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Desert Hot Springs OKs deal with hotel

Economic incentive pact may be model for future

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Desert Hot Springs has approved an economic development incentive deal with a local hotel that could become a pilot for future agreements between the city and its hot water spas.

The Desert Hot Springs City Council on Tuesday approved an economic development incentive agreement with Azure Palm to subsidize the cost of renovating the hotel, allowing Azure Palm to retain its transient occupancy tax revenues for the next two years rather than providing those revenues to the city.

The council plans on discussing a broader economic incentive program for the city's spas in the fall.

The recently renovated Azure Palm Hot Springs Resort and Day Spa, located at 67-589 Hacienda Avenue, opened on March 25, 2021. The resort sits on 6 acres of land and has 40 rooms for overnight guests. The resort offers mineral pools and spas, a Himalayan salt room and spa treatment facilities.

'This will stimulate investment'

But owner Maria Lease has bigger plans for the property – in addition to the spa hotel, she envisions a 50,000-square-foot day spa facility that can accommodate hundreds of day spa visitors per day. Over the next few years, Lease plans on building the "geothermal oasis" into a mineral spring desert garden with mineral pools, walking paths, streams, and waterfalls.

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This town ran out of water a month ago

Esparanza Guerrero stands in front of a water tank that supplies her family with potable water, an interim solution after the Central California town of Teviston's well stopped working in early June.

JOSHUA YEAGER/VISALIA TIMES-DELTA

Climate experts fear Teviston is just the first of many in California's Central Valley

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On June 9, Frank Galaviz got a call from his neighbors: they had no water pressure.

A 14-year resident of Teviston and board member for Teviston Community Services District, he knew what the call meant. He'd been through this at least twice before. Galaviz went to his kitchen, a sunny space built for entertaining, and opened the

tap up wide.

Instead of a gush, a thin string of water hung from the faucet. It pattered quietly against the sink.

In other homes, the pipes were parched throats, desperate for even a drop.

In Teviston, nearly a thousand Golden State residents have been without consistent water for almost a month, and water and climate experts fear it is only the first of many in California's Central Valley.

As climate change intensifies droughts, forcing many of California's communities to rely on routinely over-pumped aquifers, more and more towns are in danger of going dry permanently. Many of

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Stagecoach Festival hints 2022 lineup coming next week

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Get ready country music fans, if the Stagecoach Festival's social media is to be believed, a lineup is coming next week.

Los Angeles-based producer Goldenvoice announced on the Stagecoach Twitter and Instagram accounts they are forgoing an advance sale and will drop the lineup next week. A summer announcement is unusual, as the lineup is typically released in October.

Organizers announced in June that

Stagecoach will happen April 29 to May 1, 2022, preceded by Coachella on the weekends of April 15-17 and 22-24.

A spokesperson for Goldenvoice wouldn't confirm or deny a lineup is coming but said to "stay tuned."

Both Coachella and Stagecoach were postponed twice before the April 2021

dates were canceled. Some fans hoped the festivals would be rescheduled for October, as the city of Indio has a contract with Goldenvoice that allows for five concerts each year.

The Stagecoach 2020 headliners in-

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Wildfire pace tops 2020

An air tanker drops retardant while trying to stop the Salt Fire from spreading near Lakehead on Friday. The pace of wildfires in California this year, like this one near Shasta County, has far exceeded that of 2020. NOAH BERGER/AP

USA TODAY

Haitian leader assassinated

A team of heavily armed gunmen, later said to be impersonating agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, carried out the assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse early Wednesday. The attack also left first lady Martine Moïse wounded. The attackers were described as "well-trained professional commandos" by Bocchit Edmond, the Haitian ambassador to the United States.

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\$1 billion in illegal pot seized in bust

The largest illegal marijuana bust in Los Angeles County history – which netted 373,000 plants that would ultimately have been worth \$1 billion on the street – eradicated only a fraction of the illicit grows in the Southern California high desert, authorities said Wednesday. The problem is wide-ranging in the Antelope Valley north of Los Angeles, officials said, and has grown tremendously during the coronavirus pandemic.

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Protesters at the state Capitol in Sacramento last year demand an end to coronavirus restrictions. The Capitol has reinstated its mask mandate after an outbreak of nine new COVID-19 cases among employees was reported last week. CAROLYN COLE/LOS ANGELES TIMES FILE PHOTO VIA TNS

Mask mandate back at state Capitol after COVID-19 outbreak

Hannah Wiley
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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SACRAMENTO – The California state Capitol has reinstated its mask mandate for all legislators and staff regardless of vaccination status after an outbreak of nine new COVID-19 cases was reported among employees last week.

Effective immediately, masks will have to be worn in the Capitol, Legislative Office Building and district offices, Secretary of the Senate Erika Contreras and Assembly Chief Administrative Officer Debra Gravert wrote in Tuesday memos.

Unvaccinated members and employees will also be required to get tested for the virus twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays, beginning July 8. The rapid antigen testing will be conducted in the Capitol from 7 to 9 a.m.

Vaccinated members are also encouraged to get tested if they want. Four of the nine recent cases were among those who've been fully vaccinated.

The Senate has a fully vaccinated rate of 85% among all its employees, according to Contreras. The Assembly has reported an 84% rate, Gravert said. Members and staff had previously been asked to submit their vaccination status to Capitol Health Services.

Breakthrough cases are rare, but expected, according to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention. Getting vaccinated, however, often protects individuals from severe illness and death.

“As we know from these most recent cases, even fully vaccinated individuals can be infected with COVID-19,” Contreras wrote in her memo to senators and staff. “However, public health experts indicate that fully vaccinated individuals are less likely to suffer the most serious symptoms of COVID-19, and for this reason, the Senate continues to encourage all staff to protect themselves by receiving the vaccine.”

The new rules come less than a month after the Capitol reopened its doors to more members of the public and began lifting some pandemic rules.

The California Department of Public Health recommended the testing and mask changes after the Assembly reported the nine new infections. At least seven of those infected reportedly worked in the same Assembly office, which has not been identified.

The workers had recently been in the Capitol, though they reportedly wore masks while in the building. The memos said they were adhering to quarantine recommendations, and those who had been in close contact with them were notified and tested.

The state’s COVID-19 labor rules also require certain immediate action like testing and mandatory quarantining once more than three cases are reported in a workplace within 14 days.

Parolee accused of killing Indio man to stand trial

CITY NEWS SERVICE

INDIO – A parolee accused of fatally stabbing a 27-year-old Indio man last year must stand trial on murder and other charges, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Vicente Angel Munoz, 29, is charged in the March 14, 2020, killing of Maurice Brock.

Following a preliminary hearing at the Larson Justice Center in Indio, Riverside County Superior Court Judge Burke Strunsky found there was sufficient evidence to warrant a trial on the murder count, as well as sentence-enhancing allegations of using a knife during the commission of a felony and committing a violent felony.

A post-preliminary hearing arraignment is scheduled for July 21. Munoz remains in custody in lieu of \$1 million bail at the Benoit Detention Center in Indio.

The defendant allegedly got into a fight with the victim for reasons unclear outside a Circle K store near Jefferson Street and Highway 111 about 12:55 a.m. Indio police officers arrived a short time later and found Brock stabbed in the upper body. He died at JFK Memorial Hospital about an hour later.

Detectives did not say how they identified Munoz as a the alleged perpetrator, and the relationship between the defendant and victim, if any, wasn't specified.

According to court records, Munoz has a prior felony burglary conviction.



Attendees post for photos under the Stagecoach sign during the Stagecoach Festival in Indio on April 27, 2019. DENISE GOOLSBY/SPECIAL TO THE DESERT SUN

Stagecoach

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cluded Thomas Rhett, Eric Church and Carrie Underwood. Church and Underwood show open dates in their upcoming tours through next April. Church has no scheduled shows April 16-29, 2022. Underwood has a handful of shows this summer and fall before she starts her “Reflection” residency in December at the Theatre at Resorts World in Las Vegas. But it ends in early April.

Rage Against the Machine, Travis Scott and Frank Ocean were slated to headline Coachella in 2020. Rage Against the Machine posted rescheduled tour dates for its “Public Service Announcement Tour” in 2022. The second and third weekends of April are open between stops in Arizona and Oakland. The Coachella lineup is usually announced in January.

The festivals have brought tens of thousands of people to Southern California each spring, filling hotels and boosting the local economy. A 2020 report from the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership found the desert will likely lose roughly \$1.4 billion from the cancellations of Coachella and Stagecoach in 2020 and 2021.

The city of Indio lost \$3.5 million in revenue without the festivals in 2020. Indio Mayor Elaine Holmes said the city accounted for the loss this year, anticipating that the festivals would not return amid the pandemic.

Still, she emphasized the difference that the festivals can make, calling Coachella “a financial boon to every large and small business across the Coachella Valley.” The city receives a portion of sales tax when visitors eat at local restaurants, shop in local businesses or stay in local hotels; that money is “used for roads and general city maintenance,” Holmes said.

“... But the winners here are the businesses themselves,” Holmes added.

Aftab Dada, general manager of the Hilton Palm Springs and chair of the local nonprofit PS Resorts, said he has a “strong feeling” that demand will be high when the festivals return — and “applicable to all our special events.”

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