



Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
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From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ As you may have read in one of CSDA's email blasts earlier this week, the California Senate passed Resolution HR 29 recommending that public agencies in California not be allowed to contract for services. If passed, this would result in the District having to hire instead of contract for landscape, legal, operations, plumbing, electrical, and the other many contract services we utilize to help control costs. I have been in contact with CSDA's legislative advocacy division and have offered to provide examples of how this legislation would affect a small public agency such as the Town of Discovery Bay. I'll keep you posted as this proceeds – hopefully, it will die a quick death.
- ✓ As you know, I submitted the District's application for both the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence and the District of Distinction. I am pleased to report that CSDA has received our applications and that they are in the process of reviewing them at this time. They indicated that they were impressed with the overall applications. We should hear next week as to the outcomes. Spoiler alert – I was notified "unofficially" that we did pass the requirements and will be awarded the Transparency Certificate. The District of Distinction is a little more time consuming to review. Once both reviews are completed, they will "officially" notify us – stay tuned!
- ✓ Vice President Steele and I attended the LAFCO meeting on Wednesday. This was the meeting that the LAFCO Board was presented the countywide MSR for water and wastewater services, including Discovery Bay's operational programs. As noted previously, the report basically recommends "status-quo" for Discovery Bay; however, the report did note that Byron-Bethany Irrigation District's jurisdictional boundary overlap in Discovery Bay should be evaluated. San Joaquin County LAFCO is BBID's primary LAFCO agency, so any changes would have to go before that agency as well. I'm certain that this will be a long process.

Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

- ✓ The Summer Activity Guide is at the printer. We changed printers for this issue and brought it local. The Press newspapers are doing the printing for us this time around. The guides and newsletter should hit the street the week after next. However, you can go to town's website at www.todb.ca.gov and click on the activity guide picture at the bottom of the page. This will take you to the guide, where you can then use the interactive links to take you directly to the class you want to sign up for. We're the only recreation program in the area that has this capability! You can also click on the photo below to be taken directly to the online guide. Great Job Fairin and staff!



- ✓ Last Saturday there were about 90 little River Otters taking part in swimming evaluations at the pool for the coming swim team season. The team is gearing up for an exciting first year of competition. Last night the parents of all those Otters participated in a parent orientation at the Community Center. It was standing room only. Practices start Monday, and the first meet is Saturday May 17 at Diamond Hills. The season ends July 26 with a meet in San Ramon. Click on the picture below, and LIKE them on Facebook!



- ✓ I'll keep this on the calendar for awhile - The Town will be hosing the May Chamber Mixer at the Community Center on Tuesday, May 27th. Details to follow, but please mark your calendar.
- ✓ The Discovery Bay Lion's Club has moved their annual Easter Egg Hunt from Cornell Park to the Community Center. The egg hunt is scheduled for 9:30 am on Saturday April 19!

Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ Aaron Goldsworthy recently earned his certification in Backflow Prevention as well as tested out for the T2, or Water Treatment - Grade 2 certification. Congratulations to Aaron. These are both big accomplishments!



- ✓ Just a reminder, the Contra Costa Public Works will begin the asphalt rubber chip seal project in June. The 45 day, \$1.75 million project consists of road rehabilitation west of Discovery Bay Blvd, and south of Sand Point, including Clipper Road, Newport Drive, and the areas around Regatta, Slifer, and Ravenswood Parks.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – April 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Earth Day – Saturday, April 26, 2014 – Community Center
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – May 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Chamber Mixer - May 27 at 6:00 p.m. - Community Center