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Supervisor Wagner was voted Chairman of the Board of Supervisors at the January 10 meeting. The focus of the year will be improving public safety, enhancing the quality of life in Orange County, and more. Read about some updates below.

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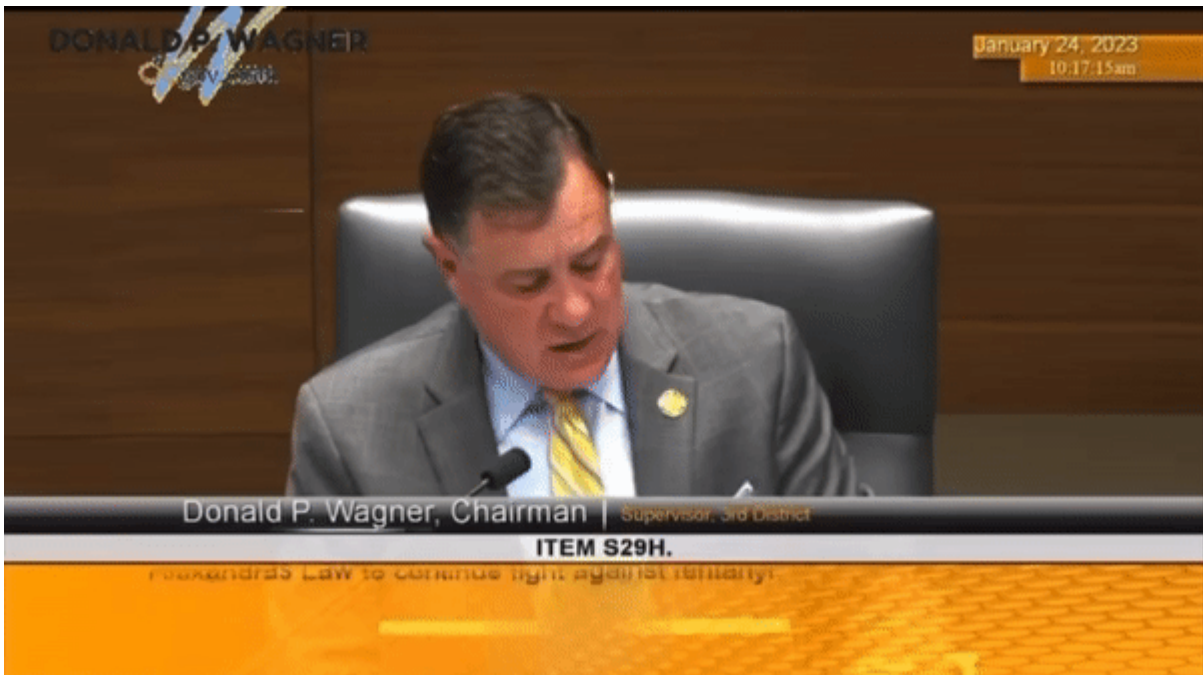
I'm honored to assume the role of Chair. My colleagues and I embrace the coming challenges. We are mutually committed to doing the very best we can as we see our duty to the people of Orange County."

DONALD P. WAGNER

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**SUPERVISOR DON WAGNER ELECTED
CHAIRMAN OF THE OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



At the January 24 Board Meeting, Chairman Donald P. Wagner of the Orange County Board of Supervisors called for the County's support of Senator Umberg's bill: SB 44 Alexandra's Law. The bill continues the County's fight against fentanyl and potentially will save lives. California's fentanyl penalties are too lax. The Board's action today authorizes Chairman Wagner to communicate County support for the bill to Senator Umberg and the state legislature.

"The fentanyl issue is urgent, tragically killing a person about every eight minutes in our community. In fact, this poison was the number one cause of death last year for people ages 18-45," said Chairman Wagner. "Orange County wants justice for the thousands of California families who have lost loved ones. Our County and cities need the legal teeth to hold illicit manufacturers and distributors responsible for their crimes. We are imploring the state to partner with us to save lives; it's something everyone can —and should —get behind."

Statistics show the opioid crisis has significantly worsened since fentanyl entered the illicit drug market. Fentanyl causes a fatality approximately every 7-8 minutes and is linked to 64% of total drug fatalities in 2021. Last year's data show that death by fentanyl poison exceeds death by suicide, auto accidents, and COVID-19.

In January 2022, the Board of Supervisors supported a resolution making the community aware of the danger of fentanyl and advocating for tougher penalties. Last month, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to support Chairman Wagner's item that funds Third District school districts to purchase Naloxone. Orange County Sheriff Barnes and District Attorney Todd Spitzer have written letters in support of SB 44.

In California, Driving Under the Influence offenders are read an advisory in court informing them that repeated offenses resulting in death can be charged as manslaughter or murder. SB 44 replicates this program by organizing a statewide Fentanyl Admonishment to be presented to fentanyl dealers and traffickers whose actions result in death.

Chairman Wagner and the Board of Supervisors are proud to support SB 44 Alexandra's Law and encourage the fentanyl advisement be codified into law. The public can help by contacting their local state legislator and ask them to support SB 44 today.

IN THE NEWS

KEEP LIVE MUSIC IN IRVINE



Chairman Wagner had the privilege of serving as Irvine's Mayor, and he is pleased to represent Irvine again at the County level.

During his time as Mayor, he helped jump-start the process for a 14,000-seat permanent concert amphitheater at the Great Park. An amphitheater is something our local community had lost and long anticipated returning to Irvine. Many current residents grew up with fond memories of the Verizon Amphitheater years ago and look forward to a long-promised music venue returning permanently to their hometown.

Additionally, the amphitheater attracts world-renowned talent, noteworthy cultural events, helping to place the premier City of Irvine on the map. A permanent venue will provide jobs and much more by enhancing tourism with another reason to visit Irvine and spend tax dollars in the city, which significantly benefits its residents.

The amphitheater has been engineered to minimize sound. Furthermore, its permanent site is planned in a location with no nearby homes and near Wild

Rivers, with its stage pointing at large sports fields and the freeways. Traffic has been planned near the base of the new botanical gardens, and a 20-foot berm behind the seats will encircle the sound.

For over four decades, Irvine has been the live music capital of the region. Millions of fans have enjoyed thousands of concerts —from Queen to Styx, Tom Petty to Sublime, Def Leppard to Pitbull, Snoop Dog — and so much more. A permanent music venue has been a part of Irvine's vision for many years and with strong community support.

As a supporter of the arts, Chairman Wagner is beyond thrilled to welcome such a landmark establishment to his District and he [supports the project](#) that will keep Live Music in Irvine.

CANYON PROJECT SUCCESS



What a positive impact the debris-removal project made for the Third District's canyon residents. In part thanks to the County's sponsorship of a Federal grant that Chairman Wagner initiated in 2022 after much collaboration with canyon leadership. According to OC Public Works, over 9,300 tons of mud and debris were removed from the area — that's 18+ million pounds of mud, rocks, and materials were cleared away.

The district's new Congresswoman, Young Kim, and Chairman Wagner toured the area to see what worked and take stock of what more can be done. Both representatives vow to find ways to save life and property in rural Silverado and Modjeska Canyon and look forward to serving their shared constituency at the County and Federal levels.

More on the project:

On January 11, 2022 the Board of Supervisors authorized OC Public Works to submit a request to NRCS to serve as the local sponsor for two projects identified by NRCS (collectively referred to as the Project):

- Silverado Creek and Anderson Creek: debris and obstruction removal of deposited material only upstream of the County of Orange (County) owned Kitterman Bridge
- Silverado Creek and Wildcat Canyon Creek: channel clearing/debris removal upstream of the County owned culvert under Silverado Canyon Road

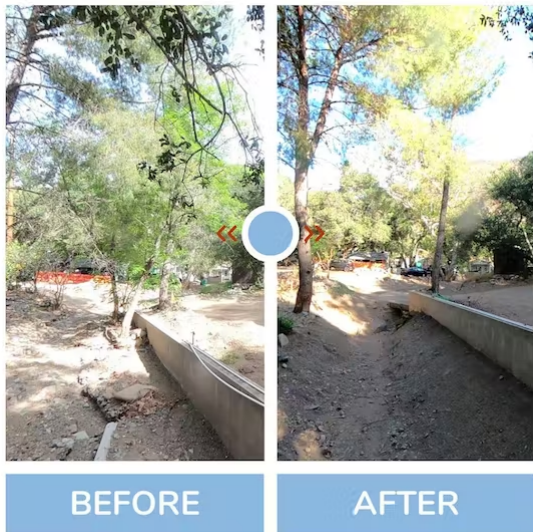
The County was able to cover some additional areas during this project as well:

- Cleared out the stockpile of debris on the Riviera across from The Abbey
- Cleared material at Santiago and Olive both under the road on Santiago and upstream and downstream of the culvert
- The Project decreased the potential for damage to both public and private facilities during future debris flows caused by rainstorms over the Bond Fire burn scar area.
- On August 12, 2022, NRCS approved the Project for funding under their EWP program and issued a reimbursement agreement.
- Construction on the Project started in September 2022.
- The Project was completed November 2022 and help significantly in both the rains in November 2022 and the rains this past week, January 2023.

The tight-knit community had positive feedback overall for the project, including canyon resident Rich Pfeiffer:

"I live at ground zero for the Bond Fire and Silverado Creek repairs. OC Public Works PIO, Shannon Wider, told me the repairs got done only because Supervisor Wagner pushed for relief. ...The funds were enough to repair the creek and prevent further damage to homes, property, and the emotional well-being of our neighborhood. We completely appreciate what Supervisor Wagner and Public Works have done to make our homes safe. On an even more positive side, due to Supervisor Wagner's efforts, we are again fishing at Irvine Lake and my grandson caught his first two fish there! Just like his Dad did. Thank you."
—Rich Pfeiffer, Neighborhood Block Captain

The Chairman gives OC Public Works a special shout-out for monitoring our canyon areas closely.



CREATING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES



Live in Orange County: The National Health and Examination Survey (NHANES) is the most comprehensive survey of the health and nutritional status of the U.S. because it combines health interviews and physical examinations to create a complete picture of the nation's health.

The mobile exam center travels across the United States yearly, visiting 15 counties and asking about 5,000 selected residents to be part of this unique health survey. Orange County is one of the counties selected to participate in this initiative this year.

The NHANES program isn't new; in fact, it began in 1960. And since 1999, the survey has examined about 5,000 people in 15 different counties across the country each year. Over 240,000 people have already participated and have improved the health of everyone in the United States.

NHANES is now conducting the survey in the area, and it is important to let county residents know the impact of participation and the many benefits of being part of NHANES. Participants receive a modest financial token of appreciation as well as support with paying for transportation and childcare if needed. Plus, they receive a comprehensive personal report about their health findings.

Chairman Wagner thanks his colleagues at the Board, CalOptima, OC Social Services, OC Health Care Agency, and OC Gov for putting together a comprehensive press conference that informs the public on the latest. Please [visit here](#) for more.

OC VETERANS CEMETERY UPDATE



The state of California deposited \$700K from the County for the Veterans Cemetery study. Orange County Veterans are on their way to declaring victory with a dignified cemetery to call their own.

Chairman Wagner was honored to have led the bipartisan coalition with our Veterans and our community, including an item he brought forward with Supervisor Andrew Do, which secured \$20 million of County funds to help build the site and start allowing burials. The cemetery's total capacity would be built out over many years. Building a 'heroes hill' will reflect our County's military history and a vision for the future: service, respect, and love of country. Stay tuned for more updates.

ENHANCING FIRE SAFETY



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY IS A TOP-NOTCH AGENCY

Chairman Wagner serves as a Director at the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), he is actively working to ensure the best resources are in place to protect life and property in the fire-prone areas of his District. He toured one of our local fire stations, Station 22, where a sense of pride in work was abundantly clear. Several fire teams from different cities coordinate among stations so there is never a gap in service. The firefighters who work at OCFA are proud to work for an Agency that is dedicated to the highest levels of service and quality of life.

AN UPDATE FROM CAL FIRE THAT COULD IMPACT YOU

As a Director at the Fire Authority, Chairman Wagner wants to ensure all can be done to protect life and property. He also wants to ensure our residents are as engaged as possible on issues that concern their properties.

There is an update to note that will affect our community, and the time to act is now. CAL Fire last updated its fire severity map back in 2007. The maps are going to change soon with public input. The maps and their determination are not under the County's control, but we want to alert our community to this time period for public comment, from February 3 to April 4. Read more [here](#).

Updated maps show more areas along East Orange County (our district) and how it is moving into the "Very High" category. [This map](#) shows the prior zone and what the proposed map will look like: it impacts Yorba Linda down south to Rancho Santa Margarita, including our canyon areas. Also, it may impact insurance coverage.

CAL Fire posted a list of FAQ, including "Insurance Related Questions." One question to note:

Q: Will the new fire hazard severity zones affect my ability to get or maintain insurance?

A: Insurance companies use risk models, which differ from hazard models because they consider the susceptibility of a structure to damage from fire and other short-term factors that are not included in hazard modeling.

It is unlikely that insurance risk models specifically call out CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones as a factor, but much of the same data that is used in the fire hazard severity zone model is likely included in the insurance companies' risk models.

However, insurance risk models incorporate many additional factors and factors that change more frequently than those that CAL FIRE includes in its hazard mapping, which is built to remain steady for the next 10+ years.

Once again, this is a friendly reminder to our community that [the window to provide input is now](#).

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Team Wagner celebrates new business openings, business expansions, and grand reopenings in the Third District. We also recognize community leaders who build up others and welcome people to Orange County's vibrant business community. You may see us at ribbon cuttings around town or Chamber of Commerce Ceremonies because we root for the health, wealth, name and fame of our community doing good work. We see you!



Lynn Campbell: Ambassador of the Year, Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce



Thomas Lotts: Ambassador of the Quarter, Irvine Chamber of Commerce

FREE COMPOST AVAILABLE



Orange County residents, businesses and local cities can request free compost or mulch from the County. OC Waste & Recycling's recovered organic waste program is accepting requests for STA Certified Compost and mulch. For more information go to OCLandfills.com

PET OF THE WEEK

MEET GAMBIT

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