

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 23, 2016  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Laguna Beach Neighborhood Trolley Pilot Program** - The City of Laguna Beach will start its Free Neighborhood Trolley Pilot Program tomorrow June 24. The service will replace the current Mainline Bus service in Top of The World, Bluebird Canyon, Arch Beach Heights, and will utilize brand new green and red trolleys. The new service will operate Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The neighborhood program will operate on a 30 minute frequency with fixed stops, as well as offering a flag down service anywhere along the route. Mainline service will continue as normal in North Laguna and South Laguna. For more information regarding the Neighborhood Trolley Pilot Program please visit [www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley) or call 949-497-0746.

**Summer Festival Trolley Service** - On Friday June 24, Laguna Beach Transit will kick off its Summer Festival Service. During the 10-week Summer Festival Season, free trolley services will be offered seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Trolley service includes stops along Coast Highway as well as Laguna Canyon Road in order to service the Festival of the Arts/Pageant of the Masters, Sawdust Art Festival, Art-A-Fair and the Laguna Playhouse. For more information regarding the Summer Festival Service please visit [www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley) or call 949-497-0746.

**Southern California Edison Rotating Outages** - As the summer is upon us, SCE has provided the attached rotating outage procedures and policies as well as notification programs that would be used in the event of rotating outages that are likely to occur this summer. These same notification procedures are used to alert citizens of significant interruptions and/or rotating outages caused by major emergencies such as wildfires, inclement weather, or earthquakes. Additional information and resources to help conserve energy wherever possible can be found on the attached document and the following links:

<http://insideedison.com/stories/sce-encourages-energy-conservation-this-summer> and [www.sce.com/outage](http://www.sce.com/outage).

**Keep Bird Nests Safe and Trees Healthy** - The City has published a new Information Guide to assist residents, tree trimmers and contractors in understanding potential impacts that could occur to birds and their nests from trimming trees during certain times of the year when birds are nesting. In addition, on June 20, 2016 a Press Release was sent to the local media informing the general public of this information. The Information Guide and Press Release (links are posted below) are located on the City's website and can be found in hard copy in the Community Development, Public Works and Animal Control offices.

<http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/news/displaynews.htm?NewsID=1139&TargetID=1,22>

<http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=16090>

**Angel's Game Law Enforcement Appreciation Night** - At Friday evening's Angel's game against the Oakland A's, Detectives Dave Gensemer and Cornelius Ashton will be honored on the field before the game as Laguna Beach's Top Cops for their work on multiple cases. Officer Natalie Leal's son was also selected and will be enjoying the bat kid privilege.

**REMINDERS:**

**Lifeguard Staffing Level-One Begins on June 25, 2016** - Swim near a lifeguard. Full staffing of the City's 30 lifeguard towers will begin on June 25, 2016 and continue through Labor Day, September 7, 2016.

**Gas Company Repairs** - While repairing a pipe at the intersection of Third Street and Mermaid Street earlier this month, the Gas Company detected that additional repairs were needed. The Gas Company will return to work at this intersection on June 28, June 29, and July 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No lane closures will be necessary, but minor traffic impacts can be expected.

**Public Art Dedication** - On Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. the City of Laguna Beach will dedicate the artist designed bench installation "The Love that Binds" by artists Jose Calderon and Roberto Delgado at Crescent Bay Point Park. The benches have been created of travertine stone with handmade tile inserts which depict Laguna Beach its, people and places. This installation has been funded by the Laguna Beach resident Norman Powell.

**Red Phone Booth Temporary Art Installation** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting proposals for a temporary art installation. The booth is located on Forest Avenue and the Commission is seeking imaginative, whimsical and colorful proposals. The winning design will be on exhibit for 24 months and will receive an honorarium of \$3,500. The deadline for proposals is Monday, August 15, 2016. Complete guidelines and application is available at [www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com](http://www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com). This project is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**Summer 2016 Recreation Registration** - Registration for the summer quarter recreation activities is underway. A wide variety of summer camps, programs and classes are being offered for all ages. Register for activities online at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) (click on Recreation Classes), or by mail-in, or drop-off to the Community Services Department at 515 Forest Avenue.

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## Essential Use Customer Classification and Priority System for Rotating Outages

### Background: Rotating Outages and Essential Use Customers

Rotating outages are controlled power interruptions that SCE institutes at the direction and under the supervision of state regulators when there is an electrical system emergency. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) created a priority system in which certain customers who provide Essential public health, safety, and security services should normally be exempt from rotating outages, and the 13 specific categories Essential Use customers are as follows:

- A. Government and other agencies providing Essential fire, police, and prison services.
- B. Government agencies Essential to the national defense.
- C. Hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.
- D. Communication utilities, as they relate to public health, welfare, and security, including telephone utilities.
- E. Navigation, communication traffic control, and landing and departure facilities for commercial air and sea operations.
- F. Electric utility facilities and supporting fuel and fuel transportation services critical to continuity of electric power system operation.
- G. Radio and television broadcasting stations used for broadcasting emergency messages, instruction, and other public information related to the electric curtailment emergency.
- H. Water and sewage treatment utilities may request partial or complete [rotating outage] exemption from electric utilities in times of emergency identified as requiring their service, such as firefighting.
- I. Areas served by networks, at utilities' discretion.
- J. Rail rapid transit systems as necessary to protect public safety, to the extent exempted by the CPUC.
- K. Customers served at transmission voltages to the extent that (a) they supply power to the grid in excess of their load at the time of the rotating outage, or (b) their inclusion in rotating outages would jeopardize system integrity.
- L. Optional Binding Mandatory Curtailment Program customers.
- N. Petroleum refineries, vital ancillary facilities, and other customers in the critical fuels chain of production, to the extent exempted by the CPUC.

The CPUC noted that even for these customers, "[p]rotection cannot be guaranteed because daily circuit switching may temporarily change a customer's outage block and priority classification."

### **Backup/Standby Generation**

SCE is strongly encouraging customers to start planning now for anticipated summer heat waves and potential outages. If customer facilities have back-up power generators, we recommend the customers test them each month to ensure they are ready in case of a power interruption.

The CPUC directed the utilities “to evaluate the adequacy of the standby generating equipment of [Essential Use] customers and to consider removing them from the lists of Essential Use customers.” Essential Use customers that have sufficient standby generating equipment for their essential load should not be routinely protected from rotating outages because this double protection may be jeopardizing other equally essential customers at the higher load reduction levels, and for that reason, some Essential Use customers may be “nonexempt” — that is, subject to rotating outages. Customers are considered nonexempt if they have sufficient and adequate backup generation to support their critical activities for at least one hour (the expected typical duration of a rotating outage).

### **Special Rules for Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities**

All hospitals and skilled nursing facilities are exempt from rotating outages regardless of the status of backup or standby generation.

### **Special Rules for Water and Sewage Customers**

With regard to water and sewage treatment facilities, the CPUC clarified its position, concluding that such customers would not be automatically exempted from rotating outages. However, water and sewage facilities “may request an exemption from a specific rotating outage if an emergency requiring their service exists.” In D.02-04-060, the CPUC reaffirmed that, “if a water or sewage facility makes a good faith request [for exemption] (i.e., refraining from an exemption request unless absolutely required to ensure the public’s health and safety), ‘we fully expect the utility to grant it.’”

### **SCE Implementation of the CPUC’s Priority System**

To implement the CPUC’s Priority System for Rotating Outages, SCE has exempted from rotating outages all circuits that serve identified Essential Use customers (except those who are nonexempt). In the unlikely event an Essential Use customer is inadvertently interrupted due to a rotating outage, SCE has established a toll-free number for the Essential Use customer to call to report the outage; if feasible, SCE will restore service to the Essential Use customer, and then contact the customer to verify service restoration.

SCE makes contact with each Essential Use customer to ensure that (a) its business functions have not changed in a manner that would eliminate it from the CPUC-designated categories of “Essential Use customers” and (b) there has been no change in the sufficiency or adequacy of its backup generation that would affect whether an Essential Use customer should be exempt. Any customer who is found to need reclassification (either Essential to Non-Essential or Non-Essential to Essential) receives a notification 15 days in advance of the effective date of reclassification.

In addition, SCE reviews each new service turn-on request to identify those new customers who may meet the CPUC definition for “Essential Use customers”. SCE representatives make individual contact with those identified customers to determine whether they should be included on the Essential Use customer list. Any customer classified as an Essential Use customer receives advance written notification of its classification.