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Orange County medical system 'in crisis'

An official warns that steps need to be taken to alleviate the stress caused by the influx of COVID-19 patients.

BY LUKE MONEY, RONG-GONG LIN II

The number of coronavirus-positive patients flooding Orange County hospitals has hit crisis levels, prompting one official to warn that the region's emergency medical system could be at risk of collapse unless steps are taken to alleviate the stress.

Orange County, like much of California and the nation as a whole, has been inundated with an unprecedented influx of COVID-19 patients, which has resulted in some ambulances having to wait hours to offload their patients, according to Dr. Carl Schultz, emergency medical services director for the Orange County Health Care Agency.

The county's healthcare system "is now in crisis resulting from an overwhelming increase in the number of COVID infected patients," he wrote in a memo Wednesday to hospitals and ambulance and paramedic providers.

As of Wednesday, there were 1,025 coronavirus-positive patients hospitalized countywide — an all-time high and more than double the number from two weeks ago. Of those, 257 people were in intensive care, according to the latest available data.

"At the current rate of deterioration, the EMS system may collapse unless emergency directives are implemented now," Schultz wrote.

Some immediate steps, he said, include allowing ambulances to travel longer distances to take patients to hospitals that can accept them, and permitting them to take a patient to another hospital if they've been waiting outside with the patient for more than an hour.

Hospitals also should consider activating their surge plans, establishing alternate treatment areas and canceling

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BEACHGOERS WALK ALONG Aliso Beach past the Aliso Creek where it meets the ocean. The Laguna Bluebelt Coalition is seeking enforcement to protect the Aliso Beach berm, a sand barrier that separates urban runoff in Aliso Creek from the Pacific Ocean. The environmentalist group says that some people breach the berm in order to create standing waves ridden by skimboarders, which it says leads to contamination of the beach.

Environmentalists seek to protect sand berm at Aliso Beach

The Laguna Bluebelt Coalition is among the group of activists calling for enforcement measures to prevent the berm from continually being breached.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The seaside community of Laguna Beach is home to a great many beaches, and of course there are beach and ocean enthusiasts aplenty.

Local environmentalists lately have expanded their efforts to seek protection of a sand berm at Aliso Beach, a county beach in South Laguna Beach, calling on various entities to bring about enforcement measures to help put a

stop to its breaching.

The berm acts as a natural barrier that separates ocean water from urban runoff in the adjacent creek. Waves from the ocean and the flow of water from Aliso Creek push sand in opposing directions that create the berm, the shape and location of which is ever-changing.

It is not always left in place, however, as environmentalists have pointed out that beachgoers sometimes dig out and open up

the mouth of the creek to create standing waves, which are popular with skimboarders, who surf on shallower water.

Michael Beanan of the Laguna Bluebelt Coalition said that the group is not against the skimboarding community, but he is bothered by seeing the berm breached, which he said leads to contamination of the beach.

The environmentalists have

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ENVIRONMENTAL activists have urged the California Coastal Commission and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board to support their request for enforcement to protect the berm.



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Newport Beach gets in S.H.I.P. shape

Pledge asks business owners to abide by state and county health guidelines during the pandemic.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

As California heads into a holiday season unlike any other, Newport Beach shop-owners are pledging to keep their stores in ship-shape.

The city of Newport Beach, Newport Beach and Co. and local business organizations launched an initiative this month to call for businesses throughout the city to continue safe and best practices throughout the holiday shopping season to help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Businesses can sign up to take the safe health initiative pledge — S.H.I.P. SHAPE — at visitnewportbeach.com/ship-shape. As part of the pledge, business owners are asked to abide by California and Orange County health guidelines; frequently clean and sanitize surfaces and high-touch areas; require face coverings and encourage frequent handwashing; maintain capacities in accordance with the county and state guidelines; and monitor the health of employees.

"Providing a safe environment for employees and customers is a sure path to economic recovery," Steve Rosansky,

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H.B. City Council gets on board with Community Choice Energy

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council on Thursday night unanimously voted to support the Community Choice Energy model and become one of the founding members of the Orange County Joint Powers Authority.

In a special meeting, the council voted 5-0 to move into Community Choice Energy. Mayor Pro Tem Tito Ortiz and City Councilman Erik Peterson were absent.

The City Council's vote would establish Huntington Beach as another proponent of the CCE program that is already being championed by Irvine and Fullerton, and would be funded initially by Irvine.

All Southern California Edison customers in CCE cities would be enrolled in the program, tentatively named the Orange County Power Authority, which would be scheduled to begin in 2022.

However, they could opt out and choose to purchase directly from Southern California Edison if they chose.

Jurisdictions that join the OCPA in 2020 would be considered a founding party, and will be placed on the OCPA Executive Committee.

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Coastline Community College president announces retirement

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Loretta Adrian hasn't left Orange County yet, but she's already thinking about all the things she's going to miss.

She said she'll miss her faculty, staff and colleagues. She'll miss the students at Coastline College, where she's served as president for all three satellite campuses for over a decade. And she'll miss the abundance of Vietnamese food here — "I love food," she added, laughing.

There's other things she'll miss too, she's sure. But for now, she's enjoying her time before she steps down at the end of the upcoming spring semester.

Adrian announced her retirement in November, saying she wanted to try something new and spend more time with her youngest son and her 11-year-old grandson before "he becomes a teenager and he doesn't want to hang out with me."

"I always think I don't get stressed with my job because I love it, and I've really enjoyed my time at Coastline, but I really am at a point where I feel like I need to pay attention to my family more," Adrian said, adding that



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COASTLINE COMMUNITY College President Loretta Adrian plans to retire in June after decades leading the campuses.

her youngest son is a single father in San Diego and she wants to be able to help take her grandson from one place to another.

"I do believe that organizations get renewed with new leadership," Adrian said. "Orange Coast College hired a new president last year. Golden West [Col-

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FIRE DAMAGES THE 'CASTLE HOUSE' IN HUNTINGTON BEACH

BY MATT SZABO

A fire has severely damaged one of the more recognizable houses in Surf City.

Firefighters responded to reports of a fire at the structure in southeast Huntington Beach known as the "Castle House" on Thursday night. The house is known for its unique medieval-style architecture, including gargoyles and a lion statue in the frontyard.



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FIREFIGHTERS ASSESS the scene during a fire at the "Castle House" in Huntington Beach on Thursday night.

Huntington Beach Fire Department spokesman Eric Blaska said firefighters got to the house on Bermuda Drive at 5:58 p.m. Thursday and knocked down the fire in 13 minutes. The blaze appeared to have started in the attic, Blaska said, and the house was significantly damaged inside.

"The way that building was laid out and the configuration of it, it was super-challenging," Blaska said. "To be honest, it was pretty amazing that they could get the majority of it knocked down in 12 or 13 minutes."

The Costa Mesa and Newport Beach fire departments also assisted in battling the two-alarm blaze.

Fire officials had yet to determine the cause of the fire, Blaska said Friday afternoon. He said one person was sent to a local hos-

pital for further evaluation.

The house is owned by Dominic Menaldi, who said in a Facebook post late Thursday night that the outside of the house acted like a fireplace, and the inside is destroyed. Menaldi, who has typically decorated the home as a free haunted house on Halloween for the community, said in the post that the structure was currently uninsured. He added that he had lost 90% of his business in security during the coronavirus pandemic. Menaldi's sister, Margarite Menaldi, and neighbor Nancy Buchoz set up a GoFundMe account to help with expenses. Buchoz said she went to

check on Menaldi on Friday morning and found him weeping on the sidewalk, staring at his house.

"He's a very unique neighbor, in that he just does a lot for the community and expects nothing in return," Buchoz said.

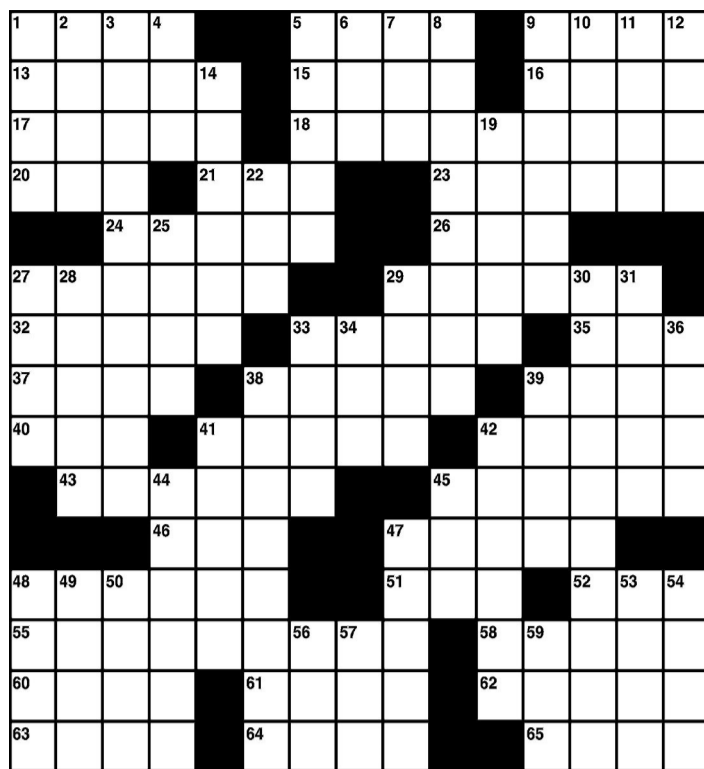
"He loves his house, and he spent the last 11 years making it exactly [the way he wants] ... He doesn't have a place to live right now and doesn't really have a lot of money. We're really hoping the community will come through for him and give back, like he's given so generously through the years."

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

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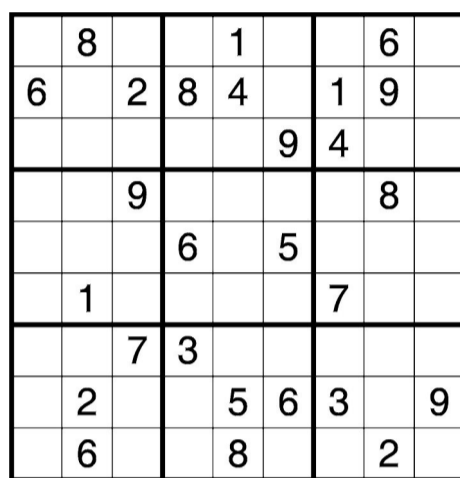
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram 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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AROUND TOWN

Fire-Sleigh riding into town on Saturday morning

Santa Claus is coming to town — on a firetruck in the Mesa Verde neighborhood of Costa Mesa.



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SANTA CLAUS gets a shy wave from Brianna Johansen, 7, during the St. Bonaventure Catholic School Santa Drive-Thru Experience on Dec. 5.

duction Group HQ, located at 15362 Graham St. It runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

More than 270 families are participating. The Priority Center will distribute nearly \$130,000 worth of gifts for children and gift cards for food and other basic necessities during the drive-through event.

Families will stay in their cars and wear masks, and gifts and gift cards will be placed in the trunks of their vehicles for contactless delivery.

The funds for the gifts and gift cards were raised by families who participated in the Priority Center's annual "Families Helping Families" holiday program.

Toy drive to be held Sunday in Huntington Beach

The Porsche Club of America - Orange Coast Region's annual toy drive will be held Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Huntington Beach Sports Complex parking lot, located at 18100 Golden West St.

The toy drive benefits Toys for Tots, a program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. It will be a drive-through toy drive to observe social distancing and COVID-19 protocol.

Participants may stay in their cars and the Marines on-site will retrieve their toys, or they may get out of their car and drop the toy in the USMC toy boxes.

The Huntington Beach Police Department K9 Unit

will also be on-site accepting donations.

Loreen Gilbert wins 104.7's Silver Tongue Award

Loreen Gilbert won the Silver Tongue Award, handed out annually to the guest host who raises the most money for KX FM 104.7, a Laguna Beach-based radio station, during its on-air pledge drive referred to as "KX Takeover." Gilbert, the president and CEO of WealthWise Financial Services, helped the station raise \$8,000, which was part of a record-

setting total of \$85,854 for the annual fundraiser.

"I am thrilled to be honored with the Silver Tongue Award from KX FM," Gilbert said in a statement. "Our team at WealthWise Financial embraces the importance of giving back to our community. At WealthWise, we help our clients create a legacy, and charitable giving is one key aspect of that aspiration. It takes a village to make an impact, and we are happy to do our part."

From among a field of 53 guest participants in the KX Takeover, the team of Nia Evans and Brenden Hexberg raised \$7,655 to

come in second place. Laguna Beach City Councilman Peter Blake placed third with \$7,525 raised.

"I had the best time raising funds and awareness for our beloved local radio station," Blake said in the release. "I can't imagine Laguna without KX!"

The shows from the KX Takeover are available at kxfmradio.org/kxtakeover.

Tyler Russell McCusker, the founder of the local radio station, now in its eighth year, offered his thanks, saying, "We are still recovering from gratitude and awe at the support we received this year."

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the president and chief executive officer of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, said in a statement.

"It has been a challenging year, especially for our businesses, and we applaud

their ability to pivot with every new mandate," Rosansky said. "There's light at the end of the tunnel and this pledge serves as a reminder for all of us to remain vigilant, thus saving lives and the economy during what we hope is the final path to conquering the virus."

The goal of the pledge is

to "instill customer confidence while encouraging the community to shop and dine local throughout the holidays and beyond," according to a joint news release.

As of Friday, 31 businesses have taken the pledge.

The city and its tourism arm have launched other

similar campaigns to encourage residents to shop and dine locally as guidance from the state continues to change operations for businesses in response to the pandemic, such as the Holiday Pass at the start of the month.

State officials recently implemented a regional stay-at-home order that went into effect on Dec. 7 as the Southern California region's intensive care unit

capacity availability fell below 15%. Data recorded by county officials state just 10.7% of ICU beds are available.

The stay-at-home order strikes a blow to businesses in the middle of the holiday season by limiting retail capacity to just 20%, returning restaurants to takeout only and shutting down businesses such as barber shops, cardrooms, bars and museums.

Orange County officials have pushed back against the state, calling the order a "top-down" approach to addressing the pandemic with restrictions being based on criteria that continues to change.

Cases climbed Friday by another 2,655, bringing the total number of COVID-19 cases in Orange County to 97,302. The Orange County Health Care Agency logged another 22 deaths. Four of those deaths were skilled nursing facility residents, five were assisted living facility residents and 13 were residents not living in a facility.

Hospitalizations hit a record high on Thursday — 1,025 — and continue to grow, now reported by county health officials to be 1,122. At least 265 of those cases are currently in intensive care units.

An estimated 64,716 have recovered.

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for select cities in

Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 19,036 cases; 339 deaths
- Anaheim: 16,366 cases; 359 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 4,035 cases; 93 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 3,255 cases; 47 deaths
- Irvine: 3,530 cases; 17 deaths
- Newport Beach: 1,672 cases; 26 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 1,176 cases; 23 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 378 cases; fewer than five deaths

Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:

- 0 to 17: 8,529 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 14,078 cases; four deaths
- 25 to 34: 20,541 cases; 24 deaths
- 35 to 44: 15,393 cases; 41 deaths
- 45 to 54: 15,724 cases; 124 deaths
- 55 to 64: 11,775 cases; 230 deaths
- 65 to 74: 5,940 cases; 324 deaths
- 75 to 84: 3,065 cases; 365 deaths
- 85 and older: 2,195 cases; 549 deaths

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elective surgeries, he added.

“While it is clear no one is to blame for this crisis, all can participate in mitigating its effects,” he wrote.

Dr. Clayton Chau, Orange County’s health officer and Health Care Agency director, also encouraged residents “who can get services through urgent care, can get services through their primary care physician [to] please go ahead and do so, and not just show up to the emergency room.”

During a briefing Thursday, Chau said that Schultz’s letter “is just to be cautious and make sure that we have a plan with all of our hospitals and not wait until the last minute.”

That planning has become all the more vital as the county — along with the rest of the state — is in the throes of the worst wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

Californians are testing positive for and falling ill and dying from COVID-19 at unprecedented levels. The state has averaged nearly 29,000 new coronavirus cases a day and about 150 daily deaths over the last week.

The timing and acceleration of the surge indicates that many ignored officials and experts’ calls to eschew traveling and gathering for Thanksgiving — a potentially chilling prospect, given the wider winter holiday season is in full swing.

“Those of you who dread holidays, getting together with family, this is the season when you have a good excuse not to do so,” Chau said. “Please do not mix. Do not travel. You need to stay put, and if you’re sick, you need to stay home.”

An all-time high of 12,013 coronavirus-positive patients were hospitalized statewide as of Thursday. A record 2,669 Californians were in intensive care.

Along with Orange, two other California counties had more than 1,000 coronavirus-positive patients in their hospitals as of Wednesday: San Bernardino, with 1,094, and Los Angeles, with 3,624.

L.A. County’s number is four times as large as it was a month ago. The county also shattered its daily record for new coronavirus cases Thursday, with 12,741 infections reported.

“Like a speeding car approaching a cliff, if we do not rapidly change course, we are in jeopardy of catastrophic consequences,” Dr. Paul Simon, chief science officer for that county’s Department of Public Health, said during a briefing Thursday.

Officials have long warned that skyrocketing coronavirus infections will invariably trigger a flood of people sick enough to require hospitalization, usually two to three weeks down the line.

This means hospitals have likely yet to see the fallout from this week’s sky-high case counts — an alarming possibility, given that resources, capacity and staffing are all already stretched thin.

Of particular concern are ICU beds, which require high-tech equipment and specially trained professionals to care for the sickest patients.

In a bid to shield that system, California is implementing new stay-at-home orders when ICU capacity drops below 15% in any one of five state-defined regions.

Such orders — which reduce customer limits at retail stores; close businesses including hair and nail salons, card rooms, museums, zoos and aquariums; and prohibit outdoor restaurant dining — are already in place in three regions: Southern California, the San Joaquin Valley and Greater Sacramento.

The state’s two other regions, the Bay Area and rural Northern California, remain above the 15% threshold for now



TRIAGE TENTS ARE set up outside the emergency room at Orange County Global Medical Center in Santa Ana on Friday.

Christina House Los Angeles Times

Because of the current trends, some Bay Area counties — including San Francisco, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Alameda and Marin — have elected to preemptively adopt the additional state restrictions.

Sonoma County will add its name to that group effective at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, officials announced.

Though that county “has fared better until now than other parts of the state in terms of demand on our hospitals, we have been seeing an alarming increase in cases and hospitalizations in recent days, and this is putting increased strain on our medical resources,” health officer Dr. Sundari Mase said in a statement.

“We have to take action now,” Mase added.

The state’s latest approach has not been without controversy, though. Some have characterized the additional restrictions as overly broad and unscientific, saying they won’t provide enough of a public health benefit to justify the pain they will cause the state’s already battered economy.

Others have taken issue with the makeup of the five regions, or the state taking a regional view at all.

The Southern California region — a sprawling swath encompassing Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties — has drawn particular ire, as critics say it’s far too large and lumps together too many disparate communities.

ENERGY

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energy for residents and businesses. Lake Forest and Buena Park are also expected to participate in the JPA, while Costa Mesa also reviewed doing so at a recent meeting.

The CCE model, also known as Community Choice Aggregation, would save residents an estimate of about 2% on their energy costs, said Ryan Baron, special counsel to the city of Irvine.

It would allow for the use of more renewable energy sources and less greenhouse gasses, Baron said.

“You can buy power better in bulk, by having more partners with you,” Baron said. “JPAs have been around a long time, and you form them to insulate yourself from liability.”

The City Council members present, especially Barbara Delgleize and Dan Kalmick, asked Baron numerous questions. Delgleize went through a laundry list of questions about CCE she said she received from residents.

The falsehoods included that the City Council would set the power rates and rates could be increased at any time without regulation. Baron debunked each one.

“If the residents out there still have questions, please ask them,” Delgleize said. “I would suggest not doing it

on social media ... There’s so much false information out there, and I’d hate to have it ruin a good program.”

The City Council received about 20 supplemental communications about CCEs, many of them encouraging Huntington Beach to join the Joint Power Authority. Not everyone agreed, though.

Huntington Beach Finance Commissioner Casey McKeon called in to voice his disagreement with CCE during public comments, and Peterson also has been critical in the past.

“Of the thousands of citizens I have met on the campaign trail these last three months, not one citizen said that H.B. needs to get into the energy business,” said McKeon, who ran for City Council this fall.

“You’re telling me this issue is a priority over dealing with the homelessness crisis, small business closures, decaying infrastructure, and refinancing our \$500 million-plus in unfunded pension liability debt?”

Huntington Beach city staff plan to perform a full financial risk assessment and bring that back to the City Council on Feb. 1. Under the JPA agreement, any city that agrees to join can opt out for any reason and without liability before March 1.

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urged the California Coastal Commission and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board to support their request for enforcement to protect the berm, the public and ocean water quality, Jinger Wallace of the Laguna Bluebelt Coalition said.

The effort to seek enforcement started at the local level, Beanan said. Marisa O'Neil, a spokeswoman for OC Parks, said in a statement that OC Parks and OC Lifeguard personnel "take an educational approach to ensure people do not attempt to go in the creek flow, manipulate the water flow, get too close to the banks or attempt to cross while the water is flowing at a high rate."

O'Neil added that further measures have been taken. She said signage has been posted that advises beachgoers to avoid going into or digging out the creek.

Beanan and others con-



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

A BEACHGOER walks along Aliso Beach through the Aliso Creek where it meets the ocean.

tend that writing citations would be a more effective way of protecting the berm. He has also argued there is an environmental justice component to their campaign.

"Disadvantaged communities travel a long way to

spend a day at the beach with their family, and they wind up coming to a beach that is contaminated," Beanan said.

When the berm is breached and the creek spills into the ocean, the contaminants can spread

up or down the beach, depending on the current of the ocean water.

Beanan said breaching the berm also limits beach access.

"When the creek is breached and flowing, it makes it difficult, if not im-

possible to move to the northern side of the beach, so literally a thousand beachgoers must cluster close together on the remaining beach in front of the parking lot," Beanan said.

Activists are also concerned about the amount of water in the creek, which they say is the result of overwatering from inland areas.

Wallace has worked with a group collaborating to reduce urban runoff. She said that the partners include the Moulton Niguel Water District and several inland cities, among them Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills and Mission Viejo.

David Gibson, the executive officer of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, said the board has prepared an investigative order that has been submitted to Orange County. He said as the board looks into the matter, it will be mindful of the perspective of the involved municipalities regarding "what is practicable to do in terms of managing human

behavior on the beach."

"The board is concerned that at any time that you have potentially high levels of bacterial indicator-containing water, you may have pathogens," Gibson said. "Those pathogens may represent a risk at some level to the public, but for the activities of the skimboarders who opened up the channel, that water would be retained behind the berm inside Aliso Creek."

"While the public are not prevented from accessing it and indeed splashing around in it, the fact that they actually undertake an effort to open that channel up to create that standing wave presents both a physical risk to certain members of the public, as well as potential exposure to pathogens or bacterial indicators in the water itself."

Gibson said the board will consider the results of the investigation to decide what regulatory course to take.

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lege) hired a new president about two years ago. I think it's about time Coastline did too."

Adrian first came to Coastline College in July 2010, but worked previously at other community college campuses such as San Joaquin Delta College, San Diego Mesa College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College. Coastline was her first presidency.

"I probably stayed longer than I thought I would, but I've really enjoyed my time," Adrian said.

Of her highlights at Coastline, Adrian spoke to the "spirit of innovation" in her peers and for the college's student-centered approach. She was proud of the launch of the college's Guided Pathways model this fall, the college's accreditation and the construction of the Newport Beach cam-

pus and the renovations to the Westminster and Garden Grove campuses.

The year has been a challenging one, but the advantage of Coastline is that much of its programs were already online. Adrian said she felt the unique culture of the community college lent itself to pivoting quickly at the start of the pandemic. The bigger issue laid with a decline in enrollment and budgetary challenges. Staying connected with students and staff was a priority, Adrian said.

She referred to each accomplishment as one made through the collaboration of the constituents involved — a fact two of her vice presidents pointed to as representative of her time as president at Coastline College.

"She really turned to the faculty, the staff and the managers at the college to help in shaping who we were as we continued to evolve as an institution," said Vince Rodriguez, vice president of instruction.

"She had a general vision of wanting to continue to build on our innovative spirit. She really would turn over and over again to us to say: 'OK, what are your thoughts? How do we get there? What are your ideas?' And really let the community of our college to grow," Rodriguez said. "She definitely had the vision, but she let the employees set how we would get there and

give us the support."

Christine Nguyen, vice president of administrative services, described Adrian as the "epitome of shared governance," adding that Adrian would often involve all stakeholders in the decision-making process where possible.

She said Adrian often brought in all committee members at every level to weigh in on new hires, even though the call, by that point, was hers to make. Rodriguez said one of the highlights of Adrian's presidency at Coastline was the professional development of faculty and a shift toward decision-making by consensus as opposed to by vote alone.

"For me, she has been a great mentor," Nguyen said. "She's not only my boss, but she has mentored me in so many ways and given me opportunity to grow under her watch."

Aeron Zentner, the dean of institutional effectiveness, said he appreciated Adrian as a leader who trusted her staff to be innovative and "push the envelope."

"I was 29 when I became a dean," Zentner said, "and so she took a chance on me. I wanted to thank her for giving me the opportunity."

Zentner said he remembers once throwing out wild ideas for a grant during a meeting and Adrian giving him and others the go-ahead to pursue it. He de-

scribed her as someone who never told them "no" when it came to exploring possibilities.

"She was a champion of innovation for Coastline, which, with her support, has led to us trying, testing, failing, learning and growing in so many areas," Zentner said. Adrian said she hopes to stay in touch with her colleagues, even as she plans to leave to move back to San Diego some time in the next two years.

She plans on staying in her Huntington Beach home for a while longer after her retirement from Coastline, in no short part because of the pandemic.

The college will begin interviewing over the next six months and is expected to hire Adrian's successor by July 1.

Adrian said she hopes the new president will take the time to get to know the faculty, staff and students and strengthen and nurture what makes the college unique.

"We've overcome some really big challenges, and we've been able to create a lot of really impressive things and achieve impressive things because of that culture that's really special," Adrian said. "Take the time to know them, work with them and support them because they are the foundation and heart of Coastline."

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 8, 2020, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT NO. CA2019-004 TO AMEND TITLE 20 (PLANNING AND ZONING) OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS (PA2019-070)

The Ordinance, among other things, revises development standards applicable to one and two-unit residential development. Generally, the proposed amendments reduce bulk and mass associated with future residential development by clarifying the definition of gross floor area, regulating covered third floor decks, and expanding the application of third floor and open volume standards to all single-unit and two-unit residential developments. The amendments do not result in the reduction of allowable density on a lot. Furthermore, no changes in overall height limits, allowable floor area, lot coverage, or setbacks are proposed that would lessen the intensity of housing on a site.

This Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, at a regular meeting thereof on the 8th day of December, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Will O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Avery, Council Member Joy Brenner, Council Member Diane Dixon, Council Member Duffy Duffield, Council Member Kevin Muldoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Jeff Herdman

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