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# THE HEWITT HERALD

19TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR | RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Neighbors and friends,

I am humbled to have been elected the passing of Councilwoman Carla Thornton who served as Moreno Valley's District 2 representative. She was dedicated to serving her country, she was a veteran of the United States Navy, she was a 30 year employee of the Riverside County Operation Excelling Peoples, ultimately retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant.

Dr. Carla Thornton was an articulate and knowledgeable woman who carried years of experience with her. Not only was she an exceptional Riverside County employee and veteran but all who she encountered. She always exhibited a true passion for improving the lives of Moreno Valley residents and participation in academics, the Women of Moreno Valley, and all the many endeavors she put in motion.

Our County lost a hero, a leader, and a friend. Her bright smile and hard work will be missed by all.

Dr Carla Thornton leaves behind a legacy of strength, perseverance, unity, and service. I offer my sincere condolences to her family and all her loved ones during this time.

Let us take a moment to acknowledge the family and friend we have lost.

Truly yours,

Jeff Hewitt
5th District Supervisor

Dear the most couple of you Riverside County will be experiencing exceptional weather patterns. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is reporting the possibility of Atmospheric River events in Southern California with an expected level of high wind, significant rain, and possible snow.

The Apple and El Dorado fires produced a noticeable amount debris that clogged several culverts but thanks to the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency (TLMA) and the Flood Control department, our water ways are prepared to handle the increased water flow.

Large pit of ice could be another and always be prepared for an emergency. We have landfaqs and/or lower and the following locations in the Beaumont/Banning and Cherry Valley area:

1. Pine Station 20 west of the public parking
2. Pine Station 20 the public parking in the front of the station
3. Pine Station 63 north of the station across from the entrance, if you want send there
4. Beaumont City Hall off Magnolia in the Parking lot. (Well undergo)
5. Pine Station 89 location right side of the driveway
6. Oak Glen Camp. 41200 Pine Bench Road, Yucaipa

Always be prepared for an emergency, stay up to date with current information by following RivcoWeather on social media platforms.

## CA: STAY AT HOME ORDER

**Public Health Officials Lift Regional Stay at Home Order for All Regions**
Date: January 25, 2021

Number: NR21-030

Contact: CDPHpublicaffairs@cdph.ca.gov

"SACRAMENTO – Officials with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today ended the Regional Stay at Home Order, lifting the order for all regions statewide, including the three regions that had still been under the order – San Joaquin Valley, Bay Area and Southern California. The order was initially triggered when ICU capacity was below 15%. 15%, the threshold that allows regions to exit the order. The Sacramento Region ended the order on January 12 and the Northern California region never entered the order

This action allows all counties statewide to return to the rules and framework of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy and color-coded tiers that indicate which activities and businesses are open based on test rates and case and test positivity. The majority of the state is in the purple tier, which means that all businesses are provided weekly on Tuesday. Individual counties could choose to move into tiers."

### What does this mean for residents and businesses in Riverside County?

January 25, 2021

Riverside County **NEWS RELEASE**

**Public contact:** 2-1-1

**State announces regional stay-at-home order lifted, Riverside County businesses to resume within purple tier restrictions**

*Local officials remind residents to wear masks, avoid gatherings to slow the spread*

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced today that the stay-at-home order for the Southern California region, the last region in the state under the order, which allows many businesses to resume either indoor or outdoor operations.

"So many of our small businesses that have shouldered significant burden throughout this pandemic can now refocus on their recovery," said Board Chair Karen Spiegel, Second District Supervisor. While some of our business may be reopening, we must keep sight of the fact that coronavirus continues to be widespread throughout all of Southern California. We must continue to wear masks, avoid gatherings and practice social and practice good hygiene to slow the spread."

Businesses like restaurants and gyms can operate outside, while personal care businesses like hair salons, barber shops and nail salons can operate inside.

All residents are encouraged to take a PCR swab test to contain the disease. Anyone, with or without symptoms or health insurance, can take a free PCR swab test, visit GetTested.ca/health.ca. to make an appointment. Other testing options can be found online at https://rivcoph.org/covid-testing.

For more information on which businesses may now resume more operations, visit https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for/ For more information on safe business reopening guidance and other business resources, visit https://rivcoeda.org/.

## COVID-19: VACCINE

### What You Need to Know

For vaccine information call 2-1-1 or visit the Public Health Vaccine Portal.

A safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine will be one of the most important tools to end the COVID-19 pandemic. California is preparing to distribute and administer vaccines as quickly as possible.

Priority will be given only after a vaccine's safety has been reviewed and approved by top health experts. Initial vaccine supplies will be limited, and California is making sure that three first vaccines are distributed and administered equitably. The first vaccines will be provided to healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities.

It will take some time before the vaccine is available to everyone, and while experts learn how well the vaccination vaccine proves. It's important to keep using all the tools available to us to stop the pandemic. This includes wearing masks, washing hands, staying 6 feet apart.

At first, the limited supply of vaccines will go to frontline healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities. As the supply of vaccines increases, the state will make the risk of becoming infected and spreading COVID-19 well receive vaccines.

For questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines. You may also email: rivco.vaccine@ruhealth.org.

## COVID-19: TESTING

COVID-19 testing is free of charge and data-driven testing sites are available to anyone, regardless of insurance or immigration status.

The State and County are providing no-cost, self-administered, drive-up tests that are open to all. Test results can expect results as early as 24 hours by text message or email. To make an appointment or to find locations

- COVID-19 testing through CalConnect, at calgetx.com
- Follow the link to make an appointment through MyHealth.
- 70 make an appointment through Connect that 2-1-1 or visit their website: link

It is important to remember that a negative test result does not absolve us of the need to wear a mask, practice safe social distancing, and stay home, especially if we exhibit symptoms similar to COVID-19.

## MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The continuity of information is more important than ever. The current public health situation accompanied by intrusive state restriction continue to put a strain on residents and business alike. Thanks to the Mt. Rubidoux Community Council and District Supervisor Sam Gonzalez, and the Ward Desert. Each one is uniquely positioned in the 5th district to reach residents living in unincorporated communities. MAC's provide a platform to voice concerns on an array of issue that ultimate impact our lives.

*Are you a resident living within the MAC boundary?*

*Are you a businesse owning property within the MAC boundary?*

*Are you a businesse owner operating within the MAC boundary?*

If any of these apply to you, then this position is right for you. Be part of the change in our community and apply. Meetings will be conducted via online platforms to ensure we eliminate possible COVID-19 transmission.

Please follow the link for the application. ---> MAC APPLICATION.

## VETERAN SERVICES

Our Veterans have given everything for our country, our freedom, our democracy and now it is our turn to give back to them. Please take a moment to read these amazing opportunities and services for our service men and women.

**Military On Source**, a website part of the U.S. Department of Veterans's Network of support for the military community. They are currently offering FREE tax services including tax prep and e-filing software and accompanied support that address the realities of military life – deployments, combat and training pay, housing and rentals, multiplate filings, living OCONUS and more. For more info please visit: MilitaryOnSource

**Coalition to Salute America's Heroes**

Since 2004, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes has provided over $13 disabled veterans with millions of dollars' worth of Emergency Financial Aid and support services.

- Utility bills — gas, electric, water, cable, internet, and phone service
- Car payments
- Mortgage payments
- Rent payments
- Groceries, baby formula, and household supplies
- School supplies and clothing
- Minor auto repair

If you are facing severe financial hardships and you feel that you meet our eligibility requirements, please fill out the Online Form. The information you provide will be verified, so please be as accurate as possible.

**Online Application:** https://coah.webactivo.com/go/apply.cfm

State of California • Department of Transportation

# Commuter Alert

Caltrans

Update: 1-15 Tom Lee Pavement Rehabilitation Continue
RIVERSIDE, CA – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is continuing construction on Interstate 10 (I-10) from Beaumont to State Route 111 (SR-111). The following information is for the week of January 24 to 31.

During daytime work hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, construction crews will continue to make progress on lighting and electrical improvements and roadway grading and paving operations from BR St in Banning to SR-111 beginning the 1-10 Westbound Tom Lee Pavement Rehabilitation. Work will take place from Main St in Cabazon to SR-111 in Beaumont.

Alternating lane closures will occur during nighttime work hours, from 7 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Going I-10 eastbound, crews will continue paving, grading and striping. Going I-10 westbound, crews will be installing lighting and electrical work from east of Hoagland Lane to SR-111 and will include demolition and roadway excavation from Cedar Avenue and exit 94. Backlighting will also occur in the area. Motorists should expect lane closures on I-10 and ramp closures at Cedar Avenue. Ramp closures will be placed from Main St in Cabazon to SR-111 along with rolling and pacing operations.

The Hoagland-Lehman on-ramp going eastbound on I-10 is scheduled to be closed February 5, 2021 to improve the drainage, pavement and electrical systems. Motorists should use the Main St on-ramp as Railroad Ave to get onto the I-10 to go eastbound. See the map below:

## ENVIORMENTAL JUSTICE

Environmental Justice is the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. For more information please visit:

Riverside County Planning Department

Riverside County Environmental Justice
Community Meeting
We Need Your Input!
Riverside County invites your comments regarding the Draft Riverside County Environmental Justice Environmental Justice Implementation Element
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Tuesday, February 2, 2021 - Mead Valley Community Center
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Wednesday, February 3, 2021 - Jurupa Valley Community Center
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Thursday, February 4, 2021 - Desert Hot Springs Community Center
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