

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



9.11

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, March 20, 2012, Shirley Ferrante spoke about seniors and disabled citizen's issues.

**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.
9.11**

County Board Members:

We, seniors and disabled citizens, would like a Constitutional Amendment to remove money from politics. We are interested in putting trust back into our Representatives.

We would like to know what can be done about limiting and eliminating the toxic chemicals which are used in Fracking. (See attached article)

We would also like to know what can be done to ensure that Veterans are able to see Psychologists and Psychiatrists as needed.

Some of us would like to meet with the County Representatives. There are many long time residents of the city and county who are now senior or disabled citizens. We have an interest in maintaining the city and county. We would like to see a shift of focus aside from the large unions and corporations.

We have concern regarding universities and colleges paying top dollar to presidents, while students are incurring high charges and fees. (see attached article)

I hope to hear from you as soon as possible regarding these matters.

Sincerely,

Shirley Ferrante, Senior and Disabled Advocate

Submitted by Shirley Ferrante
3/20/12 Item ORAL
(date)

Their culture and foods are different from the majority Mexican community's, and it shows the Latino population's diversity

BY DAVID OLSON
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Milvia and Amilcar Manella have lived in the Riverside area for 31 years but it was the late 1980s before they met another Guatemalan immigrant in the city.

Since then, the Guatemalan population has exploded in Riverside and throughout the Inland area. The region now ranks eighth among U.S. metropolitan areas in the number of residents of Guatemalan ancestry.

The surging Guatemalan presence is part of the diversification of the Inland area's Latin American population.

The region's Latino residents are still overwhelmingly Mexican in ancestry, but the percentage of Guatemalans, Salvadorans and other non-Mexican Latin Americans is increasing much more rapidly.

The number of residents of Guatemalan background in Riverside and San Bernardino



Milvia Manella, left, and her daughter Elaine Kauffman own Tikal Bakery. Upon arrival in the area 31 years ago, Manella lived in Plubidoux.

counties increased 242 percent between 2000 and 2010, to 28,726, according to the 2010 U.S. census. The Mexican-ancestry population rose 72 percent, to more than 1.7 million.

More than two-thirds of Inland residents of Guatemalan ancestry are immigrants, U.S. census estimates show.

Many Inland Guatemalans said they were attracted to the region by the boom in con-

struction work during the early and mid-2000s.

Marcos Velasquez arrived in Lake Elsinore in 2001 from Guatemala after his father — who immigrated in 1999 — told him about construction jobs in the area. Velasquez, 26, is still a construction worker and has struggled to pay bills since the housing market crashed.

"Life is very hard," he said in Spanish.

"But I'm here for my kids," said Velasquez, who earned a pittance picking coffee and tobacco in Guatemala, never went beyond second grade in school and now lives with his wife, 2- and 4-year-old children and four others in a two-bedroom apartment.

"It's better for them here, more opportunities. In my country, there are no opportunities. I want them to get a good education," he said.

TIGHT-KNIT COMMUNITY

Through soccer teams and networks of friends, a tight-knit community has formed in Lake Elsinore, Velasquez said. When he runs out of money because of lack of work, friends help tide him over. He returns the favor when

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CSU draws fire after two new presidents get top pay allowed

BY ERICA PEREZ
CALIFORNIA WATCH

In the first test of the California State University system's recently approved executive compensation policy, the presidents appointed to lead CSU East Bay and CSU Fullerton are slated to each receive the maximum salaries allowable under the new rules.

After CSU trustees approved a large pay increase for the new San Diego State University president last summer on the same day that they raised student tuition, the university system

faceted a chorus of criticism from legislators, the news media and the public. Trustees approved a base salary for SDSU President Elliot Hirschman of \$400,000, including \$50,000 from the university foundation. That's \$100,000 more than his predecessor's salary.

In response, the CSU trustees in January approved a new executive compensation policy that limits new presidents' base pay to no more than 10 percent above their predecessors.

In a pay package slated for review at this week's Board of Trustees meet-

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The answers could depend once again on voters and whether they're willing to extend the life of the agency.
Several camps that support stem

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Fracking fuels fight in state

Some lawmakers and activists press for more disclosure and controls on the process driving an oil and natural gas boom

BY MICHAEL J. MISHAK
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SACRAMENTO — Energy companies across California are injecting a mysterious mix of chemicals into the ground to tap oil deposits while frustrating attempts to regulate the controversial process, known as hydraulic fracturing.

The procedure has drawn the greatest attention in the Rocky Mountain West and Northeast, where states have debated moratoriums to develop regulations after toxic chemicals were found in nearby drinking water.

But a quieter battle is being waged in the Golden State, which could be a candidate for increased "fracking" because of its unique geology. Last year, the energy industry scuttled a bill that would have

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the museum site, but it is be-

which works from offices scattered across the city, but

were able to put that together," Aguilar said.

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enlisted California in the growing ranks of states that require companies to disclose what they put into the ground. At least nine states have such guidelines.

Meanwhile, the Brown administration, which has been trying to ease regulation of the energy industry, has yet to draw up any rules on the extraction method.

State regulators say existing environmental laws protect the state's drinking water but acknowledge they have little information about the scale or practice of fracking in California, the fourth-largest oil producing state in the nation. That has created mounting anxiety in communities from Colton City to Monterey, where residents are slowly discovering the practice has gone on for years, sometimes in densely populated areas. "The communities have been left on their own to fig-

BOOSTING THE BOOM

Nationwide, fracking is driving an oil and natural gas boom. Energy companies are using the procedure to extract previously unreachable fuels locked within deep rock. The industry is lauding the potential of fracking in California to tap the largest oil shale formation in the continental U.S., containing 64 percent of the nation's deep-rock oil deposits.

State regulators said fracking here is "radically different" from drilling in the Rocky Mountain West, Mid-

Atlantic region and North-west, where operators inject millions of gallons of chemically-laced water and sand to break apart rock and release natural gas. In California, the process has long been performed for shorter duration with much less water to form an crude in depleted wells.

"We believe it's a safe practice," said Tupper Hull, a spokesman for the Western States Petroleum Association. "It is not a new technology. It is a tested, proven technology."

Others disagree, expressing concerns about potential effects to the environment and public health.

Hydraulic fracturing has been based on thousands of wells in California, according to the Environmental Working Group, a Washington-based organization critical of the energy industry. Environmentalists are suing the federal government to prevent oil companies from fracking on public lands in Monterey

and Fresno counties. Lawmakers have revived the disclosure bill that stalled last year after objections by Halliburton, one of the world's largest oil field service companies, and a pioneer of hydraulic fracturing.

COMPROMISE SOUGHT

In a statement, Halliburton said it was working with lawmakers on a compromise bill that would increase disclosure of fracking chemicals while protecting its proprietary "recipes."

Hoping to boost the state's sluggish economy, the Brown administration has eased rules for oil drilling in California, hiring two top regulators last year over permitting delays. "Through regulators said they monitor drilling operations "quite thoroughly" under existing law, they acknowledged the need for more disclosure of what chemicals are used in oil production.

Last year, after a three-year study, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said fracking was the likely cause of contaminated well water in Wyoming. The agency is also investigating contamination in Pennsylvania, where at least 18 families' wells were

tainted with chemicals after a gas well nearby. The agency has recently had well construction well contamination in Pennsylvania, where at least 18 families' wells were self-

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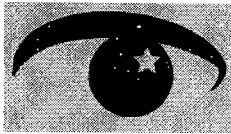
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