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Banning Ranch purchase moves nearer

An \$8-million grant from the state brings the Trust for Public Land's acquisition of the land closer to reality.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The dream of turning a 384-acre oil field at the mouth of the Santa Ana River into a public park and nature preserve grows closer to a reality by another \$8 million, thanks to a grant from the state's fish and wildlife department announced earlier this month.

The \$8-million grant for the purchase of Banning Ranch, given to the Trust for Public Land, is one of 28 projects — and one of three acquisition projects — selected to receive a grant this year. State officials say the total amount given across all projects was \$39 million.

The grant comes from the Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant program, which finances projects that establish more reliable water supplies; restore species and habitats; and create more resilient, sustainably managed water systems.

See **Banning**, page A3

Charter school warned of possible violations

The Orange County Board of Education gives ISSAC in Costa Mesa a July 7 deadline to correct indiscretions.

BY SARA CARDINE

A Costa Mesa charter school has until July 7 to demonstrate how it will correct several operational indiscretions being investigated by county education officials as potential violations, even as the Orange County Board of Education hesitates to take punitive action.

The International School for Science and Culture (ISSAC) opened its doors to K-8 students in 2019, advertising a standards-based curriculum focused on science, technology, reading and writing, engineering, arts and math, with multilingual offerings.

But in recent months, the Orange County Department of Education has issued multiple notices of concern to school heads, who they claim overreported their

See **Charter**, page A4



Photos by Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

DOZENS OF PEOPLE gather at the beach as two rescued pelicans are released at Crystal Cove State Beach in Newport Beach on Tuesday.

Recovered pelicans take to flight at Crystal Cove

The Huntington Beach-based Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center rehabilitated the injured birds.

BY MATT SZABO

The young brown pelicans did not immediately fly away Tuesday morning at Crystal Cove State Beach.

Instead, they came out of their cages slowly, before cruising to an area a stone's throw north.

This was not cause for concern for Debbie McGuire, executive director of the Huntington Beach-based Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center.

"They'll eventually find their buddies," McGuire said with a smile, noting that both birds had been caged up for several weeks.

Smiles seemed to be the theme of the day and for good reason.



DEBBIE MCGUIRE, left, Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center executive director, and Kelly Kveton, a board member at the center, encourage two rescued pelicans to leave their kennels as they are released.

See **Pelicans**, page A2

Woman arrested on suspicion of arson in hotel room fire

BY SARA CARDINE

A woman who is thought to have started a fire inside a Costa Mesa hotel room Sunday morning, after calling the police and threatening self-harm, was arrested on suspicion of arson and is undergoing a mental health evaluation, officials confirmed.

Costa Mesa Police Department received a call shortly after 6:15 a.m. Sunday from a hotel room on the 3100 block of Bristol Street, where a woman threatened to harm herself and start a fire, according to a release issued Sunday.

Officers arriving on scene heard a smoke alarm sounding

near the location, where the suspect had barricaded the front door, the release indicated.

After forcing entry, police located the woman and observed thick smoke and flames inside the hotel room.

The woman and other guests from nearby rooms were evacuated as responders with Costa Mesa Fire and Rescue extinguished the blaze.

CMFR spokesman Capt. Joe Noceti confirmed the incident took place on the fourth floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located at 3131 Bristol St.

Multiple units arrived on

See **Fire**, page A3



Photo courtesy Costa Mesa Fire and Rescue

COSTA MESA Fire and Rescue responds Sunday to a report of a fire at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Costa Mesa, thought to have been started by a guest.

Second Olympics for former Edison swimmer Tom Shields

BY MATT SZABO

Tom Shields is heading back to the Olympic Games.

The former Edison High School and Cal swimmer qualified for his second straight Olympic team with a strong performance Saturday at the U.S. Trials in Omaha, Neb.

Shields finished second in the 100-meter butterfly final, touching in 51.19 seconds. He will race the event at the Tokyo Olympics this summer and also will swim on the 400 medley relay.

Shields finished second in the butterfly Saturday to world-record holder Caeleb Dressel, who won in 49.87. Shields' time approached his personal-best of

51.03, which he swam at the 2015 FINA World Championships.

Shields, 29, told reporters after the race that racing at the Olympic Trials is a difficult experience.

"Trials is hard, man," he said. "We train so much for mind, not result. But it's really hard here. It's not like Pac-12s or NCAAAs. Trials meets are very traumatizing. And people talk about the mental health side of this, and I've started to talk about it a little more, and going through this last Trials, it's like man, maybe it's the Games experience, because there's that Olympic hangover, people fall on hard times. I know I did myself.

See **Shields**, page A4



TOM SHIELDS, shown swimming in the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2016, is headed to his second straight Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Mark J. Terrill
Associated Press



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ONE OF THE injured birds released on Tuesday was found at Crystal Cove beach on April 26 and the other was discovered nearby on May 13.

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FIRE STATION #3 IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS,
CITY PROJECT NO. 21-06

- BID SUBMISSION AND OPENING:** Bids must be submitted electronically via the City of Costa Mesa's PlanetBids portal before the deadline of **11:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 27, 2021**, at which time or shortly thereafter the City Clerk will open bids electronically. The bid results will be posted online via PlanetBids. No paper bids or any other form of submittal will be accepted. Any bid received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be rejected. The City is not responsible for and accepts no liability in the event a response is late due to any network, internet, or any other technical difficulty or interruption. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that his/her/its bid is received by the deadline.

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<https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=45476>.

- SCOPE OF WORK AND BID DOCUMENTS:** The scope of work generally consists of repairs and improvements to the Fire Station #3 facility designed to eliminate water intrusion into the facility.

The plans, specifications, and bid documents for this project can be obtained via the City's PlanetBids portal at: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=45476>.

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the most current version of the solicitation, including any addenda, has been downloaded. Bids received without the applicable addenda will be rejected as incomplete.

- PRE-BID MEETING OR JOB WALK:** A mandatory pre-bid job walk has been scheduled for Friday, July 9, 2021 at 09:00 a.m. at the project site.
- BID CONTENTS:** All bids must be submitted on the proposal form included in the bid documents. No bid will be considered unless it is made on the proposal form furnished by the City and made in accordance with the provisions of the bid requirements.
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- REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:** Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work unless registered and qualified pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.
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- NON-DISCRIMINATION:** The bidding process and contract are subject to State and Federal non-discrimination requirements, including but not limited to the requirement that no person or business shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or military or veteran status in its solicitation, selection, hiring, or treatment of individuals or businesses in connection with the bidding process or work performed for the City in connection with the project.
- CITY'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS:** The City of Costa Mesa reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any minor irregularities or informalities in any bid.
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For all inquiries, please contact Administrative Secretary: Janet Zuazo, Public Services Department, via e-mail at janet.zuazo@costamesaca.gov.

Brenda Green, City Clerk
City of Costa Mesa
Dated: June 23, 2021

PELICANS

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The Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center officials were there to release the two pelicans into the wild after each had recovered from injuries.

One of the birds had been found at Crystal Cove beach on April 26, with a low body temperature, broken and bloody feathers on its left wing and a slight wing droop. The pelican had a wound on its shoulder, believed to be an injury caused by a fishing hook.

The other pelican was found nearby on May 13 suffering from severe dehydration and hypothermia.

On Tuesday, they were ready to head back into the wild. Dozens of people gathered at the beach for the release. Laure McCub-

bin of Las Vegas, who happened to be visiting her parents' Crystal Cove home, brought her 9-year-old son Mark to the beach to watch.

"I would say it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for us, especially since pelicans are my favorite birds," McCubbin said. "We wanted to come and see them."

The center takes in basically any animal that will fit through the door, from birds to mammals to reptiles.

McGuire said about 75% of them are eventually released back into the wild.

"Our favorite days are release days," said Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center board member Kelly Kveton. "It's the day that you see after all of that hard work, they finally get to go back [into the wild]. It's wonderful."

The center's development director, Matthew Gula, said the facility handled 149 different species of animals last year and nearly 6,000 animals total.

Currently, two snakes are being cared for there, he said.

"We're seeing a lot of reptiles like that because of those electric bikes that are everywhere," Gula said. "People are moving so fast, they can't see what they pass."

Releasing two brown pelicans back into the wild is significant, especially given the current concern for the species. The Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center reported recently that it had received 22 pelicans since October with severe wing fractures that broke the skin. None of them survived.

McGuire did not want to speculate on whether one of the pelicans released Tuesday was intentionally harmed, though she said it's a possibility.

"We can't assume that these [two birds] were involved," McGuire said. "They could have been. A fishing line entanglement is a serious problem, for more things than just pelicans. [It affects] all marine life."

"It's abusive. It's atrocious, actually ... People are more aware, and we're still pushing out that we still need the public's help."

The organization is urging those who see suspicious acts against wildlife to call the CalTIP hotline at (888) 334-2258.

Kveton, a science teacher at Edison High School, said that awareness is definitely key. The brown pelican was removed from the federal endangered species list in 2009, but remains protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

"We live here and we see pelicans every day," Kveton said. "For us, they're totally normal. You forget that it's more than just our city and this population. They're birds that move. We need to remind people that they are declining and we've got to be careful."

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By Jacqueline E.
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SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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Carolyn Cole | Los Angeles Times

THE TRUST for Public Land has secured an exclusive agreement to buy Banning Ranch and transform the largest privately owned swath of coastal bluffs left in Southern California into a nature reserve with access for millions.

BANNING

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“We are thrilled to support the acquisition of Banning Ranch, a unique opportunity years in the making,” said Matt Wells, the chief of the Watershed Restoration Grants Branch for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

“Preserving 400 acres of true biodiversity in an urban setting, with significant acreage of tidal wetlands and coastal sage scrub, is a massive leap forward in ensuring not only critical habitat for fish and wildlife, but also much needed open space access for California’s residents and visitors,” Wells said.

The Trust for Public Land announced in May that it secured an exclusive agreement with the owners of Banning Ranch to purchase the land, a first in more than 50 years, after the nonprofit organization received a \$50-million donation from Newport Beach philanthropists Frank and Joann Randall in 2019.

But the fight to protect and preserve Banning Ranch from development dates back decades, according to the Banning Ranch Conservancy in Newport Beach.

In 2006, Newport Beach voters approved a ballot initiative amendment to the city’s general plan to preserve Banning Ranch, consolidate the oil opera-

tions that long operated in the area and restore the wetlands.

As part of the agreement, conservationists will need to raise \$100 million by next April.

Upon purchase, the land would be conveyed to a public agency to develop and maintain it as a public park.

Several sensitive species can be found there, including peregrine falcons, California gnatcatchers and the San Diego fairy shrimp.

A spokeswoman for the Trust for Public Land said the organization has raised about \$68 million toward the \$100-million purchase price to date, with the majority of it coming from the Randalls’ donation.

“We see this grant as a giant vote of confidence for the future of Banning Ranch and a recognition of its benefits to the regional community,” said Guillermo Rodriguez, California state director at the Trust For Public Land in a statement.

“This grant adds \$8 million toward our goal, and we are deeply grateful to the department of fish and wildlife staff and director Chuck Bonham,” Rodriguez said.

“That’s a big step, but we still have a long ways to go to climb this mountain and a limited time to reach the top.”

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FIRE

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scene within minutes of being called at 6:30 a.m.

“There was no smoke showing from the exterior [of the hotel],” Noceti said Monday. “They climbed to the fourth floor through an interior stairwell and saw visible smoke in the hallway.”

Upon entering the room, crew members noted heavy smoke and no visibility, the captain continued.

A smoldering fire, about 2 square feet in size, was burning on the floor of the room and was quickly put out with the aid of a fire extinguisher.

An outside company was called to ventilate the area, according to Noceti.

One person on scene was treated for minor smoke- or fire-related injuries but reports from the

incident do not indicate anyone was transported to the hospital.

Fire damage was contained to a single room within the hotel.

The woman discovered inside the barricaded room was arrested on suspicion of arson, and a mental health evaluation was being conducted Monday, according to Sunday’s release.

Costa Mesa police were not releasing the suspect’s name or identity, pending the results of the evaluation.

Exactly how the fire was started was still being investigated Monday by Costa Mesa Fire and Rescue as a possible arson.

Anyone who might have more information about the incident is asked to call the Costa Mesa Police Department at (714) 754-5280.

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If you have additional questions, please contact Jacqueline Nguyen, via e-mail at jackqueline.nguyen@costamesaca.gov.

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CITY OF COSTA MESA ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Costa Mesa ("City") invites sealed bids, to be submitted electronically only, for the following project:

PARKWAY MAINTENANCE, STREET REHABILITATION, AND SLURRY SEAL PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 21-03

- BID SUBMISSION AND OPENING:** Bids must be submitted electronically via the City of Costa Mesa's PlanetBids portal before the deadline of **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 27, 2021**, at which time or shortly thereafter the City Clerk will open bids electronically. The bid results will be posted online via PlanetBids. No paper bids or any other form of submittal will be accepted. Any bid received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be rejected. The City is not responsible for and accepts no liability in the event a response is late due to any network, internet, or any other technical difficulty or interruption. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that his/her/its bid is received by the deadline.

To access the bid documents and bid on this project, potential vendors and bidders must first register through the City's PlanetBids portal at: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=45476>.

- SCOPE OF WORK AND BID DOCUMENTS:** The scope of work generally consists of mobilization, removal and reconstruction of curb and gutters, sidewalks, driveway approaches, spandrels, cross gutters, and A.D.A. ramps; removal and reconstruction of existing pavement; milling and overlaying with new asphalt; adjustment of manholes and water valves to grades; procurement and application of Slurry Seal Type II with 2.5% latex, crack sealing; traffic signing, striping and markings, installation of pavement markers, and implementing traffic control.

The plans, specifications, and bid documents for this project can be obtained via the City's PlanetBids portal at: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=45476>.

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the most current version of the solicitation, including any addenda, has been downloaded. Bids received without the applicable addenda will be rejected as incomplete.

- PRE-BID MEETING OR JOB WALK:** None.
- BID CONTENTS:** All bids must be submitted on the proposal form included in the bid documents. No bid will be considered unless it is made on the proposal form furnished by the City and made in accordance with the provisions of the bid requirements.
- BID SECURITY:** Each bidder must submit a certified check, cashier's check, or a bid bond, made payable to or in favor of the City of Costa Mesa, in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid, to the Costa Mesa City Clerk prior to the bid submission deadline. No bid will be considered unless such certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond is received by the City Clerk prior to the bid submission deadline.
- CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE:** A valid **California Contractor's License Class "A" (General Engineering Contractor)** issued by the California Contractors State License Board is required at the time the contract is awarded pursuant to California Public Contract Code section 3300. Each bidder must also be qualified as required by law at the time of the bid opening.
- PAYMENT BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND:** A Payment Bond and a Performance Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, will be required of the successful bidder prior to award of the contract.
- CITY'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS:** The City of Costa Mesa reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any minor irregularities or informalities in any bid.
- ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** This project is subject to local, State, and Federal regulations and requirements, as detailed in the bid documents.

For all inquiries, please contact Administrative Secretary: Janet Zuazo, Public Services Department, via e-mail at janet.zuazo@costamesaca.gov.

Brenda Green, City Clerk
City of Costa Mesa
Dated: June 23, 2021

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WOMEN'S WATER POLO



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U.S. WOMEN'S national water polo team member Maddie Musselman, shown shooting on May 19, scored three goals in the FINA World League Super Final title match on Saturday.

U.S. pulls away late to win championship

BY MATT SZABO

Corona del Mar High School alumna Maddie Musselman scored three goals as the U.S. women's water polo national team beat Hungary 14-8 on Saturday, in the FINA World League Super Final title match in Athens, Greece.

It is the seventh straight FINA World League Super Final Championship for Team USA, which went a perfect 6-0 in the tournament.

Hungary was within 9-8 early in the fourth quarter before Team USA scored five straight goals to close out the victory.

Team captain Maggie Steffens scored a match-high four goals in the final. Laguna Beach High gradu-

ate Makenzie Fischer scored twice, and Edison High alumna Alys Williams added one goal.

The Team USA roster also included Laguna Beach's Aria Fischer, CdM product Stephania Haralabidis and Newport Harbor graduate Kaleigh Gilchrist, as well as CdM girls' water polo coach Melissa Seidemann.

"Our opponent was great and we expected a tough battle," U.S. head coach Adam Krikorian said following the match. "It was a tough physical battle. [They are] well coached ... luckily we pulled away in the fourth but both teams were really tired. [Going forward] we can improve everything, we look forward to getting back to training and spending time dissecting the film

and making some corrections before we get to Tokyo."

The matches in Athens were the last ones for Team USA prior to the Olympic Games, which begin on July 23 with a match against host Japan. The U.S. has won the last two Olympic gold medals.

Krikorian will be naming the Olympic team roster on Wednesday in Los Angeles. Musselman, the Fischer sisters and Gilchrist hope to make their second straight Olympic roster, while Williams and Haralabidis are vying for their first Olympic team spot. For Seidemann, it would be her third straight Olympics.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Battle at the Beach passing tournament to return at Edison

BY ANDREW TURNER

After a one-year reprieve due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Battle at the Beach will return to the athletic fields at Edison High School for the Fourth of July weekend.

A talented field will once again compete in the 23rd annual seven-on-seven passing tournament. The event will take place on July 3, with the first games beginning at 9 a.m.

There will be 20 football teams in the competition, all of them vying for a spot in the afternoon's festivities.

The teams are divided into four five-team pools, with the top two teams in each group advancing to the gold bracket playoffs.

The teams that finish in third and fourth place in their respective pools will move on to the silver bracket playoffs.

"It feels like it's bringing a sense of normalcy back to everything, so we're just happy to have it back here," Edison athletic director

Rich Boyce said. "Obviously, it's not just ... a big fundraiser, but it brings exposure to the school. More than anything else, we're just happy to have kids back on campus playing."

The field includes Trinity League teams Mater Dei, Bellflower St. John Bosco, Servite, Santa Margarita and Orange Lutheran.

Mater Dei won the Trinity League title in the pandemic-shortened season that was played out in the spring.

Additional Orange County programs include Sunset League champion Los Alamitos, Freeway League champion La Habra and Mission Viejo.

West Hills Chaminade and Santa Fe Springs St. Paul were CIF Southern Section finalists in Division 2 and Division 5, respectively, in 2019, the last time that the section held football playoffs.

Edison coach Jeff Grady noted that the delayed season this past school year has resulted in a condensed

offseason, but the benefits of competing in passing league ahead of the season to come remain.

"You get to compete, so that's always good," Grady said. "The kids love it, the coaches love it, and for the last couple of months, you've just been competing against yourself."

Wide receiver Nico Brown, the reigning offensive player of the year in the Sunset League, is a stand-out for the host Chargers. The Battle at the Beach provides teams a chance to see how their talent at the skill positions stacks up.

"This whole tournament, everybody has good players and standout players, so it's going to be exciting," Grady said. "It's like that every year. That's the best part. It doesn't matter what game you're watching, you're watching some of the best athletes in Southern California, California and even the nation."

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SHIELDS

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"But I don't think it's exclusive to the people that make the team. It's the Trials experience and this whole value system. It's hard to manage. I was thinking about that a lot this week. I tried my hardest today, just go have I need to focus on, but it's really

hard. And this is my fourth time doing it."

Shields shared his challenges with mental health on social media in late 2019, including that he tried to hang himself in 2018.

But he has come back stronger and will try to win more gold medals in Tokyo.

Shields won gold at the 2016 Olympics in Brazil as a member of the 400 medley relay.

He swam the butterfly in

the heats to help the U.S. qualify in second place.

Shields graduated from Edison in 2009, and was a four-time CIF Southern Section champion in the boys' 200 freestyle and two-time champion in the 100 butterfly. As a senior he swam a then-national high school record time of 1:33.83 in the 200 free.

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THE FIRST DAY of school at International School for Science and Culture in September 2019. ISSAC leaders are being investigated by the county for noncompliance issues.

CHARTER

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enrollment to the state and received disproportionate funding, held classes in a facility not zoned for K-12 education and charged fees for instruction.

ISSAC's potential non-compliance was discussed by members of the Board of Education, the authorizing agency for the charter, in two regular meetings on June 2 and 16.

Aracely Chastain, director of OCDE's Charter School Unit, recommended the board issue a notice of violation to document the points of concern and provide the school a chance to remedy issues within 30 days.

"You have authorized 18 charter schools, and very few come to the board," Chastain said at the June 2 meeting. "At this point, this is the third time we've done this with ISSAC in the two years that they've been opened."

OCDE officials allege the school reported to the California Department of Education an enrollment of 150 students for the 2020-21 school year, when a budget submitted to the county for the same fiscal year projected growth of 100 students. The state consequently overpaid the school, based on the inaccurate attendance figures.

In July 2020, when students were learning from home during the pandemic, ISSAC relocated from a building leased from Newport-Mesa Unified School District to the Boys and Girls Club of Costa Mesa, a facility owned by the city and leased to the youth organization.

County officials learned from the city the property was not zoned for K-12 education and ISSAC would need to obtain a conditional use permit to operate there under a sublease.

Chastain said staff repeatedly told school founder and executive director, Padmini Srinivasan, no instruction could take place at the facility until a permit was secured.

However, in March of this year, the county received a complaint from a parent claiming students of the charter school were attending a hybrid instructional program at the Boys and Girls Club, participating in classes online with the help of instructional aides, for a fee.

Chastain estimated ISSAC has collected around \$64,000 for such services since the 2019-20 school year.

"Some of these families claimed these fees as deductions on their taxes," she said.

Board members, who approved ISSAC's petition and charter in March 2019, expressed their disappointment in the situation.

"We've really gone out of our way to help your school," board President Ken Williams said during the June 2 meeting. "I am not sure if this was intentional, or whether it was a well-intended person who did not understand the rules."

"I don't want to take any punitive actions that would hurt the school, but we really do need reassurances we're going to be within the boundaries of the law," he continued.

During the two June



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THE ORANGE COUNTY Department of Education alleges ISSAC has committed multiple violations, but board members have stopped short of issuing a notice of violation.



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A STUDENT and her friend during the first day of school at the International School for Science and Culture in 2019.

meetings, Srinivasan and a team of legal and financial consultants representing ISSAC attempted to explain the missteps.

They described how officials confused two sets of financial documents and submitted the wrong paperwork to the state. To rectify the situation, state officials have agreed to withhold future apportionments until the overpayment is recouped.

Srinivasan also explained the school offered daytime childcare services for families who could not stay home with children doing distance learning during the pandemic and brought in special-needs students for instruction when guidelines allowed the accommodation.

"The pandemic has created a lot of new challenges and ISSAC does everything it can, with changing circumstances and limitations, to support the students," she said at the June 2 meeting.

School officials told board members the charter school's board of directors would meet Thursday and decide on returning the fees collected for childcare services. Chastain requested Srinivasan submit a plan in writing detailing steps to be taken.

ISSAC has also since applied for a conditional use permit that would allow them to operate out of the Boys and Girls Club but had still not received approval as of June 16.

Although a notice of violation was urged by Chastain, board members elected to give Srinivasan and her team more time to provide a written response explaining how the issues of noncompliance occurred and work with OCDE officials to rectify them in a timely manner.

"I'd like to bring us back in two weeks to reconsider it, assess where we are and look at how much has progressed in that period," Williams said at the June 16 meeting.

David Patterson, president of California Charter Authorizing Professionals, a Sacramento nonprofit supporting agencies that provide oversight of char-

ter schools, said although notices of violation provide opportunities to cure or explain problems, they can be a tough call for authorizing agencies to make.

"It's the first step that can lead to a motion to revoke [a charter]," Patterson said. "You can issue a notice of concern on small issues, and you can have a number of those for issues that need to be clarified. But if you're going to do a notice of violation, it's one of a significant and potentially serious nature."

Such notices are publicly recorded and may affect a school's reputation or whether its charter is renewed, he added.

Even with the county board's holding off on issuing such a notice, time is running out for the International School for Science and Culture, where classes are set to begin Aug. 23.

And to compound matters, ISSAC has applied for a material revision to its charter to allow it to expand to serve students on two campuses — both at the Boys and Girls Club and the NMUSD-owned facility it previously occupied.

School leaders requested the review process be expedited, even though the school would need to have its conditional use permit for the Boys and Girls Club site in hand for its application to be complete.

Srinivasan said she was told approval could take from six to eight weeks and expressed confidence all outstanding documents could be provided in time.

"It's cutting it close, but we have a good shot at getting it done, particularly because they have a lot of the background information already and have had it for such a long time," she told board members.

Costa Mesa staff confirmed Monday ISSAC's application for a conditional use permit to operate at the facility was submitted June 7.

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