

# City of Corona

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## Information Flyer on the Temescal Valley Annexation

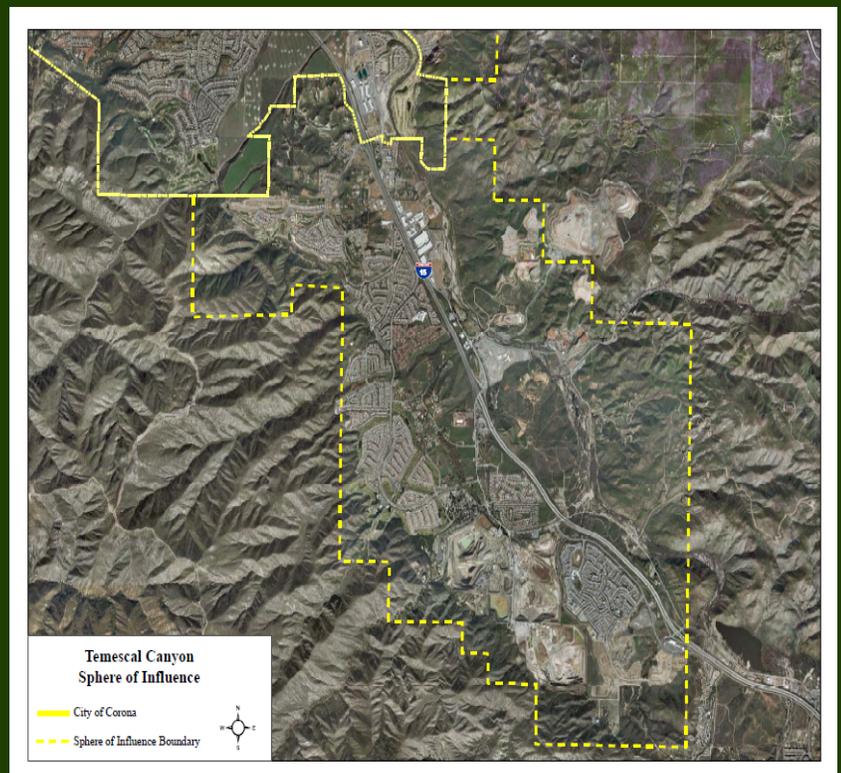


The City of Corona is proposing to annex the area of Temescal Valley located within the city's southern sphere of influence. The annexation area is 15.5 square miles and is adjacent to the southern boundary of the City of Corona at Weirick Road and extends east and west along Interstate 15 to just south of the Sycamore Creek Shopping Center. The southern boundary of the annexation area extends west of the Indian Truck Trail intersection with Interstate 15 at the Sycamore Creek Shopping Center.

The sphere of influence is an area of land that is recognized in the city's General Plan as being eligible for annexation. In late 2011, the city retained Stanley R. Hoffman Associates to prepare a fiscal impact analysis of the Temescal Valley annexation area. A fiscal impact analysis is required in any large annexation to determine projected on-going General Fund costs and revenues to the City of Corona for the Temescal Valley annexation.

The Temescal Valley annexation will be considered by the Corona City Council and Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Before LAFCO can consider an application for annexation, the Corona City Council is required to adopt a resolution approving the Temescal Valley annexation. The consideration of the annexation by the City of Corona is done at a public hearing which the public is allowed to attend and speak on the annexation.

Riverside County LAFCO will begin its review of the annexation after the city submits an application. Residents will be given another opportunity to speak on the annexation at the public hearing scheduled by LAFCO. Because Temescal Valley is inhabited and has 14 or more registered voters residing within the annexation area, LAFCO is required to hold a protest hearing. The protest hearing will give registered voters within the annexation area the opportunity to determine the outcome of the annexation.





## Overview of City Services to be provided in Temescal Valley

### Corona's Local Government



Temescal Valley residents and businesses would have access to local government services. The City of Corona is a General Law city with a City Council/City Manager form of government. The City Council consists of five members that are elected every four years by registered voters residing within the City of Corona. The position of Mayor is ceremonial and is rotated annually.

Corona City Hall is located approximately 10 miles from the annexation area making access convenient for residents and businesses. City Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of every month and begin at 6:30 p.m. which allows residents the opportunity to attend the meetings in the evening. Contact information for the City Council, City Manager and City Department Heads is also easily accessible from the city's website at [www.discovercorona.com](http://www.discovercorona.com).

### Corona Police Department

The City of Corona has its own local police department. The Corona Police Department would replace the service provided by the Riverside County Sheriff Department for the Temescal Valley area once annexed into the city. The City of Corona is 39.36 square miles and has a population of 153,484 people. The existing city is separated into four police zones with police personnel assigned to each zone to ensure efficient coverage. A new zone named Zone 5 will be created to solely cover the Temescal Valley area. Patrol officers assigned to Zone 5 will provide coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each shift will require two patrol officers to be on-duty and possibly at times a third patrol officer will also be on duty. The police coverage for this area will result in a total of 11 patrol officers to cover all shifts on average assigned to Zone 5. Additionally, Zone 5 will be assigned one sergeant, one community service officer, and one lieutenant.

The Corona Police Department maintains on average a five minute emergency response time in all existing zones and will strive to maintain the average five minute emergency response time for Zone 5. For urgent but non-life threatening calls the police department maintains an average response time of eight minutes. Officers assigned to Zone 5 will respond to 911 and non-emergency calls from their patrol area within the Temescal Valley area.

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## Property Taxes and Special Assessments

The tax levy within the City of Corona is the same levy in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County, which includes Temescal Valley. The general tax levy is determined in accordance with State law and is limited to \$1 per \$100 of assessed value of property, which is the basic 1% of a property's net assessed value. The County Assessor is responsible for determining the value of property. When property is sold or new construction is completed, the County Assessor at that time reassesses the value of property.

In addition to the general 1% tax levy, annual tax bills also include locally voted special taxes and district direct assessments. There are no special taxes or district assessments that would be added to the properties in the Temescal Valley area as a result of the annexation into the City of Corona.

Riverside County currently administers one Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District (LLMD 89-1) and two County Service Areas (CSA 134 and CSA 152 & 152B) in the Temescal Valley area.

LLMD 89-1 is an assessment district that pays for the maintenance of fossil filters, the electricity for streetlights, the electricity and maintenance of traffic signals and the maintenance of dedicated landscaping. Infrastructure maintained by LLMD 89-1 is located at certain areas which are classified by zones in the Temescal Valley area. The zones within this district that are part of the annexation will be transferred to the city to fund the identified maintenance in each zone. Therefore, the properties located in those zones and currently being assessed for LLMD 89-1 will continue to be assessed in the same manner if annexed into the City of Corona.

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## Corona Police Department continued

Currently Riverside County Sheriff has an average criminal emergency response time of 13 minutes and an average response time of 30 minutes for urgent but non-life threatening calls in Temescal Valley. The Sheriff's Department assigns one patrol vehicle to Temescal Valley with the closest public safety facility located in Lake Elsinore (source: Riverside County Sheriff Department).

Corona Police Officers assigned to Zone 5 for the Temescal Valley area will be assigned to Corona's Public Safety Facility located at 3777 Bedford Canyon Road. The officers assigned to this area will be accountable for addressing crime trends and are responsible for working with the Police Department's crime analysis unit to repress crime in their geographical area.

## Corona Fire Department



The City of Corona has its own local fire department. The Temescal Valley area would benefit from fire personnel being dispatched from Corona Public Safety Facility / Fire Station 7 located at 3777 Bedford Canyon. An additional fire station would be required within the annexation area to maintain an appropriate emergency response time. As an alternative, the Corona Fire Department has approached the Riverside County Fire Department and discussed the possibility of entering into a cooperative automatic aid agreement

which would utilize County Fire Station 64 located at 25310 Campbell Ranch Road. If the Riverside County Fire Department elects not to enter into an automatic aid agreement with the city, the Corona Fire Department will analyze potential locations in Temescal Valley to determine a suitable location for another facility.

The Corona Fire Department maintains an emergency response time of six minutes. This response time is based on the first engine company arriving on scene. Each engine company for Corona Fire is staffed with four firefighters with at least one being a licensed paramedic to ensure advanced life support arrives on scene within six minutes of an emergency. Corona Fire will also provide reinforced response to reported structure fires that will include 18 firefighters.

The Corona Fire Department has a Public Protection Classification (PPC) Class 2 rating from the Insurance Service Office. The PPC rating is utilized by the insurance industry to help establish fire insurance premiums for those that reside in the city. Fire Departments are classified on a scale of one to ten with ten being the lowest level of service.

The Corona Fire Department does have an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Subscription Program that is available to all residents and businesses located within the City of Corona. The purpose of the EMS Subscription Program is to support having paramedics employed in the Corona Fire Department in order to provide advanced life support service with the first engine company arriving on scene. The EMS Subscription Program is voluntary for residents and businesses. Residents and businesses enrolled in the program pay only \$48.00 a year in lieu of paying \$350.00 for each response that requires emergency medical assistance. The Corona EMS Subscription Program fee does not include the cost for ambulance service. The City of Corona does not operate its own ambulance company; therefore, fees associated with ambulance service are billed separately by the private ambulance company.

## Corona Public Works Department

The Corona Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of public city streets, city drainage facilities, street signage, graffiti removal, traffic operations and transit services. The city's Public Works Department would assume those responsibilities currently provided by the county in the Temescal Valley upon annexation into the City of Corona.

The Corona Public Works Department also manages the city's street sweeping contract and refuse and recycling contract with Waste Management.

## Property Taxes continued

CSA 134 was created in 1980 and the revenue collected under this assessment pays for recreation programs, the electricity of the streetlights, and the maintenance of dedicated landscape areas. CSA 152 was created in 1991 and is a funding mechanism for the County's clean water act program to pay for street sweeping. Certain properties also pay into this CSA to pay for the maintenance of drainage basins. CSA 152B is a zone of benefit within CSA 152 and was created in 2001. CSA 152B pays for the park maintenance for the three parks located within the annexation area, Coral Canyon Park, Montecito Park and Deleo Sports Park.

The assessments collected for CSA 134 and CSA 152 & 152B will be transferred to the City of Corona to continue the on-going maintenance of infrastructure currently being funded by the CSAs. Therefore, the properties currently being assessed for a CSA will continue to be assessed in the same manner if annexed into the City of Corona.

Community Facility Districts (CFD) created by other entities, such as the Corona Norco Unified School District and Lee Lake Water District will continue to be administered by those entities on properties that are already being assessed.



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## Corona Parks and Community Services

The Corona Parks and Community Services Department is responsible for the planning, development, and maintenance of City parks, landscape maintenance districts, and other public properties owned by the City of Corona. Recreational programs and services offered by the department include citywide special events, recreational classes, facility rentals for meeting rooms, picnic shelter reservations, youth and

adult sports programming, after-school recreation, summer camps, senior programs and summer aquatics.

The Corona Parks and Community Services Department would assume the maintenance responsibility and operation of the three parks in the Temescal Valley area. The Corona Parks and Community Services Department also has a working relationship with the Corona-Norco Unified School District and provides an after-school recreation program at seven of the schools located in the city. The after-school program provides tutoring, homework assistance, and organized recreation. The department would approach CNUSD to determine if the city's after-school recreation program could be expanded to the two schools located in Temescal Valley.

The department is also responsible for managing the maintenance of designated landscaping located within the public rights-of-way.

## Land Use

As part of the annexation the city is required to establish land use based zoning for the properties in Temescal Valley (for example: residential, commercial, industrial, etc). The city reviewed the existing land uses and zoning adopted by the County of Riverside for Temescal Valley and chose city zoning that was comparable to the county. The General Plan and zoning being proposed by the city for Temescal Valley are intended to be similar to the land uses that already exist or entitled for the area. There are also several specific plans that have been adopted in Temescal Valley, and the city proposes to adopt and maintain those existing specific plans.

## Community Meetings

The City of Corona will be hosting several community meetings on the annexation. Residents and businesses can attend any one of the meetings on the following dates.

June 19 and 27  
Temescal Valley Elementary School  
22950 Claystone Avenue  
Multi-Purpose Room  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

July 12 and 25  
Todd Elementary School  
25105 Mayhew Canyon Road  
Mutli-Purpose Room  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

July 10  
Trilogy Club House  
(Trilogy Residents Only)  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Water and Wastewater Services

The Lee Lake Water District is the water and wastewater provider for Temescal Valley. The annexation of Temescal Valley into the City of Corona will not affect existing water services as Lee Lake will continue to be the service provider for this area. Therefore, residents and businesses in the Temescal Valley will not experience an interruption or change in water and wastewater services.

Follow up questions on city services can be emailed to:

[TemescalValleyAnnexation@ci.corona.ca.us](mailto:TemescalValleyAnnexation@ci.corona.ca.us)

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