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# Jeffries Journal

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## Kevin's Corner

A quick recap of issues and challenges....

**Animals & Technology** - As previously reported, local governments are facing statewide mandates to start converting their automotive fleets to electric vehicles. One of the many challenges for our Department of Animal Services is the special utility trucks they utilize requires specialized air conditioning systems to keep captured animals cool and safe while being transported to regional animal shelter facilities (in a county as large as ours that can be a very long ride). With the on-board air conditioning essentially running full time the electric truck would quickly drain the battery system and potentially endanger the animals. Unfortunately, unlike emergency response vehicles, there is NO exemption for animal control trucks. Stay tuned because this is just one of many Red Flags as these regulations kick in.

**Brace for Fire Season** – Some disturbing news. <http://californiacountynews.org/news/2023/05/these-10-counties-will-face-greatest-wildfire-risk-fall> has reported that Riverside County ranks 5<sup>th</sup> out of 58 counties on the list of most likely counties to experience severe wildland fire risk this fall. My efforts to have two of our county Sheriff Department helicopters outfitted (and pilots trained) to provide mutual aid water dropping capabilities was recently defeated (even though Sheriff helicopters in San Diego, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties all offer their residents with this critical service). I am not giving up on efforts to improve wildfire readiness, though, and am hoping that a forthcoming budget proposal to beef up many of our county fire engines with extra fire season staffing will soon be approved.

**Labor Shortages Hit Vital Services** - it was just a few months ago that I covered the very serious conditions involving staffing shortages and long response delays with our contract (paramedic) ambulance provider for our county and nearly every city. Preliminary reports indicate that the situation is still NOT improving. County and City fire engines (with firefighter paramedic staffing) are still having to be placed out of service because the ambulance is not showing up to serious emergencies with a paramedic on board, thereby causing the fire dept. paramedic to un-staff the fire engine and move over to the ambulance and travel to the hospital and remain with the patient until the hospital can find a bed and admit them (which is often a significant delay at a few understaffed hospitals). On top of the paramedic shortage, we also have at least one trash collection company that continues to also face staff shortages of trash truck drivers, which then causes neighborhood trash services to be significantly impacted. Residents and firefighters are becoming very tired and upset with these ongoing staffing challenges. These privately held companies are going to have to quickly figure out effective solutions in order to avoid government intervention.

**Full Court Press Update #2** – You may recall the large number of criminal cases that were being dismissed in Riverside County because of a lack of Judges (and court rooms) to hear the cases, and that State Senator Richard Roth had introduced SB 75 to help the Inland Empire gain more judges. **(continued to page 2)**

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Our local ratio of judicial officers per 100,000 residents is 3.4, compared to a statewide average 11.4. SB 75 is currently on the Consent Calendar and should pass the floor of the Senate this week. The Governor's current budget proposal does not include funding for new judges, but Senator Roth is working on including it in the legislative version of the budget.

**Tax & Travel?** RCTC, the countywide transportation commission (a separate entity from "The County"), has attempted to be aggressive in building or expanding our (State-owned) freeways & highways – so long as Cal-Trans regulators would allow it – and provided RCTC could find the needed funding (hence why we have those dreaded Toll lanes). But even with those toll revenues and an existing local transportation tax, RCTC is running out of revenues to keep up with our rapidly growing population (30,000 a year +/-) and skyrocketing construction costs, and is looking at a possible new tax/fee to keep building those expensive roads. One proposal in Sacramento is AB 1385 which would allow Riverside County voters to approve an additional sales tax increase to fund infrastructure. More to come.

**Can You Help?** On the next page you will see where we (County) have a number of vacancies to serve on various community or countywide commissions. Please take a look and see if you might be a good fit to serve on one of the many positions that are open. Government is only as good as the people who help guide it.

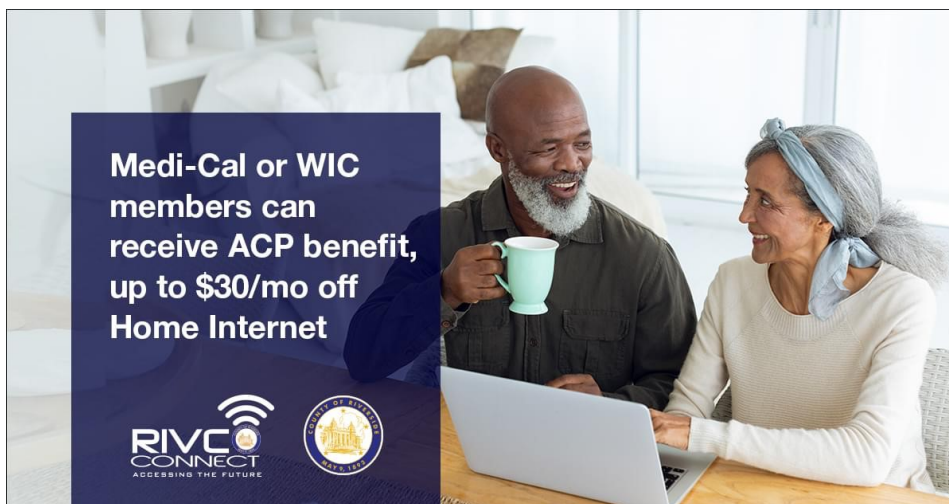
As always, I welcome your input as to how the County can improve its services to its residents and taxpayers.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries

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## *Internet Resources*



Medi-Cal or WIC members can receive ACP benefit, up to \$30/mo off Home Internet

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
CALIFORNIA

Don't overpay for home Internet! Save money today with affordable Connectively Program (ACP)! Medi-Cal and WIC members automatically qualify for ACP's \$30 monthly discount. Visit:

<http://rivcoconnect.org/applytoday> or call (866) 922-1016 to learn more.



*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.*

### **CURRENT OPENINGS:**

**Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Two (2) Members**

**Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Alternate**

**Solid Waste - One (1) Alternate Representative**

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

**Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening, Public Interest—One (1) opening**

**Community Action Commission - One (1) Alternate**

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

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

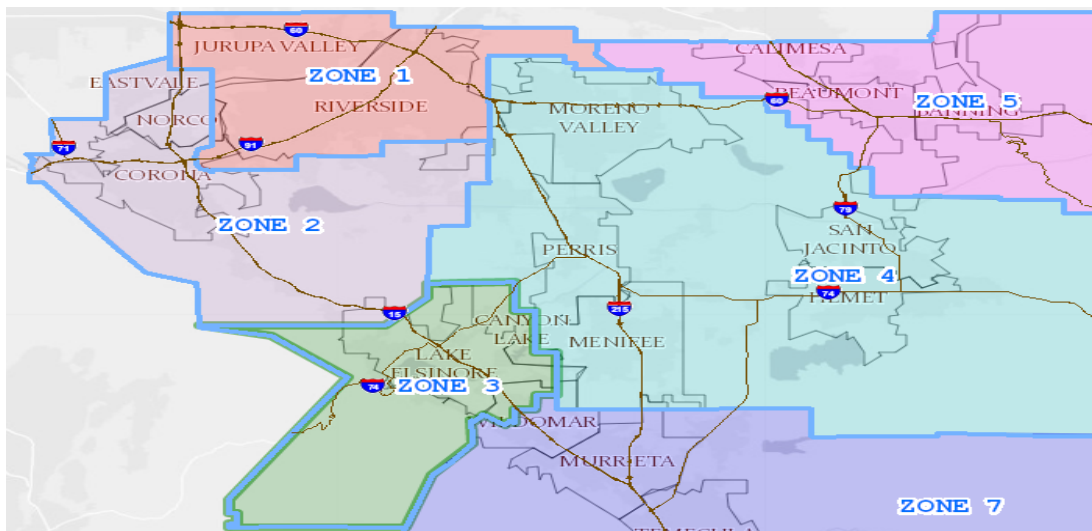
### **Open Position: Flood Control Commissioner**

The First District has an opening on the Riverside County Flood Control Commission representing Zone 1.

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 [www.rcflood.org](http://www.rcflood.org). To apply, please submit the online application available at

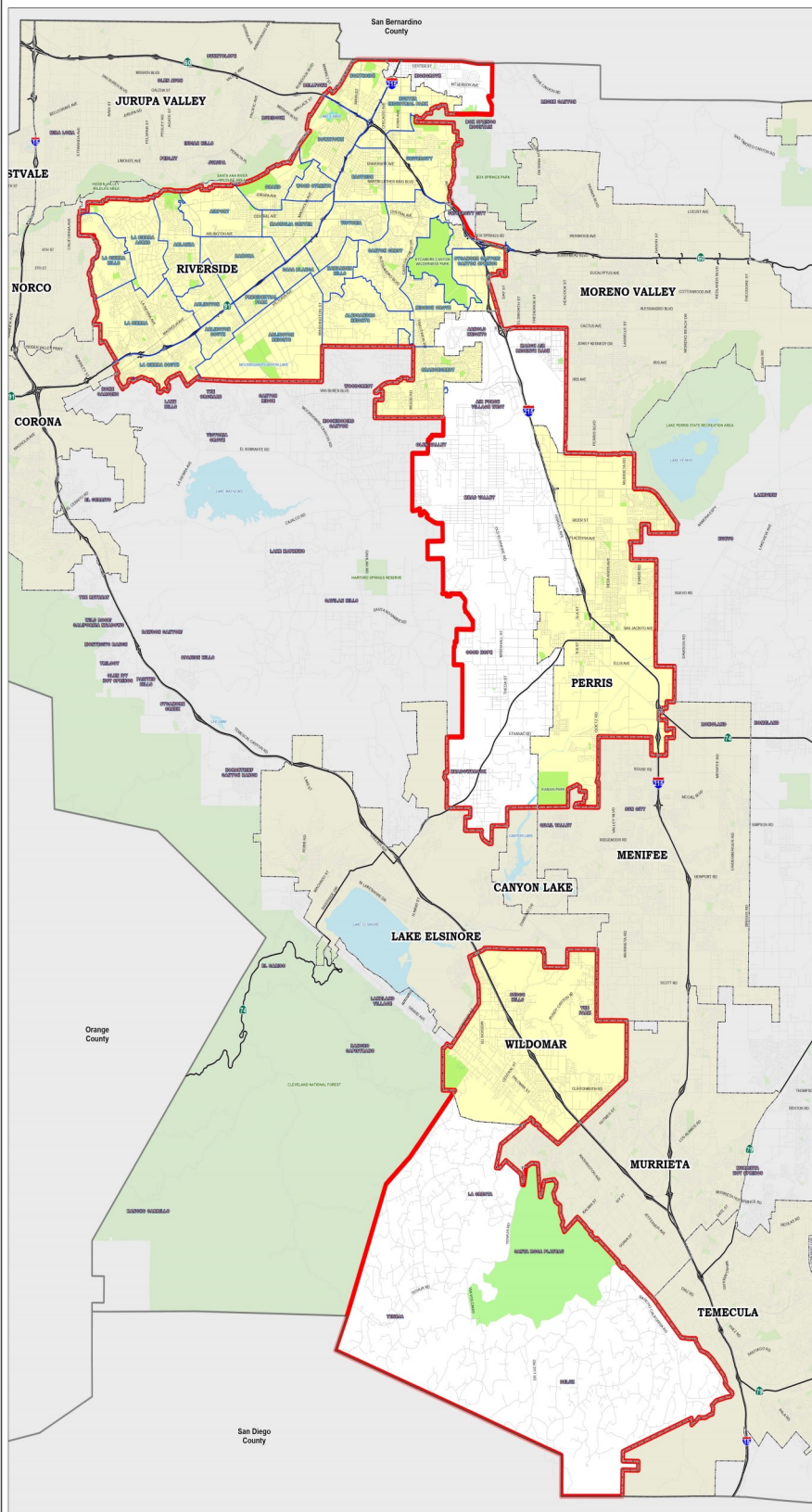
[www.supervisorjeffries.org](http://www.supervisorjeffries.org)

**Flood Control District Map**





## SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 County of Riverside



## 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 DeLuz.*

- Roads
- Highways
- City Boundaries
- Neighborhoods
- District 1 Boundary
- Parks
- Waterbodies

**Supervisor Kevin Jeffries**  
District 1  
(951) 955-1010

**Representing the Cities of:**  
Riverside  
Jurupa Valley (portion)  
Perris  
Wildomar



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

## *Mead Valley Community Cleanup*

The Mead Valley Community Cleanup on May 20, 2023 had a great turnout; with a total of 302 vehicles. With a total of 99 mattresses, 750 tires, and much more collected.





## Mead Valley Urban Tree Program



On Saturday, April 29th we had our first Mead Valley Shade Tree Giveaway! The program consists of a distribution of 1,000 trees using the allocated resources from the Environmental Justice funds through which residents, schools, county facilities and businesses within the Mead Valley community will receive shade trees to plant on their properties to further offset the impact of nearby logistics and warehousing projects.

320 trees were distributed to 106 families in the Mead Valley with the help of TreePeople, an environmental 501(c)3 organization, that has been involved in developing and implementing nature-based solutions to pressing problems that impact communities and ecosystems across Southern California.

## Next Mead Valley Urban Tree Program Giveaway

Our next Mead Valley Shade Tree Giveaway is Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mead Valley Community Center. This event is for Mead Valley residents **ONLY.**

For more information, email Alejandro M. at [amontes@treepeople.org](mailto:amontes@treepeople.org) or leave a message at (909) 619-1594.



### Mead Valley SHADE TREE GIVEAWAY!




Scan this QR Code for more information!

**Event Details:**  
We're giving away shade trees exclusively to Mead Valley residents!

- Only residents of Mead Valley qualify - Proof of residency required.
- Maximum of 3 shade trees per residence - Residents who received tree in past events are disqualified for future events.
- Drive-Thru Only - first come-first serve - While supplies last.

**Date & Time:**

- June 3, 2023
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:**  
Mead Valley Community Center  
21091 Rider St, Perris, CA 92570

**\*15 gallon trees - Please bring adequate vehicle to transport trees\***



For more information, email Alejandro M. at [amontes@treepeople.org](mailto:amontes@treepeople.org) or leave a message at (909) 619-1594



# Upcoming Library Events

## MOSES SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER

1ST & 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH:  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

21565 Steele Peak Dr | Perris



## CONNECT

### 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

Riverside County Library System  
5840 Mission Blvd. | Riverside, Ca. 92509  
www.rivlib.net | 951.369.3003

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State of California  
CALIFORNIA  
STATE LIBRARY

RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Riverside County  
Library System



## Riverside SummerFEEDS

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

ALL SITES CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 19TH AND TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

**Free lunch for those 18 and under**



**Arlington Park**  
3860 Van Buren Blvd.  
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

**Bobby Bonds Park**  
2060 University Ave.  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

**Bordwell Park**  
2008 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

**Bryant Park**  
7950 Philbin St.  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

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

**Don Lorenzi Park**  
4230 Jackson St.  
11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

**Hunt Park**  
4015 Jackson St.  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

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

**Nichols Park**  
5505 Dewey Ave.  
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

**Reid Park**  
701 N. Orange St.  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

**Villegas Park**  
3091 Esperanza St.  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

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



**Eastside Library** *Serving Tue - Fri*  
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 - Fri*  
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.

**TO FIND YOUR NEAREST  
SUMMERFEEDS SITE,  
TEXT 'FOOD' TO 304-304**



This institution is an equal  
opportunity provider.



## HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM AT THE HIGHGROVE LIBRARY



**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



### RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS



**HIGHGROVE LIBRARY**  
530 W CENTER ST  
RIVERSIDE CA 92507  
(951) 682-1507

**FREE LUNCH FOR  
THOSE 18 AND UNDER  
MON-FRI**

**05/30/23-  
8/4/23  
11:30 AM-  
1:00 PM  
MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library, supported with funds from the State of California.  
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**HIGHGROVE LIBRARY**  
530 W CENTER ST, RIV CA 92507

**(951) 682 - 1507**







Saturday June 3, 2023  
From 7am – 12 Noon Shop for  
your Treasures  
Vendor Setup at 6am



Norton Younglove Community Center/Parking Lot  
459 Center Street, Highgrove, CA 92507

- \* Includes (2) parking spaces, 1 table and 1 chair (20 tables available-first come first serve)
- \* FSA Booth in front of building for check in. Contact the Center to reserve your space/for more info: (951) 241-7221



## DID YOU KNOW VITA PROGRAM OFFERS YEAR-ROUND TAX SERVICES?



Community Action Partnership VITA Program of Riverside County provides year-round free tax preparation services for low income families. For more information visit [www.capriverside.org](http://www.capriverside.org).

There are currently two locations available by appointment:

### Community Action Partnership

2038 Iowa Ave. Suite B-101  
Riverside, CA 92507  
(951) 955-4900

### Martha's Village CET

49111 CA-111, #5  
Coachella, CA 92236  
(760) 977-0560

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT MARCIE JOHNSON

☎ (951) 955-4900

✉ [VITA@CAPRIVERSIDE.ORG](mailto:VITA@CAPRIVERSIDE.ORG)





## Do You Need Help With Your Utility Bills?

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
CAN HELP!



### SERVICES

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps families with energy costs which may include electric, gas, propane, and/or weatherization services.

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides funds to assist low-income households with past due water and/or sewer bills.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- Current utility bills (electric, gas, propane, water)
- Proof of household income (last 4 weeks)
- Photo ID and social security card
- Birth certificate, US passport, or proof of legal residency

CONTACT COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP AND APPLY TODAY

P.O. Box 5760  
Riverside, CA 92517

energy@capriverside.org  
www.capriverside.org

(951) 955-4900

# CRITTER KIDDZ CAMP

## Animal Detectives

June 19-23

Mysterious animals!

## Barn Yard Heroes

June 26-30

Cats, bats, and owls – heroes!

Register at:  
**www.RCDAS.org**

Western Riverside Shelter

6851 Van Buren Blvd., Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Monday- Friday 9 a.m.- Noon.

Ages 6-12 | \$125 per week

HIDDEN VALLEY  
NATURE CENTER presents...

## Junior Naturalist Summer Camp

Session (I)

# Nature Detectives



Join us for a full-filled week of Exploring Nature!

Children will explore and discover the mysteries and wonders of our local wildlife area. Through the use of hikes, live animals, nature related games, nature themed arts & crafts and other hands-on activities, children will learn to enjoy, understand and respect nature. All while having fun!

**June 12-16, 2023**

Hidden Valley Nature Center  
11401 Arlington Ave. Riverside, CA 92505

Register online:

[rivcoparks.org/hidden-valley-nature-center](http://rivcoparks.org/hidden-valley-nature-center)

Age: 6-11 years old

Times: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Each child gets 1 week FREE of summer camp thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). At registration, select Session (I) for Nature Detectives June 12-16, or Session (II) for Camping Fun June 26-30. Spots are limited. Groups will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt and an adventure pack. Must be Riverside County resident to qualify.

HIDDEN VALLEY  
NATURE CENTER presents...

## Junior Naturalist Summer Camp

Session (II)

# Camping Fun



Join us for camping fun!

Come learn the basics of outdoor adventuring

Children will discover the mysteries and wonders of Camping. Using hikes, live animals, nature related games, camping themed arts & crafts and other hands-on activities, including putting up a tent, children will learn to enjoy, understand, and respect nature while they have fun camping!

**June 26-30, 2023**

Hidden Valley Nature Center  
11401 Arlington Ave. Riverside, CA 92505

Register online:

[rivcoparks.org/hidden-valley-nature-center](http://rivcoparks.org/hidden-valley-nature-center)

Age: 6-11 years old

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# JOIN OUR TEAM



We are looking for professionals who are willing to support and improve the health, safety, well-being and independence of our county's families

## OPEN DPSS POSITIONS

- Eligibility Technician I/II
- Social Services Practitioner III
- and many more!!



## BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Medical, Vision, Dental
- Competitive Work Schedules
- 12 Paid Holidays Per Year
- Vacation and Sick Time Accruals
- 457b Deferred Compensation Plan
- CalPERS Pension
- Education Support Program



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For all Riverside County job openings, visit: RC-HR.com



Scan To Apply

For more information please visit us at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/riverside/dpssjobs>

**Incumbent Worker Training (IWT)** is an employer-sponsored program that provides grant funding to assist eligible businesses offset the cost of training for their existing (incumbent) workers. Its intent is to create a stronger workforce for workers and employers with the opportunity to build and maintain a quality workforce and avert layoffs.



## INCUMBENT WORKER ELIGIBILITY

- Be employed
- At least 18 years of age
- U.S. Citizen or a non-citizen whose status permits employment in U.S.
- Males must be registered for Selective Service
- Meet Fair Labor Standards Act
- Established employment with employer for 6 months or more

## EMPLOYER ELIGIBILITY

- Have a need to upgrade skills of their employees to remain competitive in their industry or the economy
- Can meet the shared cost requirement
- Private sector, non-profit, and local government entities
- Employer must be in operation for at least 12 months
- Current on all state and federal tax obligations

## HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS:



- Meet your local Workforce Development representative
- If you're an employer, we'll help you identify current employees who need retraining and upskilling, and provide training
- If you're an employee, we'll help you identify interests, strengths, and skills you can build upon

Contact the Riverside County Employer Services Team at 833-303-4333 or [employerservices@rivco.org](mailto:employerservices@rivco.org) or by visiting [www.rivcoworkforce.org](http://www.rivcoworkforce.org)

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**What is OJT?** On-the-Job Training (OJT) is a FREE program that allows a business to hire and train a new employee while actually performing the job.



## WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- Business located in Riverside County
- 32 hrs/week minimum
- Trainee must be covered by Worker's Compensation
- Job may not be temporary or seasonal
- Wage must be prevailing rate within the company
- Wage may not be commission or piecework based
- Position must be in a high-demand industry/occupation

## HOW IT WORKS

- The OJT program matches qualified job seekers with businesses who are in need of full-time skilled workers. OJT will reimburse a business **50%** of the employee salary up to 480 hours of training.

## CONTACT US ABOUT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING TODAY!

**RIVERSIDE**  
1325 Spruce Street  
Suite 110  
Riverside, CA 92507  
951-955-3100

**HEMET**  
749 North State Street  
Hemet, CA 92543  
951-791-3500

**INDIO**  
44-199 Monroe Street  
Suite B  
Indio, CA 92201  
760-863-2500

**MORENO VALLEY**  
12625 Frederick Street  
Suite K-3  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553  
(951) 413-3920

**BLYTHE**  
1 College Drive  
PE Building  
Blythe, CA 92225  
(760) 640-3144



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

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## RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S EXPANDED SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



## FAST TRACK RECRUITMENT AND HIRING



## HOW IT WORKS:

- We provide custom recruiting and candidate matching services
- Eligible candidates go through an extensive employment readiness and pre-screening process
- You interview pre-screened candidates and make the hiring decision!



## WAGE SUBSIDY:

100% of employee's gross hourly wage reimbursed for up to 6 months\*

## EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Online County vendor registration enrollment
2. Complete the employer agreement
3. Submit wage subsidy requests

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL : (760) 863-2521

EMAIL : [arlperez@rivco.org](mailto: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.