

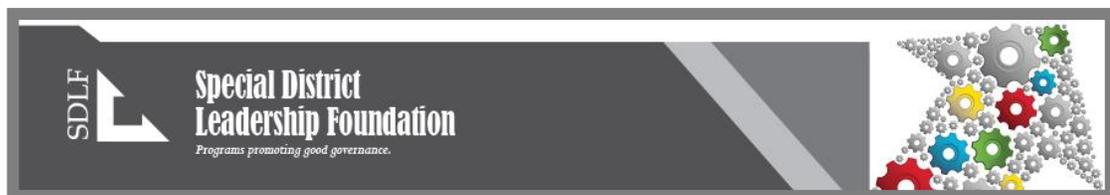


Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
MAY 2, 2014

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ As I noted under separate cover, the Town of Discovery Bay has recently been recognized by the Special District Leadership Foundation for Excellence in Transparency, and more importantly, as a California District of Distinction. As one of only 20 recipients of this award, Discovery Bay is in the top 1% of Special Districts statewide, and only the second in Contra Costa County (Contra Costa Water) to receive this prestigious award. The logo at the top of the page will be added to our letter head in order to signify the Town's status as a District of Distinction.



- ✓ The auditors are here performing their field work associated with the FY 2012-13 Audit. The preliminary audit is scheduled to be presented to the Board on June 4th, with the final on June 18th.
- ✓ I submitted a grant application to the USEPA in the amount of \$2.0M for the filtration project on April 29th. As soon as I hear of any decision, I will be sure to forward that to you.
- ✓ I will be attending a Drought Management Grant Application session on May 19th in Sacramento. I will also be attending CSDA's Legislative Day's update and legislator visits on May 19 and 20.
- ✓ I received a draft of an agreement from Contra Costa Public Works detailing a possible sign management relationship between the County and Town. Essentially, the agreement would give the Town the authority to remove illegally placed signage. This will require a dialogue on how this may impact the Town.

Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

- ✓ The Summer Activity Guide was delivered last week. Recreation sign-ups are on the rise and a number of the more popular classes are already filling up. The guides and newsletter are also posted to town's website at www.todb.ca.gov and click on the activity guide picture at the bottom of the page.



- ✓ Last Friday, the Town received a Technology Award from Breathe California for the solar lighting project at Cornell and Ravenswood Parks. The award is a nice recognition that, as a public agency, environmentally friendly alternatives are utilized. Fairin accepted the award on behalf of the Town, and it is on display at the Community Center.



- ✓ The River Otters are taking the pool by swarm, and over 90 kids can be seen on any given day chasing the end of the pool, only to turn around and do it again. If you haven't had a chance to stop by one of their practices and encourage them on, please do so - I know they would appreciate it!



- ✓ Last Saturday the Community Center hosted the 3rd Annual Earth Day Celebration and Family Festival. With over \$6,000 in donations and more in donated labor, volunteers spent the morning improving the grounds and then swimming, playing, listening to music, and visiting the more than 20 vendors that participated in the event. We are grateful for all the hard work that went into the day, and especially Fairin and her staff for organizing another successful event!



- ✓ I'll keep this on the calendar for the next couple of weeks - The Town will be hosting the May Chamber Mixer at the Community Center on Tuesday, May 27th. Details to follow, but please mark your calendar.

- ✓ The annual Discovery Bay Easter Egg Hunt was moved from Cornell Park to the Community Center this year. As usual, the event was widely successful and hundreds of egg seeking kids enjoyed the challenge of finding their chocolate treasures.



Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ As I noted under separate cover on the morning of the event, on April 22nd at approximately 9:15 a.m. Virgil received a call from one of the maintenance employees at the golf course that water was leaking onto Clubhouse Drive. I was notified by Veolia at 9:25 a.m. Virgil immediately investigated and determined that the source of the water was

a sewer manhole that was seeping onto the street and into the rain gutter. Veolia was on site within minutes and determined that the cause of the blockage was a grease dam. Veolia staff cleared the blockage and proceeded to clean and disinfect the area. They were offsite by 11:00 a.m.

The overall size of the spill was minimal, at approximately 15 gallons. It did not appear that any of the runoff reached the storm drain system, but in the abundance of caution and for preliminary reporting purposes it was estimated that 5 gallons reached the storm drain. Once a final determination on the size of the spill is calculated and submitted to the RWQCB that number may/may not change. I will keep you posted as I learn more, but in situations like this it will likely be sometime before we receive final word for the RWQCB.

- ✓ Recently, we transitioned our field crews to a uniform supply program. The staff is now clearly marked and dressed in a professional manner. Estevan shows off the new threads!



- ✓ 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.
- ✓ The fenced off area on Sandpoint near DB Blvd (old gas station site) is being used by PG&E as a project lay-down area for their gas pipeline replacement project in the area. They anticipate being on site through the end of summer.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Health Fair – Tomorrow, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Community Center
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – May 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – May 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. - **CANCELLED**
- Chamber Mixer - May 27 at 6:00 p.m. - Community Center
- Budget Workshop – June 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.