



Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ I will be attending the Annual CSDA Conference next week in Palm Springs. Directors Graves and Wiesen will also be attending.
- ✓ Today's DB Press carried an article about the new water conservation measures recently enacted by the Board. While the article wasn't great, the message was accurate. I attached the article for you to view.
- ✓ On Thursday, Fairin and I met with our legal team regarding the draft of a potential Parks Transfer Agreement. All I can say at this time is that at least we finally have an idea of what the County is looking at in the way of an agreed transfer procedure. I don't believe that the proposal is at all acceptable at this time. Stay tuned!
- ✓ Last Tuesday we offered a fond farewell to Frank Cramer as he ended his tenure with the District. The lunch was very nice, and I think Frank and his family appreciated the recognition.



- ✓ Dina celebrates her 3rd anniversary with the District on October 3rd. Congratulations Dina!

Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

- ✓ The Rocktoberfest Concert will take place at the Community Center on Saturday October 11. Please see attached flyer.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSDA Annual Conference – September 28 – October 1.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 1, 2014 has been CANCELLED.
- Rocktoberfest Concert – Community Center – Saturday, October 11, 2014 from noon to 6:00 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

DB adopts water regulations

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Earlier this month, the Discovery Bay Community Service District (CSD) adopted Ordinance No. 25, which establishes emergency drought regulations for the town. The regulations go into full effect on Oct. 3.

The ordinance is designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Discovery Bay, respond to the current drought crisis and other possible crises in the future, authorize the CSD to declare a water shortage emergency, and to regulate water usage with the district for the purpose of conserving severely limited water resources.

The measures include the prohibition of watering lawns and landscape more than twice weekly; the watering of outdoor landscapes that cause runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways and parking lots; direct application of water to any hard surface for washing; using a hose to wash a motor vehicle, boat or recreational vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle; and using potable water in a fountain or water feature, unless the water is recirculated.

“The most water is used outside of the home, through irrigation, washing cars and things like that,” said Discovery Bay General Manager Rick Howard. “We’re seeking a 20-percent reduction of outdoor water usage, and our goal is to get there through community education and information dissemination. We’ve already seen a 20 percent reduction as compared to this time last year, even with new construction, so it’s evident that people are paying attention and doing what needs to be done.”

In order to support the restrictions, local agencies could ask courts to fine water users up to \$500 a day for failure to implement conservation requirements in addition to their existing authorities and processes. Additionally, the state water board could initiate enforcement actions against water agencies that don’t comply with the new regulations. Failure to comply with a state water board enforcement order by water agencies is subject to up to a \$10,000 per day penalty.

“The people of Discovery Bay are conscientious about the drought, and we have already seen a noticeable decrease in water usage because they are being responsible,” said CSD Director Kevin Graves. “I am positive that we will meet the water use reduction goals because it is the right thing to do for the environment, the state, our community, our neighbors and our families.”

While the situation in Discovery Bay is not as desperate as it is in other areas of the state, special attention must be paid to local resources while they are still available.

“Most of Discovery Bay is supplied with well water, and we are fortunate that our aquifer is still in a sustainable state right now,” Howard said. “It wasn’t showing any signs of depletion as of March of this year, but we do have to look forward to a time when we may not be this fortunate since we have no idea when the drought will end.”

As an effort to help reduce outdoor water consumption, Gov. Jerry Brown signed a pair of bills on Sept. 18 that protect residents in homeowners associations (HOAs) when cutting back on irrigation or building landscapes with drought-resistant plants.

Assembly Bill 2104 will prevent the associations from penalizing residents for having browned grass or for building or replacing their lawns with low-water plants.

“Brown is beautiful, and around the state HOAs are penalizing good-intentioned homeowners who replace their lush, water-intensive lawns with attractive, well-designed landscaping centered around drought-resistant plants,” said bill author Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego) in a press release. “Allowing homeowners the freedom to use conservation-friendly landscaping is one important ingredient in reaching our goal of protecting our economy by saving water.”

For those who are looking for additional ways to curb their water use or investigate and repair leaks, the Red Cross offers these tips:

- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it. Use it to water your indoor plants or garden.
- Make sure your home is leak-free. Take a reading of the water meter. Wait 30 minutes without using any water and then take a second reading. If the meter reading changes, you have a leak.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers – one drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year.
- Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If you have a leak, the color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes. Leaky toilets usually can be fixed inexpensively by replacing the flapper.
- Replace your showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version and take shorter showers. Turn the water on to get wet; turn off to lather up; then turn the water back on to rinse. Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water for watering plants.

For more water saving tips, visit www.saveourh2o.org.

2014 Rocktoberfest

DISCOVERY BAY

Oct 11th & 12th
12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Discovery Bay
Community
Center

Discovery
Bay Blvd.,
Discovery
Bay

No outside
food, drinks or
coolers allowed

VENDOR ALLEY | KIDS ZONE | PETTING ZOO | ROPING EXHIBITION
GREAT FOOD & DRINK | CUPCAKE WARS | TALENT SHOW | CAR SHOW
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS & BUSINESSES!



Featuring

THE FLOORSHAKERS
"FUNK SOUL & ROCK N ROLL"

THE
FLOORSHAKERS
SAT. OCT. 11TH
3PM-6M

SUCKER PUNCH
SUN. OCT. 12TH
2PM-4:30PM

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