



***Town of Discovery Bay  
A California Community Services District  
"Friday Letter"  
To the Board of Directors  
May 8, 2015***

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

**General Manager/Administration:**

- ✓ Starting with the next Board meeting, all future meetings will take place at the Community Center.
- ✓ On Thursday, Veolia Water hosted an anniversary luncheon at Plant 2. The lunch was to celebrate Veolia's 4<sup>th</sup> year of working with the Town. Directors Pease and Leete, along with most of the staff enjoyed BBQ burgers and hotdogs.
- ✓ This Monday I will be attending a meeting with the Department of Water Resources at BBID's offices off Byron Highway. The meeting topic continues to be Sustainable Groundwater Management, and the likelihood of adjusting Basin Boundaries within a particular sub-basin.

This is the meeting that the Contra Costa 5 (TODB/BBID/Brentwood/Diablo Water/ECCID) will present our plan to modify the boundary for the portion of the Tracy Subbasin that we are in.

- ✓ This has been a busy week with the media and the drought. Following up on Sunday's Chronicle article (I forwarded to you separately), Channel 7 from San Francisco did an on air segment for their 4 and 6 Monday night news segments. Both Director Pease and I were interviewed. The reason why everyone wants to talk to us is that we are in the Governor's 36% conservation tier.

The ABC 7 news segment can be found [here](#). If the link doesn't work go ABC7 and search Discovery Bay.

The Contra Costa Times also did a story on Tuesday that included Discovery Bay, Brentwood, and Antioch. You can read that story [here](#).

- ✓ On Tuesday morning I met with the local realtors at the Boardwalk Grill for a session on the drought. The timing was excellent as I was also able to provide an update on the prior night's ECCFPD meeting.

- ✓ Wednesday afternoon the entire staff spent about an hour on emergency preparedness and the role each plays as a public employee. As you know, every public employee in the state is automatically an emergency services work pursuant to state law. The session was good and very informative.
- ✓ The *Brown is the New Green* campaign made a splash this week with the yard signs popping up around town. A number of residents have “Joined the Effort” and have picked up signs to display in their yards.
- ✓ Last week I notified you that a large fundraising event scheduled to take place elsewhere was rescheduled to the Community Center at the last minute. The Special Kids Foundation “Sand, Surf, & Sangria event went off without a hitch. Event organizers were so pleased with the venue that they have already reserved the Community Center for next year’s event! Great job to all who helped this happen in such a short time frame.

### **Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services**

- ✓ Landscape crews are working to ensure that we are compliant with the state’s water regulations. Parks and other landscape areas valve stations are only watered twice weekly. The grass is beginning to turn, and we are looking into adding “wetting” agents. These agents retain moisture, and help reduce evaporation. We’ll keep you posted.
- ✓ We’re also looking to be able to utilize reclaimed water from our treatment plant for landscape areas. There are a number of hurdles that need to be resolved since we are not a Title 22 facility at this time. The reclaimed water project is only for on-site efforts at Plant 2. I’ll keep you posted as to the status of that.
- ✓ Our new Parks and Landscape Manager is already having positive impacts on Discovery Bay. He sent me some really helpful suggestion this week that we are in the process of implementing regarding watering times and schedules. I’m really looking forward to having Brian on board on June 1<sup>st</sup>!

### **Important Dates**

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Meeting Site Location Change: Community Center
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Budget Workshop – Wednesday May 27 at 6:30 p.m.