards for Museum and Library Services

Re: Letter of Support, Placentia Library Literacy Services

Dear Selection Committee:

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of support for the Placentia Library Literacy Services' Application for the National Awards for Museum and Library Services.

The Placentia Library District has been providing top quality literacy services for more than twenty-three years, and it is continually seeking ways to increase literacy services to the community, particularly with at-risk and under served youth. While the Placentia Library Literacy Services is based out of the Placentia Library District, its sphere of influence is much greater.

Having been an educator, I agree that, for a variety of reasons, the transition from sixth to seventh grade is the most difficult one for many students, particularly when the students transitioning are English Learners. The Placentia Library Literacy Services, through a partnership with Topaz Elementary School and Tuffree Middle School, began the Topaz-Tuffree Homework Club last year and helped more than sixty Topaz graduates in the seventh and eighth grades at Tuffree Middle School. One measurement of success is that three Tuffree eighth grade homework students from last year, who are 9th grade students at El Dorado High School, are now tutors in the Topaz-Tuffree homework club.

I'm particularly impressed with Placentia Library Literacy Services' outreach both on-site and off-site. The partnerships that the Placentia Library Literacy Services has in the community are incredible such as: the Federal Work Study partnership with Cal State University Fullerton and Western State College of Law; several partnerships with the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PRREP, homework clubs; Gang Awareness Prevention Program (GAPP)); internship partnership with Human Services at Cal State University Fullerton; and the GAPP project with Disney Show Your Character.

The Placentia Library Literacy Services has a proven track record of beginning innovative programs and of continuing them. I firmly believe that the outreach and partnerships that the Placentia Library has established will continue to have a positive impact in the community. I urge the selection committee to favorably consider the Placentia Library Literacy Services' Application for the National Awards for Museum and Library Service.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Norby".

Chris Norby
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February 7, 2007

National Awards for Museum and Library Service

Re: Letter of Support, Placentia Library Literacy Services

Dear Selection Committee:

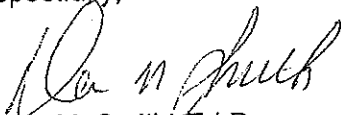
As the Superintendent, Placentia/Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD), I am extremely pleased to write this letter of support for the Placentia Library Literacy Services' Application for the National Awards for Museum and Library Service.

I have been the Superintendent for PYLUSD more than six years, and I'm truly amazed and gratified with the strong partnerships that the District has with the Placentia Library District, particularly with the Placentia Library Literacy Services (PLLS). PLLS started the English Language and Literacy Intensive (ELLI) four years ago. Since its inception, ELLI has partnered with seven elementary schools in the District, helping more than 2,000 grade school students. In 2002, PLLS and the Placentia Rotary Club founded the Placentia Rotary Reading Enrichment Program (PRREP), a program where high school students earn community service hours by tutoring grade school students. During the last school year, FY 2005-06, more than 100 high school students were PRREP tutors, accounting for over 2,000 hours of community service. I firmly believe that the partnership that the School District has with PLLS causes a positive ripple effect in our community, because when you're helping hundreds of students you're helping hundreds of families.

I am equally impressed with the unique homework projects that PLLS has started. The children at H.I.S. House are definitely at-risk and need homework help. PLLS is providing that help. The homework club at Topaz Elementary is a model program. There are twenty-two elementary schools in the school district, and the Topaz-Tuffree homework club is the only one where seventh grade and eighth students are going back to their old school for homework help. Many more of our at-risk students could benefit from additional homework clubs.

PLLS has a proven track record of reaching out to and serving at-risk segments of our community. I urge the selection committee to favorably consider the Placentia Library Literacy Services' Application for the National Awards for Museum and Library Service.

Respectfully,



Dennis M. Smith, Ed.D.
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Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District



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EDWARD R. ROYCE
Fortieth District-California

February 13, 2007

Re: Letter of Support, Placentia Library Literacy Services

Dear Selection Committee:

I am pleased to express my support for the Placentia Library Literacy Services' Application for the National Awards for Museums and Library Services.

The Placentia Library District has been providing top quality literacy services for more than twenty-three years, and is continually seeking ways to increase literacy services to the community, particularly to at-risk and under-served youth. Two years ago, as a result of re-districting, Topaz Elementary School began sending its sixth grade graduates to Tuffree. Topaz is the only Title I School that feeds into Tuffree and as you know Title I Schools serve the children of lower-socio economic families, many of whom are also English Learners. Last school year, the Placentia Library Literacy Services, through a partnership with Topaz and Tuffree, began the Topaz-Tuffree Homework Club, a program aimed at providing homework help for Topaz graduates in the seventh and eighth grades at Tuffree Middle School. Two measurements of success are that several Tuffree students in the homework club received above average grades on first semester report cards, and are completing homework assignments on time, things they weren't doing last school year.

I'm particularly pleased and impressed with the Federal Work Study (FWS) partnership that the Placentia Library has with Cal State University Fullerton and Western State University College of Law. With a total of more than thirty on staff this year, these FWS tutors will have reached out to more than 300 at-risk and under-served students by the end of this school year.

The Placentia Library Literacy Services has a proven track record and I firmly believe that the three off-site homework club partnerships that the Placentia Library has with the school district will continue to have a positive impact in the community. I urge you to give the application from the Placentia Library for the National Awards for Museum and Library Service your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Royce".

EDWARD R. ROYCE

Placentia Library District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Purpose of Board Policies
POLICY NUMBER: 1000

1000.1 It is the intent of the Board of Trustees of Placentia Library District to maintain a Manual of Policies. Contained therein will be a comprehensive listing of the Board's current policies, being the rules and regulations enacted by the Board from time to time. The Manual of Policies will serve as a resource for Trustees, staff and members of the public in determining the manner in which matters of District business are to be conducted.

1000.2 If any policy or portion of a policy contained within the Manual of Policies is in conflict with rules, regulations or legislation having authority over Placentia Library District, said rules, regulations or legislation will prevail.

Placentia Library District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Adoption/Amendment/Review of Policies
POLICY NUMBER: 1010

1010.1 Consideration by the Board of Trustees to adopt a new policy or to amend an existing policy may be initiated by any Trustee, or by the Library Director. The proposed adoption or amendment is initiated by submitting a written draft of the proposed adoption or amendment to each Trustee and the Library Director through the District office, and requesting that the item be included for consideration on the agenda of the appropriate regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

1010.2 Adoption of a new policy or amendment of an existing policy will be accomplished at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees and will require a 4/5 affirmative vote of the entire Board of Trustees.

1010.3 Before considering adopting or amending any policy, Trustees will have the opportunity to review the proposed adoption or amendment at the regular Board meeting prior to the meeting at which consideration for adoption or amendment is to be given. Copies of the proposed policy adoption or amendment will be included in the agenda information packet for any meeting of consideration. The agenda information packets with said copies will be made available to each Trustee for review at least three (3) days prior to any meeting at which the policy(ies) are to be considered.

The requirement to review a proposed new or amended policy prior to the meeting at which adoption is to be considered may be waived by a 4/5 affirmative vote of the entire Board, with the agenda specifying consideration of such action.

1010.4 The Board of Trustees will review each section of the Policy Handbook every other year on the following schedule, beginning December 2006:

September	Series 3000, Financial
November	Series 1000, General
December	Series 4000, Board of Trustees
January	Series 5000, Board Meetings
March	Series 2000, Personnel

In addition to this review schedule the Board of Trustees may consider the addition or amendment of any policy at any time as prescribed in Sections 1010.2 and 1010.3 above.

Placentia Library District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Placentia Library District Vision Statement and Mission Statement
POLICY NUMBER: 1015

1015.1 The Vision of the Placentia Library District is to inspire exploration, open minds and bring people together.

1015.2 The Purpose of the Placentia Library District is to provide services and materials to our ever changing and diverse community. To accomplish this goal the Library will:

1015.2.1 Provide a qualified staff to acquire, organize, and maintain a collection of print and non-print materials in an easily accessible facility and assist the public with its use.

1015.2.2 Provide literacy outreach and services to the community.

1015.2.3 Provide a special collection to document and preserve Placentia's History and Authors.

1015.2.4 Present programs and provide technology access to everyone in order to promote reading and lifelong learning.

1015.2.5 Promote the Library's vision through consistent messages to the public.

(Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees September 19, 2005.)

Placentia Library District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Conflict of Interest
POLICY NUMBER: 1020

1020.1 The Political Reform Act, Government Code §81000, et seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict-of-interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, 2 Cal. Code of Regs. §18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. It can be incorporated by reference and may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission after public notice and hearings to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 Cal. Code of Regs. §18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference and, along with the attached Appendix A in which members of the Board of Trustees and employees are designated, and in which disclosure categories are set forth, constitute the conflict of interest code of Placentia Library District.

1020.2 Designated employees will file statements of economic interests with the Clerk of the County of Orange.

ATTACHMENT A -- Designated Positions

Library Trustee
 Library Director
 Manager of Administrative Services
 Manager of Public Services
 Manager of Technical Services

Disclosure Categories

The above designated positions must disclose all investments, interest in real property, income and business positions.

Reviewed September 15, 1998
 Reviewed August 16, 2000
 Reviewed September 18, 2002
 Reviewed August 23, 2004
 Revised February 20, 2007

Placentia Library District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Public Complaints
POLICY NUMBER: 1030

1030.1 The Board of Trustees desires that public complaints be resolved at the lowest possible administrative level, and that the method for resolution of complaints be logical and systematic.

1030.2 A public complaint is an allegation by a member of the public of a violation or misinterpretation of a District policy, state, or federal statute of which the individual has been adversely affected.

1030.3 ~~The method of resolving complaints will be as follows:~~

1030.3.1 The individual with a complaint will first discuss the matter with the Manager of Administrative Services, Manager of Public Services or Manager of Technical Services with the objective of resolving the matter informally.

1030.3.2 If the individual registering the complaint is not satisfied with the disposition of the complaint by the Manager of Administrative Services, Manager of Public Services or the Manager of Technical Services, the complaint may be filed with the Library Director. Within a reasonable time, the Library Director will meet with the person filing the complaint to resolve the matter. At the option of the Library Director, he/she may conduct conferences and take testimony or written documentation in the resolution of the complaint. The individual filing the complaint may request a written decision from the Library Director.

1030.3.3 If the individual filing the complaint is not satisfied with the disposition of the matter by the Library Director, a written complaint may be filed with the Board of Trustees within ten (10) days of receiving the Library Director's decision. The Board may consider the matter at the next regular meeting, or call a special meeting. The Board will expeditiously resolve the matter. In making the final decision, the Board may conduct conferences, hear testimony, as well as utilize the transcripts of written documentation. The individual filing the complaint may request a written decision from the Board.

1030.4 This policy is not intended to prohibit or deter a member of the community or staff member from appearing before the Board to verbally present a testimony, complaint, or statement in regard to actions of the Board, District programs and services, or impending considerations of the Board.

Placentia Library District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Claims Against the District
POLICY NUMBER: 1040

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction to District staff for processing and resolving (if possible) account adjustment requests and property damage claims against the District. Inherent in this policy is the recognition that every adjustment request or claim will be unique, and that guidelines cannot be written to accommodate every case. Therefore, staff must use discretion and good sense in handling each claim.

1040.1 Property (Unsecured Property) Damage Claims

All claims of damage to unsecured property will be submitted to the Library Director. He/she will review the damage claim and the requested restitution.

If the Library Director determines that the damage is the District's responsibility, he/she may authorize repairs or reimbursement of expenses to an amount not to exceed \$1,500. A report will be submitted to the Library Board of Trustees describing the damage claim, including a description of the manner in which it was resolved.

All claims that the Library Director estimates to be more than \$1,500 will be placed on the Agenda for the next regular Library Board Meeting. The Library Board will determine the action to be taken on all claims exceeding \$1,500.

1040.2 Property Damage Claims on District Form

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 910.4 (a) all damage claims, including those with legal representation, must be submitted in writing on a District Claims Form. This will ensure that a claim is valid and protect important rights of the District.

Section 910.2 of the California Government Code specifies the following:

The claim shall be signed by the claimant or by some person on his behalf. Claims against local public entities for supplies, materials, equipment or services need not be signed by the claimant or on his behalf if presented on a billhead or invoice regularly used in the conduct of the business of the claimant.

If the claim does not meet the requirements of the California Government Code §910 and §910.2, then a letter will be sent to the claimant informing them of this fact.

A claim may be returned to the person if it was not presented using the Placentia Library District Claims Form. Any claim returned to a person may be resubmitted using the appropriate form.

District staff will provide no assistance to the claimant in filling out the Claims Form.

Claimant must fill out the Claims Form in its entirety and submit it via mail, FAX, or personal delivery to the District office. Upon receipt, office staff will date-stamp the document.

Placentia Library District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Copying Public Documents
POLICY NUMBER: 1050

1050.1 Individuals requesting Placentia Library District staff or volunteers to make copies of public documents will be charged twenty-five cents (25¢) per sheet copied to defray expenses associated with the copying process.

1050.2 Copies of agendas and other writings (except for privileged documents) distributed to a majority of the Board of Trustees at open Board meetings will be made available to the public. A limited quantity of such documents (based on normal audience attendance) will be copied in advance of each meeting and made available to the public in attendance at no charge. Individuals requesting that District staff or volunteers make additional copies of such documents prior to the Board meeting will be charged twenty-five cents (25¢) per sheet. The copy charge will be levied at Board meetings for copies of documents if more are needed and/or requested in addition to those normally prepared for the public at Board meetings.

Individuals may make their own photocopies of agendas and other writings (except for privileged documents) at the public photocopiers at the current rate charged for such copying by the District. A copy of each Library Board Agenda packet is available at the Reference Desk.

Placentia Library District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Privacy
POLICY NUMBER: 1060

1060.1 Placentia Library District will comply with all California and Federal laws regarding the confidentiality of Library records and investigative access to those records, including but not limited to the California Public Records Act, Government Code Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 3.5 and The Patriot Act.

1060.2 The Library Director is responsible for ensuring that staff is aware of the requirements of the confidentiality of Library records and the procedures for processing investigative access to those records.

1060.3 Certain provisions of The Patriot Act affect the confidentiality of public library records. Under specific circumstances the Act makes it possible for investigative agents to get surveillance orders and to access Library and Internet use records. These activities require an order signed by a judge. The Act also provides that any staff involved in this process may not disclose to anyone that an order has been received and a search done.

1060.4 The Library Director, or in the absence of the Library Director, the Manager of Administrative Services, Manager of Public Services or the Manager of Technical Services, will personally process any requests for access to public records. The authenticity of all such requests will be verified by an attorney selected by the District.

1060.5 Placentia Library District will take the following steps to minimize potential infringement upon Library patron privacy:

1060.5.1 Internet site usage histories are to be purged from the system and each computer every day.

1060.5.2 Any written sign-up sheets or applications for Internet access are to be destroyed by shredding at the end of each workday after the statistical information has been recorded.

1060.5.3 Internet sign-in software may not keep usage records by patron name. Patrons must have the option of signing-in in for Internet usage anonymously.

1060.5.4 Borrowers who return items by the due date have no information about the titles or dates of books previously checked-out in their borrower's record.

1060.5.4.1 Delinquency records, including the title and dates borrowed and returned, for each item returned after the due date are kept indefinitely. Information about items checked-out and never returned is also kept indefinitely.

1060.5.4.2 It is possible to look up any item's barcode number (not the borrower's record) to find out the name of the last borrower who checked-out that specific item. This information is deleted from the system as soon as the item has been checked-out by someone else.

1060.6 Placentia Library District requires the highest level of authority prescribed by law before permitting access to any of its records. In most cases this is an order signed by a judge.

Elizabeth Minter

From: Nora Jacob [njacob@cityoforange.org]

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2007 11:26 AM

To: Heather Firchow; Carol Stone; Danis Kreimeier; Elizabeth Minter; John Adams; Linda Katsouleas; Louise Mazerov; Pam Alger; Valerie Maginnis

Subject: Orange Public Library & History Center Set to Re-Open April 21



CITY OF ORANGE

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 5, 2007

Contact: Nora Jacob
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Orange Public Library & History Center Set to Re-Open April 21

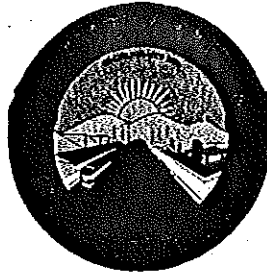
Orange, CA – The expanded new Orange Public Library & History Center (also known as the Main Library) will re-open with special festivities at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 21, Mayor Carolyn V. Cavecche announced at last week’s “State of the City” annual luncheon.

Orange’s Main Library has been under construction since June, 2005. The \$18.7-million expansion will result in a landmark 45,000-square-foot building with new and expanded services including:

- After-school homework help in a center jointly developed with Orange Unified School District;
- Small-group study rooms;
- A lovely Children’s Garden and a separate Children’s Storytime Room;
- A special Teen Zone with its own librarian to serve the community’s youth;
- 100 public-use computers throughout the two-story building;
- Public access to more than a century of Orange’s heritage in a beautiful new History Center and adjacent Reading Room;
- Community meeting rooms;
- Wireless access;
- Self-checkout and automated check-in of books and other items; and
- More books, DVDs, compact discs, and other library materials for free borrowing with an Orange Public Library card.

Plans for the Grand Re-Opening Celebration on April 21 are underway. In addition, the City of Orange Public Library Foundation (OPLF), a non-profit organization of community leaders, has raised \$1.8 million toward the library expansion and continues to offer opportunities for donor support and recognition. For more information, contact Library Administration at (714) 288-2471.

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Date: January 10, 2007

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Persons

From: *Nicole Carter*
Consultant to the City of Placentia
Crawford Multari & Clark Associates
641 Higuera Street, Suite 302
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

In compliance with the State guidelines for implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is hereby sent to you to inform you that the City is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Westgate Specific Plan project.

The probable effects of the proposed project and the scope of the EIR are presented on the attached initial study. The initial study indicates that the EIR for the project would evaluate air quality, cultural resources, land use/planning, noise, public services, hazards/hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, geology/soils, traffic, and utilities. The proposed project was determined to have no potential adverse environmental effects with respect to agriculture, biological resources, and mineral resources. As such, these areas will not be analyzed further in the EIR. There may be hazardous materials sites located within the planning area; this will be analyzed further in the EIR.

As Lead Agency, the City of Placentia needs to know the views of individuals and agency as to the possible scope and content of the environmental impact report. Agency comments should focus on information that is germane to its statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Written comments may be submitted via mail to:

Nicole Carter
Consultant to the City of Placentia
Crawford Multari & Clark Associates
641 Higuera Street, Suite 302
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Please indicate a contact person in your response. Additionally, the City will be hosting a Specific Plan scoping meeting for this project January 23, 2007, 7:00 pm, at the Placentia City Hall, 301 E. Chapman Avenue in Placentia.

Due to time limits mandated by State Law, responses on the NOP must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice dated January 10, 2007. The public review period for the NOP will close February 10, 2007 at 5:00 pm.

For any additional information, please call Ms. Carter at 805.541.2622 x20.

PURPOSE

This Initial Study has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the potential for development pursuant to the Westgate Specific Plan to result in significant environmental impacts. As described by Section 15063 of the *CEQA Guidelines*, an Initial Study can be used to:

- Provide a preliminary analysis of potential project-specific and cumulative environmental effects of a proposed project;
- Identify environmental issue areas where the proposed project may have the potential to result in significant impacts that should be evaluated in a project-specific EIR;
- Enable the lead agency to modify a project to avoid or mitigate adverse impacts before an EIR is prepared, thereby allowing a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration to be prepared for the project; and
- Document the factual basis for the finding in a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration that a project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

PROJECT LOCATION/SETTING

The proposed Westgate Specific Plan area is located within the City of Placentia, Orange County, California (Exhibit 1). As shown on Exhibit 2, the project site consists of 112 acres and is generally bound by the Burlington North Santa Fe Railroad tracks and Chapman Avenue on the north, the 57 Freeway on the west, Orangethorpe Avenue and existing residential neighborhoods and mobile home park (MHP) on the south, and existing residential neighborhoods on the east.

The project area is currently urban and developed with a wide range of civic, commercial, industrial and residential land uses. Surrounding land uses vary, and include civic, commercial, industrial and residential uses.

There are several principal streets as well as primary and secondary arterials within the project area, including Orangethorpe Avenue, the 57 Freeway, Melrose Avenue, Crowther Avenue, Santa Fe Avenue, Bradford Avenue, and Chapman Avenue. In addition, the project site is dissected east west by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad where a Metrolink train stop is proposed. The future train stop is a key element of the project's implementation.

Presently, the area includes the following General Plan designations: Commercial, Santa Fe Commercial, Industrial, and Medium Density Residential. The existing zoning in the area also varies, and includes the following: C-1, C-2, SF-C, M, M (PMD), and R-2.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Westgate Specific Plan is to redevelop and/or revitalize the planning area to create a pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented district, surrounding a proposed Metrolink stop. The project includes development proposals, street improvements and other infrastructure improvements, as well as form-based development standards and zoning. The following is a summary of the specific proposals of the plan. The project will eventually provide approximately 1,560 dwelling units, 550,000 square feet of commercial space, and 85,000 square feet of civic space (see Exhibit 3).

Zoning. The Westgate Specific Plan introduces new land use designations for the planning area, and includes new code language that would supplant existing applicable code. The Plan proposes five new land use categories: Main Street (MS), Town Center 1 (TC1), Town Center 2 (TC2), Neighborhood General (NG) and Corridor (COR). The adoption of the Westgate Specific Plan requires the amendment of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance to reflect these new designations and code language. The Plan also designates sites for parking, open space, and civic buildings (see Exhibit 4).

Demolition/Redevelopment/Relocation Activities. The implementation of the Westgate Specific Plan will require the demolition or relocation of a number of existing features in the planning area, including, but not limited to: streets, sidewalks, surface parking, utilities infrastructure, and existing vacant and occupied structures. Demolition of occupied structures could lead to temporary displacement of existing residences and businesses.

Components Related to Housing and Commercial Land Use. The Westgate Specific Plan outlines a program for the area which can be described in the following subareas:

Placita Santa Fe – This area north of the railroad tracks is designated for modest infill of approximately 50,000 square feet of commercial and civic space, along with restoration and renovation work on historic buildings. Dispersed, smaller, shared parking lots are proposed for this area.

Bradford Plaza – Within Placita Santa Fe, this area is planned at the terminus of Santa Fe Avenue, and is intended to be a civic gathering and event space. The Plaza will create a pedestrian connection from Placita Santa Fe south over the railroad tracks to the future station to the south.

Market Hall – Within Placita Santa Fe, this structure is planned as a 10,000 square foot partially open market structure intended to house vendors and a farmer's market.

Transit Center and Plaza – This area is planned to include and support a proposed Metrolink rail stop. The Metrolink 91 Line, which currently serves Riverside, Fullerton, and Downtown Los Angeles, has seen the greatest ridership increase systemwide over the past three years, at approximately 20%. A number of new stations are proposed to better serve the demand along this line. A station originally proposed for the community of Yorba Linda is being relocated to Placentia, in the heart of the proposed Westgate Specific Plan area. The Metrolink rail stop is programmed to include the following:

- Widen Melrose Bridge to accommodate station platforms
- Construct 3rd track improvements
- Construct signal control points
- Construct platforms
- Construct platform access ramps at Melrose
- Demolition of existing structures at parking structure location
- Construct parking structure (500 spaces for Metrolink)*
- Construct pedestrian overhead structure

All of the above are the subject of a separate EIR which is proceeding in advance of the Specific Plan. The Specific Plan notes the stop location, and includes a "park once" parking garage, framed by 2-4 story mixed-use buildings providing approximately 50,000 square feet of commercial space and 130 dwellings. A bus station is also planned.

Crowther Square – This area is planned south of the transit plaza. The Square would encompass 0.85 acres, and provide civic space for gathering and recreation. The Square would be framed by mixed use buildings, providing the most intense level of commercial activity in the planning area. The mixed use structures would be 2-4 stories tall, providing approximately 75 dwelling units. A new bus stop is also planned for this area.

East Neighborhood – This area just east of Crowther Square is planned for residential use. Approximately 1,000 dwelling units are anticipated, oriented to promote walkability and access to the train station. At least four small parks are proposed for this area.

West Neighborhood – This area adjacent to the 57 Freeway is planned for 500 dwellings and 300,000 square feet of office/research & development or live-work space. The office/research & development space would be oriented along the highway, while the residential space would be located to the interior of the neighborhood. This area is also slated for a 400-space park once garage.

Highway Commercial and Office – Along Orangethorpe Avenue, auto-oriented commercial and office space is proposed.

Civic Buildings. Civic buildings, including a community center/library, a fire/police center, and a senior center, are proposed in two locations in the planning area: along Crowther Avenue in the West Neighborhood, and near the Transit Plaza.

Transportation. The Westgate Specific Plan proposes a number of street alignment and circulation alterations, and includes a number of new street segments. The Westgate Specific Plan also proposes a number of measures to improve the visibility of and access to existing and planned alternative transportation modes. These measures are outlined in the following table. The project also proposes a comprehensive parking program, based on the principle of “park-once,” or accessing multiple destinations from one parking movement.

Circulation Improvements	
Location	Description
Placita Santa Fe	
Bradford Avenue	Remove curb cuts to maximize on-street customer parking
Santa Fe Avenue	Widen north sidewalk between Melrose Avenue and Main Street by up to 10 feet, change parking to parallel
Melrose Avenue	From Crowther Avenue to Orangethorpe Avenue – install median for a left turn lane with two dedicated lanes in each direction. Use lane nearest sidewalk for parking in off-peak hours
Crowther Avenue	Realign street, install missing sidewalks and street trees
Rail Spur south of Crowther Avenue	Convert from private rail service to a multi-mode street connecting the east and west neighborhoods
Bikeway Improvements	Accommodate a full range of cyclists to and through the planning area – generally, Class III routes with bicycle parking
Sidewalk Improvements	Complete or enhance the sidewalk system where needed

Transit and Alternative Transportation. The project anticipates a number of improvements in transit systems such as bus, rail, and pedestrian and cycling systems. The project enhances bus service by providing a stop at the proposed Crowther Square and a stop near the proposed Market Hall and/or Bradford Plaza. The project includes a proposed Metrolink stop on the Inland Empire/Orange County Line between Walnut and Main Streets. The project notes the stop in its implementation plan, and includes parking facilities, in the form of a surface lot and garage, to support the stop. The project proposes to complete existing circulation systems for pedestrians and cyclists, as shown above. The project also seeks to improve the pedestrian environment by increasing sidewalk width, increasing street trees, and changing the nature of storefronts such that they are more engaging.

Other Infrastructure Improvements. The plan proposes a number of improvements or new installations in the water supply, sewer, and stormwater systems serving the planning area, as follows:

Utilities Infrastructure Improvements	
Water	
Crowther Avenue	Replace existing 12" water pipeline with new 12" water pipeline from Melrose Avenue along realigned portion, and the portion north across the BNSF rail line in the Bradford Avenue right of way to Santa Fe Avenue
Plan Area	Install new 12" and 8" water pipeline within phases 2 and 3 of the plan, to connect with phase 4 across Melrose Avenue to the west and existing services to the east
Plan Area	Install new 12" water pipeline within phase 4 of the plan area
Sewage	
Crowther Avenue	Replace existing 10" sewer pipeline with new 15" sewer pipeline from west plan boundary to Melrose Avenue
	Replace existing 8" sewer pipeline with new 8" sewer pipeline from Melrose Avenue along the realigned portion, and the portion north across the BNSF rail line in the Bradford right of way to Santa Fe Avenue
Plan Area	Install new sewer pipeline along most southerly street in phase 2 area of the plan extending from Melrose Avenue easterly to connect with Crowther Avenue near the east plan boundary.

Storm Drainage	
Crowther Avenue	Replace existing 24" pipeline with new 24" pipeline from Melrose Avenue along realigned portion
Plan Area	Install new 8" and 24" pipeline in phase 4 of the plan area
	Install new 24" pipeline in phases 2 and 3 of the plan area, extending east to the plan boundary and north near Crowther Square.

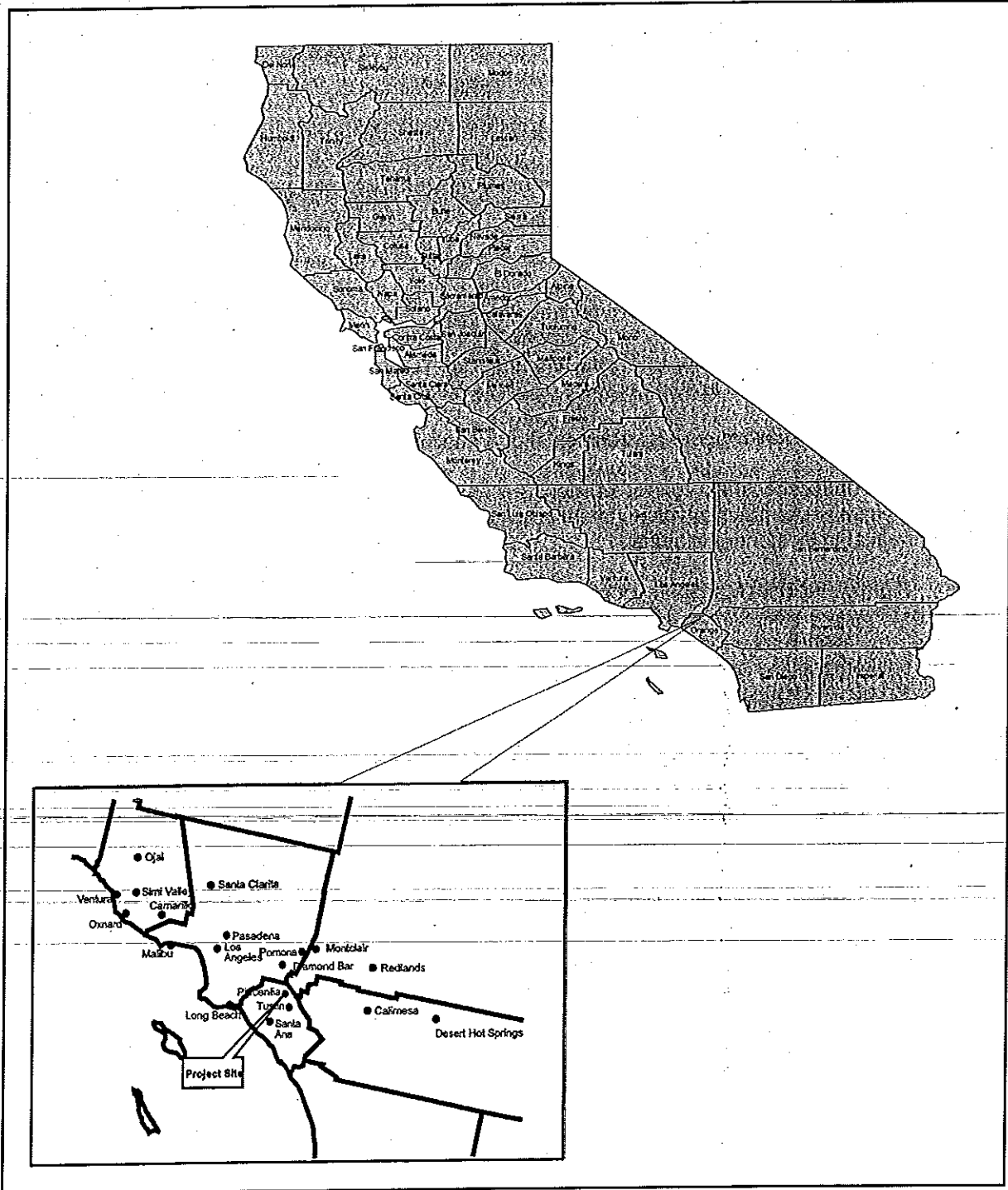
Design. "The Code" section of the Westgate Specific Plan, provides massing, proportion, height, and other guidelines, specifies six different styles for the planning area: Main Street Commercial, Mission Revival, Western Victorian, Craftsman, Art Deco, and California Contemporary. More information about these styles is contained in the Westgate Specific Plan.

Landscape. The Westgate Specific Plan includes a landscape plan which outlines proposed locations of open space, provides general requirements and policies, and specifies tree types and planting plans for streetscapes. The landscape plan is guided by the following:

- a. Landscape shall define, unify and enhance the public realm while providing the passive solar functions of cooling in summer while allowing filtered sunlight and warmth in winter.
- b. Landscape shall mitigate environmental degradation resulting from stormwater runoff.
- c. The landscape shall consist of elements consistent with the character, climate and soils of Placentia. As practical, plan materials will be indigenous to Placentia, or similar in character and habitat to indigenous materials.
- d. Stormwater Best Management practices will be established to improve water quality.
- e. Streetscapes as a major component of thoroughfares shall help define the street space as a safe environment for automobiles, cyclists and pedestrians while adding beauty and shade to the street.
- f. Indigenous trees such as Oaks, Palms, Eucalyptus and Citrus shall be used to provide sustainable habitat and reinforce the natural aesthetics of the open space framework. These trees are tolerant of stress created during periods of drought, and are receptive to eco-friendly integrated pest management.
- g. The open space system shall be complex and usable for a variety of active and passive purposes to serve a wide cross-section of ages and abilities.

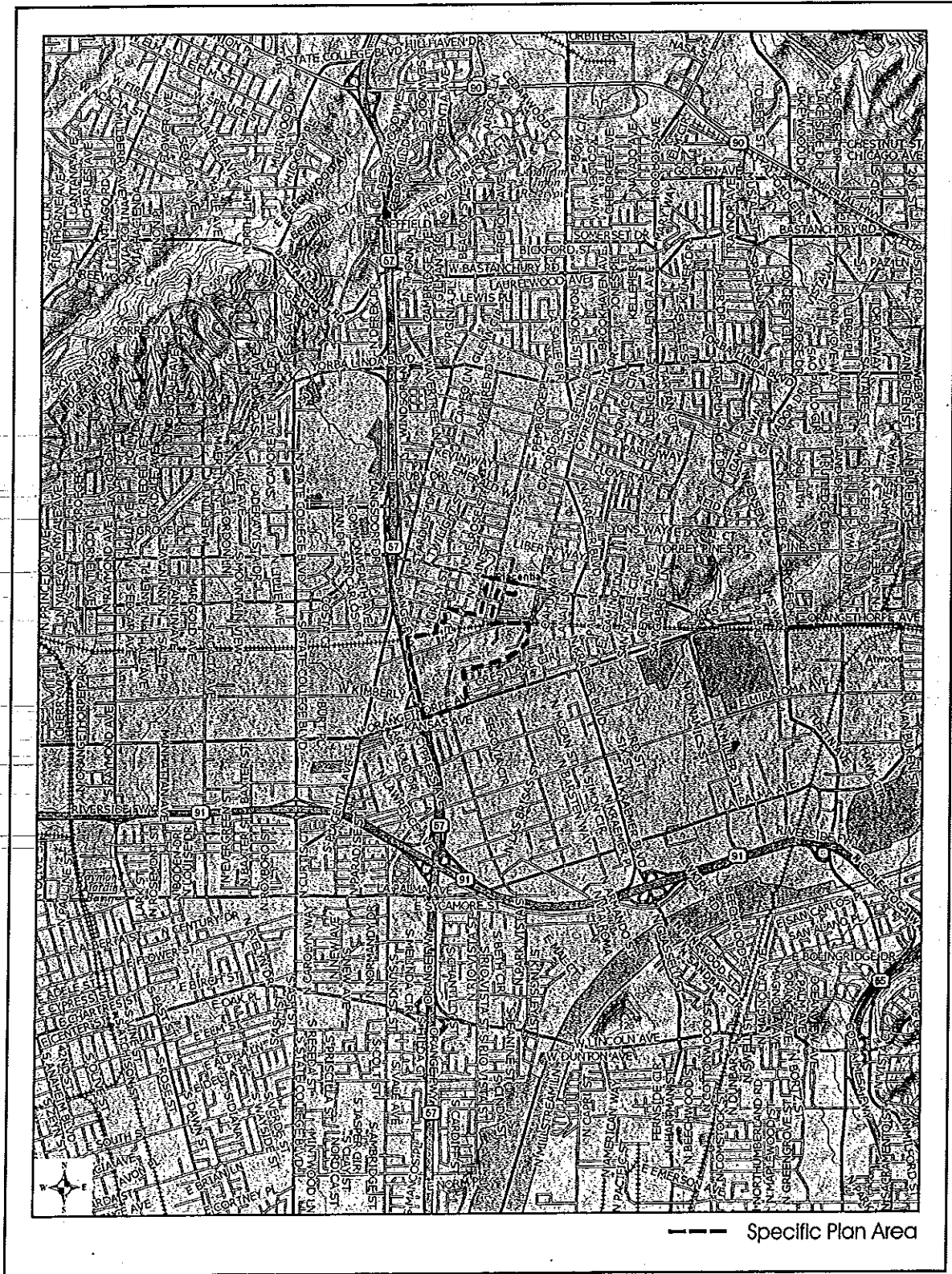
Other Projects in the Planning Area. Approximately 54 multi-family units are already under construction north of the BNSF rail lines and east of Placita Santa Fe.

WESTGATE SPECIFIC PLAN



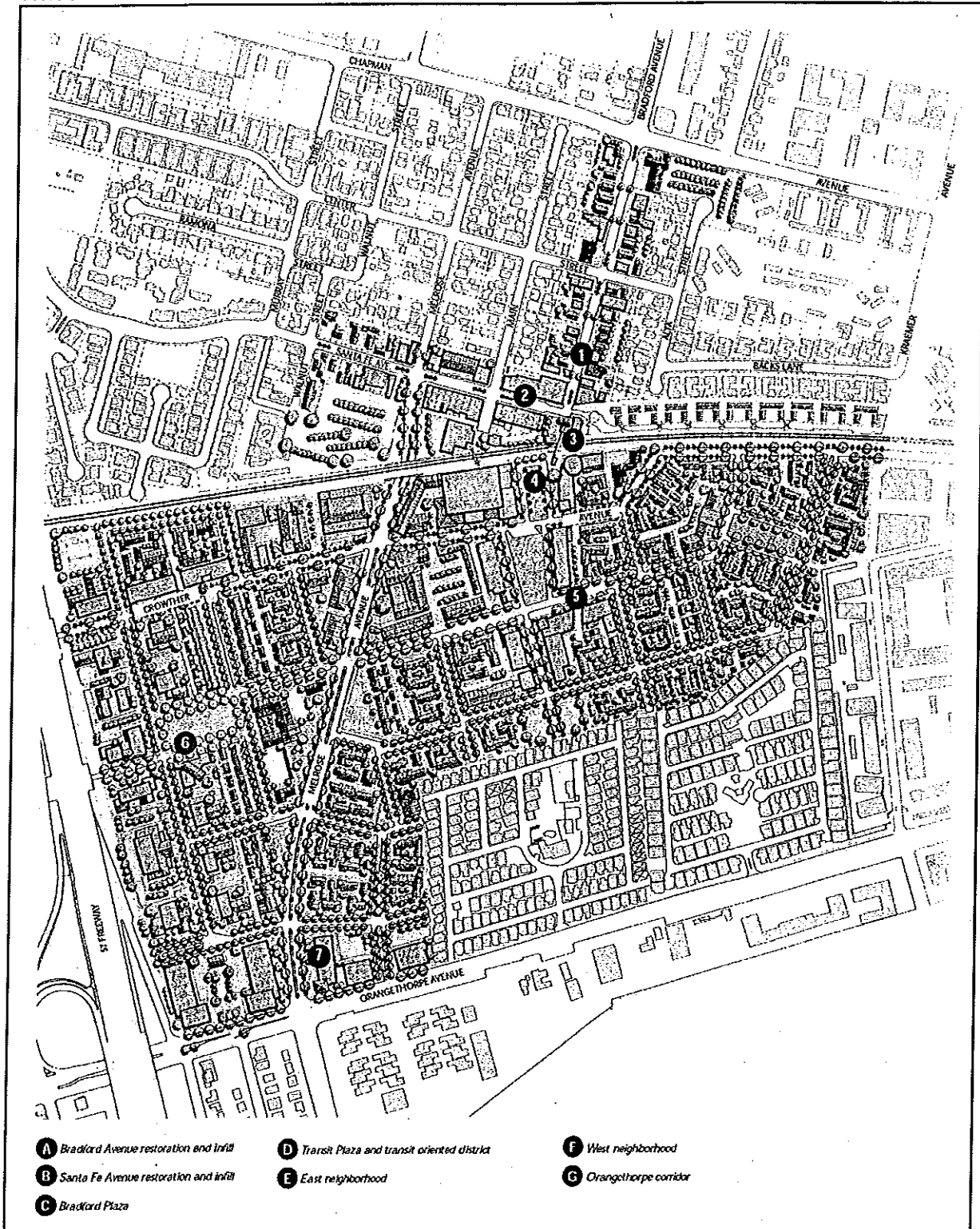
REGIONAL MAP
EXHIBIT 1

WESTGATE SPECIFIC PLAN



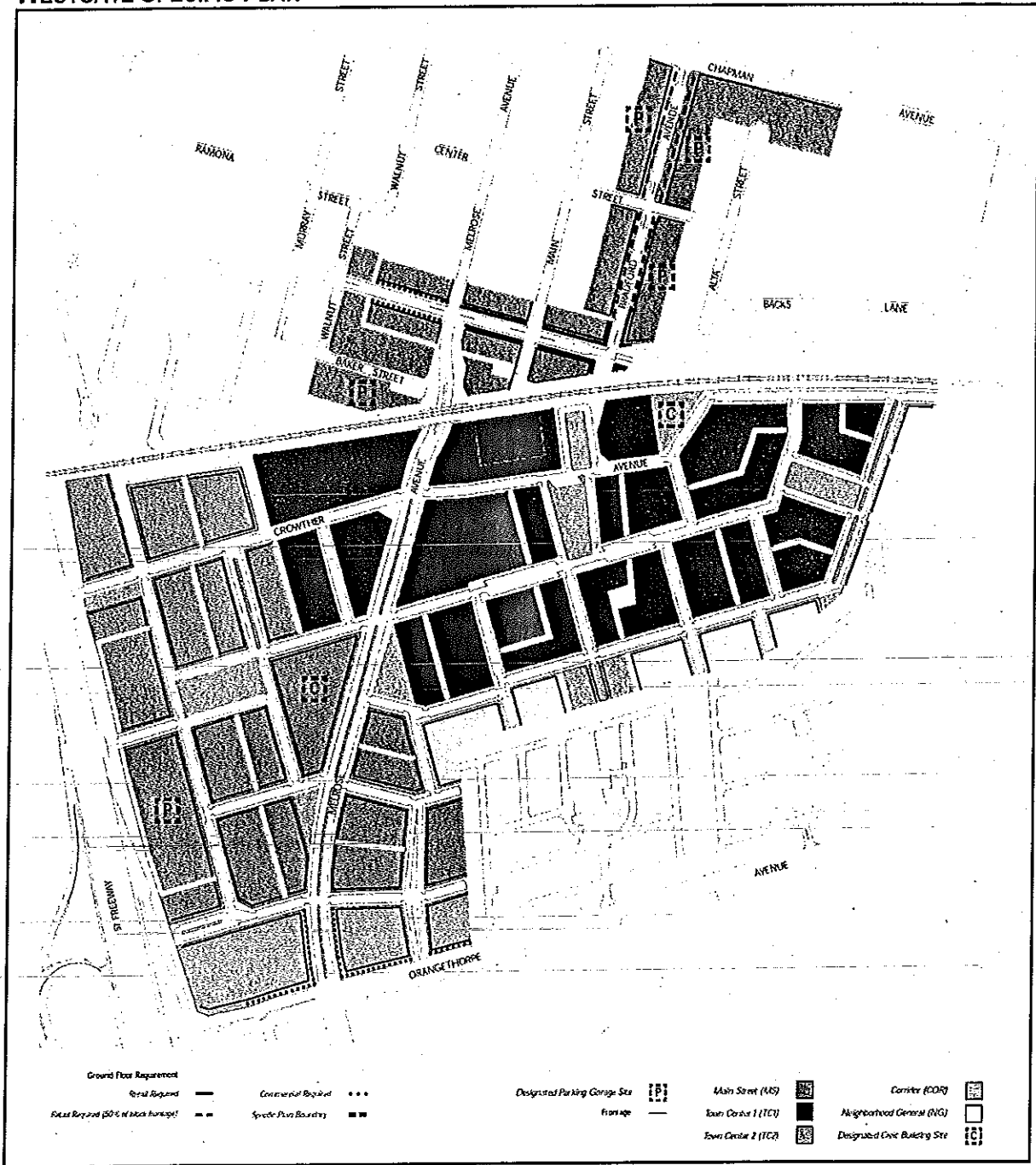
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WESTGATE SPECIFIC PLAN



CONCEPTUAL PLAN EXHIBIT 3

WESTGATE SPECIFIC PLAN



**REGULATING PLAN
EXHIBIT 4**

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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Project Location: The planning area is located northeast of the intersection of the 91 and 57 Freeways. The plan area corresponds generally to the area bound by Orangethorpe Avenue, the 57 Freeway, Melrose Avenue, Crowther Avenue, Santa Fe Avenue, Bradford Avenue, and Chapman Avenue

Project Sponsor: NA

General Plan Designation(s): Commercial, Santa Fe Commercial, Industrial, and Medium Density Residential

Zoning: C-1, C-2, SF-C, M, M(PMD), and R-2

Project Description: The purpose of the Westgate Specific Plan is to redevelop and/or revitalize the planning area to create a pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented district. The project includes development proposals, street improvements and other infrastructure improvements, as well as form-based development standards and zoning. The project will eventually provide approximately 1,560 dwelling units, 550,000 square feet of commercial space, and 85,000 square feet of civic space.

Surrounding Land Uses and Setting: The planning area is largely developed, with commercial and industrial land uses predominant.

Other Agencies Whose Approval is Required:

The plan as a whole is subject solely to the approval of the Placentia City Council. Individual projects may be required to obtain any number of permit approvals, including, but not limited to:

- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- Metrolink – Southern California Regional Rail Authority
- Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
- South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

Descriptions of project-related impacts that have the potential to be significant, or that have been determined to be less than significant, are provided in the narrative in this Initial Study.

The evaluation of potential environmental impacts determined that the project would not result in environmental impacts or would result in less than significant impacts in the issue areas that are listed below and that are denoted with a "*". The project has the potential to result in significant environmental impacts regarding issue areas that are denoted with a "✓".

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> * Agriculture Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality
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<input type="checkbox"/> * Mineral Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance	

- * No impact or less than significant impact
- ✓ Significant or potentially significant impact

CEQA Guidance

The State CEQA Guidelines were used in answering the checklist questions:

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the discussion. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the discussion shows that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained when it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including offsite as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
4. "Negative Declaration: Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less-than-significant level (mitigation measures from earlier analyses may be cross-referenced).
5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15063[c][D]). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a). *Earlier Analysis Used.* Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b). *Impacts Adequately Addressed.* Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c). *Mitigation Measures.* For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside

document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.

7. *Supporting Information Sources:* A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
8. This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
9. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

Identification of the potential for residual significant adverse environmental impacts would trigger the need for preparation of an EIR. For issue areas in which no significant adverse impact would result or impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level by mitigation, further analysis is not required.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
AESTHETICS				
Would the proposal:				
a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			X	
b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, tree rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a scenic state highway?	X			
c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	X			
d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in this area?			X	

Discussion

- a. Based on information contained in the 1988 Placentia General Plan, there are no designated scenic viewpoints in or near the planning area (i.e., scenic roadways, vista points). The planning area can be viewed from area roadways, including Orangethorpe Avenue, the 57 Freeway, and Santa Fe and Bradford Avenues, as well as the rail line. Impacts are considered less than significant.
- b. There are historic buildings in the planning area which are visible from local streets. Although the plan calls for preservation and enhancement of historic resources, activities in the planning area will alter the visual environment near these resources. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- c. The existing visual quality of the site is common to good, based on a consideration of current development type and patterns, the aesthetic quality of existing development, and the lack of natural features. This is particularly true of the portions of the planning area south of the rail line, where the existing character is common throughout Placentia and neighboring cities. The quality and character of the historic core, north of the rail line, is fair to good, based on the same criteria. The implementation of the Specific Plan will alter the visual character of the area. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- d. The planning area is already lit by street standards and exterior lighting on existing buildings. Implementation of the Westgate Specific Plan in accordance with existing City lighting standards will ensure that impacts associated with light and glare are less than significant.

Issues	Potentially Significant with Mitigation Impact	Potentially Significant Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
II AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES				
In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland.				
Would the proposal:				
a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				X
b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				X
c. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				X

Discussion

a-c. The project will have no impact on agricultural resources; based on site visits, and review of aerial photographs, the planning area is currently developed and does not support agriculture.

Issues	Potentially Significant with Mitigation Impact	Less Than Significant Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
III AIR QUALITY				
Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:				
a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	X			
b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	X			
c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	X			
d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	X			
e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	X			

Discussion

- a. The project will induce population and housing growth in the City of Placentia, albeit in the form of transit-oriented development and mixed-use. Population growth rates and numbers for the project will be compared in the EIR with those provided by SCAG to determine the severity of impact. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- b. Implementation of the proposed project would contribute to air quality impacts in the South Coast Air Basin. Potential for violations of air quality standards can be broken down into two phases: construction (short-term) and operation (long-term). Construction impacts generally stem from grading, excavation, and use of heavy equipment on site. Long-term, buildout of the planning area pursuant to the proposed

plan may result in increased vehicle traffic and related emissions, as well as emissions from commuter trains. Given the large area encompassed by the Westgate Specific Plan, and the development projected, impacts are considered potentially significant.

- c. Development pursuant to the proposed plan would contribute to air quality impacts when combined with other existing and future emission sources in the area. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- d. In general, sensitive receptors include school-age children, residential areas, and nursing homes. The project will generate emissions and dust levels that may exceed acceptable thresholds. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- e. Objectionable odors can include livestock, waste, or industrial emissions, as well as odors from sources such as nail salons. Mixed-use structures proposed in the plan may create issues related to odors. Impacts are considered potentially significant.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES				
Would the proposal:				
a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				
c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				X
d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native residents or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				X
e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				X
f. Conflict with provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				X

Discussion

- a. The planning area is urbanized, and does not contain open space, parks, or other areas. The planning area likewise does not include areas of native or natural vegetation. Existing vegetation is limited to anthropogenic landscape. Therefore, the implementation of the Westgate Specific Plan will not affect sensitive species. There is no impact.
- b-c. Based on site visits by CMCA staff in summer and fall 2006, the planning area does not contain riparian habitat. There are likewise no wetlands in evidence on or adjacent to the site that would be impacted by

the project. The site is developed, and contains no canals or other features which would support such habitat. There is no impact.

- d. No habitat appropriate for resident or migratory fish is located on site. Habitat for resident or migratory wildlife species is limited on site due mainly to the developed nature of the area. Wildlife corridors are likewise limited on site, due to the lack of intact cover, waterways, and the relatively developed nature of the site. Furthermore, the potential for wildlife nursery sites is very limited due to the lack of intact natural habitat on site. The project will therefore not interfere substantially with movement or nesting/breeding of wildlife species. There is no impact.
- e. The implementation of the Westgate Specific Plan would not conflict with any ordinances protecting natural resources.
- f. There are no Habitat Conservation Plans or Natural Community Conservation Plans that apply to the project site. There is no impact.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
CULTURAL RESOURCES				
Would the proposal:				
a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?	X			
b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?	X			
c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				X
d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	X			

Discussion

- a. There are a number of historic resources located within the planning area. Although the plan specifies a plan for preservation and restoration of resources, impacts are considered potentially significant and will be investigated further in the EIR.
- b. An archaeological records search will be completed for the plan area. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- c. No known paleontologic or unique geologic features exist on site. There is no impact.
- d. Refer to b., above.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS				
a. Expose people or structure to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault as delineated in the most recent Alquist-Prilo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.			X	
ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?	X			
iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	X			
iv. Landslides?				X
b. Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?	X			
c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable because of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	X			
d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	X			
e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				X

Discussion

- ai. Rupture of a known, active earthquake fault would affect development located on or along the fault, causing foundation and other structural damage. Based on the Placentia General Plan, there are no known active faults within or adjacent to the project area. Impacts are considered less than significant.
- aii. Seismic activity along any of the faults in the area would pose varying degrees of ground shaking risk to the project. Impacts related to seismic activity are considered potentially significant pending further investigation in the EIR.
- aiii. See aii., above; impacts are considered potentially significant.
- aiv. There are no slopes of sufficient grade within the planning area for landslide to be a concern. There is no impact.
- b. The greatest potential for erosion for a project is during the initial grading stages, as surfaces are denuded and soil is exposed. The potential for erosion is limited by the relatively shallow slope, and the phased nature of the construction program, which will limit the total area of disturbance. Erosion potential is also limited by the Orange County Stormwater Program (www.ocwatersheds.com), which specifies best management practices for projects, including post-construction measures. However, impacts are considered potentially significant pending further investigation in the EIR.
- c. The stability of the soils on site will be addressed in the EIR. Impacts are considered potentially significant pending further investigation.

- d. The expansiveness of soils on site will be addressed in the EIR. Impacts are considered potentially significant pending further investigation.
- e. The project will not utilize septic systems. There is no impact.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant No Impact
VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL			
Would the project:			
a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	X		
b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	X		
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	X		
d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	X		
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?			X
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?			X
g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			X
h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?			X

Discussion

- a-c. Development pursuant to the plan will introduce additional population along the rail line, where hazardous materials may be transported, and may be a source of additional hazardous materials. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- d. There may be hazardous materials sites located within or near the planning area. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for the project area will be prepared. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- e-f. The project site is not located within the planning area of a private or public airport. The nearest major airport is the John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana. The City of Fullerton has a municipal airport approximately six miles from the project area. The Specific Plan area is not within the planning area of either airport. Impacts are less than significant.
- g. The project proposes to significantly alter the development mix and street network in the planning area. However, emergency access for specific project phases or components will be evaluated by the police and fire departments during the development approval process. Impacts are considered less than significant.

h. There are no wildlands adjacent to the planning area. Impacts are considered less than significant.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY				
Would the project:				
a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	X			
b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	X			
c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	X			
d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	X			
e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?			X	
f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			X	
g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?			X	
h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?			X	
i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?			X	
j. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				X

Discussion

- a. Construction of the various project proposals will temporarily expose soils to wind and water which may cause erosion in the project area, resulting in pollution resulting from sediment. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- b. To the extent that the implementation of the plan will result in an increase in demand for potable water, impacts are considered potentially significant. This issue will be addressed in the Public Services and Utilities section of the EIR. The planning area is already paved; therefore development with proposed uses will not contribute significantly to decreases in infiltration rates or groundwater recharge across the site.
- c-d. See "a" above, construction of the project will temporarily expose soils to forces which may cause erosion and siltation. Impacts are considered potentially significant.

- e. The Specific Plan analyzed the condition of existing stormwater infrastructure in the planning area, and includes required upgrades to serve project implementation, as set forth in the project description. Impacts are considered less than significant.
- f. The implementation of the Westgate Specific Plan is not otherwise expected to substantially degrade water quality. Impacts are less than significant.
- g-i. The planning area is not within a 100-year flood hazard zone, nor is the planning area subject to risk of flooding from failure of a dam. Impacts are considered less than significant.
- j. The project site is not located near the ocean or other water body that would put it at risk of inundation by seiche or tsunami. There is no impact.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
X LAND USE PLANNING				
Would the project:				
a. Physically divide an established community?			X	
b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	X			
c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				X

Discussion

- a. The plan seeks to connect area communities to the historic core and improve connections across the rail lines. Impacts are considered less than significant.
- b. The Westgate Specific Plan is required to be consistent with the City's General Plan. The EIR will include a section discussing consistency with applicable plans, including the General Plan and other resource plans. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- c. No HCPs or NCCPs apply to the planning area. There is no impact.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
X MINERAL RESOURCES				
Would the project:				
a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				X
b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				X

Discussion

- a-b. There are no locally important mineral resources mapped in local land use plans. Therefore, the implementation of the proposed plan would have no impact.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XI. NOISE Would the project result in:				
a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	X			
b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundbourne vibration or groundbourne noise levels?	X			
c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	X			
d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	X			
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X

Discussion

- a. Noise levels in the vicinity of the planning area may already exceed normally acceptable levels for residential use. The planning area is bordered by a number of major noise sources, including the 57 Freeway and the BNSF rail line. The proposed increase in residential use and resident population in the planning area will increase the number of persons exposed to these noise levels. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- b. Land uses proximate to the rail lines may experience groundbourne noise and/or vibration from passing trains. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- c-d. The introduction of a substantial additional population in the planning area will result in increases in vehicle traffic, the operation of which may significantly increase ambient noise levels in the area. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- e-f. The project is not within the vicinity of an airport. There is no impact.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING			
Would the project:				
a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	X			
b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			X	
c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			X	

Discussion

a-c. The project will introduce a number of new people to the planning area. This increase in population may have a number of direct and indirect significant impacts which will be addressed in the EIR. The project will not displace substantial numbers of housing or population, since only approximately five residential units exist in the planning area at present, and the project will result in a net increase of 1,560 residential units. Impacts associated with displacement are less than significant.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
	XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES			
a. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
i. Fire protection?	X			
ii. Police protection?	X			
iii. Schools?			X	
iv. Parks?	X			
v. Other Public Facilities?	X			

Discussion

ai-aii. The implementation of the Westgate Specific Plan would result in the development of substantial numbers of residential dwelling units, increasing demand for fire and police service. Impacts are considered potentially significant.

aiii. The project will generate additional students at the various educational facilities in the City. According to City staff (Ms. Leigh DiSantis, based on discussions with school staff), the phasing and type of development proposed should not pose problems for their facilities. Regardless, the reader should note that mitigation for impacts to schools is limited to the imposition of development fees. Assuming these fees are exacted, impacts are considered less than significant.

aiv. Existing park space in the community may be insufficient to reach the city goals. Impacts are considered potentially significant.

av. The project may increase demand for other public services, including libraries. Impacts are considered potentially significant.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XIV. RECREATION				
a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	X			
b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	X			

Discussion

a-b. The full implementation of the plan will induce substantial population growth into the planning area, which could have significant adverse impacts in terms of both existing and proposed recreational facilities. Existing facilities could be adversely affected through increases in use, and proposed facilities, when considered along with development of the planning area, could have significant impacts. Impacts are considered potentially significant.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC				
Would the proposal:				
a. Cause an increase in traffic that is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	X			
b. Exceed either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	X			
c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				X
d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	X			
e. Result in inadequate emergency access?	X			
f. Result in inadequate parking capacity?			X	
g. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?			X	

Discussion

a-b. The addition of significant amounts of new development and population will result in an increase in traffic on surrounding transportation infrastructure. A traffic study will be completed for the EIR. Impacts are considered potentially significant.

c. The project will not impact air traffic patterns.

d-e. The implementation of the plan will result in new development patterns and street infrastructure throughout the planning area. Impacts related to safety and access are considered potentially significant and will be addressed further in the EIR.

- f. The plan aims to provide adequate parking, but incorporates strategies towards reducing multiple trips and taking advantage of the nearby rail and other transit facilities for prospective residents in order to reduce parking needs below current norms. Proposed parking has been determined by the Westgate Specific Plan to be sufficient for the type and location of development proposed. Impacts are therefore considered less than significant.
- g. The Plan is designed to support vehicle trip reduction efforts in the region by proposing transit-oriented development. The plan includes a number of components, including pedestrian-oriented neighborhoods, which will promote, rather than conflict with, policies regarding alternative transportation. Impacts are considered less than significant.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS				
Would the project:				
a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?			X	
b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	X			
c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could have significant environmental effects?	X			
d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements necessary?	X			
e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	X			
f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	X			
g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			X	

Discussion of Checklist Answers

- a. The project will not generate waste of a composition or in a manner that would exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the RWQCB. All components of the project would be designed consistent with current wastewater conveyance regulations. Impacts are considered less than significant.
- b. The buildout of the plan will result in increases in wastewater volumes generated in the planning area. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- c. The project includes stormwater infrastructure improvements sufficient to accommodate new flows from the planning area at plan buildout. However, the construction of this infrastructure may have significant impacts as described elsewhere in this initial study.
- d. The project will result in approximately 1,560 dwelling units in the planning area. Development of that size is subject to the provisions of recent water law which requires detailed analysis of available water supplies. A discussion meeting these requirements will be included in the EIR. Impacts are considered potentially significant.

- e. Refer to b., above for a discussion of treatment capacity.
- f. The buildout of the plan will increase the amount of solid waste generated in the planning area. Impacts are considered potentially significant.
- g. Development in the planning area will generate predominantly residential and commercial waste, which will continue to be subject to diversion requirements and will be managed by approved waste haulers and facilities. Impacts are considered less than significant.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE				
a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife species population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	X			
b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable? (Cumulatively considerable means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)	X			
c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	X			

Discussion

a-c. The project may have cumulatively significant impacts, and may impact humans, through noise and traffic, among other issue areas, as noted throughout this initial study.

References

- 1988 Placentia General Plan. (amended to date)
- Placentia Zoning Code (October 2003 and as amended to date)
- Placentia-Westgate Specific Plan. October 12, 2006 Draft

DETERMINATION

Pursuant to Sections 15152 and 15168 of the State CEQA Guidelines, this initial study has been prepared to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project.

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

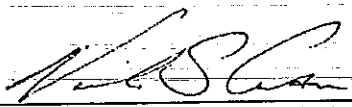
I find that the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because of the mitigation measures described in the initial study. **A NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.

I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect(s) on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets, if the effect is a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated." An **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there **WILL NOT** be a significant effect in this case because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR pursuant to applicable standards and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project.



Nicole Carter for the City of Placentia

January 10, 2007
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APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICERS IN LIEU OF ELECTION

This is to certify that one person, but not more than one, has been nominated for each elective office of Trustee of the PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT whose terms expire on the first Friday in December, 2006, and that a petition has not been filed pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10515, on the 83rd day prior to the date set for the election requesting that an election be held. The election would have been held on November 7, 2006.


The following listed candidates have filed nomination papers for the offices of Trustee, Full Term – 4 years.

Betty Escobosa
2034 Brittany Place
Placentia, CA 92870

Al Shkoler
1120 Cypress Point Drive
Placentia, CA 92870

Dated this 29th day of November, 2006.




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PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director
SUBJECT: Library Director's Report *EDM*
DATE: February 20, 2007

Activities Report:

Jan 11 Met with Vernon Napier and the reporter from the Placentia News Times to discuss the new electronic book and audio book services.

Jan 15 Library Board Work Session on Facility Master Plan with Linda Demmers followed by the Library Board Meeting.

Jan 16 Met with Trustees De Vecchio & Escobosa to discuss the Friends & District Memorandum of Agreement.

Met with Eleanore Rankin to plan my facilitating the Joint Friends/Foundation Board Meeting on February 5.

Jan 17 Met with Louise Mazerov in Buena Park to discuss independent special library district issues.

Jan 18-22 Attended the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits in Seattle.

I spent most of my time in the Exhibits with a heavy emphasis on checking out RFID systems, shelving, furniture and visiting with established vendors that we use at Placentia Library.

I attended a seminar on the new Vista software presented by David Pogue, columnist for electronics and software for the New York Times. Everyone received a free autographed copy of his new book on Vista which we have added to Placentia's collection. He is a very entertaining speaker, complete with keyboard and song parodies. I liked him so much that since returning home I have watched about 20 of his videos on the New York Times web site.

I had a long conversation with the President and Vice President of Envisionware, reviewing in detail our problems with the installation of their programs at Placentia.

I spent quite a bit of time visiting with the SirsiDynix staff about their role in the RFID conversion process. As a result the West Regional Manager offered to pay a site visit to Placentia.

One of my former Trustees from Dubuque gave us a great tour of the Seattle Public Library from the users point of view. We also were taken to visit their neighborhood branch. I took lots of photos for future reference.

- Jan 23-25 Vacation
- Jan 29 Met with the Friends Author's Luncheon Committee.
- Jan 31 Met with Linda Demmers
- Feb 1 Attended the Santiago Library System Council Meeting in Newport Beach along with System Advisory Board Representative Camille Himes.
- Feb 4 Bereavement leave.
- Feb 5 Facilitated a discussion on the re-organization of the Friends for the Board of Directors of the Friends & Foundation.
- Feb 8 Library Board Work Session on the Library Director's Goals and Series 1000 of the Policy Manual.

Attended the Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Retro Realty.
- Feb 13 Met with Vernon Napier, Yesenia Gomez and Representative of 3M to discuss RFID conversion, equipment and self-check.

Met with Vernon Napier, Yesenia Gomez and Representatives of SirsiDynix to discuss the problems with the Envisionware installations and RFID conversion, equipment and self-check.
- Feb 14 Met with the Friends Merger Publicity Committee to plan the presentation and public introduction of the new organization.

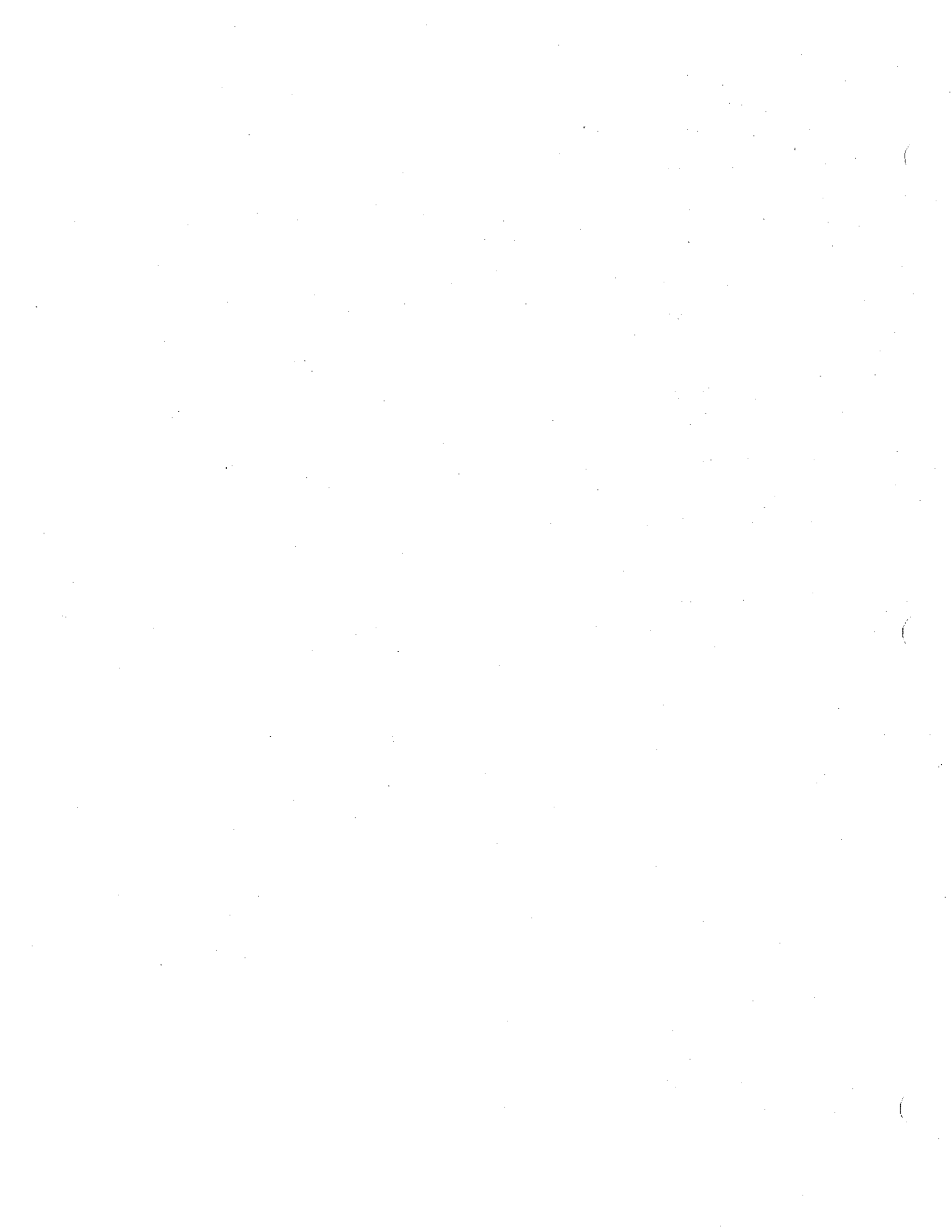
Met with the Friends Bylaws Committee to review the draft of the new bylaws.
- Feb 15 Met with the Friends Author's Luncheon Committee.

Staff Meetings:

- Jan 17 I presented the information about the turnover rates as prepared by Vernon Napier and we finalized plans for a special staff program (recommended by Mary Strazsas) on stress that is scheduled for March 21.
- Jan 31 Linda Demmers conducted workshop for staff followed by visits to work areas to discuss individual needs and suggestions.
- Feb 7 Jim Roberts presented the projects of the Program Committee. We discussed the purchase of tee shirts for the Summer Reading Program. Vernon Napier presented some additional information on the public use of the collection.

Managers' Meeting

- Jan 31 Met with Linda Demmers to review progress of the Facility Master Plan and discuss staff involvement and the scheduling of staff visits. It was agreed to recommend to the Library Board the use of a survey, to defer the February Work Session to March and to extend the report date from March to April.
- Feb 6 Reviewed the status of projects for all Managers.



Agenda Item 36

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager *JR*

DATE: February 20, 2007

SUBJECT: Program Committee Report for the month of January.

ADULT SERVICES

	Jan 05-06	Jan 06-07	YTD 05-06	YTD 06-07
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	2	1	8	8
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	26	40	210	120

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

	Jan 05-06	Jan 06-07	YTD 05-06	YTD 06-07
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	24	27	176	169
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	676	682	6,744	5,887

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

	Jan 05-06	Jan 06-07	YTD 05-06	YTD 06-07
NUMBER OF MEETINGS	2	2	9	12
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	10	16	48	89
NEWS RELEASES	1	1	11	7

LITERACY SERVICES

	Jan 05-06	Jan 06-07	YTD 05-06	YTD 06-07
Total Tutors	191	132	278	182
Total Students	229	258	325	291
Total Hours	981	1,452	7,816	9,841

For more detailed literacy statistics, see Agenda Item 38, pages 2 of 3 and 3 of 3.

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager/Literacy Coordinator

DATE: February 20, 2007

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

Tutor Training. We had one workshop on January 7, and five tutors were trained, two high school students and three adults. They are all tutoring or pending.

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

Placentia Rotary Reading Enrichment Program (PRREP). We began recruiting PRREP tutors at El Dorado High School and Valencia High School in late September and early October, and the response has been tremendous. We anticipate that we could have as many as 150 PRREP tutors this school year.

Update on the three off-site PLLS homework clubs. Both the Topaz-Tuffree Homework Club at Topaz Elementary School and the Homeless Intervention Shelter (H.I.S. House) Homework Club were tremendously successful last school year. Both of them started again this school year on September 18. The Kraemer-Placentia Library Homework Club started on October 30 and has been very successful. The homework club is held Mon.-Thurs. from 3:45-5:30 and has been averaging more than 40 students daily.

English Language and Literacy Intensive (ELLI) Program Update. ELLI started again this school year in late September. We are active at three elementary schools--Ruby Drive, Topaz, and Tynes--and we have a total of seventeen tutors working with more than 200 grade school students.

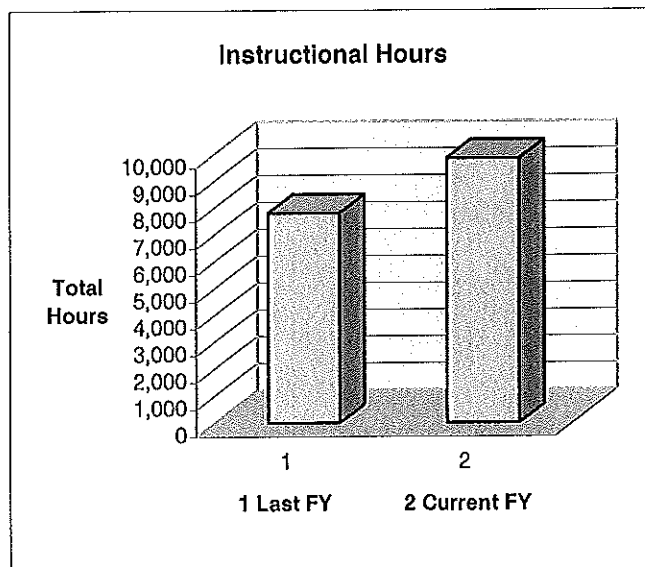
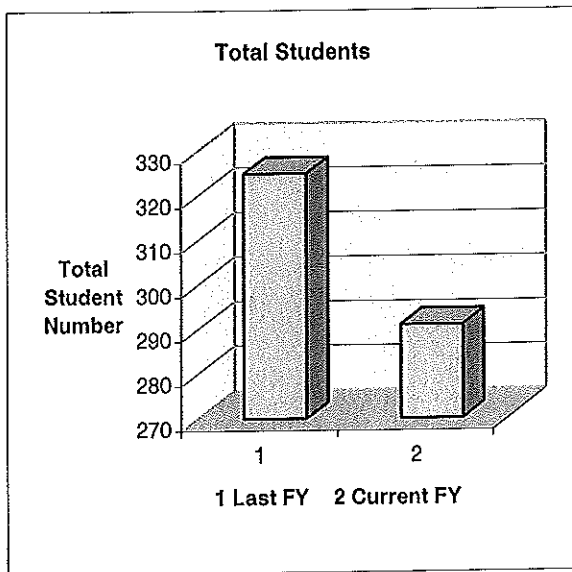
Federal Work Study (FWS). Our FWS partnership with Financial Aid at Cal State Fullerton is even stronger in FY 2006-07 than it was last FY. Our Cal State Award for FY 2006-07 has been adjusted to \$110,000. Our FWS partnership is also very strong with Western State University College of Law this FY as we have seven already on board.

Literacy statistics. See Agenda Item 38 Pages 2 of 3, and 3 of 3.

Placenta Library Literacy Services

Report of Growth and Progress

	Jan 05-06	Jan 06-07	YTD 05-06	YTD 06-07
Tutors				
Adult	105	67	145	95
Teen	86	65	133	87
Hours Instruction	981	1,432	7,816	9,841
Other Volunteer Hours	120	120	780	840
Total Hours	1,101	1,652	8,596	10,681
Training Workshops				
Workshops Held	1	2	20	9
Tutors Trained	5	12	165	87
Students				
With Adult Tutors	127	209	194	213
With Teen Tutors	102	49	131	78
In Groups	0	0	0	0
Total Active Students	229	258	325	291
Families for Literacy				
Family Students	6	5	6	6
Family Tutors	6	5	6	6
Hours of Instruction	80	60	360	480
ELLI Program				
K-6th Grade Students	184	188	197	417
Tutors for K-6th Grade	6	12	12	22
Hours of Instruction	736	264	3,961	3,221
Homework Clubs				
On-Site: Students	70	98	499	636
On-Site Tutors	12	14	30	94
Hours of Instruction	128	160	492	716
H.I.S. House Students	12	13	23	39
H.I.S. House Tutors	6	9	14	25
Hours of Instruction	240	114	492	669
Topaz Students	18	36	35	163
Topaz Tutors	6	9	20	32
Hours of Instruction	420	338	2,084	3,607
Kraemer Students	NA	86	NA	166
Kraemer Tutors	NA	9	NA	19
Hours of Instruction	NA	577	NA	1,138
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


TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
FROM: Mary Strazdas, Librarian *MCS*
DATE: February 20, 2007
SUBJECT: Reference and Adult Services report for January, 2007

- There were two Program Committee meetings during the month.
- Special library displays included the on-going Placentia Round Table Women's Club Bicentennial quilt. In the trough was another called *Rescue Me, He's Wearing a Moose Hat*, the title by Sherry Halperin that will be featured at the spring Author's Luncheon.
- A new display for International Creativity Month went into the trough for January. Featured books dealt with imagination and fresh ideas. In January near Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday a display concerning Black History Month (February) went into the trough.
- On January 29 twenty-three people attended the program called *Aphasia/MarVision*. Speakers were Dr. Johanna Rosenthal, a neurologist from Yorba Linda, and Roger Kerns. Dr. Rosenthal showed a PowerPoint about causes of speech loss (aphasia) and answered questions from patrons about it. Roger Kerns is the inventor of a laser communication device called MarVision. It is relatively inexpensive and allows a person with aphasia to point a laser beam to an item or to the book included with the kit so he can communicate with others more easily. Dixie Shaw donated funding to purchase one of the kits for the library. It will be available at the Adult Reference Desk for patrons to see; it will not check out. The event partnered with the Placentia-Linda Hospital and had phone calls both before and after from people asking about aphasia.

Statistical Comparisons at the Reference Desk
January FY 2006/2007

	2006	2007	YTD 05-06	YTD 06-07
Phone Reference Questions	193	222	1,362	1,287
Desk Reference Questions	1,770	2,408	11,087	13,976
E-Mail Reference Questions	7	2	41	5
Ready Reference	38	26	240	167
Instruction	60	188	548	1,410
Computer Use	2,527	3,174	18,138	23,224
Reference Books: In-Library Use	3,459	3,938	20,579	27,443
Patron Database Signups	224	N/A	1,461	933

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
FROM:  Gary Bell, Librarian
DATE: February 20, 2007
SUBJECT: History Room report for January

History Room visitors in January: fiscal year: 2005-2006: 2
History Room visitors in January: fiscal year: 2006-2007: 6

Adam Townsend of the Placentia News Times enquired about the origin of the names of the Whiiten and Gomez centers. The answers appeared in the Feb. 1st edition of the paper.

Information was sought on the Campo Pomona. This 1930's era migrant camp was located in Fullerton, on Balcom near Commonwealth. Other patron questions included a request for an 1850s map of the Ontiveros land grant; this was referred to the Orange County Archives, and information on Phil Brigandi's new book on Orange County place names; this book is on order for the History Room.

On January 9th I attended the bimonthly meeting of the HCC (Heritage Coordinating Council) at Chapman University.

~~The History Room Advisory Committee met on January 16th to discuss History Room issues for the coming year. In attendance were Pat Irot, Marie Schmidt, Pat Jertberg and Jeanette Gardner of the Placentia Historical Committee.~~

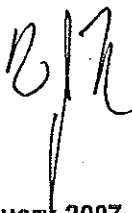
The new book of Placentia will be coming out this spring, and the Local History Resources project through the California State Library is nearing completion.

Inventory has begun on the books in the California Collection of the History Room and new books continue to be added as others are weeded.

Donations include a plaque of Placentia's Honor Roll of World War II and a PTA scrapbook. A duplicate print of the oil fields and orange groves was made for a patron.

Placentia Library District

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Vernon Napier, Technical Services Manager 

DATE: February 14, 2007

SUBJECT: **Website and online databases report for January 2007**

The monthly report on usage of our various online databases is attached.

Please note, however, that there is no statistical report on use of the Library's website. The website has been relocated and updated to a new server, and the reporting service does not kick in until the first month has completed. I expect to be able to report on use of our website next month.

On line reference resources	May '06	Jun '06	Jul '06	Aug '06	Sept '06	Oct '06	Nov '06	Dec '06	Jan '07
Usage statistics for									
Grolier Online	9	4	8	5	6	11	7	25	9
Encyclopedia Americana	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	14	0
La Nueva Encyclopedia Cumbre	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
America the Beautiful	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lands and People	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Reference Center	78	82	94	39	111	104	99	81	39
Opposing Viewpoints	334	43	50	32	92	62	27	95	51
Newsbank -Newspaper search	13	30	25	6	23	8	52	70	12
Newsbank -Magazine search	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
L.A Times	35	7	2	0	0	6	9	8	0
N.Y. Times	20	1	2	0	1	1	4	0	0
Wall Street Journal	13	0	0	47	218	381	6	5	8
Heritage Quest	866	1320	1673	1308	1966	6120	8363	5067	9211
Learning Express (Learn a test)	5	3	3	5	1	2	2	2	13
Novelist	127	4	44	0	0	175	1	4	9
Tumblebooks	12	177	69	81	252	139	421	864	441
MorningStar	-	-	-	-	135	4	15	38	39

Placentia Library District

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
FROM: Vernon Napier, Technical Services Manager
DATE: February 14, 2007
SUBJECT: **Technology Report for January 2007**



- The outdoor sign is now in working order. For the time being we are running basic informational messages. During the coming weeks we will learn to use some of the more advanced features.
- Assisted Mr. Charles Frizee prepare a photo slideshow for his program "Anatolian Adventure", scheduled for February 26 in the Library's Meeting Room.
- Advised the Board of Trustees how to use Google Calendar as a convenient way to keep up to date with the Library Director's work schedule.
- Met with members of the Orange County Genealogical Society to discuss ways to use the Library's on-line database *AncestryLibrary* in a program they are preparing for the end of April.
- Continued working with members of the History Committee on the time consuming (but interesting) task of cataloguing historical photographs.

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Auditor defends report on Placentia spending

The City Council had argued a company had failed to tell it early enough about signs of a possible budget shortfall.

BY ADAM TOWNSEND
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

PLACENTIA — A representative of the city's auditing company said its work properly noted sloppiness in city records and did not miss warning signs as City Council members have said.

Council members had blamed the company for failing

to warn the city of financial trouble. Ken Al-Insam, a representative of Mayer, Hoffman and McCann, cited last year's audit from his company, reading that auditors noticed "unusual and unreconciled account balances."

"A number of analyses and adjustments were not made in a timely manner," Al-Insam said. "That was cited as a

weakness in previous reports." His comments came at a Monday night meeting of Placentia's audit committee.

Council members and the public questioned the city's auditor about how the city was on schedule to spend several million dollars more than total revenues in the current fiscal year, initially without the City Council's having realized the

extent of deficits.

City Finance Director Terrence Beaman said in November that budget projections showed Placentia was headed toward a large deficit. Officials are shaving expenditures to reduce the gap.

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Jamie time: The first Wednesday of every month, the Placentia Public Library invites kids to put on their pajamas and come to the children's section to listen to bedtime songs and more.

For more information call 714-528-1906.

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Speech loss: Learn more about aphasia, a disorder that causes its sufferers to lose the power of speech and about a new device called MarVision to help those patients. Neurologist Dr. Johanna Rosenthal will speak about the disease and Roger Korn, inventor of MarVision, will demonstrate his device at the library on Monday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. to demonstrate his device. Information: 714-528-1906.

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A train speeds through a crossing at Crowther Avenue and Kramer Boulevard. O.C. Post photos

Financially strapped Placentia doesn't know whether it will have to pay for new radio equipment as it tries to silence train whistles.

Still, it's allowing BNSF Railway Co. to replace the radios, which coordinate street and rail traffic.

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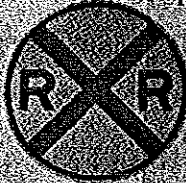
measures that need to be installed before Placentia is named a "Quiet Zone."

That designation would keep trains from blowing their whistles at intersections.

The practice has been mandated by the Federal Railroad Administration to prevent accidents.

Swanson said the old equipment cost about \$50,000. BNSF is trying to get the radios' manufacturer to buy back the first bunch.

The city and BNSF did not disclose how much the replacement radios will cost. O.C. Post



Ⓢ DID YOU KNOW? More than 70 trains pass through Placentia daily.

This sign could be posted at eight rail crossings. Train whistles are currently prohibited from 10 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

RADIO DEFECTS JAM RAIL PROJECT

Placentia needs new equipment and possibly more money to hush train whistles.

BY SUEHNA SUBRAMANIAN
AND ADAM TOWNSEND
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

PLACENTIA • This financially strapped city doesn't know whether it will have to pay for new radio equipment to finish its much delayed effort to silence train whistles.

Still, it's allowing BNSF Railway Co. to move forward with replacing the radios which coordinate street and rail traffic. The project has been stalled since June because of technical problems.

The city and BNSF speculate that local businesses' radios could have been interfering with the signals. They operate on a common frequency that even amateur radio operators use, city contracted engineer Jim Swanson said.

The equipment is part of safety measures that must be installed before Placentia's

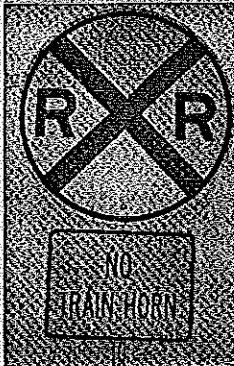
named a "Quiet Zone." That designation would keep trains from blowing their whistles at intersections, a practice mandated by the Federal Railroad Administration to prevent accidents.

"There's been no discussion of who's going to pay for those," said Placentia's senior administrative analyst, Mike McConaha.

The railway declined comment on how the new equipment would be paid for but city administrator Bob Dominguez said at a recent council meeting that BNSF should pick up the cost.

City spokesman Matt Reynolds has said the city might have to foot the bill because the radio signals are part of the city project and are not crucial to the railroad's functioning.

The city and BNSF did not disclose how much the radios' replacements will cost.



BRUCE CHAMBERS, THE REGISTER
GMMH; This sign will be posted at eight rail crossings in Placentia.

Swanson said the old equipment cost about \$60,000. He recently told council members that BNSF is trying to get the radios' manufacturer to buy

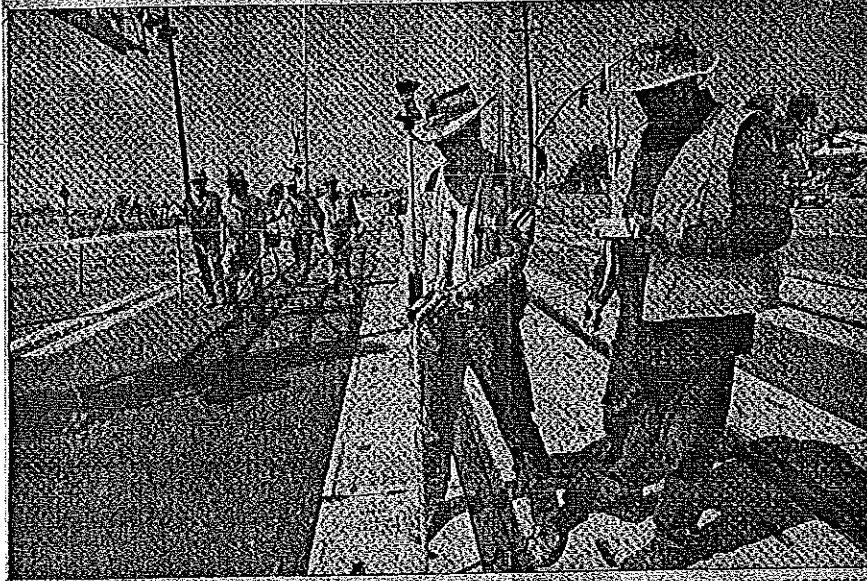
back the first bunch. BNSF spokeswoman Lena Kent said the new equipment is set to be installed next month. The railroad plans to test the system for a few weeks before the city applies with the railroad administration for a permanent "Quiet Zone" designation, Reynolds said.

That date would be nine months past an initial rail administration deadline. The city pays the freight hauler's insurance costs — \$250,000 a year — to silence the whistles at night.

During the delay, workers tried to make the radios work by reinstalling them or trading them in for new ones, BNSF spokeswoman Lena Kent said.

"It could cost the city, but this is an important project for us," McConaha said.

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THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE RAILROAD. Surveyors mark a line to allow a curb to be built. Seventy trains pass through Placentia each day.

FILE PHOTO: MARILYN YOUNG, THE REGISTER



BROTHERLY FUN: Douglas LL S, 10, watches his brother play Barrel of Monkeys.



CHECK OUT TIME! Douglas LL S, has his books checked out by Kristen Hoffman, 25. Hoffman is getting her degree to be a librarian, her favorite book is "The Plague" by Albert Camus.

Photos by Marilyn Young

The place for Placentia's bookworms

It's a busy place, but the Placentia Library likes to keep things quiet. On a recent day, the library had residents coming through its doors to use computers, check out books and just have a little fun. The Placentia Library offers passport and notary services as well as multipurpose room rental among its many services. Go to www.placentialibrary.org for more information or call 714-528-1906.



BARREL OF MONKEYS: Brock Laube, 6, plays Barrel of Monkeys at the Placentia Library.

GROUP FUN DAY: From left, 10-year-old Anna, 17-year-old Marilyn, 17-year-old Jen, 12-year-old Kristina, 7-year-old Tony, and 10-year-old Kristina, all hang out together at the Placentia Library.



PLAYING GAMES: Minky Sohn, 9, plays a game of Usual Suspects on the computer.

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Curl up with a virtual book

Digital books provide for online checkout and portability.

By ADAM TOWNSEND
STAFF WRITER

Vernon Napier, the technical services director for the Placentia Public Library, un-zipped the flap of a small leather case he wears on his belt.

From a pocket in the little black case, which also houses his handheld computer, Napier pulled a thin, blue disc the size of a quarter.

"On this little chip, I have over 700 novels," he said.

Napier downloaded his e-books from Project Gutenberg, a consortium that contributes to digital texts of thousands of books that are no longer intellectual property. Libraries all over the country are hooking patrons up to services that let them check out the digital books to read on computer screens or listen to on mp3 players, and the Placentia Public Library is jumping on the trend.

By visiting the library's website and linking to its subscription services, you can check out an expanding selection of more than 20,000 titles — new, and old fiction and consumer non-fiction — just by typing in your library card number.

"What we're doing is starting to broadly market the digital library as a branch," they call them "virtual" library branches now, said Placentia Library Director Elizabeth Minter.

Some of the titles available on the library's subscription e-book database are there for unlimited use by patrons. In other words, any number of folks can check out the same book on their computers at any given time.

The newer books, however, only have a limited number of "copies" available for patrons' personal use.

Library staff say one of the coolest things about the library's online archives is that

you never get lifeless — once your e-book comes due, it'll grace itself from your hard drive with out so much as a "beep."

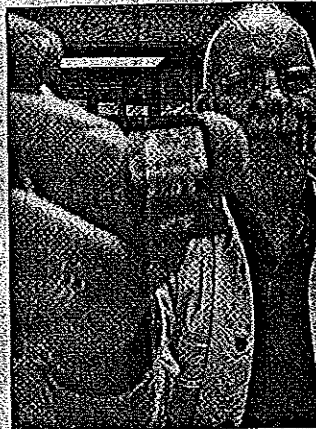
"It's kind of like Mission Impossible," but smoke doesn't come out of your Palm Pilot," Minter said.

But, if you do happen to incur an overdue fine on a book, analog — real paper books, you can now pay them online in your pajamas.

"Once you're a certain dollar amount overdue, your card is locked," explained Placentia Reference Librarian Katie Matas. "But you can pay it online with a credit card — as long as it's not a lost book or it hasn't gone to collections or something."

Unfortunately for the hopeless techies among us, if you're looking for serious research or your search is more specific than for pleasure reading, you're still going to have to trudge down to the Placentia Civic Center and walk through the hours of the old brick card-mart library.

"(The digital collection) is



PHOTOS BY ADAM TOWNSEND

Placentia Library's tech manager Vernon Napier holds more than 700 novels between his fingers.

much smaller," Matas said. "It would be mostly the newer things, plus classic books. Most of it is either recreational reading or popular non-fiction." Minter added, "There are a few publishing houses — Random House being one of them — that have not made their col-

lections available because they participate in commercial arrangements."

Still, Minter said more and more in the publishing industry are making their collections available online to libraries and Placentia is taking advantage.

OnTrac's woes dog Placentia

The city's new finance director says shoddy bookkeeping for the project is making it difficult to determine where the city stands.

By Dan Winkler
Times Staff Writer

Grossly incompetent bookkeeping that plagued the failed OnTrac rail project is making it difficult for Placentia officials to determine the financial health of the city, the new finance director for the city said Wednesday.

Although Terrence Beaman said he had found no indication of accounting fraud by former or current officials, his downbeat assessment only underscored the city's difficult situation.

Placentia is about \$30 million in debt and faces a \$27-million shortfall in its \$92-million annual budget.

Two former city officials, OnTrac executive director Christopher Becker and City Manager Robert D'Amato, are facing trial in May on felony conflict-of-interest charges in Orange County Superior Court.

The city's former finance director, Steve Brisco, now a consultant for the cities of Lynwood and Anaheim, could not be reached for comment. He left Placentia a year ago as controversy surrounded OnTrac, a \$650-million rail project that drained municipal coffers before it was canceled last year.

The ambitious plan would have rebuilt the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Corp. corridor through the heart of Old Town Placentia.

"Due diligence was not done.

"Due diligence was not done. There were poor accounting processes and a lack of strong internal controls," said Beaman, whose main task is to untangle the city's books. "OnTrac has made for a very difficult situation. I look forward to the day when we are going in a new, correct direction."

Because of the complications, Beaman said his office could not meet a Dec. 31 deadline for completing the city's annual financial report. He added that the comprehensive assessment would be done by the end of the month.

Beaman said progress on the report had been hampered by incomplete records, double entries in balance sheets, ledgers that had not been updated, and accounts that needed to be reconciled with bank statements.

Also complicating the work are recent changes in the city's auditing procedures and the resignation of accounting manager Carolyn Chu, an 18-year veteran of the finance department.

"This has been a bigger chal-

lenge than I anticipated," said Beaman, who worked for Monterey and Los Alamitos before coming to Placentia in July. "The goal is to have a good clean audit report for 2006-07. I think we can do it. Things are changing."

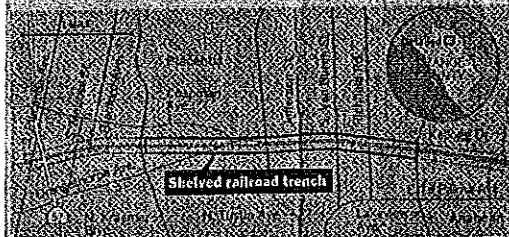
OnTrac called for 11 new bridges along city streets and the lowering of five miles of track into a concrete trench. Planners hoped to accommodate the increase in cargo from the region's ports and spark a renewal of the aging city core.

But the project derailed several years ago because of a \$12-million shortfall in state grants, a stable of high-cost consultants, and uncertainty over federal funding. To keep the project going, officials mortgaged city property, auctioned parkland, cut services and sold \$23 million. (See OnTrac, Page B10)

City on the edge

Placencia officials are grappling with the city's finances. After the failure of a railroad project that included the lowering of track into a concrete trench. Two former city officials involved with the project were charged with felony conflict of interest. The city now faces a \$2.7-million shortfall.

□ Entire OnTrac project boundary ■ Railroad track



Source: City of Placencia

By Andrew Lim

'Shoddy' bookkeeping for OnTrac haunts city

(OnTrac from Page B1)
in bonds.

To help pay some of its current bond debt, Placencia will use \$500,000 to \$600,000 a year for the next five years from Measure M, the county's sales tax for transportation projects. The city's share of the revenue is typically used for street repair and improvements.

Beaman first discussed delays in the annual financial report at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. During the discussion, Councilman Greg Bowards, an OnTrac critic who was elected in November as a reform candidate, asked whether it was fair to say that gross incompetence and shoddy bookkeeping was largely the cause of the city's current financial situation.

"Dude, I have no problem saying that publicly," Beaman told the council. "We need to do a much better job with our accounting records."

Because of the collapse of OnTrac, the council recently established an audit committee to monitor city finances. If such a panel had been set up as little as two years ago, Bowards said, the city would not be facing some of

the problems it has now.

Veteran Councilwoman Constance Underhill, an original OnTrac supporter who later questioned the project, said she was pleased that Beaman had not found any indication of fraud in the city's books.

"There was sloppy bookkeeping and a lot of inaccuracies," Underhill said. "The problems are hindering the staff from getting an accurate picture of our finances."

But Craig Green, a community activist who co-founded Citizens for a Better Placencia, questioned whether the city's accounting problems reflected unintentional errors.

"Can anybody be that incompetent?" Green said. "At what point does this apparent gross incompetence and shoddy bookkeeping become fraud?"

Beaman said his staff had been looking for wrongdoing while reviewing city accounts. Rather than fraud, he said, it appears the city's finance department did not have the ability to handle the OnTrac debacle and was overwhelmed.

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Placentia redevelopment won't pay for itself, designers say

But the downtown plan might save the city about \$300,000 a year in expenses.

BY KUSHMA SUBRAMANIAN
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

PLACENTIA: A plan for the city's downtown redevelopment project will bring in far less revenue than City Council members had anticipated, designers for the project said Tuesday.

The area currently brings in \$465,000 a year less in taxes and fees than it uses in service

cs. After being built out under specific plan guidelines, the yearly general fund loss would be cut to \$150,000 annually, David Bergman, an economic expert with a city-contracted design firm Moulé & Polyzoides, said.

But council members had wanted the project to create a future in which revenues would be larger than city ex-

penses in the area.

The firm presented its plan to redevelop the city's aging downtown at a study session Tuesday night.

The redevelopment area in southwest Placentia is about 100 acres, encompassing Old Town and an industrial area south of the train tracks.

The north side would be kept mostly intact as a historical district but with additional shops, office space and a town plaza. The south side would include new housing developments and feature smaller, pe-

destrian-friendly streets abutting stores.

The redevelopment area does not include the city's larger corridors such as Orangeflows, 68 Chapman avenues that would draw bigger sales tax contributors, Tony Perez, an architect with the design firm, said.

The council has not yet set a date to consider approval of the project.

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Caltrans is auditing funds used for OnTrac

State is trying figure out whether its \$36 million for Placentia project was properly spent.

By DAN WEIKEL
The Star

Caltrans is auditing \$36 million in state funds given to Placentia's controversial OnTrac project — the troubled rail plan that has pushed the northern Orange County city to the brink of bankruptcy.

Department officials said they were reviewing OnTrac's funding to determine if it was properly spent. They declined to comment in detail, saying it was Caltrans policy not to discuss ongoing audits. The inquiry began in 2005.

"They are looking at the whole thing," said City Councilman Russell J. Bice. "If we have to pay back 6 million to 7 million bucks, we would be in a world of hurt."

The \$650-million OnTrac project was shelved last year after it failed to receive federal

funding and the city ran out of money to keep it afloat.

Former Placentia public works director Christopher Becker and former city manager Robert D'Amato are facing felony conflict-of-interest charges surrounding their work on the project. Both have denied wrongdoing.

City planners wanted to build 11 new overpasses and lower five miles of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway tracks into a concrete trench. They hoped the project would revitalize the city's Old Town district and improve

the movement of cargo to and from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Placentia, which faces a \$2.7 million shortfall this fiscal year, plans to write off \$16 million in municipal funds it loaned to the project, an acknowledgment that it won't get the money back. The city's annual budget is about \$28 million.

A large chunk of the state money was used for the \$19-million Melrose Street underpass and to buy private property to make room for the project. The

(See OnTrac, Page B5)

Caltrans auditing \$36 million it spent for Placentia's OnTrac

(OnTrac from Page B1)
city also spent more than \$6 million for a parcel of consultants, including video producers, lobbyists, public relations experts, the project director and various advisors.

"The state has a right to find out how its money is spent," said Mayor Scott F. Brady. "We've been audited by one entity or another over the past two years. I don't think there's one piece of paper in the city that hasn't been looked at."

Placentia officials said that Caltrans was looking into among other things, whether the state paid too much to reimburse OnTrac for at least 13 private parcels.

Caltrans records show that in seven of the deals, the city paid more than \$4.2 million in 2001 and 2002. The total price reflected the costs of relocating property owners, the purchase of businesses that could not be safe, and keeping goodwill in the community.

Department documents show that OnTrac officials then asked the state to reimburse the project for all acquisition costs. But Caltrans rejected the requests, stating that the city could be repaid only for the property's appraised value.

In two deals, OnTrac paid more than double the appraisal for properties with a coin-operated carwash and an auto-repair shop.

Caltrans records show the city paid \$612,426 for the carwash property on South Placentia Avenue and \$847,434 for the auto-repair property on Melrose Street. City records state that the businesses needed to be purchased along with the land because no suitable relocation sites could be found. But the auto-repair business later reopened two blocks from its old site.

Brady said the city mistakenly thought it could seek full reimbursement for the land deals and was corrected by Caltrans. He defended OnTrac's acquisitions, saying they were "above-board" and conducted with the help of consultants.

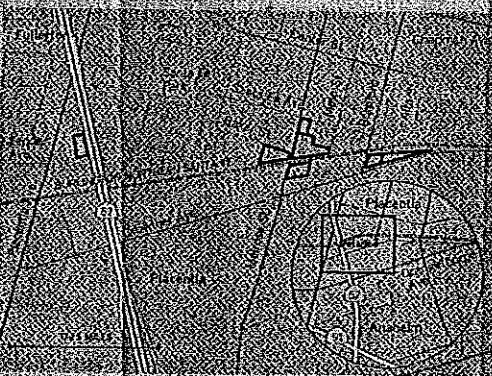
"This is not just Chris Becker," Brady said. "We had counsel and experts looking at these."

But Councilwoman Constance Underhill said there were

More questions about rail finances

As part of an ongoing audit, Caltrans is looking into whether the state paid more than it should have to reimburse the OnTrac rail project for land purchases, including seven parcels along the city's rail corridor.

Some properties involved in reimbursement



Source: Caltrans, Placentia records, Dataquest

all questions about the land deals and other expenditures the Caltrans audit could answer.

"The big thing is tracing where the money went," Underhill said. "Did we get taken when we didn't need to be?"

Some community activists and project critics have questioned other OnTrac deals, such as the purchase of land and an equipment-rental business on Placentia Avenue owned by George Ziegler, a former Placentia councilman.

An eminent-domain consultant recommended a purchase price of \$989,265, but the city bought the land and business for \$1.3 million in 2002 later, Ziegler contended he could not find a new site for the rental company.

Municipal records indicate that the city sought state reimbursement for the deal.

The Orange County Grand Jury, which reviewed the purchase, concluded in 2004 that the sale was reasonable and conducted without favoritism.

But grand jurors said the city made no effort to confirm reports that underground tanks from an old gas station were on Ziegler's property. If tanks were

"This is just another way that taxpayers' money has been wasted on OnTrac."

In a formal response to the grand jury city officials acknowledged that no review was done and that they planned to remove any tanks when construction of a new Placentia Avenue overpass began. The bridge project has been postponed.

State Assemblyman Todd Spitzer (R-Orange), who along with Orange County Supervisor Chris Norby, asked Caltrans in March 2004 to audit the project, said he welcomed the review.

But Spitzer added that he was disappointed the inquiry did not begin until July 2005 and only after the Orange County district attorney's office began investigating the project.

Spitzer said Caltrans had indications years ago that OnTrac improperly sought millions of dollars in state reimbursements for private property it had purchased.

"Caltrans was aware of Placentia's inappropriate billing and would not approve the reimbursements," said Spitzer, a former Orange County prosecutor. "It's inexcusable that they did not allocate resources to look at this. Common sense indicates that there might be foul play."

David Anderson, a Caltrans spokesman, said Spitzer made his audit request to a then-director and that the agency could not speak for him. He added that the review has taken so long because of the complexity of the city's administrative and accounting operations.

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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2007
MINUTES

I. Call to Order: 11:08 A.M.

Members Attending: Katie Matas
Wendy Goodson
Caroline Gurkweitz
Esther Guzman

II. Old Business


1. The fire extinguishers were checked by Katie Matas on January 23, 2007.
2. The broken Koala Seat in the public women's restroom was removed. A new one was ordered but has not arrived.
3. "Defensive Driving" and "Winter Travel Safety Tips" handouts were distributed at the December 6, 2006 staff meeting and "Slips, Trips and Falls" and Preventing Injuries From Hazardous Chemicals" at the January 17, 2007 staff meeting.
4. Eighteen employees completed CPR training on December 20, 2006.

III. New Business

1. The boxes for the Anaheim delivery were moved off the floor to keep people from tripping over them.
2. Donor plaques are coming off some of the chairs in the Children's Department leaving nail heads sticking out. Employees will watch for any missing plaques so the nails can be removed.
3. The Library fire alarm went off at 7:40 A.M. on January 24, 2007. Wendy and the fire department personnel checked the building and did not find any evidence of fire. Wendy will have the alarm checked.

The next meeting will be February 21, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Matas



PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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: February 20, 2007

BACKGROUND

The California Legislature is now in session and Agenda Item 25 contains information about current legislation affecting independent special districts and libraries.

RECOMMENDATION

Action to be determined by the Library Board of Trustees.

PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees

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

SUBJECT: Discussion about the Library Board of Trustees' participation in the Friends of Placentia Library re-organization process and the development of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Library Board and the Placentia Library Friends Foundation.

DATE: February 20, 2007

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on February 5, 2006 the Friends and Foundation Boards of Directors agreed that the name of the new organization will be the Placentia Library Friends Foundation. It also participated in a facilitated discussion about the new structure of the organization and the potential scope of its fund raising and operational opportunities. The Board authorized its Bylaws Committee to proceed with the preparation of a discussion draft for the March 5 meeting. It also authorized the Public Relations Committee to proceed with the development of a plan for introducing the new organization to the Friends membership and the community.

The current draft of the Bylaws provides for up to two (2) Library Trustee ex-officio positions on the Board of Directors with full voting authority. It is left up to the Library Board to decide whether to appoint regular representatives or to perhaps have one regular position and another rotating position.

Trustees DeVecchio and Escobosa have been working on the Memorandum of Agreement between the Library Board of Trustees and the Placentia Library Friends Foundation. The two documents are Attachments A and B. They have asked the Board of Trustees determine the provisions for the document that it would like to present to the Friends Board for discussion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Determine the type of Library Board of Trustee representation to the Placentia Library Friends Foundation Board of Directors that the Trustees would like to recommend to the Friends for their consideration in the development of its bylaws.
2. Determine the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding that the Board of Trustees would like to present to the Placentia Library Friends Foundation Board of Directors for its consideration.



Betty and Elizabeth:

I am sending you this summary of our discussion the other evening via e-mail because there is sometime some difficulty in downloading material.

At the beginning let me say that I view a MOA as a generalized statement of interrelationships rather than a series of tasks with a great deal of specificity. What I thought an MOA would do would prevent the F/F from going off on some tangent and to assure them that they have our support in their activities. The number of Board members seated, or whether or not they have voting rights, etc should be handled in the by-laws being developed by F/F. Certainly we will want to voice an opinion through out the process. So, the following are some of the ideas we generated the other evening:

The Trustees Agree To:

- * Grant the F/F the exclusive right to raise funds on behalf of the PLD.
- *Supply staff support to assist in activities, the newsletter, publications and programs.
- *Maintain a donor database and prepare necessary reports.
- *Maintain a financial ledger and prepare financial reports.
- *Allow the F/F the use of the PLD name in fund raising activities.
- *Provide the use of PLD facilities for meeting and fund raising activities.

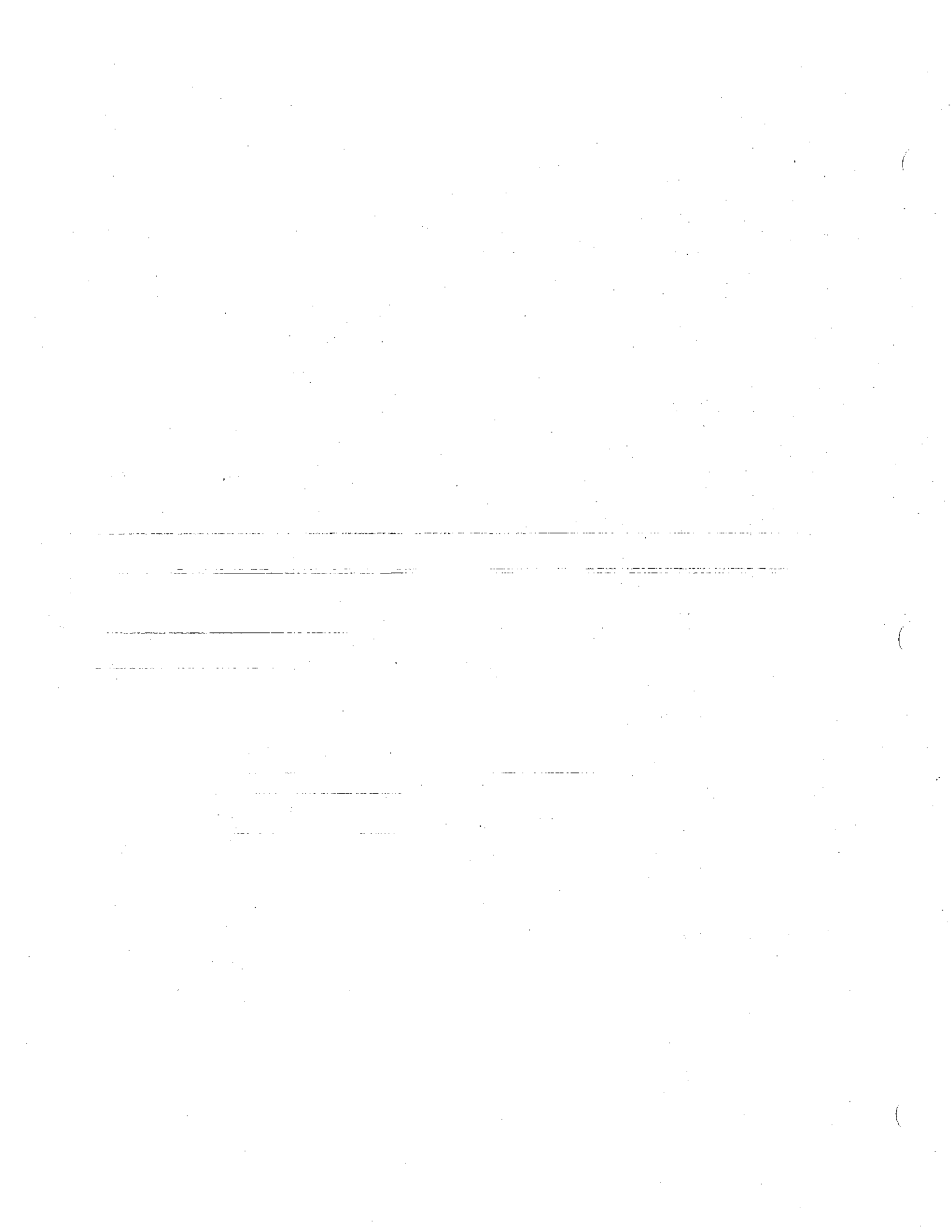
The Friends/Foundation Agrees To:

- *All funds raised by the F/F will be consistent with and compliment the mission of the PLD.
- *All actions of the F/F will be designed and implemented to promote a positive image of the PLD.
- *Changes in the Charter and by-laws will require the advise and consent of the PLD Trustees.
- *Provide a petty cash checking account for the use of the Development Director in the day-to-day operations.
- *As needed and requested, provide a financial audit of activities.

Of course any document will have the appropriate testaments and signatures.

Your comments?

RD



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
The Friends of Placentia Library District
The Placentia Library District
[insert date here?]

1. **Introduction.** The Placentia Library Friends Foundation (the "Friends") is a nonprofit organization and qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Friends is governed by its Board of Directors who are elected by the members and is accountable for its affairs. As a volunteer organization, the Board of Directors of the Friends is responsible to its members and donors who provide the financial and in-kind resources for the Friends' programs in support of the Placentia Library (the "Library").

The Friends recognizes that the Library is an independent district governed by a five member Library Board of Trustees, whose members are elected in accordance with state statute.

2. **Mission/Purpose.** To accomplish this goal the Library will: Provide a qualified staff to acquire, organize, and maintain a collection of print and non-print materials in an easily accessible facility and assist the public with its use; provide literacy outreach and services to the community; provide a special collection to document and preserve Placentia's History and Authors; present programs and provide technology access to everyone in order to promote reading and lifelong learning; promote the Library's vision through consistent messages to the public.

The mission of the Friends is to foster closer relations between the Library and the citizens of Placentia and support the functions, resources, services and needs of the Library. [*Replace with new Mission Statement from Placentia Library Friends Foundation bylaws*]

3. **Programs.** The Library is owner of its facilities and collections and is responsible for its operating budget and basic financial needs. The Friends, through its members and donors, and in consultation with and the approval of the Library's Director and Trustees, underwrites specific programs, which enhance the quality and effectiveness of the Library as well as promote increased attendance and revenues. These programs may include, but are not limited to: capital projects and new construction; additions to collections; educational programs, public relations, marketing and advertising programs, community wide special events; and professional staff development. The Friends is also responsible for procuring, managing and directing funds towards the support of the Library.

4. **Fundraising.** The Friends develops and implements fundraising programs in concert with and subject to the approval of the Library. To accomplish this, the Friends solicits and manages gifts for operations, endowments and special projects.

With funds from membership dues as well as contributions from donors, the Friends provides annual support for the Library.

5. **Friends Responsibilities.** The Board of Directors of the Friends is responsible for disbursing funds to the Library Trustees for the purchase of materials and support of programs. The Friends will maintain written documentation for each disbursement including, but not limited to, the date, the amount and the purpose of the disbursement and to whom paid. This documentation will be made available for review upon the request of the Library. In addition, the Friends will provide the Library with an annual report which will include an itemization of funds received by the Friends during the year, disbursements made by the Friends during the year and a statement of assets on hand at the end of the year. The Library may examine the books and records of the Friends with respect to funds received and disbursements made on behalf of the Library upon reasonable notice during normal business hours.

6. **Library Responsibilities.** The Library staff and Trustees will develop and supervise any projects funded by the Friends to ensure compliance with the Library's mission and purposes. However, funds received from the Friends may be expended only for the purposes for which they are disbursed to the Library. The Library will furnish the Friends with an annual written report with respect to such projects, which will include a narrative account of the progress, a financial accounting with respect to each project and copies of any reports prepared with respect to each project. The Friends may examine the books and records of the Library with respect to any funds transferred to the Library by the Friends upon reasonable notice during normal business hours.

7. **Friends Board of Directors/Library Representations.** A member of the Placentia Library Trustees and the Director of the Library or his/her designee, shall serve as voting ex-officio members of the Friends Board of Directors.

8. **Relationship between the Library Director and the Friends.** The Friends will support the Library Director in the Director's efforts to fulfill the Library's mission. It is; therefore, important that the Library Director or his/her designee participate in programs that benefit the Library and the Friends, such as special events, volunteer activities and educational programs and in efforts to cultivate and solicit donors through his/her participation and leadership at fundraising events.

9. **General.** Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed to create an agency or similar arrangement between the Library and the Friends. The Friends and its Board of Directors shall have no right or authority to obligate the Library without its express consent, and the Library and its Director shall have no right or authority to bind or obligate the Friends without its express consent.

10. **Amendments.** This Memorandum may be amended, supplemented or terminated only by and with the consent in writing of all the parties.

