



"Friday Letter"

To the Board of Directors

February 24, 2012

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ This year's American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" event will be taking place at Liberty High School on June 16 and 17, 2012. The Disco Dreamer Team has set a goal of raising \$3,000 for this event. Last year, we met and exceeded our goal of \$2,500, raising almost \$2,900 overall. We are hoping to have even more people join our team and participate in this year's event. This year we will be walking for Ray, and supporting him in his battle against cancer.
- ✓ Due to the resignation of Director Dawson, I have had a number of residents inquire about the possibility of vying for the position, be it through the appointment process or the electoral process. I have encouraged them to attend the next regular Board meeting on March 7, 2012.
- ✓ As I indicated a couple of weeks back, CSDA wants to come to Discovery Bay and visit our District, and tour our facilities. The date of the visit is Thursday, April 5, 2012.
- ✓ This week we received approximately 15 ballots for the Contra Costa Clean Water initiative. I plan on bringing those to the Board on March 21, 2012 to register the District's vote on the initiative.
- ✓ This coming Monday is a Special Session of the ECCFPD. At that meeting, they will consider placing the Parcel Tax Levy question to the voters on June 5, 2012. Calista sent the agenda to you under separate cover.
- ✓ Carol McCool celebrated her first anniversary at the District this month. Congratulations Carol!

Financial Services

- ✓ Dina is working on putting the FY 20112-13 Budget Calendar together. We will be bringing a schedule to the Board on March 7, 2012 to present the calendar and the overall budget schedule for the coming fiscal year.
- ✓ Today, Dina and I met with a company that provides business solutions for small business and local governments. We are looking at the possibility of migrating from paper agendas to

electronic via the use of iPads or other e-reader devices. The time to print, copy and distribute agendas is consuming and the benefits of e-agendas are obvious. Additionally, the public would also be able to receive the e-packets so long as they have an iPad or other e-reading device.

- ✓ The District's Auditors, Croce and Co, finished their on-site work this week. They anticipate a Draft of the FY 2010-11 audit to the Board in March.

Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ We issued the "Notice to Proceed" to Conco West for the Bio-Solids project this week. We anticipate the contractor starting the process immediately with equipment orders, drawing submittals, and eventually on site mobilization.
- ✓ I would like to engage the Investment Oversight Sub Committee to become familiar with the types of financing alternatives that are available to us for the public improvements necessary to finance the projects that are included in the master plans. I have lined up a potential bond counsel to provide this information to us, at no cost to us. I will be contacting President Steele and Director Simon to set something up in the next week or so, schedule permitting.
- ✓ This week Veolia videotaped the segments of Willow Lake Road that were impacted by the recent SSO event. As soon as we get the results of that video, I will let the Board know the results and what work needs to be accomplished, if any.

Parks and Landscape Services

- ✓ The Earth Day Festival at Slifer Park on April 21, 2012 is coming together. We have a number of sponsors and the volunteer projects are coming together. The "Get your Green On" Event will include volunteer projects consisting of the planting of 90 trees, wetlands restoration, and event volunteer projects. The focus will be on conservation of natural resources (such as water) and protection of our environment. We will also roll out our "FOG" (Fats Oils and Grease) Program at this event as well. There will be a kid's zone, an earth friendly vendor expo, food and entertainment. We have lined up a number of sponsors and the Chamber is joining us as a partner in this first of its kind event in Discovery Bay. Please see the attached information flyer.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- ECCFPD Meeting – Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Oakley City Hall
- Next CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday March 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



**Earth Day 2012**
TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY
Family Festival

*Get Your Green On!
Mark Your Calendar*

When: Saturday April 21, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Where: Slifer Park on the corner of Newport Drive & Worthing Drive
To volunteer or for more information call 634-1733*

- Volunteer Tree Planting Activity
- Volunteer Wetlands Restoration Activity
- Learn About Environmental Programs
- Earth Day Prizes & Give Aways
- Free Entertainment
- Enjoy a Family Lunch in the Park
- Earth Friendly Vendor Expo
- Kid Zone with Crafts & Games

Sponsors & Vendors

If you would like to have your business Sponsor our Earth Day event or would like to set up a Vendor Booth call the number listed above ☺