



"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
May 11, 2012

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ As you are aware, yesterday we had a break in at the Treatment Plant. Thieves absconded with over \$10,000 worth of contractor equipment and supplies. Below is a photo taken by surveillance video of the thieves at work. It should be noted that breaking into a municipal wastewater treatment plant is a federal offense. I have spoken with the Sheriff's Department to encourage them to make sure they catch these guys!



- ✓ The first Wednesday in July this year is on the 4th of July. As a consequence, we will be cancelling that meeting. We are always able to call a special meeting in the event something critical needs to be addressed and it cannot wait until July 18th. On a related note, I have scheduled my vacation to be away during this time in order that I do not miss a regularly scheduled meeting.
- ✓ This year's *Relay for Life* event is scheduled for June 16, 2012 at Liberty High School. I will be providing more information as it comes available. I'd like to encourage everyone to participate in this year's event, even if it is for a few laps around the track. Team Disco Dreamers will be walking for Director Tetreault as he battles his cancer.
- ✓ Last week Joey celebrated her 2nd Anniversary with the District. Congratulations Joey!
- ✓ We celebrated Fairin's birthday on Wednesday afternoon. Happy Birthday Fairin! On a related Fairin note, two (2) weeks ago she took the stage as a stand-up comic at an open mic night in Pleasanton. A number of the staff went along and watched Fairin perform and come home with the \$100 first place prize! Congratulations Fairin!

Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ As I indicated two weeks ago, the diagnostic work on Well 5a is completed. Luhdorff & Scalmanini has been evaluating the elevated salt levels in Well 5A. Their findings were that structurally, the well casing and the pump column pipe are basically sound. Kirby Pump completed the well pump re-installation this week and the well will be brought on-line pending the results of the bacteriological testing.

As L&S reported, some water test data was non-conclusive with regard to the source of the elevated salt. After a careful assessment, they are questioning the field test results of the down-hole sampling conducted by the lab. L&S discussed their concerns with the testing lab and they agreed to re-test Well 5A for free. The re-test will take place on May 18th.
- ✓ The Bio-solids project continues to move forward. If you'd like to visit the site, please let me know and I'd be more than happy to make arrangements.
- ✓ The SSMP is coming together. The Draft SSMP is on the next Board agenda for review at the May 16, 2012 meeting, with Board adoption on June 6, 2012. Staff will be meeting again next week to continue the application.
- ✓ We have been having a high chlorine draw on Well 6. Again, L&S is working with Veolia to determine the cause of the high chlorine use. Once the well operates for about an hour, the draw returns to normal. We are keeping a close watch on Well 6; however, it does remain in service.

- ✓ As you may recall, our NPDES permit is up for renewal. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2012 in Sacramento. Gregory Harris, Virgil and I are planning on attending the hearing. During the public comment period, there were two (2) comments received. The proposed permit and the comments can be found on the CRWQCB website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml Scroll down to Contra Costa County then to Discovery Bay for additional information.

Financial Services

- ✓ Finance continues to prepare the budget document. We will be rolling out a more detailed budget document for FY 2012-13, building on last year's document.
- ✓ We had a Budget Committee meeting this week. The topic of the meeting was a review of the current year Parks and Landscaping Operating and Capital budgets. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2012 and it will include the Operating and Maintenance, Capital and Revenue budgets for next year.
- ✓ Our large water users will all be billed for their use by next week, and any delinquent accounts will also be addressed in the same time frame.

Parks and Landscape Services

- ✓ The Cornell Park Tennis Courts reopened. They are being used pretty regularly since they reopened.
- ✓ The Bocce Ball Court renovation is nearing completion and we have purchased bocce balls and horseshoes for check out here at the District office.
- ✓ The Splash Pad continues to be a rousing success. This week, however, we did have a minor flood as grass clippings from the landscape contractors clogged the drain. All is well as Aaron cleared the blockage and everything is again operating normally.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Next CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- Budget Review Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.
- Budget Review Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.