SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT #1

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May 2023 Kevin's Corner

Some quick items to cover this month...

Stopping the Firefight? Last month you may recall that I briefly covered the efforts of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to cut down on air pollution sources. One of the better ideas is an effort to thin wildland vegetation before wildfires occur. To put the pollution impact of wildfires into perspective, the wildfires of 2020 produced the equivalent of all the emissions cut in California from 2003 to 2019. A few weeks after sharing that proposal with you, I came across an article (Los Angeles Times / Firehouse magazine) that reports the United State Forest Service is being sued by the Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics in an effort to force USFS firefighters to STOP using the pink colored firefighting liquid dropped from firefighting airplanes. The article quotes the opponents as saying, "There's no scientific evidence that it makes any difference in wildfire outcomes". They further claim that the retardant does more harm than good. I can share with you the hundreds of times I have witnessed (and had dropped on me) the incredible effectiveness of USFS and/or CAL-Fire airtankers using the pink retardant to slow down or even knock down wildfires before ground crews even reached parts of the wildfire. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of homes and many times more acres of forest and critical habitat have been saved in this county by firefighting airtankers dropping retardant. I fear that if the federal government is ordered to stop the use, that our State aircraft will follow suit.

Employee Benefits to Be Sacrificed? Having passed its first hearing, Senate Bill 252 is working its way through the California State Legislature, seeking to mandate that the gigantic CalPERS organization (that provides retirement benefits to state employees and Riverside County employees, among others) will have to divest (sell off) its enormous stock holdings (\$9.4 billion) in any companies producing fossil fuels and forgo the significant dividends that help CalPERS fund and meet its fiduciary pension obligations. If the legislation is successful, the State general fund and the Riverside County general fund (and many other funds) will have to kick in substantially larger annual contributions to make up for the loss of revenues, or CalPERS will have to reduce the guaranteed pension benefit to employees, or potentially even both. This would come on top of an already growing obligation by State and local governments to fund even more because of growing pension obligations. Before this latest Senate Bill was introduced Riverside County was already anticipating a projected \$152 million employer contribution increase over the next 10 years. Stay tuned!

Warehouse Relief or State Meddling? Or Both? Some of you may recall that several years ago I pushed for a Riverside County Good Neighbor policy that sought to adopt stringent new warehouse standards largely to protect adjacent residential homes and neighborhoods from the encroachment of new warehouses. I am a strong advocate for private property rights – BUT – I believe that those private property rights apply on both sides of the fence, not just the developer side. Unfortunately, my original Good Neighbor proposal which (Continued to page 2)



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included mandatory separation/distance standards between warehouses and homes was significantly watered down and actually made optional. Now after several years of Riverside County being ground zero for new warehouse construction, the State Legislature has several bills (AB 1000 & AB 1748) that would do what the local leaders couldn't or wouldn't do to help protect quality of life concerns. Now, does it irk the heck out of me that state officials are going to try and insert themselves (again) into local land use decisions? **YES it does!** BUT, if local leaders can't or won't act to protect their own constituents - then we have no one to blame but ourselves when someone else steps in to try.

As usual, if you have a suggestion to help improve county services – please drop me a note. I read pretty much every email.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries, First District Supervisor

First District

Volunteer of The Year—Erín Faírfax



Supervisor Jeffries next to Erin Fairfax with her 2023 Volunteer of the Year Proclamation.

Erin Fairfax, on April 18th, 2023 received The First District 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award. Erin is a true inspiration. A cancer survivor, retired Cal FIRE Captain, teacher, and Physician's Assistant, Erin has dedicated her life to serving others. Not only does she work in a local hospital's Emergency Room and serve low-income areas as a pediatric physician's assistant, but she also finds time to volunteer in her community. Her selflessness and dedication to helping others make her a true hero. Erin created, coordinated and led the Santa Rosa Plateau Firewise and Firewatch volunteer groups. She promotes fire safety awareness by having fire drills, hands on training sessions, and educational workshops in her community of La Cresta.

Interested in serving your local community? Perhaps you are more of a regional advocate? If you live in or have a business in District #1, be sure to look at the list of openings we have below for local commissions. If you feel you have the time to dedicate to making the district a better place feel free to apply online at www.supervisorjeffries.com, under Boards & Commissions

CURRENT OPENINGS:

Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Two (2) Members Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Alternate Advisory Council on Aging - One (1) Member

Solid Waste - One (1) Alternate Representative

Assessment Appeals - One (1) Alternate

In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient or Consumer of IHSS Services — One (1) opening

Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening

Community Action Partnership - One (1) Alternate

Assessment Appeals Board No. 3 - One (1) Alternate

Riverside County Flood Control Commission Zone 1 - One opening (see below) Flood Control District Map

Open Position: Flood Control Commissioner

The First District has an opening on the Riverside County Flood Control Commission representing Zone

 Commissioners serve as unpaid volunteers, attend a minimum of one annual meeting, to
 review the District's Annual Budget and Regional Drainage Plans. For more information visit the
 District's website at <u>www.rcflood.org</u>. To apply, please submit the online application available at
 www.supervisorjeffries.org



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First District Profile



Kevin Jeffries was elected in November 2012 to Represent the residents of the 1st Supervisorial District on the *Riverside County* Board of Supervisors. This district covers the cities of Riverside, Perris, and Wildomar, and the unincorporated communities including Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook. March Joint Powers Authority, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz.





NOTE: Wildomar, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz will move to the 3rd District in January of 2025.

Good Hope Meadowbrook Cleanup

The Good Hope Meadowbrook Cleanup on March 25 collected 58 mattresses, 776 tires and 241 customers were served. 71.59 tons of trash was collected! Thank you to Waste Management and the Department of Waste Resources for another successful community event.



County of Riverside Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report Highway 74 Community Plan Project State Clearinghouse Number: 2019059042

The County of Riverside is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Highway 74 Community Plan, Project General Plan Amendment No. 1205 (GPA1205). The County has completed preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) in compliance with CEQA for the project identified herein.

Project Location: The Highway 74 Community Plan Project is generally located on a 6.8-mile-long noncontiguous corridor of Highway 74 in the unincorporated area between Interstates 15 and 215, between the cities of Lake Elsinore and Perris, in western Riverside County. The planning area contains approximately 2,220 acres of unincorporated County land, with portions of the unincorporated communities of Good Hope, Meadowbrook, and Warm Springs being within the project boundary.

Project Description: The Highway 74 Community Plan has been prepared by the County to guide land use and planning decisions within the planning area. The proposed project includes GPA1205 to guide the development of potential future residential neighborhoods of varying densities, commercial retail, mixed use, light industrial, business park, public facilities, rural, open space, and recreation areas. In summary, GPA1205 would involve the following amendments: Modify the existing General Plan Land Use Designations, Policy Areas, and policies within the Highway 74 Community Plan planning area – Removal of the Rural Village Land Use Overlay (RVLUO) for all sites within the planning area – Either update both the foundational components and land use designations, or only land use designation of sites – Remove the Perris Policy Area, Good Hope Policy Area, and the Good Hope and Meadowbrook RVLUO's – Remove the Warm Springs Policy Area that overlaps Neighborhood 3.

The proposed project would lead to an increase of the following uses: Approximately 3,970 multi-family residential dwelling units; approximately 2,081,150 square feet of commercial retail uses; approximately 1,506,217 square feet of business park uses; approximately 740,903 square feet of light industrial uses; approximately 21.6 acres of public facility uses; and approximately 4.28 acres of open space uses.

The proposed project would lead to a decrease of approximately 383 single-family detached residential units (<5 dwelling units per acre [DU/acre]). However, given the potential increase of 3,970 multi-family dwelling units listed above, the proposed project would lead to a net increase of 3,587 residential units.

Potentially Significant Environmental Effects: Analysis of the project determined that there were potentially significant impacts related to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Noise, Transportation and Traffic, and Tribal Cultural Resources. However, implementation of mitigation measures provided in the DEIR would reduce the majority of these potential impacts to a less than significant level. Impacts that would remain significant even after implementation of all feasible mitigation measures include Project-Level and Cumulative Air Quality Impacts, and Project-Level and Cumulative Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Impacts.

As stated in the DEIR, the site is not listed as a hazardous materials site enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

DEIR Document Review and Availability: An electronic copy of the DEIR is available for public review on the County's website at: https:// planning.rctlma.org/Advanced-Planning/Highway-74-Community-Plan. A hard copy of the DEIR can be viewed at the following locations:

Riverside County Planning Department	Moses-Schaffer Community Center
4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor	21565 Steele Peak Drive
Riverside, CA 92502-1409	Perris, CA 92570
Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Review Period: The public review period to comment on the DEIR shall be 45-days, from April 26, 2023, to June 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Any person, Agencies, or organization wishing to comment on the document must submit their comments in writing to the Project Planner at the information below.

By Mail: Riverside County Planning Department	By	Project Planner:
Attn: Andrew Svitek	Email	Andrew Svitek
4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor		asvitek@rivco.org
Riverside, CA 92501		(951) 955-6035

Good Hope & Meadowbrook Easter Event



On April 8, the Good Hope/Meadowbrook community had the opportunity to enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt at the Moses Schaffer Community Center. The children took pictures with the Easter Bunny, enjoyed crafts, face painting, music, bounce houses, and had a chance to win a free Easter basket. Many thanks to all the volunteers from the community, Perris Sheriff's station, Fire Station #9, EMD, Harb Market, and Restoration Agape for making this event possible.

Mead Valley Easter Event

On March 25, the Mead Valley community enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt at our Charles Meigs Mead Valley Community Center. The children took pictures with the Easter Bunny, enjoyed crafts, face painting, music, bounce houses and had a chance to win a free Easter basket. Many thanks to all the volunteers from the community!



Highgrove Events

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On April 12, at the Highgrove Library, Riverside County Animal Services held a free vaccine and spay and neuter clinic for Highgrove residents. The clinic had 29 total animals show up for surgery and 24 animals for vaccines.

Mobile Healthcare Clinic



On April 24, The Riverside University Health System (RUHS) held a mobile healthcare services event at the Highgrove Norton Younglove Community Center. RUHS mobile clinic offers, exams, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, immunization, laboratory services, preventive health screenings and nutrition education. RUHS staff assisted constituents in determining which programs are available to help pay for services needed.

If you missed this event there is another event on May 22 at the same location from 10am to 2pm.

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Mead Valley Community Clean-Up

WHEN: May 20, 2023

TIME: 8am-12pm

WHERE: Mead Valley Landfill - 22376 Forrest Rd., Perris, CA. 92570

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Washers/Dryers TVs Microwaves Air Conditioners Computers
- Refrigerators/Freezers · Chairs/Couches/Tables · Box Springs/Mattresses
- Barbecue/Patio Furniture · Bundled Branches · Bagged Green Waste
- Tire collection limited to residents only, no tires will be accepted from business entities ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:
- Latex, Oil or Paint Fluorescent Light Tubes Empty Drums Batteries
- Pool Chemicals Commercial or Remodeling Waste Automotive Oils/Cleaners & Fluids
- Poisons/Pesticides/Herbicides
 Bleach/Tub & Tile Cleaner
 Solvents/Gasoline
- Auto Parts & Engines · Treated Wood Waste (fence posts, railroad ties)

Participants will be required to unload their vehicle without assistance.

- * Proof of residency is required. Please bring a photo ID, along with this postcard or a Waste Management bill to the clean-up. Residents with trailers will be directed to the landfill/transfer station to unload themselves.
- * Per State law, you must have a tire manifest to transport over 9 tires and tires must be less than 4 feet in diameter.

Please call Waste Management with any questions you may have at (800) 423-9986





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Upcoming Highgrove Events



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Bordwell Park Martin Luther King Bi I 1:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Bryant Park 950 Philbin St. oon - 1:30 p.m

Don Jones Park 3995 Jefferson St 11:00 - 12:30 p.m

n Lorenzi Park

4230 Jackson St. 11:00 - 12:30 p.m



2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



MOBILE RESOURCE VAN SERVICES:

Learning Lounge - Just-in-time literacy support services, such as resume and job help

Family Literacy Programs - Programs to develop literacy skills as a family, such as Raising a Reader and STEAM programs

Adult One-on-One Sessions - Get one-on-one support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking and digital skills

Adult Small Group Sessions - Get support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking, digital and job skills as a group

Library Services - Book checkout/checkin, holds pickup/return, get a library card



HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM AT THE HIGHGROVE LIBRARY



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Highgrove Library 530 Center St Riverside CA 92507 951-682-1507

HOMEWORK HELP HOURS TUES & THURS: 2PM - 6PM WED: 1:30 PM - 6PM FRI: 12 PM - 6PM SAT: 10 AM - 3PM

Tutors courtesy of UCR College Corps

UCR CollegeCorps







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1:00 PM

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SUMMER SITES OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY MAY 30 - AUGUST 4, 2023

La Sierra Park 5215 La Sierra Ave Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Nichols Park 505 Dewey Ave 11:30 - 1:00 p.m

ALL SITES CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 19TH AND TUESDAY JULY 4TH Free lunch for those 18 and under Hunt Park 4015 Jackson St. Noon - 1:30 p.m

Washington Park 2769 Mary St. 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Eastside Library Serving Tu 4033-C Chicago Ave. 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. Closed 6/19, 6/20, 7/4

Highgrove Library 530 W. Center St. 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Main Library Serving Tue 3900 Mission Inn Ave. 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. Closed 6/19, 6/20, 7/4

Woodcrest Library 16625 Krameria Ave 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.



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Riverside University HEALTH SYSTEM

Mental Health Awareness Fair

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May is Mental Health Month!

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Join our national movement and pledge to keep your family safe against home fires.

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- · Job may not be temporary or seasonal · Wage must be prevailing rate within
- the company Wage may not be commission or
- plecework based Position must be in a high-demand
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EMPLOYER **REQUIREMENTS:**

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- 2. Complete the employer agreement
- 3. Submit wage subsidy requests
- FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (760) 863-2521 EMAIL : arlperez@rivco.org

*Limited time only, employee start date must be prior to 6/30/2022. Employee hire dates on/after 7/1/2022 reimbursed at standard 50% wage subsidy.

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