

Mystery Over SBCUSD Superintendent's Suspicious Mid-Contract Departure

By Mark Gutglueck

Mystery yet attends the abrupt departure of controversial San Bernardino City Unified School District Superintendent Dale Marsden, who announced his resignation at the district's board of trustees meeting on December 10.

Publicly unknown at this point is whether Marsden's departure was one he chose on his own

or whether the school board imposed his leaving on him.

There were no overt signs of dissatisfaction with Marsden among the board's members, more than seven years after he was hired to oversee what was then a 54,000 student district in 2012. Nonetheless, there were hints that something was amiss, and district officials have brought

the curtain down on anything pertaining to Marsden and his performance.

Not yet forgotten is the harsh feeling that attended Marsden when he arrived in San Bernardino in 2012 as a result of his having up and left the Victor Elementary School District in the lurch to take the higher-paying position with the county's largest district.



Dale Marsden

A search for a new superintendent in San Bernardino had been ongoing

for some time, since Arturo Delgado departed there to become the superintendent of Los Angeles County Schools in 2011. Elements of the High Desert community felt Marsden's departure with a decided degree of poignancy, some characterizing it as a betrayal.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force for four years, Marsden earned his bachelor's See P 2

With Airport Ridership Up, Questions Persist Over Wisdom Of Break With LA

Ontario International Airport, the ownership and complete control of which was returned primarily to the City of Ontario in 2016, this year continued to make strides toward recapturing the passenger numbers and performance milestones it reached under the surer guidance of the City of Los Angeles and the corporate arm



Alan Wapner

the megalopolis uses to operate its airports.

According to a December 12 press release from the Ontario International Airport Authority "Ontario International Airport is the fastest-growing airport in the United States for the second consecutive year." That claim, the release said, "was based on a survey of frequent travelers by *Global Traveler*, a leading industry publi-

cation geared to business and luxury fliers who travel extensively in the U.S. and abroad."

The second year of substantial growth, according to the authority "comes as Ontario International Airport Authority has seen its year-over-year passenger volumes jump another 8.3 percent through the first 10 months of 2019, driven

by a 39.5 percent increase in international travel. Ontario welcomed more than 5.1 million passengers in 2018 and, at the current pace, as many as 5.5 million are expected this year, the highest figure since 2008 when 6.2 million moved through the airport."

Key to further anticipated improvement in passenger See P 3

County Fire Chief And Fire Marshal Appointed Fire Wardens

With a collective dictum, the board of supervisors this week actuated San Bernardino County Chief Executive Officer Gary McBride's recommendation to appoint San Bernardino County Fire Chief Dan Munsey as the county fire warden and County Fire Marshal Michael A. Horton to serve as deputy county fire warden.

The appointments were made under the au-

thority of Government Code § 24008, which provides Munsey and Horton with full powers of peace officers as provided for by California Penal Code § 830.37, subdivisions (b) and (c). Under the county's charter and chain of command, that authority and power does not reside with either the fire chief or county fire marshal, though traditionally those that hold the fire chief See P 4

After Two Years In Acting Capacity, Linda Ward Elevated To Public Health Lab Head

San Bernardino County this week at the recommendation of its public health director, Trudy Raymundo, and by a vote of the board of supervisors hired Linda Ward to serve as the director of the county's public health laboratory.

The contract approved confers upon Ward a total annual compensation package of \$201,147, consisting of a \$134,098 salary, with benefits val-

ued at \$67,049 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

According to a report to the board of supervisors from Raymundo, the county department of public health is required by §64817 of the California Code of Regulations "to designate a laboratory director for each laboratory facility. By federal law, all hospital and public health labo-

ratories have the same requirements for lab directors: a doctoral level degree, laboratory work experience, and board certification. Additionally, California is the only state that also requires laboratory directors to also be certified public health microbiologists. This limits the number of otherwise qualified applicants that may apply from out of state. Though the de- See P 6

County Jettisoning Its Original Electronic Recording System For Local Server

Having used for a dozen years what was considered the State of California's flagship electronic recording delivery system, the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office has now abandoned it in favor of what is anticipated to be a slightly less expensive version of the same thing that will use a server in Southern, rather than Northern, California.

The board of supervisors this week hurried to ratify San Bernardino County Recorder Robert Dutton's somewhat late submission of the withdrawal request from the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority because Tuesday was the last opportunity the board of supervisors would have had to do so without extending the

current contract to use the system for another year.

On July 17, 2007 the board of supervisors as it was then composed authorized a joint powers agreement creating a public entity known as the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority for the purpose of participating in an electronic recording delivery sys-

tem. The electronic recording delivery system modernized the county's recording function by allowing it to accept specific digitized records for recording from authorized submitters, such as title companies and lenders, under the authority of the Electronic Recording Delivery Act of 2004. Kern and San Bernardino Counties were the first two agen-

cies to participate in the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority and throughout the years, more California counties have joined, including several from Northern California.

According to a report to the board of supervisors from San Bernardino County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk Robert Dut- See P 4

Governmental And Legal Actions To Impact How Santa Ana River Water Will Flow In The Future

Two separate actions and developments in recent weeks hold the potential of impacting for generations to come a large expanse of land at the headwaters of the Santa Ana River.

The property in question, lying among the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains in Highland and within that city's sphere of influence entirely within San Bernardino County, was acquired last century by Orange County as one of the many ongoing efforts by outsiders to commandeer San Bernardino County's water resources. Given the still unfolding events, an opportunity is presenting itself by which control of the increasingly valuable regional water supply the Santa Ana River represents could pass back substantially into the hands of San Bernardino County-based interests.

On December 10, with little fanfare, the Orange County Board of Supervisors broached the concept of selling a significant portion of the property Orange County acquired to undertake the Seven Oaks Dam project. The following day, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Endangered Habitats League announced their intent to sue the federal government and San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties for harming the imperiled Santa Ana sucker fish species with releases of water from the Seven Oaks Dam during the spawning sea- See P 6

Seven Years After Leaving Victor Elementary School District In The Lurch, Marsden Is Abruptly Departing San Bernardino District *from front page*

degree from California State University San Bernardino in liberal studies with a minor in mathematics. In 1992, Marsden briefly taught at the experimental Orange County Department of Outdoor Science School and then taught at the public school level for six years, attending post-graduate classes at night to earn, first, a master's degree in educational administration, and then a doctorate of education in educational leadership, administration, and policy from Pepperdine University. He used his master's degree to move into a temporary teacher-in-charge position, meaning he filled in as principal during the actual principal's absences.

He departed from classroom teaching assignments permanently when he hired on with the Victor Elementary School District as director of quality and development. In 2007 he was promoted to the position of deputy superintendent and was hired as superintendent the following year.

Marsden was well thought of in that school district and the community at large. He was credited with improvements in student test scores on state administered academic tests, despite more than 70 percent of the households in the district qualifying as economically challenged by federal standards. He transformed one of the district's campuses into a leadership academy that maintained its emphasis on math and reading while simultaneously imparting business and governmental leadership skills to its pupils.

The 18-school Victor Elementary School District's political leadership considered it a good investment to groom Marsden to be-

come superintendent while he was yet in the capacities of the director of quality and development and then assistant superintendent. Marsden appeared to be living into that expectation. He held a leadership role among the Victor Valley's superintendents in the county's Alliance for Education, which is a division of the county schools' Higher Education and Workforce Development Program. He was a member in good standing of the Victorville Chamber of Commerce, having been elected vice president of that organization. He had been chosen to be president of the chamber of commerce in 2012-13, but had not assumed that position when he was selected by San Bernardino City Unified as the new superintendent. To many in the Victor Valley and especially within the Victor Elementary School District, Marsden was seen as something of a High Desert institution. Almost universally, it was anticipated the faith in him demonstrated in the advancement of his educational administrative career at the district would result in his remaining with the district for at least another decade-and-a-half to guide it through the challenges it continues to face.

A significant number of the officials in the Victor Elementary School District grew to rue having staked so much on Marsden when it turned out he was merely ticket punching during his tenure there to move into the superintendent's position and then use that as a platform to launch himself into a more lucrative assignment elsewhere. Marsden found the more impressive post he was seeking when he signed on as superintendent of the 44-elementary school, ten-middle school, seven-high school and three-special education school San Bernardino City Unified School District.

In the seven years he has been in San Bernardino, Marsden did at least some things right. He did an adequate job,

most people acknowledge, in certain areas and a better-than-average one in others.

In replacing Dr. Arturo Delgado as superintendent in 2012, Marsden moved from a very nice home in Apple Valley where he was raising his four children with his wife, Laurie, and accepted the challenge of coming to San Bernardino, a community bearing the stigma of bankruptcy, crime and political corruption.

Statistically, San Bernardino, based on the incidence of serious crimes per capita, is California's most dangerous city. It has one of the higher poverty rates and suffers from among the lowest academic achievement scores in the state. Right at 90 percent of its student population lives below the federally defined poverty level and most are eligible for a free lunch. About 2,800 of its students are homeless. GreatSchools.org and other rating agencies say the San Bernardino City Unified School District is performing below average in terms of test scores and student readiness for college. The district acknowledges that only 28.3 percent of its students met college course requirements. According to the California State Department of Education, 49 percent of students in San Bernardino are performing below state standards in math, 39 percent are not meeting standards in English language arts/literacy and 45 percent are testing below the standard level in reading.

Against this backdrop, Marsden managed to make some inroads. Of those that manage to make it to the 12th Grade, 91 percent of the senior class in San Bernardino City Unified high schools graduate, surpassing the county, state and national average.

Marsden was praised for having put into place a community engagement strategy to deal with issues interfering with students' ability to focus on their studies, and heading off behavioral and attitudinal

problems, which was deemed at least partially successful in increasing the district's graduation rates and achieving a 50 percent reduction in student suspensions and citations. He also championed a "career pathway" focus for students to instill in them with the skills necessary to find work.

In 2016, he was recognized by the Association of California School Administrators in conjunction with Pepperdine University as the "Superintendent of the Year." That recognition was attended by some grumbling from other educators, who noted Marsden was a Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology alum.

An issue dogging Marsden has been criticism of his rate of pay and the rate of pay of other administrators and faculty members within the district.

Just before the onset of the school year in 2017, Marsden negotiated a four-year contract worth \$1.2 million in base pay, consisting of an annual salary before benefits of \$307,546. Calculation of his total compensation includes another \$124,271.32 in yearly benefits, including contributions toward his pension plus \$24,000 worth of annual life insurance deposited into a trust account, another \$12,000 per year he receives that is deposited in a tax sheltered account, a \$14,400 annual housing allowance and a \$9,120 auto allowance. The contract provided him with 24 vacation days and 30 sick days per year and full lifetime medical and dental coverage for himself and his wife upon his retirement. Marsden has a district-issued credit card for expenses he incurs while at work and he is entitled to reimbursement for all necessary business-related expenses paid in the conduct of his duties. Thus, Marsden's total annual compensation package is \$432,817.32, making his four-year contract worth \$1.7 million all told.

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trict's student population has dropped from roughly 54,000 when he was hired in 2012 to somewhere between 49,000 and 50,000 at present. Despite that, Marsden's rate of compensation has more than doubled since that time. In 2012, when he was an outsider negotiating to go to work for the district, he agreed to accept \$185,212 in total pay/benefits. Upon becoming the head of the district, from which vantage he could exert control over all elements of the district's function, including its human resources/personnel division and director, he was able to renew his contract in 2013 for \$303,298 in total compensation; to \$343,728 in 2014; to \$385,414 in 2015; to \$430,329 in 2016 and he locked in \$432,817.32 over the next four years in 2017.

Marsden's compensation compares favorably with many or most other superintendents overseeing like-sized or even larger school districts in the state.

Until her life was cut short by cancer earlier this year, Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Michele King, who managed the second largest school district in the nation and the largest in California with 734,000 students in 900 schools and 60,000 employees functioning on a \$7.1 billion annual budget, was receiving total pay/benefits of \$397,987 per year.

By comparison, Marsden oversees a district with a \$650 million annual budget and 8,000 employees. San Ber-

nardino City Unified is the tenth largest school district in the state.

San Diego Unified School District Superintendent Cynthia Marten receives total annual compensation of \$345,919 to carry out her assignment, educating 135,000 students in 231 schools.

A possible justification for the discrepancy in the pay provided to school superintendents is the issue of educating the socioeconomically disadvantaged or the impoverished.

Roughly 16 percent of Marten's students in San Diego live below the poverty line.

In the Ontario-Montclair School District, with just 22,000 students, Superintendent James Hammond receives \$516,573 per year. In that district, roughly 85 percent of the students come from households qualified as low income or very low income, such that they are eligible to receive a free lunch. Hammond is one of the few superintendents in California more handsomely paid than Marsden.

In making such evaluations, strict correspondences do not apply and can be much like contrasting and comparing bananas and pineapples. Some comparisons are more apt than others. In the Riverside Unified School District, which has a student population roughly 86 percent that of the San Bernardino City Unified School District, and similar but less intensive socioeco-

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Mlynarski Says He Can Retool San Bernardino From Bankrupt Chaos To Prosperity

Though he considers incumbent San Bernardino 7th Ward Councilman Jim Mulvihill a friend, Dave Mlynarski is seeking to displace him from office in the upcoming year's election, he said, because he considers Mulvihill "unresponsive" to the city's current challenges. "We just can't afford business as usual at City Hall any longer," said Mlynarski.

Mlynarski has already acclimated himself to San Bernardino municipal governance and operations as a member of the city's water board. Moreover, he has been involved in the business community for a generation. That, layered on top of his experience as a city employee elsewhere in San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties early in his adulthood leaves him primed to take on a leadership role and provide the clear-headed guidance the city needs, he said.

"I've been involved in this community since 1976 in one aspect or another," he said. "I watched San Bernardino go from an All American city to a bankrupt city. I have contributed to the development of not only San Bernardino but the



Dave Mlynarski

Inland Empire."

He has been a responsible citizen in his role as a resident and an entrepreneur in San Bernardino, he said, "with the exception of the fact" that in recent years he has participated with the rest of the city in putting "the wrong people into office. We don't seem to have all the right leadership at this time to focus on what is important in San Bernardino, including the 7th Ward incumbent who wants to focus on regional types of projects like bus lines, and other regional pursuits that cost taxpayer money out of our general fund," he said. "I think we need to retool the city. Every city around us is prospering. We just seem to go further in the wrong direction and into debt. I think I possess a set of tools that are very unique which set me apart from the other current members of the

city council. I believe together we can possess a very strong set of skills and perspectives to complement each other vs. creating conflict and a poor image for the city as a whole. I have been a member of boards and commissions involved in planning and business, so I think I have a lot of value."

Mlynarski went on. "I would say instead of like a lot of people who threw up their hands, cashed out and moved out of our community, I have stayed," he said. "I think that the leadership has made a lot of wrong choices. I just think we need a different dialogue on the city council, and I think I have the qualifications to start that dialogue."

Of Mulvihill, who has a background in urban planning, Mlynarski said, "Jim and I are friends. We've talked over the years and we share some common ideas but as far as the details, Jim says 'I don't want to get into the minutiae.' I see myself as a manager. I'm interested in operations. I want to watch the budget and keep our city on the right track."

He noted that both

he and Mulvihill come from the same neck of the woods, western New York state. "We grew up 20 minutes from each other," he said. "We both came here in the same way, when we were stationed in California with the military. I think Jim Mulvihill is more of a policy guy and I'm more hands on, implementing that policy and working with agencies through complex issues.

"I think the problem is we've had enough of elected leaders who don't want to work hard and only want to show up every two weeks and who don't possess the knowledge or experience to question staff on critical matters or communicate effectively with the business community," Mlynarski continued. "They can't even figure out who is competent and who to select as staff as witnessed by the ever-revolving door of city managers and department heads costing the taxpayers millions of dollars in precious resources and unfulfilled expectations. I think with my experience and background at every level of local government, I can contribute significantly to get things on

the right track.

"We need to deal directly with homelessness, code enforcement and public safety," Mlynarski continued. "I think we are spending too much energy dealing with the wrong issues. We can fill potholes and fix the medians, but the roads are going to continue to deteriorate and the flowers are going to die. We have to turn our economic engine on. If we don't, we'll be right back in bankruptcy before too long."

And how would Mlynarski induce San Bernardino's economic recovery?

"Almost every community surrounding our city is doing relatively well," he said. "We need to have leaders that know how to communicate with business sector leaders, who know how to bring confidence to investors and communicate with their constituents all the time rather than for three or four months right before the election cycle."

Mlynarski said, "I have worked very closely with dozens of agencies in and around the Inland Empire during the last 35 years. I've seen examples of what works at

various levels and seen what doesn't work. I think, unfortunately, our leaders haven't had the experience I have had. I don't think we have to have the same experience, but I will bring a unique tool chest to the dais. Every election, the city has to respond to different needs. I was a city planner. I worked for a development company. I've sat on boards and commissions."

Alluding to the difficulty the city experienced under the leadership of Stacy Alstadt, the general manager of the San Bernardino Water Department, Mlynarski said, "I helped retool our water department into a more sound and strategic operation. We implemented a strategic plan and reorganized our city water department. We settled several major lawsuits with our regional water partners and saved the city ratepayers precious resources to put back into infrastructure and water conservation projects. It was tough, but we didn't walk out of meetings. We [members of the city's water department board of directors] are strongminded

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Under Los Angeles's Management, Ontario Airport Saw 3,500 Percent Ridership Increase

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numbers has been Frontier Airlines' intensification of its flights into and out of the airport.

Frontier, which markets itself as a low-fare airline, has had berths at Ontario International Airport since 2017. Currently, the Denver-based airline has flights out of Ontario International Airport to its hub city Denver as well as Orlando and Austin.

In August, Frontier and Ontario International Airport's Administration announced that no later than April

and perhaps as early as March 2020, Frontier Airlines will begin a direct flight from Ontario International Airport to Newark Liberty International Airport. Frontier will thus become the second carrier providing direct flights into what is essentially New York City from Ontario International Airport. Jet-Blue Airways currently provides a red-eye flight to New York's Kennedy Airport from Ontario. Frontier will also offer daily nonstop flights to and from Miami and Denver beginning on April 23.

Frontier utilizes Airbus A320 aircraft, which have 180 seats.

Frontier will offer four flights a week to El Salvador International Airport starting May 7 and

three flights to Guatemala City as of June 18.

The expansion of its repertoire to two major Latin America cities firms up the airport's somewhat tenuous claim to being an international airport. While it had such status in the past, its international flights at present are limited, with only sporadic exceptions, to AeroMexico and Volaris flights to Mexico City, Cancun, Tijuana, Vera Cruz, Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco and Cabo San Lucas, and China Airlines flights to Taiwan.

"This significant expansion of air service adds to Ontario's momentum and reaffirms our status as the nation's fastest growing airport," said Ontario City Councilman Alan Wapner,

the president of the Ontario International Airport Authority Board of Commissioners. "At a time when few airports in Southern California are consistently attracting more air travelers, Ontario is bucking the trend with double-digit passenger growth, which is good news for the Inland Empire economy. We are thrilled that low-fare Frontier Airlines has chosen Ontario to open its nonstop, cross-country service from Southern California to Newark Liberty International Airport.

"This will mark the first time in the airport's 90-year history that it has offered nonstop flights to Newark, and the first time that our airport has enjoyed options to the Garden State and the Big

Apple." Wapner added.

Wapner has much at stake in the airport making a comeback under Ontario's guidance.

In 1967, when Ontario Airport yet had a sand-flea-infested gravel parking lot and fewer than 200,000 passengers passing through its gates annually, the Ontario City Council ratified a joint operating agreement with the City of Los Angeles to permit the larger city to use its stronger negotiating position with the airlines serving Southern California to induce them to utilize the Ontario facility. Using its leverage, Los Angeles persuaded a whole host of airlines to begin flying into and out of Ontario.

By 1969, flights out of Ontario dramatically

increased. In short order, Continental Airlines, PSA, United, American Airlines, Hughes Air West, and Delta established routes from Ontario. In the early 1970s, Ontario was in competition with John Wayne Airport in Orange County, which at that time was expanding dramatically. Though a benchmark of 10 million passengers at the airport by 1975 was not achieved, Los Angeles World Airports, the corporate entity running the Los Angeles Municipal Department of Airports, still assiduously promoted Ontario International.

In 1981, a modern, second east-to-west runway was built, necessitating the removal of the

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Reason For Marsden's Exit As Head Of San Bernardino School District In Midst Of \$1.7 Million Contract Is Left Fundamentally Unclear from page 2

economic factors inflicting its student body, Superintendent David Hansen oversees 53 schools that instruct 42,500 students. He receives an annual total compensation package of \$328,453. According to the California Department of Education, the Riverside Unified School District significantly outperforms the San Bernardino City Unified School District, with 44 percent of its graduates meeting college course requirements.

Of note is that under Marsden, the district's top echelon of employees – primarily administrators – are well-remunerated.

The San Bernardino City Unified School District has seven employees receiving over \$200,000 and another 111 getting packages over \$150,000. San Bernardino's deputy superintendent, Harold Volkommer, totaled \$299,949, and assistant superintendent Mary Christakos \$253,194 in 2018.

A penetrating criticism of Marsden is that he operates a culture in which the level of pay provided to his administrators is considered to be as much of or more of a measure of the district's success than its

students' academic performance.

Abruptly, on December 10, Marsden publicly announced his resignation, springing his decision, if his statements are to be credited as truth, on the school board on the same day, taking them as unawares as the rest of the San Bernardino community.

There were conflicting signals accompanying the announcement of his departure. Marsden seemed to suggest he had another position lined up, but that was contradicted by his refusal to specify what that position is.

In a letter to district employees dated December 11, he wrote, "On Tuesday, December 10, I informed the San Bernardino City Unified School District Board of Trustees of my decision to resign my role as superintendent to serve our region in another capacity. My family and I have served SBCUSD for nearly 8 years. Two of my children have graduated from our schools. Together as a community, we've weathered many challenges and experienced many successes together. The board is committed to supporting a seamless transition of leadership to ensure our schools and community continues its trajectory toward excellence.

"Serving SBCUSD has been in response to a dear call on my and my family's lives," the letter continued. "It has been the most incredible opportunity I could ever imagine. The role of su-

perintendent in a large urban school district requires a 24/7 sense of 'being on point' --something I have embraced, developed a stamina for and have most thoroughly enjoyed! Who could have imagined the incredible results we have achieved together for our community? For example, our graduation rate has grown over the last several years from 66.8 percent to 95.2 percent, more of our students are graduating college-ready than ever before, and we have developed over 50 career pathways and established a robust internship program with the County of San Bernardino to ensure our students are on a course for future success in the world of work. Through this transition and beyond, my family and I remain committed to San Bernardino and will always be your loudest

cheerleaders as the race toward excellence continues. Though my future work will be different work, I will do my best to continue to blaze a trail for not just SBCUSD, but for this entire region toward the success for which it is capable."

Nowhere in the letter did Marsden explain why he was abandoning "the most incredible opportunity I could ever imagine."

Unstated, but ominously hanging over the circumstance was the suggestion that Marsden had been forced to resign.

The contract Marsden had forged with the district in 2017 did not expire until August 2021. Over that 20-month span from now until the elapsing of the contract, Marsden would have been paid \$721,362.20.

Marsden did not respond to repeated calls

for an explanation as to why he was leaving the district.

Efforts to reach his wife, Laurie Marsden, who serves as the chief of staff to First District Supervisor Robert Livingood, were unsuccessful. Lovingood is not seeking reelection next year, and Laurie Marsden's tenure as chief of staff in San Bernardino County's First Supervisorial District is likely to end in December 2020.

No one was able to identify what "regional" education post Marsden is due to take up, nor would anyone confirm that his hiring elsewhere is imminent.

San Bernardino City Unified School District communications officer Maria Garcia said she did not know what position Marsden had lined up. She said he would remain in place for a time while a search for his re-

placement is ongoing.

San Bernardino City Unified School District Board Member Danny Tillman told the *Sentinel* "He had the opportunity to do what he he wants to do."

Asked if he was surprised or startled by Marsden's announcement, Tillman sidestepped the question, saying, "I've been on the board for 25 years and I always expect our leaders to eventually go."

Tillman seemed to be taking Marsden's announcement in stride.

"We'll do a search and try to find somebody who is qualified from the start," he said. "This is a massive district. If it is long and drawn out, it could take three or four months. If we happen to find someone who is super-qualified and we're able to make some arrangements, then it will be much sooner."

Change In County Recording System from front page

ton, "Electronic recording has become a robust function within recorders' offices statewide and accordingly another electronic recording delivery system system, like the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority, has been formed in southern California. Withdrawal from the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority joint powers authority will allow the San Bernardino County Recorder's Of-

fice to participate in an electronic recording delivery system system that is locally based in Southern California with other like-sized counties. Participating in a local electronic recording delivery system system will reduce the time staff spends travelling to and from Northern California for the California

Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority meetings and conferences, and provide a new pricing structure that will result in an estimated \$50,000 savings annually."

The board of supervisors complied with the request to rubberstamp Dutton's withdrawal of his office from the joint

powers authority because exiting from the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority can only be done on the first day of July of any year following six months notice by resolution of intent to withdraw adopted by the legislative body of the participating agency.

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Fire Chief & Fire Marshal Now County Fire Wardens from front page

and fire marshal posts in San Bernardino County take on the fire warden

and deputy fire warden mantles.

According to McBride, "Pursuant to Government Code § 24008, the board of supervisors may appoint a county fire warden, deputy fire wardens and assistant fire wardens in order to

include powers otherwise not included under the domain of the San Bernardino County Fire Prevention District fire chief, fire marshal and deputy chiefs. The fire warden's responsibility

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Commissioner Torres Taking On Nickel In 5th Ward SB Council Race

Peter Torres, Councilman Henry Nickel's appointee to the Public Safety and Human Relations Commission, is challenging Nickel in the upcoming March 3 election.

Nickel has been San Bernardino's Ward 5 councilman since 2014, when he was elected in a special election to replace Chas Kelley. Nickel was reelected over Brian Davison in 2015, when the city yet held its elections in odd-numbered years. This year will be the first time the Fifth District has held its council election in an even-numbered year under the new city charter approved in 2016.

Torres, a real estate



Peter Torres

professional, said he is running because, "I'm a homeowner. I have lived here for 12 years and I'd like to get more involved in the community. I want to make sure everything is done well. I want to make sure everything looks good."

Torres' civic involvement includes his time on the Public Safety and Human Relations Com-

mission, as well as a stint as a board member for the Norton Charter Academy.

The major issues facing the city, Torres said, are "homelessness, blight, public safety, potholes, infrastructure repair and maintenance. Homelessness is a high profile issue in certain areas of the city."

Torres acknowledged that he has yet to cultivate an in-depth knowledge relating to many of the issues, challenges and problems facing the city.

"I've attended council meetings where these things are being discussed," he said. "Some have come back several times for discussion. I'm

not taking a position on some of these things, but my way of going about it would be to put these things on the table, discuss it and take the best action you can with the resources you have. I want what is best for the city and community as a whole, but I'm most interested in and know the most about the Fifth Ward."

He was not pointedly critical of Nickel, whom he acknowledged has a mastery of many of the city's issues, in particular relating to finances.

As to the council as a whole, Torres said, "I think there's room for improvement. I'm not a councilman, so I don't know the budget, and

exactly what they [the council] have to work with. I think you take on things according to what tools and means you have."

Torres said, "I've been to Henry's [neighborhood] meetings. I think he's trying to do his best. Without the information that he and the other members of the council have, I can't speculate as to what he should be doing different. I can tell you what means most to me. I think we have to improve the image of the city."

In terms of the direction the city is taking generally, Torres said, "I cannot say I am satisfied. Again, I don't know the current budget and

how much is allocated for what. Like any other San Bernardino resident, I would like to see projects to improve the city. The council members have to be committed to improving their community. I want more transparency."

Torres said, "San Bernardino has a great legacy, a very good history. That's in the past. I feel we can do much better than we are at the present."

Torres said, "Right now I'm a commissioner for public safety and human relations. We meet once a month and go over a few pressing

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In Campaign To Reassert Ownership & Control Over Airport, Wapner Ruthlessly Charged Los Angeles With Gross & Deliberate Mismanagement from page 3

old northeast-to-southwest runway.

By the early 1980s Los Angeles had met all the criteria laid out in the 1967 joint powers agreement. The City of Ontario was at that time led by Mayor Robert Ellingwood, who was resistant to the concept of Ontario complying with the terms of the joint powers authority agreement and turning ownership of the airport over to Los Angeles. In 1985, during Ellingwood's brief absence from the city, four members of the Ontario City Council as it was then composed voted to deed Ontario Airport to the City of Los Angeles for no consideration. That transaction was considered a public benefit transfer. With a few notable exceptions, such as Ellingwood, most Ontario officials at that time believed granting Los Angeles possession of the airport to be beneficial.

Indeed, over the four

decades from 1967 until 2007, the relationship between Ontario and Los Angeles vis-a-vis the airport could not have been more positive or cordial.

In the fall of 2007, however, there was a massive financial lull when not just Ontario and Los Angeles but all of Southern California, California and the entire nation was first gripped by what would turn out to be a six-year-running economic downturn and lingering recession. Airlines, in an effort to shield themselves from the continuing economic decline, began cutting back on flights, particularly to locations outside heavy population centers. Beginning in 2008 and until early 2014, passenger traffic at Ontario International declined steadily. This led to a deterioration in the working relationship between Los Angeles and Ontario. In 2010, Ontario officials, led by Councilman Alan Wapner, initiated a campaign aimed at wresting control and ownership of Ontario International Airport back from Los Angeles. Los Angeles officials, including most prominently Los Angeles World Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey, at first ignored and then began to resist that effort, which grew increasingly strident and uncivil.

Cooler heads, meanwhile, were seeking to restrain Wapner, asserting that he was needlessly antagonizing Los Angeles officials, who in any event did not have the antipathy toward Ontario he was alleging, reminding him that Los Angeles was in a much better position to negotiate with airlines domestically and worldwide than was Ontario. Moreover, it was pointed out, Ontario Mayor Paul Leon and then-Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa had grown up in the same neighborhood and were childhood friends. Leon's connection to Villaraigosa could be used with far greater effect to negotiate an outcome favorable to Ontario, it was suggested, than Wapner's more antagonistic approach. Wapner, however, was having none of that. With Wapner in the lead, Ontario stepped up its rhetoric, openly charging that Lindsey had evinced hostility toward the City of Ontario and its airport, and was deliberately mismanaging Ontario International operations to raise costs and minimize both revenues and ridership there as part of a plot to increase revenue and gate numbers at Los Angeles International Airport. Lindsey and her staff denied those accusations, pointing out that the air-

lines were being pushed by their own economic imperatives.

In 2013, in the waning days of Anthony Villaraigosa's tenure as Los Angeles mayor, the City of Ontario, through the Washington, D.C.-based law firm of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, sued Los Angeles in the neutral forum of Riverside Superior Court, charging Los Angeles and Los Angeles World Airports with willful mismanagement of Ontario Airport, and seeking the return of the aerodrome to the city in which it is located.

Having already raised the campaign of attack against Los Angeles to a fever pitch, Wapner personalized it even further after the lawsuit was underway. The Wapner-directed attacks occurred against a backdrop of jockeying between the two cities over the "value" of the airport, i.e., the amount of money that was to change hands if the airport title were to be handed back to Ontario. Wapner insisted that the airport was a "public benefit asset" and had no "value" as such. He called for Los Angeles to simply deed the airport back at no consideration. Los Angeles, on the other hand, pointed out that over \$500 million dollars had been expended on improvements at the

facility and that major portions of the funds for those improvements originated from revenue generated at Los Angeles International Airport or at Ontario International Airport while it was in the possession of Los Angeles, as well as from federal grants Los Angeles secured or from bonds issued under the authority of Los Angeles as a public agency.

Ontario privately tendered a \$250 million offer to Los Angeles World Airports for transfer of the airport's title and operational control. That offer included Ontario assuming \$75 million of the outstanding bond debt obligations for past improvements to the airport, \$125 million in future passenger facility charges to be realized at the airport and \$50 million cash.

Los Angeles officials scoffed at that offer, giving indication they would accept no less than \$450 million for the airport and the property on which it sits, which in any case they considered to be a generously charitable counterproposal reflecting a roughly \$100 million discount of the cost of the improvements made to the airport during Los Angeles's 47-year managerial run there.

In August 2015, just as the matter was headed

to trial before Riverside Superior Court Judge Gloria Connor Trask, Ontario and Los Angeles forged a tentative settlement, announcing that ownership and management of Ontario International Airport would be returned to the city whose name the aerodrome bears. Mayors Eric Garcetti and Paul Leon disclosed that Ontario was to lay out \$150 million for the airport and provide another \$60 million to purchase assets technically belonging to Los Angeles World Airports that were in place at Ontario Airport and which were crucial or indispensable to its operations. In addition, Ontario had agreed to assume the debt service on roughly \$60 million in bonded indebtedness Los Angeles had taken on over the years to make improvements at the facility.

In December 2015, Los Angeles and Ontario signed an agreement finalizing the transfer as of November 1, 2016, with Ontario paying Los Angeles \$60 million out of its various operating funds and another \$30 million taken out of its reserves, and committing to make payments of \$50 million over five years and \$70 million in the final five years of the ten-year ownership

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Lawsuit & Possible Sale To Impact Santa Ana River At Its Headwaters *from front page 4*

son in the Santa Ana River.

From what is pegged as a 209-square mile watershed and drainage area extending all the way to 6,752-foot elevation Baldwin Lake high in the San Bernardino Mountains, the headwaters of the Santa Ana form at the narrowing of upper Santa Ana Canyon above Highland. From there the Santa Ana River wends its way through San Bernardino, Riverside and then Orange counties before reaching the Pacific Ocean. The area along the river's banks serves as a major water source. Orange County has historically taken an interest in preserving and securing the Santa Ana's downriver flow. Generations ago, Orange County acted to tie up much of the property around the river's headwaters.

After more than a

decade of planning and preparation involving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State of California, and the counties of San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange, a contract for building the Seven Oaks Dam was awarded in 1994, with the federal government picking up 70.47 percent of the cost, Orange County defraying 27.09 percent of the price of the undertaking, San Bernardino County chipping in 1.71 percent, and Riverside County laying out 0.73 percent. Cost overruns on the project raised its final price tag to \$450 million.

Construction work began in May 1994 and continued until just before its dedication in January 2000. To create the dam's embankment, earth was excavated from Santa Ana Canyon immediately below the dam, the alluvial fan of the river north of Mentone, and a cut in a ridge just southeast of the dam that now serves as the dam's spillway.

Some time after the completion of the Seven Oaks Dam, Orange County gave indication

that it considered 1,657 acres the Orange County Flood Control District had acquired to accommodate the project, acreage lying in a rustic area straddling the extreme extension of Highland into Mentone along the foothills at the base of the San Bernardino Mountains near the headwaters, as surplus. Orange County officials said they would entertain proposals for the property's development.

The Lewis Operating Company, the successor to Lewis Homes, responded, putting together a development plan that entailed building 3,662 single family homes that would confine themselves to 658 acres within the total project area, a neighborhood commercial center contained on another six acres, and an additional 16 acres set aside for neighborhood commercial uses and community public facilities including the construction of a single elementary school and a fire station on a 1.5-acre site. Other infrastructure to accommodate the development was to consist of water

reservoirs, a water treatment facility, a sewage treatment plant, and a pump station dotting various portions of the 1,657 acres. Lewis dubbed the project Harmony, and with the consent of Orange County and the Orange County Flood Control District, submitted the proposal to the City of Highland, which had already annexed some of the property and claimed the remainder of the land at the confluence of Mill Creek and the Santa Ana River directly adjacent to the boundary with the San Bernardino National Forest to be within its sphere of influence.

A group of local residents in the unincorporated outskirts of Highland including portions of the Mentone, Redlands, and Mill Creek Canyon communities in an area historically known as "Greenspot" banded together under the aegis of what they called the Greenspot Residents Association to oppose the project as proposed.

Despite that opposition, Lewis proceeded with the project proposal, circulating a draft

environmental impact report for the project among property owners between March 21, 2014 and May 5, 2014, and after 50 comments from the public were received, amended and recirculated the report with changes to air quality, biological resources and traffic issues. A final environmental impact report was completed and made available to the public on March 17, 2016.

In 2016, Highland city staff, led by City Manager Joseph Hughes, Public Works Director Ernest Wong, Community Development Director Lawrence Mainez and Assistant Community Development Director Kim Stater, generated a report, essentially justifying staff's collective recommendation to the council to approve the project. The staff report conceded that "In some instances, mitigation measures for the project could not reduce the level of impact to less than significant [in the areas of] air quality, transportation and traffic." The city council, according to the report, nevertheless had the legal authority

"to determine whether the benefits of the project outweigh significant environmental effects" and that the council was entitled through its authority to "adopt a statement of overriding considerations stating the reasons supporting the approval notwithstanding the significant environmental effects."

On August 11, 2016 the Highland City Council held a meeting that was entirely devoted to considering the Harmony project at which it issued a statement of overriding considerations, adopted the environmental impact report, amendments to the general plan relating to the project, approved the zone change, adopted the specific plan, approved the development agreement, and approved the subdivision of the property.

The Greenspot Residents Association, networking with the Center for Biological Diversity and the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society and collectively represented by the law firm Shute, Mihaly and Wein-

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Ward Now Public Health Department Lab Director *from front page*

partment has conducted continuous recruitments since February 2018, there have been no qualified applicants. Due to the critical nature of this position and the requirement for a designated laboratory director, the

department of public health is recommending an employment contract with Linda Ward with a salary of \$64.59 per hour. Ms. Ward is currently filling this position on a part-time basis as a returning retiree. She has agreed to suspend her retirement and return to this position on a full-time contract basis. Ms. Ward previously served as the program manager

of the public health laboratory for 17 years. Her knowledge, expertise, and experience is critical in managing the public health laboratory. The recommended employment contract will be effective January 1, 2020 and remain in effect until December 31, 2020, but may be terminated earlier pending successful recruitment and transition to a new public health laboratory director."

On January 20, 2018, the public health program manager laboratory position became vacant. The county's department of human resources opened a recruitment for the public health program manager laboratory position on February 3, 2018, and has continued recruitment efforts, with no success. On June 26, 2019, the recruitment was revised to include the new classification of public health laboratory director with an increase in

salary. Despite this, the recruitment failed to return any qualified applicants and on September 12, 2019, the recruitment was again revised and re-opened as a contract position with a higher salary, an increase in the medical premium subsidy and schedule flexibility.

According to Raymond, "Recruitment will remain open contin-

uously until a qualified candidate is hired."

Ward was previously serving in the position at a remuneration well below what she is to receive in 2020. On January 23, 2018, the board of supervisors approved a contract with Ward to serve as program manager of the laboratory for a total annual cost of \$60,257, for the contract period January 23,

2018 through January 5, 2019. On December 18, 2018, the board approved an amendment to the contract with Ward, for extension through December 31, 2019, with no change to the total annual cost of \$60, 257.

-M.G.



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Fire Chief & Fire Marshal Authorized To Serve As County Fire Warden *from page 4*

ties include overseeing countywide enforcement of laws relating to fire protection, prevention and fire suppression which is a primary duty of these peace officers, when acting in that capacity. Specifically, Government Code § 24008 states the following:

"The county fire warden shall aid in enforcing all laws and ordinances and any rules or regulations adopted by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and by the State fire marshal relating to fires or to fire prevention and protection." Additionally, "the county fire warden and the county fire warden's deputies and assistants shall perform those duties relating to fires or to fire protection and prevention required by the board of supervisors."

Munsey was appointed San Bernardino County fire chief on November 20, 2019 by McBride with the concurrence from the board of supervisors. McBride said, "Designating [Munsey and Horton] as the county fire warden and the deputy county fire warden will allow them to carry out responsibilities listed in Government Code § 24008 on behalf of the county."

-M.G.

Following Its Success In Taking Back Airport, Ontario Now Faced With Having Surrendered Los Angeles's Leverage Over Airlines *from page 5*

transition. In addition, Ontario absorbed \$60 million of the airport's bond debt.

There was considerable hoopla, self-congratulating and general backslapping among Ontario officials over Ontario's reclaiming of the airport. Only vaguely acknowledged was that in the previous two years, even as Ontario was badmouthing Los Angeles and suing it, ridership at the airport, which at one point had dwindled to less than 4 million annually, was again beginning to inch up under Los Angeles World Airports' direction as the economy was making a turnaround. Nor did Ontario officials dwell on how, in the immediate aftermath of the deal giving the city ownership and control of the airport, the number of passengers going through the airfield's turnstiles actually declined. In January 2016 Ontario saw 934 fewer people pass through the airport's gates – 312,413 – than the 313,347 who had embarked in January 2015.

In the nearly four years since, as the airport is now operating more and more under the official administrative control of Ontario, the ridership numbers at the airport have made a steady climb. That, Wapner and many Ontario officials maintain, vindicates them in the city's effort to recapture control over the airport.

Whether, in fact, Ontario's control has been the boon and benefit those officials claim is subject to some contravention. A yardstick applied by others would suggest that the airport and its future as a major transportation hub has been harmed by the city

takeover. As a comparison of the airport's actual performance over the last three years under Ontario's ownership and what would have occurred if it had remained within the portfolio of Los Angeles World Airports is not possible, interpretations and conclusions, which are conjecture in any event, vary. What can be gleaned from the statistics is that from 2007 until 2013, the number of passengers at Ontario International Airport made a steady decline. In 2007, the yet-standing record for travelers there, 7,207,150 passed through the airport's gates; in 2008, 6,232,975; in 2009, 4,861,110; in 2010, 4,812,578; in 2011, 4,540,694; in 2012, 4,296,459; and in 2013, 3,971,136. All of those numbers track with the overall performance of the U.S., California and local economy. Thereafter, beginning with 2014 onward, the ridership numbers steadily increased, including the last three years during which the airport was under the control of Los Angeles. In 2014, 4,127,280 flew out of Ontario; in 2015, 4,209,311; in 2016, 4,251,903; in 2017, 4,552,222; in 2018, 5,115,894. It is anticipated 2019 will show an increase along the previous trajectory. It does not appear that the increases are a function of the airport's ownership and control, but rather that of the vastly improved general economy. Indeed, attributing the improvements to Ontario's stewardship of the airport is problematic from the standpoint that the current management and operation of the airport is, in a manner of speaking, a continuation of Los Angeles World Airport's control of the same. More than 92 percent of the current employees at the airport, numbering 224, from maintenance crew members, to baggage handlers, to flight line personnel, to inspectors, to technicians, to supervisors, to secretaries, to administrators, are former Los Angeles World Airports personnel. Ini-

tially, the Ontario International Airport Authority Board of Directors, which has Wapner as its chairman, had gone outside the airport, Ontario, Los Angeles World Airports and California to find a chief executive officer for the airport. In March 2016, Kelly Fredericks, who had been both the president and CEO of T.F. Green Airport in Rhode Island, was tapped to oversee the airport and to guide the city in its transition to ownership and operation of Ontario International. But differences manifested which separated Fredericks from Wapner and other members of the board, in no small measure relating to Fredericks' belief that the airport should hang onto its assets, including what the members of the board feel is "surplus" property surrounding the airport. Fredericks wanted the city to retain that property for further expansion and growth purposes, and he was skeptical of the motives of Wapner and other airport authority board members who appeared intent on selling that property to speculators and developers Fredericks suspected of having influence over those board members, either through the provision of hefty political contributions to them or other financial and business connections. After Fredericks was forced out in July 2017, the board turned to Mark Thorpe, who was a creature of Los Angeles World Airports, having been its director of air service development and marketing from 2003 until 2011 before he had departed to eventually take on the position of head of cargo and logistics development at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. Thorpe returned to the Los Angeles World Airports fold in August 2016, whereupon he was immediately assigned to Ontario International Airport as the chief development officer there during the final phase of Los Angeles's ownership and operation of Ontario International.

For several reasons, observers and airline industry professionals believe that Ontario's, and in particular Wapner's, campaign to regain control of the airport was one angled at the extension of personal control and political ambition and advancement than an improvement of the airport's management and operations.

Evidence to support this supposition consists of the leverage that Wapner and the other Ontario officials surrendered with their city's retaking of the airport. Paramount among the metrics in determining whether the fullest, highest and best use of the aerodrome is being achieved is ridership there. The formula that Los Angeles World Airports had for achieving ever higher passenger levels at Ontario International was to bring as many carriers to Ontario as possible. More than 70 airlines fly into and out of Los Angeles International Airport. With its control over gate positions at Los International Airport, Los Angeles World Airports could offer inducements to airlines to convince them to schedule flights to Ontario. At one point during its heyday under the management of Los Angeles World Airports, Ontario Airport had twice the number of airlines using its runway as it does today. At its nadir earlier this decade, the number of airlines at Ontario International had dwindled to seven. At present, it boasts ten: Alaska, Frontier, Southwest, American Airlines,

China Airlines, Delta, JetBlue, Volaris, United and AeroMexico.

Without the clout of Los Angeles to back it, Ontario no longer has the drawing power to attract carriers. Limited to the ten airlines it now hosts, Ontario International may be approaching a passenger ceiling that will prevent it from matching or exceeding its 2007 numbers for another decade.

In the meantime, Ontario International Airport officials are upbeat in the face of the gains in passenger participation at the airport in recent years, as well as the willingness of its existing airlines to increase flights and flight frequency.

"We have developed a strong, positive relationship with Frontier since it initiated service at Ontario in 2017 and we couldn't be happier by the news of the additional Frontier routes," said Thorpe, speaking in his capacity as the chief executive officer of the Ontario International Airport Authority. "Frontier prides itself on its low-fare flights and we at Ontario pride ourselves on being a low-cost airport with the facilities, services and amenities that appeal to our customers, not to mention our hassle-free experience."

"Credit for our airport's success is due to the consistent support of our community neighbors, who welcome our customers with open arms and enthusiastically support our plans to develop a major aviation hub in the Inland

Empire," said Wapner. "We pride ourselves in offering the facilities, services and amenities that appeal to our customers and, as a result, our airport continues to be an attractive destination for leisure and business travelers in Southern California and an economic driver for the region."

Thorpe said, "It's an honor to serve one of the fastest-growing population and economic centers in the country. Our mission has been and remains to build the best airport in America for travelers who value convenience, a great customer experience and a wide variety of destinations that meet their needs."

Airport officials pointed out that "Ontario has an estimated capacity of 30 million annual passengers with the optimal infrastructure for growth in Southern California; an unconstrained airfield with no curfew or noise restrictions; runways long enough for any commercial airplane flying today; an operational federal inspection station to accommodate international flights; plenty of aircraft gates for long-term airline growth; and ground transportation options with easy curbside access to passenger terminals."

All of those facilities were put in place under the City of Los Angeles's management of the airport.

-Mark Gutglueck



Lawsuits Challenged Development Project *from page 6*

berger, filed suit over the project.

In the same timeframe, the Sierra Club, the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy, the Tri-County Conservation League and the Friends of Riverside Hills also filed suit.

The suits maintained that the environmental review for the project completely ignored

that a bridge over Mill Creek – which would be required to access the development – would permanently alter that free-flowing creek, and that the project would also harm rare and protected species, including critical habitat for endangered San Bernardino kangaroo rats and the federally-protected Santa Ana sucker fish as well as habitat for endangered southwestern willow flycatchers.

The matters were considered by Judge Donald

Alvarez. On June 26, 2018, Judge Alvarez finalized and signed his rulings, finding merit in some, though not all, of what the plaintiffs in both suits alleged. In particular, Alvarez ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in the Center for Biological Diversity/Greenspot Residents Association/Audubon Society suit by determining the city and developer improperly defined the project, and that the environmental impact report was flawed

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(The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED July 5, 2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 14, 2020 at 09:00 AM, North West Entrance in the Courtyard, Chino Municipal Court, 13260 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on July 12, 2016 as Instrument No. 2016-0274524, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California, executed by ANN MARIE PIERCE, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12584 ATWOOD CT APT 1721, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739-1855 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication

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of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$258,434.25 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placed the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05000577-19-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/02/2019 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000577-19-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone:949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting

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to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Order Number 67029, Pub Dates: 12/06/2019, 12/13/2019, 12/20/2019, SAN BERNARDINO SENTINEL

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

Daniel Comiskey CASE NO. PROPS1901173

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of Daniel Comiskey

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Charlene McAllister in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Charlene McAllister be appointed executor of the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: January 23, 2020 at 8:30 am in Dept.: S35 located at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 - 0212, San Bernardino District - Probate Division

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Charlene McAllister 1387 Sepulveda Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92404 Telephone: (909) 677-1843 Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 12/6/19, 12/13/19, 12/20/19

FBN 20190014161 The following persons are doing business as: GB CONSULTANTS TEAM 955 N. DUESENBERG DRIVE, SUITE 4402

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ONTARIO, CA 91764 GENA R BEAMON 955 N. DUESENBERG DRIVE, SUITE 4402 ONTARIO, CA 91764

This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ GENA R. BEAMON This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/05/2019

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: NOVEMBER 01, 1999

County Clerk, Deputy

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190013940

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Good Guys Transport LLC, 5914 Mckinley Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92404, Good Guys Transport LLC, 5914 Mckinley Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92404

Business is Conducted By: A Limited Liability Company

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Darla Brown This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/02/19

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 09/19/19

County Clerk, s/ G4115 NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

12/6/19, 12/13/19, 12/20/19, 12/27/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190013439

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Priority Sleep Centers, 7965 Vineyard Ave Ste F7, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, Priority Sleep Centers, LLC, 16573 Jackson Ct, Fontana, CA 92336

Business is Conducted By: A Limited Liability Company

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Jesse Cerrillo This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/15/19

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 11/4/19

County Clerk, s/ G4115 NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section

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14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

12/6/19, 12/13/19, 12/20/19, 12/27/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190013438

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: CPAP Priority, 7965 Vineyard Ave Ste F7, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, CPAP Priority, LLC, 16573 Jackson Court, Fontana, CA 92336

Business is Conducted By: A Limited Liability Company

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s/ Jesse Cerrillo This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/15/19

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Began Transacting Business: 11/4/19

County Clerk, s/ G4115

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12/6/19, 12/13/19, 12/20/19, 12/27/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190013885

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Montecito Baptist Church; Montecito Baptist School, 2560 S Archibald Avenue, Ontario, CA 91761, Montecito Park Union Church, 2560 S Archibald Avenue, Ontario, CA 91761

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Milton Granados This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/27/19

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 11/25/2002

County Clerk, s/ 12443

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

12/6/19, 12/13/19, 12/20/19, 12/27/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190013908

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Jack's Key Services; Jack's Key Services I & II; Arnoldo Your Expert Locksmith; Jack's Lock & Key I & II, 1647 W Foothill Blvd, Upland, CA 91786, Mailing Address: PO Box 1521, Ontario, CA 91762, Arnoldo Bratslavsky, 1614 N. San Antonio Ave., Upland, CA 91784, Sharon Bratslavsky, 1614 N. San Antonio Ave., Upland, CA 91784

Business is Conducted By: A Married Couple

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Arnoldo Bratslavsky This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/27/19

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I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 01/11/2010

County Clerk, s/ H7178

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

12/6/19, 12/13/19, 12/20/19, 12/27/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20190013100

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Azel Motors, 2130 N Arrowhead Ave, Suite 205B-7D, San Bernardino, CA 92405, Elchin E. Ibrahimov, 27662 Aliso Creek RD Apt 8303, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Elchin Elmir Ibrahimov

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/7/19

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/ C5032

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

12/6/19, 12/13/19, 12/20/19, 12/27/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS 1931443

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: MICHELLE ARELLANES filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ZACKARY JUDE PEREZ to ZACKARY JUDE ARELLANES [and]

BENJAMIN LUCAS PEREZ to BENJAMIN LUCAS ARELLANES

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing: Date: 1/13/2020 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S16

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: 10/21/2019

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Lynn M. Poncin Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in San Bernardino County Sentinel on 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 & 12/27, 2019.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOANNE BOLTON, CASE NO. PROPS1901197

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of JOANNE BOLTON, and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both: A petition has been filed by JAMES PAUL PRIOR in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO, requesting that JAMES PAUL PRIOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of JOANNE BOLTON.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before taking certain actions, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. The petition will be granted unless good cause is shown why it should not be.

The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. S37 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT - PROBATE DIVISION 247 W. 3rd STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0212 on January 28, 2020 at 08:30 AM

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 58 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code.

Attorney for the Petitioner: MICHAEL MADDOX, ESQ.

1894 COMMERCENTER W. SUITE 108 SAN BERNARDINO, CA. 92411

Telephone: 909-890-2350 Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 12/13, 12/20 & 12/27, 2019

FBN 20190013001 The following person is doing business as: KEYVISION 7459 OLIVE TREE LANE HIGHLAND, CA 92346; TAKHIA D CRAWFORD 7459 OLIVE TREE LANE HIGHLAND, CA 92346; VERNAN T CRAWFORD 7459 OLIVE TREE LANE HIGHLAND, CA 92346

The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

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s/ FREYDOON ES-MAILL, PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/05/2019 I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 11/29/2019, 12/06/2019 12/13/2019, & 12/20/2019

FBN 20190013801 The following persons are doing business as: A & A TOPS 261 S ARROWHEAD AVENUE SAN BERNARDINO CA 92408 ARTURO ANDRADE 1865 N. WILLOW AVENUE RIALTO, CA 92376

This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ ARTURO ANDRADE This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/25/2019 I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: OCTOBER 1, 2003 County Clerk, Deputy NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 12/06, 12/13, 12/20 & 12/27, 2019

FBN 20190014358 The following persons are doing business as: MLU MANAGEMENT 8250 VINEYARD AVE #147 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 JILL MANSFIELD 8250 VINEYARD AVE #147 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ JILL MANSFIELD This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/11/2019 I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: FEBRUARY 28, 2019 County Clerk, Deputy

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 2018 & 01/03, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20190013600

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Ultra Beauty, 12188 Foothill Blvd #100, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91939, Mailing Address: 1000 Remington Blvd. Suite 120, Bolingbrook, IL, 60440, Ultra Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc., 1000 Remington Blvd. Suite

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120, Bolingbrook, IL, 60440 Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Scott M. Settersten This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/19/19

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/ C5032

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12/13/19, 12/20/19, 12/27/19, 1/3/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20190013076

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Dominguez Transportation Services, 2036 Herrington Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92411, Ernesto Dominguez Bucio, 2036 Herrington Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92411

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Ernesto Dominguez Bucio This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/7/19

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 11/6/19

County Clerk, s/ D5511

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12/13/19, 12/20/19, 12/27/19, 1/3/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20190014123

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Femtor; Femtor Boutique; Femtor Academy, 7649 Cloudy Bay Ct, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739, Angelique Miller, 7649 Cloudy Bay Ct., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Angelique Miller This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/5/19

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 12/4/19

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12/13/19, 12/20/19, 12/27/19, 1/3/20

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20190014219

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Rags 2 Riches Worldwide, 11660 Church St., 592, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, Shawn Miller, 11660 Church St 592, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Shawn Miller This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/9/19

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 12/8/19

County Clerk, s/ H7178

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FBN 20190014361

The following persons are doing business as: WIN HOME INSPECTION VICTORIA GARDEN 12223 HIGHLAND AVE STE 106 #577 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739 GABRIEL I AMPARAN 1603 CLAY ST REDLANDS, CA 92374

This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ GABRIEL I AMPARAN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/11/2019

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

JOAN MARGARET PAUL

CASE NO. PROPS1901224

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOAN MARGARET PAUL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOAN WATSON MCLAURIN in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOAN WATSON MCLAURIN be appointed executor of the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtain-

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ing court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: February 4, 2020 at 8:30 am in Dept.: S36 located at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 - 0212, San Bernardino District - Probate Division

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the Petitioner: MICHAEL MADDOX, ESQ. 1894 COMMERCENTER W. SUITE 108

SAN BERNARDINO, CA. 92411

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS 1937633

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: FERNANDO SANCHEZ REYES and EVANGELINA SANCHEZ REYES filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

First name: ABRAHAM Middle Name: SANCHEZ Last Name: SANTACRUZ to First Name: ABRAHAM Middle Name: - - Last Name: SANCHEZ SANTACRUZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing: Date: 1/29/2020 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S16

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The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: 12/18/2019 Lynn M. Poncin Judge of the Superior Court.

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FBN 20190014222 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MIRNA'S CLEANING SERVICES 10935 TERRA VISTA PARKWAY APT 213 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

MIRNA E NUNEZ BALLIN 10935 TERRA VISTA PARKWAY APT 213 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/ NUNEZ BALLIN MIRNA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/05/19

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County Clerk, s/ D5511

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20190014680

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Empire Escrow, A Non-Independent Broker Escrow, 517 N. Mountain Ave Ste 110, Upland, CA 91786, Mailing Address: 23535 Palomino Dr Ste 259, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, Empire Realty & Lending, Inc., 517 N. Mountain Ave Ste 110, Upland, CA 91786,

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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San Bernardino County Coroner Reports

Coroner's Report #701908591 On Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 6:28 p.m., a 911 call was received reporting a male was struck by a vehicle that fled the scene on the 8100 block of Seventh Avenue in the City of Hesperia. Paramedics pronounced Armando Ray Salinas, age 50 a resident of Hesperia dead at the scene at 6:39 p.m. The San Bernardino Sheriff's Department Hesperia Station MAIT unit is investigating the collision. [12192019 2145 GB]

Coroner's Report #701908245 On Thursday, December 05, 2019, at 5:32 AM, officers of the California Highway Patrol were dispatched to the area of westbound 210 freeway near the Valencia Avenue over crossing in San Bernardino, for the report of a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle. Upon arrival, they found the pedestrian, 57-year-old Irma Isabel Zendejas, a resident of Victorville, lying in the roadway. She was confirmed deceased at 6:31 AM, by San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel. [12142019 1001 JL]

Coroner's Report #701908329 On December 8, 2019, at 3:25 am, officers with the California Highway Patrol responded to a single vehicle collision on the eastbound 210 overcrossing, south of San Bernardino Avenue in Redlands. The driver, 29-year-old Karina Sarah Bernas of Beaumont was pronounced deceased at the scene at 4:04 am. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the collision. [12082019 2100 JK]

Coroner's Report #701908325 On December 7, 2019, at 23:11 PM, a single-vehicle collision was reported on the transition road from south Interstate 15 to eastbound Interstate 10 in Ontario. Emergency personnel confirmed a male fatality on 12/08/2019, at 0010 hours. When the decedent is identified, and the family is notified of the death, the name will be released. California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. [12082019 1900 JK]

Coroner's Report #701908323 On December 7, 2019, at 7:59 pm, officers with the Colton Police Department responded to a multiple vehicle collision at the intersection of South Rancho Avenue and West N Street in Colton. A driver, 59-year-old Donald Carol Sanders of Rialto was transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center and pronounced deceased in the emergency department at 8:43 pm. The Colton Police Department is investigating the collision. [12082019 1900 JK]

Coroner's Report #701908291 On December 6, 2019, at 9:10 pm, Francisco Aguila IV, a 19-year-old male resident of Hesperia was the driver and sole occupant of a 2008 Honda Civic. Aguila lost control of his vehicle southbound Interstate 15 north of State Route 138 in Cajon Junction. Aguila was pronounced dead at the scene. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the collision. [12072019 0500 JK]

Coroner's Report #701908253 & 701908254 On Thursday, December 05, 2019, at 12:23 pm, officers with the San Bernardino Police Department responded to a vehicle collision at the intersection of Kendall Drive and Lakewood Drive in San Bernardino. A driver, 86-year-old David Wesley of San Bernardino was pronounced dead at the scene at 12:33 pm and his passenger, 72-year-old Christopher W. Robinson of San Bernardino was transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead in the emergency department at 1:11 pm. The San Bernardino Police Department is investigating the collision. [12052019 1942 GB]

Coroner's Report #701908238 On Wednesday, December 04, 2019, at 4:07 P.M., a 1992 Jeep Cherokee was found on its roof, in a stand of trees, on the side of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 40 in Needles. Emergency personnel responded to find the driver of the Jeep Cherokee dead at the scene. The vehicle was apparently traveling westbound on Interstate 40 when for reasons unknown, the Cherokee crossed the center divider and went off the roadway coming to rest on its roof. The decedent is believed to be a 21 year old male resident of Lake Havasu Arizona. The name is being withheld pending positive identification of the decedent. The Needles office of the California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. [12042019 2300 GB]

Coroner's Report #701908222 On Tuesday, December 03, 2019, at 4:29 p.m., a 911 call was received reporting a male, age 26, was found lying in the dirt unresponsive. San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel confirmed he was dead at 4:41 p.m. The name will be released when the identification is confirmed and family notified of the death. The San Bernardino Sheriff's Department Homicide Detail is investigating the incident. [12042019 2040 GB]

Coroner's Reports #701908218 & #701908219 On Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 1041 p.m., witnesses called 911 reporting a traffic collision. David Ponciano Lopez, age 28, a resident of Victorville lost control of his Chevrolet Silverado travelling east on D Street in the City of Victorville. The Silverado struck the center median, became airborne and struck a Dodge Caravan traveling west on D Street head-on. The driver of the Caravan was identified as Paul Alexander Friend, age 62, a resident of Phelan. Both drivers were pronounced dead at the scene. The San Bernardino Sheriff's Department MAIT is investigating the collision. [12042019 2040 GB]

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and hard working. The 7th Ward needs a change rather than someone walking out of council meetings because he's upset."

Mlynarski's reference was to the action of the city council at its February 6 meeting this year when Mayor John Valdivia was seeking to get council approval for his proposal to hire four staffers who would be directly answerable to him and his chief of staff. The council at that point numbered six members, one shy of its full complement of seven. The position of Third Ward councilmember, vacated after Valdivia's resignation to

move into the mayor's post following the 2018 election in which he had been elected mayor with two years yet remaining on his council term, had not been filled. At that point, Valdivia, who is a non-voting member of the council except in the case of a tie, had the support of councilmembers Ted Sanchez, Sandra Ibarra and Bes-sine Richard. Opposed to the hiring of new staff members entirely within the purview of the mayor were councilmen Fred Shorett, Henry Nickel and Jim Mulvihill. Recognizing that Valdivia as mayor has no direct voting power under normal circumstances and that if they were to participate in the vote with regard to hiring the staff mem-

bers that the vote would end in a 3-to-3 deadlock which Valdivia would then have the power to turn in his favor by using his tie-breaking voting power, Shorett, Nickel and Mulvihill utilized their mastery of parliamentary procedure to walk off the council dais and thereby ensure that a needed quorum of the council was not available for the vote to be held. In this way, the trio effectively thwarted the mayor's effort to empower himself in a manner that they and many of their constituents felt was inconsistent with the city charter. In Mlynarski's view, staging the walk-out was a base political act.

Mlynarski grew up on the East Coast. In 1976,

while in the Air Force, he was stationed at Norton Air Force Base. Upon his discharge, he remained in San Bernardino, and attended San Bernardino Valley College and then California State University San Bernardino. He found work as an assistant planner with the City of Fontana, then as an associate planner and zoning administrator with the City of Palm-dale. He left the public sector and parlayed his experience behind the planning counter to become the vice president of land development with Moning Development in Fullerton, later becoming vice president of market development with Redlands-based Sierra Engineering. He gravitated to employ-

ment with Mapco, a civil engineering and land surveying company, which he purchased. In 2006 Mapco merged with Transtech Engineers, Inc., whereupon Mlynarski became a principal with that company, a position he now holds overseeing its Inland Empire operations. "In San Bernardino alone, I have been heavily involved in the development of over a quarter billion dollars in subdivisions and retail centers," he said.

Mlynarski is a member of the American Planning Association; the Baldy View Chapter of the Building Industry Association, of which he is currently an executive committee member; the Inland Empire Economic

Recovery Corporation, of which he is also the chief financial officer; the National Association of Home Builders; the City of San Bernardino Board of Franchises, of which he was the past chairman; the Urban Land Institute and the California Water Resources Institute Alluvial Fan Task Force. He was formerly a member of the County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Advisory Task Force, the Land Development Committee for the Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino and the City of San Bernardino Board of Building Commissioners.

-Mark Gutglueck



County Wildlife Corner

Golden Spotted Oak Borer Infesting County's Forests



By Mark Gutglueck

According to the United States Forest Service, there are unmistakable signs that both the Angeles National Forest and the San Bernardino National Forest within San Bernardino County are being threatened by the goldspotted oak borer.

The first time forestry officials were alerted to the pest locally was in 2012 in the area of Idyllwild-Pine Cove, south of the San Bernardino County border with Riverside County, on private property. Since that time, the beetle is recognized to have appeared in at least three other places within either San Bernardino National Forest or the Angeles National Forest, all within San Bernardino County.

The goldspotted oak borer, known scientifically as *agrilus auroguttatus*, is an invasive beetle native to southeastern Arizona that can kill oaks native to California. In October, it was detected in recently-killed California black oak trees, *quercus kelloggii*, in the unincorporated

San Bernardino County community of Wrightwood, very close to the boarder with Los Angeles County. One of the directors of the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council, who is familiar with the goldspotted oak borer, made the initial discovery in Wrightwood and reported the infestation to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection San Bernardino Unit forester. The presence of goldspotted oak borer was confirmed by a U.S. Forest Service entomologist who identified numerous goldspotted oak borer produced D-shaped exit holes on infested trees in the area.

The Wrightwood detection represented the third infestation found in San Bernardino County since the discovery of goldspotted oak borer in the Oak Glen area in the fall of 2018, and the subsequent discovery of goldspotted oak borer in the Sugarloaf area of Big Bear in the summer of 2019. The infestation in Oak Glen occurred on private property. Based on analysis by a Forest Service entomologist, the infestation may have been there for approximately ten years. An infestation was soon after found at the Oak Glen

Conservation Camp #25, a California Division of Forestry and Fire Protection facility on Forest Service land under permit. The infestation in the Sugarloaf and Moonridge neighborhoods in the Big Bear area existed on private property. Based on an analysis by a Forest Service entomologist, the infestation may have been there for at least five years.

As with the two previous infestations in San Bernardino County, it is believed this goldspotted oak borer infestation in Wrightwood resulted from goldspotted oak borer-infested oak firewood being brought into Wrightwood. Officials are urging the public to take critical precautions to avoid transporting infested oak firewood to other uninfested areas.

Locally, the U.S. Forest Service's state and private forest health protection division is assisting a diverse group of land managers on a response to the infestation beyond Forest Service lands. Some of the participants include the local fire safe councils, the counties of San Bernardino and Riverside, the California Division of Forestry and Fire Protection, University of

California Extension, the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District and the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

According to the Forest Service, "Any community or area that has coast live oaks (*quercus agrifolia*), California black oaks or canyon live oaks (*quercus chrysolepis*) is vulnerable to gold spotted oak borer



infestation. Communities with significant oak populations include the San Bernardino mountain communities and surrounding national forest lands."

The infestation is spread in two ways, according to the Forest Service. One is through natural spread. The beetles can fly short distances and spread slowly from tree to tree. There is also what is dubbed unnatural spread in which the beetles are moved

long distances when humans move firewood and cause what's called a satellite infestation. The Idyllwild, Oak Glen, Big Bear and Wrightwood infestations are believed to be manifestations of unnatural spread.

U.S. Forest Service Spokesman Zachary Behrens told the *Sentinel*, "Since firewood movement spreads the invasive insect, we continue to ask homeowners

and campers to buy firewood locally."

According to California's Firewood Task Force, "Our forests are threatened by nonnative insects and diseases. Many of these pests can be transported long distances on firewood. Once transported to new areas, these invasive species can become established and kill large numbers of trees and shrubs."

The California Division of Forestry advises

that residents or visitors to the forest "buy it where you burn it" when it comes to firewood.

The firewood scout website - <http://firewoodscout.org/s/CA/> - provides information on where firewood can be found or purchased locally. If firewood is to be purchased from dealers remotely located from where the firewood is to be used, it is advisable to obtain heat-treated firewood. Heat-treated firewood is preferred, as heat treating eliminates live pests which could be transported in or on firewood. If heat-treated firewood is not available, the next best alternative is firewood that has been cured or seasoned for at least two years, lowering the risk for some - although not all - pests.

According to the California Division of Forestry, "If the firewood has not been heat-treated, be sure it was cut locally and don't move it out of the area. Firewood that is not heat treated may have pests and diseases that should not be transported to new locations. If the wood is not from a local source, you should consider finding a new firewood vendor selling local or heat-treated wood."

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things, mostly having to do with public safety and the police department. So, I'm up on those issues. I was also involved with the charter school board and I was the president with a local real estate association outside of this area in 2016. I had the opportunity to travel to Sacramento where we dealt with issues at that state level. I have a grasp of some of the issues and ideas that are shaping how our communities are changing, how California's neighborhoods are evolving. I understand these things and how they affect housing

and things like that. I'd like to bring my knowledge about that to bear on my own community."

Torres said, "I think what it comes down to is there are not many things that are more important than your kids' education and the quality of the community you live in and public safety."

Fifty years old, Torres grew up in Whittier, where he attended La Sierra High School and later attended the College of Oceanering in Los Angeles. He was employed previously as a diving inspector. He moved to Rancho Cucamonga in 2002 and San Bernardino in 2007, the same year he was married. He and his

wife have three children. He obtained his real estate brokers license and worked for Century 21. He is now self-employed as a real estate broker and property manager.

"I'm big on real estate and housing," he said. "I like to think I promote housing. Everyone should own a home. When someone owns a home, they take pride in it. They improve it. They improve the community around them. Having a home raises the lifestyle of your family. Everyone should take part in improving their community, as a group, as a person. Homeowners want to see their community flourish. It's an attitude. If you have that attitude,

you want to pay your fair share of taxes and provide public services to make it easier for everyone to participate, so everyone can try to improve the life they lead,

so we can provide for our children. Every day is an opportunity to improve. I see poor people, with low incomes, living in Section 8 housing. Having that in your com-

munity brings in a lot of issues. Those families have to deal with that. We need to try to make it better for everyone."

-Mark Gutglueck

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in that it failed to properly analyze or mitigate downstream flooding impacts as well as the potentially deleterious impacts to regional water resources and wildlife habitat.

Alvarez found that the environmental impact report was flawed by virtue of having left out of

the equation the volume of fill required to elevate that portion of the project in a flood zone to a level high enough that the foundations of the structures to be built would be at least one foot above the level of maximum flooding statistically likely to occur every 100 years, together with having failed to reckon the impacts downstream of the grading at the south end of the project. Alvarez indicated this phase of the planning suffered

because it had been carried out prematurely, that is, prior to the Federal Emergency Management Agency having done a hydrological analysis of the project area.

In the aftermath of the ruling, the Lewis Operating Company indicated it was not giving up on the project and that it would attempt to revamp its proposal to redress those issues raised by the plaintiffs in the suit, and eventually resubmit the

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It's time to holiday and hustle for the next gathering. Sunny Cal is



Grace Bernal's California Style Holiday

chilly and the question is how to dress for Christmas. I would say pajamas, but if you need to dress up layer up. Try something bedazzled in sequins. I've



seen these pieces in pants, and jumpsuits. Statement sleeves are in the moment and they come in tops, sweaters, and dresses. You can also do velvet anything in a gold or burgundy. And there's the Christmas sweater which seems to be very popular for the next week to come. Don't forget the boots to warm the legs. Whatever you put together this holiday sea-



son be sure it's merry and bright. Have fun!



"Fashion is not necessarily about labels. It's not about brands. It's about something else that comes from within you."

—Ralph Lauren



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plan for consideration.

At its December 10, 2019 meeting, during a closed executive session that took place out of the earshot of the public, the Orange County Board of Supervisors discussed the sale of 1,658 acres, including the 1,657 acres involved in the Harmony development proposal. Involved in the discussion with the board of supervisors were potential purchasers, among which were "Lewis Brothers Development" and the "City of Highland," according to the board agenda.

Also involved were "Future Purchasers" and "The Redlands Parks Conservancy."

There was no reportable action that took place during the negotiating session.

That "Lewis Brothers Development," which

is another corporate entity involving Richard Lewis, Randall Lewis, Roger Lewis and Robert Lewis, four of the principals in Lewis Operating Company, is considering an outright purchase of the property signals the proposal to develop the land as a residential and commercial subdivision is yet in play.

The participation of the Redlands Parks Conservancy, which has as its president and board chairman Jack Dangermond, the founder and owner of Redlands-based Esri, an international supplier of geographic information system software, is an indication that the property might be tied up or purchased outright by the conservancy, rendering it, perhaps into perpetuity, as open space. With his wife, Laura, Jack Dangermond in 2017 provided \$165 million to the Nature Conservancy to purchase more than 24,000 acres

of undeveloped coastal habitat in Santa Barbara to protect it from development.

On Wednesday, December 11, 2019, John Buse, the general counsel and legal director for the Center for Biological Diversity, and Ross Middlemiss, a staff attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity, sent intent-to-sue letters on behalf of their organization and the Endangered Habitats League to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Orange County Department of Public Works, the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Buse and Middlemiss told those parties the environmental groups were going to take legal action against them in an effort to head off further harm to the imperiled Santa Ana sucker fish.

The legal action is

intended to stop what Buse and Middlemiss called "a poorly timed water release from the Seven Oaks Dam during spawning season."

The water release, which started around May 11 and lasted several days, caused high levels of sediment in the Santa Ana River to cover spawning and foraging habitat downstream of the dam, according to the two environmentalist groups. "Mud smothered the sucker's eggs and food, impairing the fish's reproduction at a crucial time, and damaging some of its best remaining habitat," a December 11 release from the combined offices of the two environmentalist groups states.

The combined release said the legal notice from Buse and Middlemiss "warns the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Orange County Public Works, San Bernardino County Public Works, and the Riverside Coun-

ty Flood Control and Water Conservation District of violations of the Endangered Species Act connected to the water release, which illegally harmed the federally threatened fish."

"This irresponsible action pushed these iconic Southern California fish closer to extinction," said Ileene Anderson, a scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity. "These agencies must be held accountable for violating the law and ignoring warnings from federal wildlife officials. It's sad and frustrating to see this happen when so much time and effort have been spent trying to save this wonderful species."

"If implemented correctly, management of the Santa Ana River system can successfully combine flood control with preserving wildlife values and the citizens' natural heritage," said Dan Silver, executive director of Endangered

Habitats League. "However, releases should not be done during the Santa Ana sucker fish's spawning season."

According to the two environmentalist organizations, responsible operation and management of the Seven Oaks Dam would enhance rather than harm wildlife and ensure water quality and quantity for the people who depend on the river to provide domestic water. "Today's notice notes that the original commitment to provide controlled flood releases to benefit downstream habitat for wildlife went terribly wrong this last spawning season and must not continue," the release states.

The *Sentinel's* effort to reach Brendon Biggs, the interim director of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works for his department's reaction to the letter was unsuccessful.

-Mark Gutglueck