



**A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
March 1, 2013**

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ On Wednesday, February 20th, I attended a meeting hosted by Supervisor Piepho at the Brentwood Police Station that included various representatives of the Department of Boating and Waterways, as well as various other stake-holders. The meetings topic was non-native water weeds, specifically Water Hyacinth and Egeria Densa. The attached photos show a steady progression of the effectiveness of the Egeria control program in 2011. During 2012 Egeria did not erupt as it did in 2011 as a result of the pesticide applications that occurred in 2011 and into 2012.

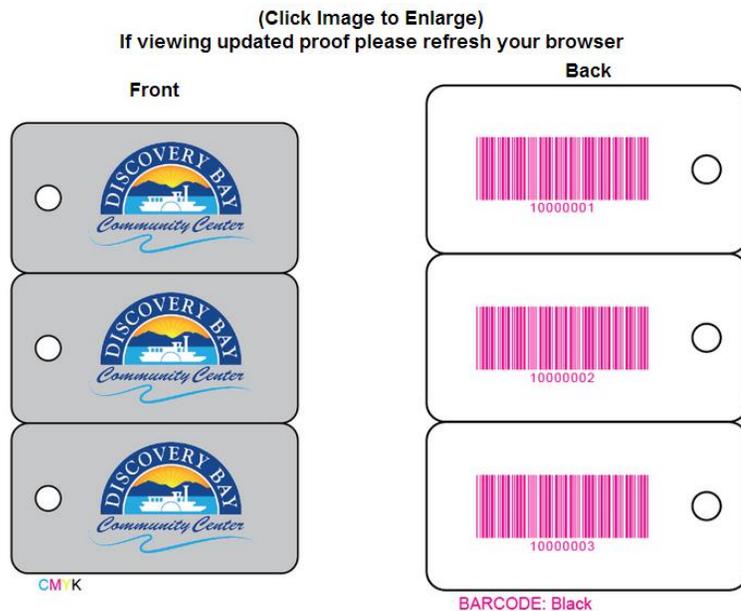
DBW got a later than normal start last year on the hyacinth due to the extensive permitting processes at both the state and federal levels. However, they anticipate the issuance of a 5 year permit this year (as opposed to the annual permits that are time consuming and costly) for both the hyacinth and the Egeria densa. The 5 year permit will allow the application of the pesticides to occur in the "prime" season to be more effective. The other piece of news that came out of the meeting was that there is funding for this coming budget year to continue to apply the chemicals and to monitor the effectiveness.

Lucia Becerra, the Acting Director at DBW, retired effective February 28th. This leaves a void in leadership at DBW that took time to develop. Lucia was a supporter of the efforts to protect Discovery Bay. She will be missed.

- ✓ I received notice yesterday from LAFCO that they will be conducting their every five-year Municipal Service Review (MSR). The background information we need to provide to LAFCO is due by April 1st. The MSR is a review of our operations and our financial capabilities necessary to continue to sustain our permitted functions.
- ✓ This past week, the Newport Pointe project cleared their first legislative hurdle for their planned development, as the project's environmental document was approved and will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, sometime in the next 60-90 days. There is still a long way to go and before any dirt is turned they will require the TODB's approval of annexation before any final determination can be made.

Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

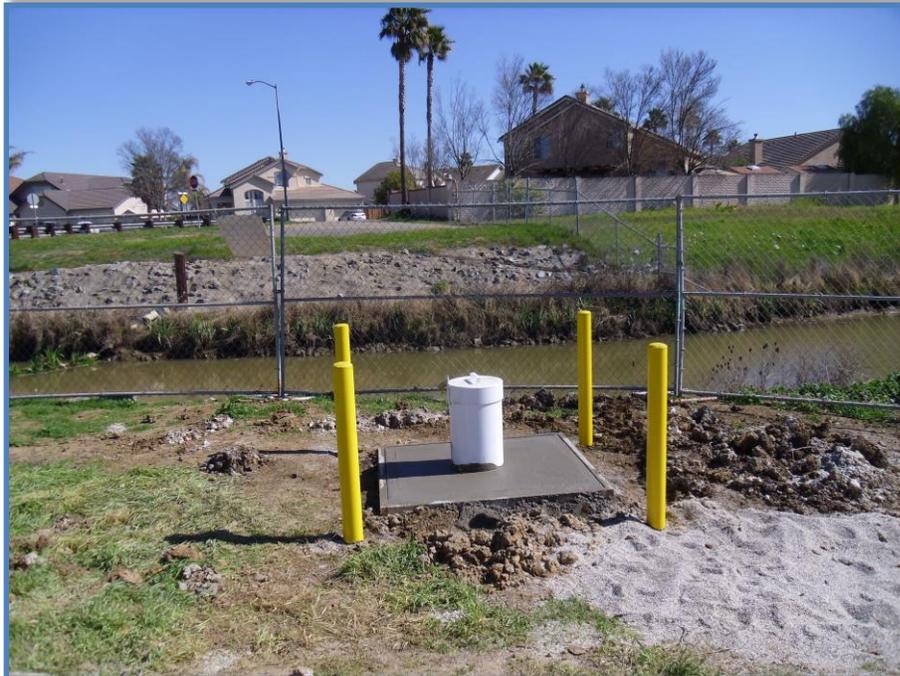
- ✓ Last Thursday and Friday, the Community Center was closed for a necessary and thorough cleaning. The facility reopened on-time at 7:00 on Saturday morning. The work effort included removing all of the equipment from inside, evaluating the equipment, cleaning all of the equipment, cleaning all the floors and replacing all of the burned out lights. There were a few interior walls that were painted, and overall, we continue to receive positive comments from those that use the center.
- ✓ The computer system utilized to check people in is in the process of going online today. EZ Facility is a management and scheduling system that allows users to sign up and pay for classes and programs online from a desktop computer or from a mobile device. As users of the facility enter they will swipe a key card (see below) that provides staff with the information relative to those classes and programs that individuals have signed up to take.



- ✓ Staff continues to make progress on many of the capital items, most noticeably the parking lot water leak and associated pavement repairs. Smaller items continue to be checked off the list as items are fixed, replaced or removed.
- ✓ The Community Center Committee met on Monday, February 25, 2013 to continue their efforts on helping develop long term Community Center recommendations. Their next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ Preliminary work on Well 7 continues. There were 2 monitoring wells that were drilled, and the next step is to begin the process of collecting samples to determine water quality. The wells are at a depth of approximately 500’.



- ✓ We will be going to bid next week on the three infrastructure projects at Plant #1; they are the influent Pump Station modifications, Pump Station W, and the Emergency Storage Lagoon. It is anticipated that the project will go before the Board in April.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Community Center Committee Meeting – Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

2011 Discovery Bay Egeria Densa Infestation

14 Week Treatment Progress

Begin April, 2011



4/15



4/26



5/3



5/16



6/1



6/8



6/15



6/22



6/30



7/14

End July, 2011