

The County of Orange Report

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County COVID Confusion

Orange Countians can hardly be blamed if they are confused about face covering requirements once they venture outside their front door.

3. **Cloth Face-Covering:** All Orange County residents and visitors shall wear a cloth face-covering when (i) in a public place; (ii) visiting a retail, commercial or other place of business; or (iii) at work, and when the resident or visitor is not able to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from another person who is not a family/household member or live in the same living unit.

A cloth face-covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth; it can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face; it can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen; and a face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels.

The cloth face-covering Order SHALL NOT APPLY to children under the age of 2; anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face-covering without assistance; persons with a medical or mental health condition, or development disability that prevents wearing a cloth face-covering.

On Friday, May 22, 2020 at midnight, Orange County's Health Officer, Nicole Quick issued the above order. The order drew criticism from Supervisor Don Wagner and Michelle Steel, along with dozens of ant-mask activists who voicefully objected at a following Board of Supervisors meeting. To add more confusion, Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes announced his department would not enforce the mask order, leaving it up to local cities with their own departments to decide how to proceed.

However, on May 28, 2020, Dr. Nicole Quick modified her order, making it more flexible:

3. **Cloth Face-Covering:** All Orange County residents and visitors shall wear a cloth face-covering outside their home when they are not able to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from another person who is not a family/household member or does not reside in the same living unit. The cloth face-covering order SHALL NOT APPLY to the following persons:

- Children under the age of 2;
- Anyone who has trouble breathing, or who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face-covering without assistance; or
- Persons with a medical or mental health condition or development disability that prevents wearing a cloth face-covering.

Where Orange County Ranks

[as of 6/7/2020]

Cumulative Cases to Date
(includes deaths)

7,440

Includes 802 SNF residents and 381 OC jail inmates

Cases Reported Today

119

Cumulative Deaths to Date

177

Includes 85 SNF residents and 0 OC jail inmates

Deaths Reported Today

1

Cumulative Tests To Date

158,592

Tests Reported Today

1,244

Cases Currently Hospitalized

297 *

** Includes ICU cases*

Cases Currently in ICU

129

ICU - Intensive Care Units

Cumulative Recovered To Date

3,273 *

LOCATION	POPULATION	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
CALIFORNIA	40,129,160	128,812	4,426
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	10,257,557	62,269	2,620
RIVERSIDE COUNTY	2,468,145	8,935	355
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	3,370,418	8,347	312
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	2,217,398	5,946	224
ORANGE COUNTY	3,228,519	7576	176

JUNE MEETING

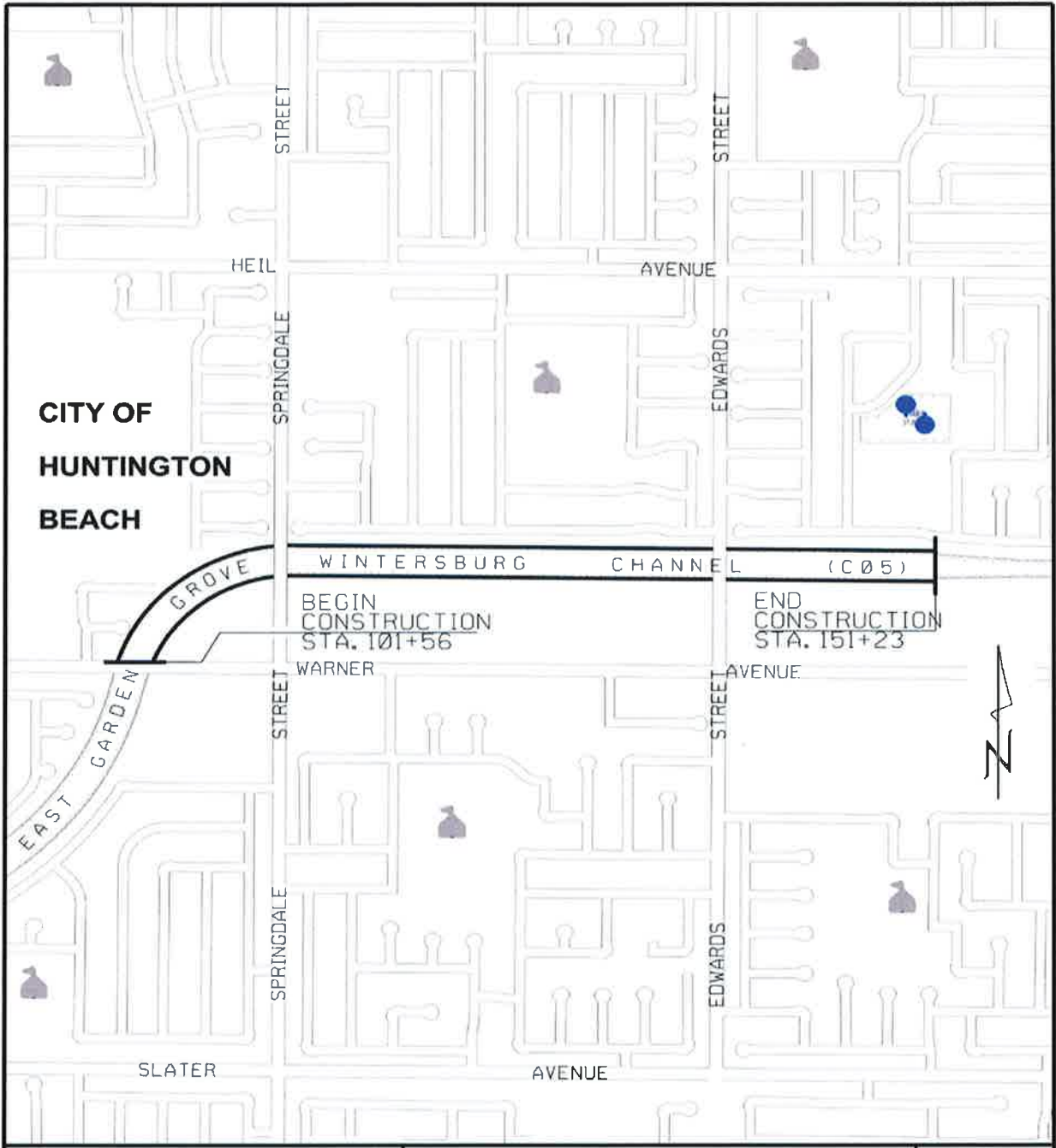



County Moves Forward on Flood Control Project

At the June 2nd meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Board voted unanimously to award a large contract (not to exceed \$85 million) to J.F. Shea Construction to proceed with construction of services for the East Garden Grove-Wintersburg Channel Improvements Project.

The Channel is presently deficient on providing 100 year flood protection for the Westminster Watershed, the largest remaining flood plain in Orange County. This project would bring immediate protection to 600 properties with an estimated value of \$365 million. The project is also part of a larger watershed that covers 44 square miles in Orange County including portions of Huntington Beach, Westminster, Santa Ana, Fountain Valley and Garden Grove.

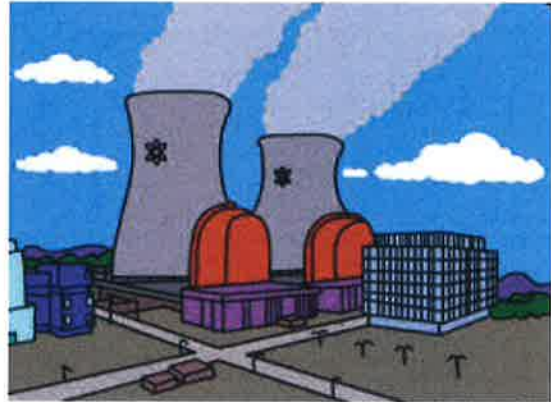
Another benefit of the project is the expectation that it will relieve hundreds of residents and businesses from the burden of paying flood insurance. The project is expected to take approximately two years to complete.



SHEET FILE: C05 EXHIBIT_PROJECT LOCATION.DGN	PROJECT LOCATION MAP		
EAST GARDEN GROVE WINTERSBURG CHANNEL LEVEE PROTECTION (C05)	PREPARED BY: HL	County of Orange OC Public Works Department ENGINEERING DESIGN	
	DATE: FEB. 25, 2019		

County Reaches San Onofre Funding Deal with SoCal Edison

Since a 2012 radiation leak at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station [SONGS] numerous safety steps have been taken since the plant's 2013 closure.



One of the more modest steps is annual funding that SCE has provided to Orange and San Diego counties and the cities of Dana Point, San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano for energy education, preparedness and notifications in case of an emergency.

The original funding was secured in an agreement between the entities in October 2015 and expires June 30, 2020. The new agreement, approved by the County Board of Supervisors at their June 2nd meeting, ratifies an ongoing agreement through 2049.

In the first year, Orange County receives its budgeted allocation, over \$900,000, but there is a diminishing sliding scale and over the 29 year agreement, the County will receive a total of \$10.2 million.

The long term goal is to have nuclear materials transferred off site by the Department of Energy by 2049. In the meantime, the process of transferring all 73 canisters from more dangerous cooling wet storage to safer dryer storage continues. All but nine canisters have been transferred and the goal is to have the remaining transferred by this summer.

Public Policy Institute of California - Californians and Their Government Survey

The PPIC recently released results from their most recent survey. The survey of 1,706 California adults was conducted between May 17-26, 2020. A survey of this size yields a margin of error of 3.5% at a 95% confidence level.

Thinking about the state as a whole, what do you think is the most important issue facing people in California today?

- 36% COVID-19/coronavirus
- 23% jobs, economy
- 6% health care, health insurance
- 6% housing costs, availability
- 5% homelessness
- 3% government in general, problems with elected officials, parties
- 3% immigration, illegal immigration
- 3% state budget, deficit
- 2% education, schools, teachers

- 2% environment, pollution, global warming
- 9% other (specify)
- 2% don't know

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Gavin Newsom is handling his job as governor of California?

- 65% approve
- 26% disapprove
- 9% don't know

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling the coronavirus outbreak?

- 69% approve
- 25% disapprove
- 6% don't know

[likely voters only]

If the November 3rd presidential election were being held today, would you vote for Joe Biden, the Democrat, Donald Trump, the Republican?

- 57% Joe Biden, the Democrat
- 33% Donald Trump, the Republican
- 4% someone else (specify)
- 2% would not vote for president
- 3% don't know

Thinking about the restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak in your area, do you think there should be more restrictions right now or fewer restrictions right now or about the same number of restrictions right now?

- 25% more restrictions right now
- 28% fewer restrictions right now
- 46% about the same number of restrictions right now
- 1% don't know

Do you think that tax increases should be included in the governor's budget plan?

- 32% yes
- 60% no
- 7% don't know

Thinking about the decisions by a number of state governments to impose significant restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that state governments will lift the restrictions too quickly or not lift the restrictions quickly enough?

- 58% lift the restrictions too quickly
- 38% not lift the restrictions quickly enough
- 3% don't know

Would you consider yourself to be politically:

- 14% very liberal
- 21% somewhat liberal
- 31% middle-of-the-road
- 21% somewhat conservative
- 12% very conservative
- 2% don't know



LATEST PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

In the last few weeks, former Vice President Joe Biden has increased his national lead from about 5.5 points to 8 points. However, key battleground states, including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Arizona remain very close, at least indicating the possibility of a repeat performance with the Democratic nominee winning the popular vote and the President securing an electoral victory.

DATE	POLL	RESULTS	SPREAD
JUNE 4	IBD/TIPP	BIDEN 45, TRUMP 42	BIDEN +3
JUNE 5	NPR/PBS/MARIST	BIDEN 50, TRUMP 43	BIDEN +7
JUNE 7	NBC NEWS/WALL ST JRNL	BIDEN 49, TRUMP 42	BIDEN +7
JUNE 8	CNN	BIDEN 55, TRUMP 41	BIDEN +14

ENSO METER



In the last month, there has been a very small shift towards La Niña conditions.

California Reservoir Levels

Despite a fairly dry year, California reservoirs are still in decent shape. Unfortunately, the two largest, Lake Shasta and Oroville, are only 90% and 80% respectively of their historic average.

