



Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
AUGUST 15, 2014

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ As the Board is aware, the new water regulations that have gone into effect have had a positive response from many residents. We receive a number of calls and emails each week notifying us of water wasters, broken sprinklers, and seeking tips on how to implement the twice weekly watering schedule. The response has been very positive. Also, President Simon has passed along two separate instances of broken sprinklers, one at the Community Center and one on Clipper. Unfortunately, the Clipper line has been repaired twice this week as a result of vandalism. The introduction of the Emergency Drought Ordinance is on the agenda for the August 20 meeting, and it will go into effect on October 4, 2014.
- ✓ On Tuesday afternoon, both Director Graves and I attended a meeting with Assemblyman Frazier's office and the state Department of Boating and Waterways, Rec 800, Contra Costa County Department of Agriculture, as well as members of the local community, including the Lion's Club. The meeting was an opportunity to see what could be done to help Discovery Bay with the evasive water weed issue. This is a process that will take plenty of time and resources before any material improvement is seen. I would suspect that the state is not going to fund efforts in Discovery Bay, at the expense of other areas of the Delta. There are some who are suggesting that the Town take on this responsibility. I would strongly caution extreme restraint on this subject.
- ✓ This past Wednesday was the first Safety meeting with our new safety company, Du-All Safety. All 14 members of the staff attended the training on the IIPP, or Injury, Illness Prevention Program. The IIPP is in final draft and will eventually require Board adoption.
- ✓ As I noted last week, the Pre-annexation Agreements are wrapping up, and we are working on final drafts for both projects covered by their respective Agreement. These agreements cover both Newport Pointe and Pantages.

Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

- ✓ Fairin is working this week with a little liability, as her computer decided it was time to die, and she got the dreaded “Blue Screen of Death”. Fortunately, she saw it coming and her new computer should be here in the next day or so. The hard drive is backed up to the cloud and to our in-house servers, so data loss should be at a minimum, except for the large file she was working on at the time the screen went “Code Blue”. Needless to say, she is working out of her mobile device.



- ✓ The parks and landscape team has been busy changing the 70 or so valve stations around town to comply with the new water regulations, as well as address regular day-to-day functions. Also, you may see both Estevan and Cory at the District Office as they are storing their work trucks at this location overnight in order to be more efficient at the start and end of their shifts.
- ✓ We continue to show a steady pace of pool visitors, even as we have transitioned to school hours. We have exceeded revenue projections for the season, and hope to build on it from year to year. The pool replastering project CEQA Notice of Exemption is on the Consent calendar for next week’s meeting.
- ✓ Just a reminder, the Discovery Bay Lions Club has three events scheduled at the Community Center in the next few months. Due to logistical issues at the marina, the next summer concert is scheduled for September 13th. Their car show will take place on September 6 and the Rocktoberfest will again take place, this time over two days, on October 11 and 12. An updated Community Center Schedule of events will come to the Board on August 20.

Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ The Influent Pump Station/Lift Station W/Emergency Storage Lagoon Project is essentially completed, pending punch list items. The tie into the system and transition back to the

Influent Pumps (from LS W) should take place in the next couple of weeks. As you recall, this is one of the major facility upgrade projects funded by bond proceeds.

- ✓ The Secondary Improvement Project (Oxidation Ditch/Clarifier/Pumps) is moving along! The contractor should be excavating the clarifier next week. The oxidation ditch is being readied for a major concrete pour. See photo's, below:



Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Lion's Club Poker Run – This Weekend, Discovery Bay Yacht Harbor
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.