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DISTRICT #1**



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## Kevin's Corner

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Last month, I wrote that I hoped to update you on the ever increasing (read: outrageous) cost to construct local roads and freeway lanes in our state and our county – but Mother Nature intervened with something else that fell out of the sky and into my lap - so to speak. As many of you recently learned, a crucial bridge on the I-10 freeway recently collapsed during an extreme rain storm in our desert. What did not receive much media coverage was the significant damage the storm did to other Riverside County roads and communities. One of the First District communities hit with an extreme downpour was the rural community of Good Hope located between Lake Elsinore and Perris.

The high intensity storm cell that hit the area caused flood waters to tear across large swaths of the community, uprooting or covering nearly everything in layers of mud and debris. The impact to public roads and private property was significant for a community its size. After the rain stopped and all the fire engines returned back to communities they had come from, the painful job of extended community recovery and clean-up began.

This cycle repeats itself so regularly in Southern California that it is almost a national punchline. Flash floods followed by mudslides followed by earthquakes followed by wildfires, often resulting in severe damage to roads and homes and neighborhoods and requiring significant costs to local governments as they respond to these emergencies.

For a county that spends hundreds of thousands of dollars each year on lobbyists, and even more on seminars, conferences and travel - how much funding would you guess that we have tucked away in an emergency / disaster response fund in order to deal with employee and equipment costs in the aftermath of a local disaster? One Million? Two Million? Five Million? Now remember our county has roughly 2.3 million people (4th largest in the state, 10th largest in the nation) and our total county government budget is roughly \$5 Billion, and we live right in a region subject to the entire range of stereotypical California calamities. So how much do we specifically set aside for these inevitable local disaster responses?

Zero.

Nothing.

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Each county agency that responds to an emergency disaster with its people and equipment (sheriff, county fire, OES, roads, flood control, building & safety, animal services, to name a few) either cannibalizes their regular operating budgets to pay for it all, or they are all depending on the disaster to qualify for emergency funding from the federal government. If the disaster doesn't reach the federal threshold - the department is pretty much out of luck in seeking reimbursements. Department heads shouldn't have to choose between responding with full resources to a disaster or balancing their budget, and should have that reassurance that they will not be punished for responding when they are needed.

Growing up - many of us were wisely told by our parents or grandparents to save up and have a rainy day fund to get us through tough times. Maybe it's time our county government saved-up an actual Emergency Disaster fund for those really tough times (and quit waiting for Uncle Sam to bail us out).

Respectfully,  
Kevin Jeffries

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## Torrential Rains Cause Flooding In Good Hope & Meadowbrook

On July 19th a torrential downpour of rain hit the Good Hope & Meadowbrook areas of District #1. Within minutes, walls of water made their way down hills, roads, through homes, and closed several roads. Thankfully no one was injured and the recovery process has been in gear for sometime now. The clean up is still on going and could potentially take several more weeks to clear all of the water ways and culverts. Below are a few images.



Trees & power lines down on Norma Street, south of Hwy 74.



Water pours over Marie St. even after the rain had stopped.



Cal-Trans working with County Transportation Dept. clear away mud and debris which had crossed Hwy 74 at Theda.



Supervisor Kevin Jeffries views the damage of fallen trees and mud in a culvert being cleaned up by County Transportation.

## Supervisor Success Stories



*Each month this column will highlight recent successes in Supervisor Jeffries' Office, whether it is assistance for a single citizen dealing with the county bureaucracy, a change in county policy to improve our community, or a promise kept by the Supervisor.*

### **RRCMC Gains Ally In The Fight Against Elder Abuse.**

The Elder Abuse Forensic Center (EAFC) was established by the Department of Public Social Services for the purpose of bringing medical, scientific, and investigative expertise to government agencies and medical professionals who serve elderly and disabled adults. The EAFC incorporates and develops evidence-based practices that unravel the complex issues impacting these populations. The desired outcome is to mitigate and prevent abuse, as well as improve quality of life.

The EAFC was missing a crucial partner and in need of a geriatrician who could examine and evaluate victims of suspected elder abuse to determine if their injuries were consistent with an abuse scenario. This information could then be provided to law enforcement and the district attorney for prosecution. With fewer than 7,000 geriatricians nationwide, the task proved daunting.

Supervisor Jeffries was instrumental in forging an agreement with Riverside County Regional Medical Center to bring their geriatrician, Dr. Wael Hamade to the team. Dr. Hamade joins Dr. David Franklin, a neuropsychologist who also consults for the EAFC, making elder abuse investigations and prosecutions in Riverside County a little easier.

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### **County Transportation Continues Moving Forward Paving Roads.**

Since being elected in 2012 Supervisor Kevin Jeffries has led the fight to pave as many highly used dirt roads as possible across the District. Although the process is a lengthy and tedious one, progress is moving forward and a number of roads have already been paved.

Below are the next set of local dirt roads which are now being prepared for paving and the communities they are in.

Obsidian Drive - Woodcrest  
Taft Street (Magnolia to Dallas) - Woodcrest  
Skylark West (Grand to the mailboxes) - Lakeland Village



# County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

## Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)

### Gary Jensen, Chair



#### **What does your Council do??**

The Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) serves the unincorporated area of Woodcrest in the County. We are an information gathering and sharing board, for the Supervisor's Office.

- Our main concerns are public safety, Law Enforcement, Fire Service, and Code Enforcement.
- Also advocating for paving of roads and providing sidewalks for the safety of student to get to and from school safely.
- Our concern for future residential and commercial development, that they are being planned in such a way as to improve the quality of life in the Woodcrest Area.

We look forward to having you join us at our next meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Woodcrest Library at 6:00pm, and at our town hall meeting in November.

#### **What interested you in serving on the council?**

I have worked and volunteered with nonprofit youth agencies for years, and served on their risk management committees. It is my hope to be able to share with our neighbors what is being planned and being developed in our community to make a better place to live. As a 30 plus years resident of Woodcrest, I have seen a lot of changes to the area, some good and some not. Now having a chance to voice and communicate, along with the members of The Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council we look forward to sharing what is happening in our community and making it a cleaner and safer place for all to live and raise our families.

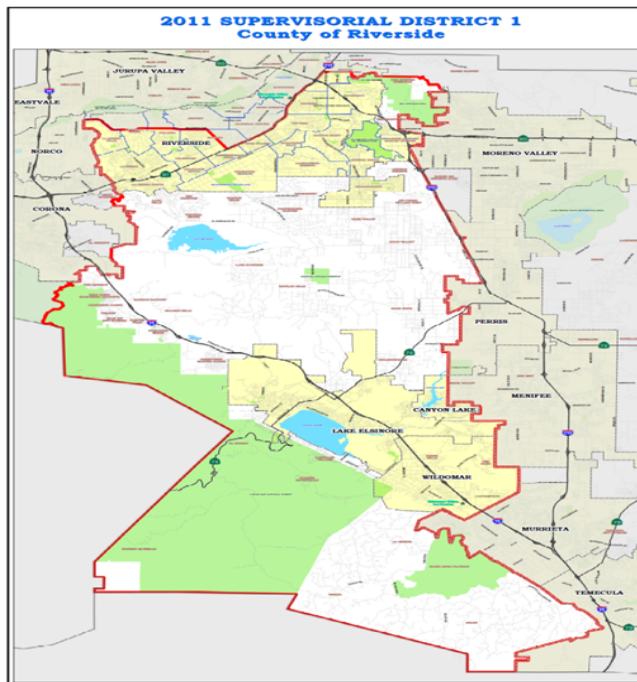
## Non-Profit of the Month

# Riverside County Regional Medical Center Foundation

Riverside County Regional Medical Center Foundation was formed in 1989 by a group of community leaders as a non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of Riverside County Regional Medical Center to provide superior, quality health care to residents of Riverside County with a special focus on individuals and populations in need. The Foundation's mission is to support the Medical Center by providing comprehensive and vigorous programs of community awareness and education, public relations, and fundraising activities.

The Foundation raises funds to provide crucial medical equipment for the Child Abuse and Neglect Unit housed at the Medical Center which enables staff to better serve the innocent victims who are treated in this unit. The Foundation also provided funding to establish a mobile health clinic which allows for the expansion of Community Based Clinics throughout the County. The mobile health clinic provides basic health screenings; diagnoses, education, and referrals for chronic health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, and hypertension; treatment for non-acute illnesses; along with medications and immunizations as needed. The Community Based Clinic program addresses a vital need in the community, focused on the underserved population, at no charge to the patient. The Foundation also provides funding for the pharmaceuticals dispensed through the Community Based Clinics.

For more information, contact the Foundation at (951) 486-4213



## First District Profile



*Kevin Jeffries was elected in November 2012 to represent the residents of the 1st Supervisorial District on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. This district covers the cities of Riverside, Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, and Wildomar, and unincorporated communities including Woodcrest, Lake Mathews, Mead Valley, Temescal Valley, Good Hope, Lakeland Village, El Cariso, Meadowbrook, La Cresta, Tenaja, Spring Hills, Warm Springs and DeLuz*

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

SPONSORED BY FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

**Location: Good Hope/Meadowbrook Community Center/Fire Station #9  
21565 Steele Peak Drive Perris, CA 92570**



**Directions:**  
From CA-74, turn east on Mountain Avenue and turn south onto Palm Street and then east on Steele Peak Drive. Enter event by turning left into the Community Center.

**NOTE:** Event may be cancelled due to rain, snow or excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by County

- ✓ Household Hazardous Waste Only—No Business Waste
- ✓ Each load shall not exceed 15 gallons of liquid waste or a total of 125 pounds—Multiple trips are allowed
- ✓ Containers shall be marked and secured to prevent leaks
- ✓ Containers holding gasoline will not be returned

- Acceptable Items**
- Used Oil and Filters
  - Latex/Oil-Base Paint
  - Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs
  - Pesticides
  - Cleaners
  - BBQ & Camp Size Propane
  - Aerosol Cans
  - Antifreeze
  - Auto Batteries
  - Garden Chemicals
  - Pool Chlorine
  - TVs and Computers
  - Electronic Waste
  - Sharps

- Unacceptable Items**
- Government, Business, Non-Profit, or Out-of-County Hazardous Waste
  - Explosives or Ammunition
  - Medical/Infectious Waste (except Sharps)
  - Asbestos
  - Radioactive or Remediation Material
  - Containers larger than five gallons or weighing more than 50 pounds
  - Appliances, Tires, or Trash

**Date and Time:**

**Saturday  
August 29, 2015**

**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**



Riverside County Waste Management Department  
14310 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553  
Ph 951-486-3200 Hotline 800-304-2226  
[www.rivcowm.org](http://www.rivcowm.org)

Mark R. Amstrong, General Manager/Chief Engineer

## CAMP ANZA 2015

**AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS FOR VETERANS**

**INTEREST LIST NOW OPEN**

**Go to [www.WakelandHDC.com/Anza](http://www.WakelandHDC.com/Anza) or Call (951) 840-9351**



**BACKGROUND & STATUS**

Once complete, Home Front at Camp Anza will consist of 29 affordable homes geared towards service-disabled veterans and other qualifying veterans and their households, and other qualifying non-veteran households. Located close to libraries, parks and other amenities, Home Front at Camp Anza will be a services-enriched community tailored to the needs of residents, with comprehensive support provided both on-site and off-site.

INCOME QUALIFICATIONS		QUALIFICATION CRITERIA & SELECTION PROCESS
NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS per household	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME	
2	\$14,910 - \$29,820	We encourage interested households to complete the Anza Tenant Interest Form (link below). Applicants may be asked to complete various credit and background checks, and provide landlord references. Applicants may also be asked to execute a 12-month lease. We encourage interested households to apply so that a qualifications specialist can determine eligibility.
3	\$16,770 - \$33,540	
4	\$18,630 - \$37,260	
5	\$20,130 - \$40,260	
6	\$21,630 - \$43,260	
7	\$23,130 - \$46,260	

Visit our Website for Additional Information and to be Added to the Tenant Interest List:

[www.WakelandHDC.com/Anza](http://www.WakelandHDC.com/Anza)

\*Dates are subject to change. Income qualifications and rental amounts are approximate and change on an annual basis.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLAR: Ways Forward for Inland Southern California 2015

This conference is designed for city leaders, planners, council members, businesses, utilities and the general public to learn about the state of solar energy by discussing the latest technology, public policy/regulations, economics, and the associated environmental/sustainability issues. Attendees will learn about the challenges and opportunities for incorporating solar energy in their communities, including how the marketplace works, local policies, and initiatives already in place.

**SAVE THE DATE  
SEPTEMBER 30,  
2015**

**8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**1200 Columbia Ave  
Riverside, CA 92507**

Registration Opening Soon:  
**\$50 Early Bird Registration**



**CONFIRMED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

**V. JOHN WHITE** (Executive Director, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies)

**BERNADETTE DEL CHIARO** (Executive Director, California Solar Energy Industries Association)

**KAREN DOUGLAS** (Commissioner, California Energy Commission)

[www.cert.ucr.edu/events/solar2015](http://www.cert.ucr.edu/events/solar2015)

For more information, contact ALFREDO MARTINEZ-MORALES at (951) 781-5652 or [alfredo.martinezmorales@ucr.edu](mailto:alfredo.martinezmorales@ucr.edu)

# Bridal EXPO

**August 28, 2015  
7:00PM - 10:00PM**

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CATERERS  
BAKERIES · FLORISTS  
PHOTOGRAPHERS  
WEDDING COORDINATORS  
AND MORE...

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