

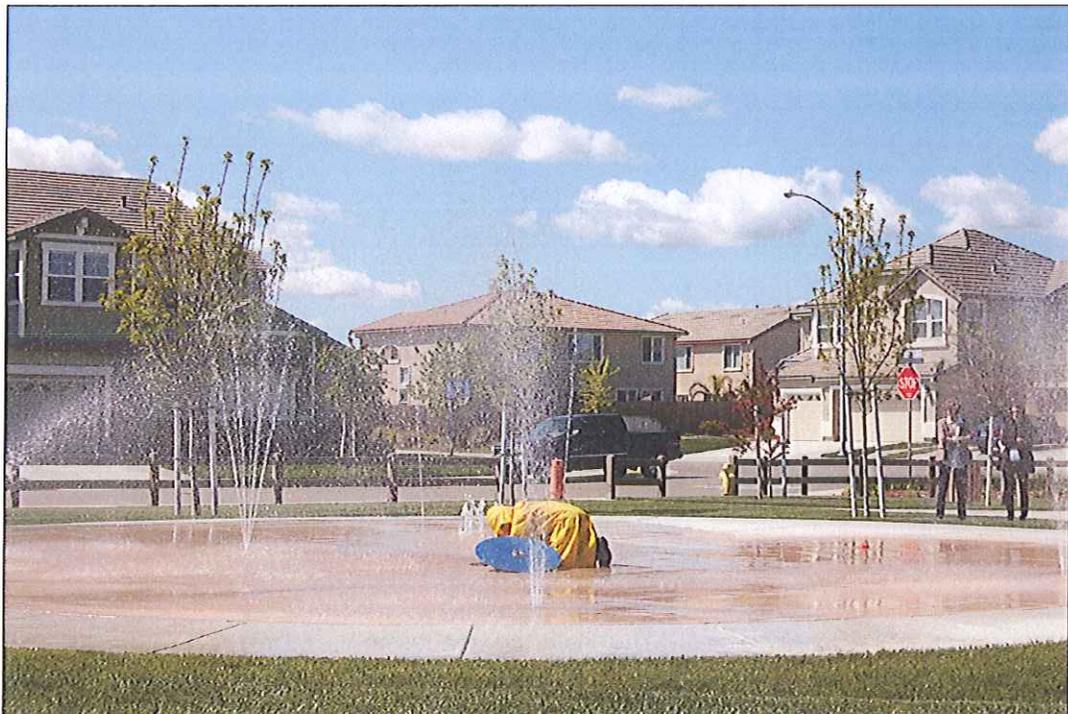


"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
April 13, 2012

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ Next Saturday is our Earth Day program. Please let me know if you plan on attending. The day is going to be fun and the community should really enjoy the activities we have planned.
- ✓ Last week I noted that CSDA visited and toured Discovery Bay. I received word earlier in the week that they intend on doing an article in their monthly magazine that is distributed to all member districts. They were very impressed with us and I'm looking forward to a positive article on Discovery Bay. While on our facility tour, we came across the photo op, below. Nobody can every say we don't have a staff that gets in and gets the job done! We caught Fairin all wet as she was adjusting the spray nozzles for the Splash Pad at Ravenswood Park.



- ✓ This past Tuesday, April 10th, Director Mattison and I attended a meeting in Brentwood with Lucia Becerra, Acting Director of the Department of Boating and Waterways. The purpose of this meeting was to engage in a follow-up discussion of the aquatic weeds in Discovery Bay and Bethel Island. In a nutshell, the State DBW is intending on continuing their efforts to contain *Egeria densa* and water hyacinth for 2012. They are in the process of obtaining their permits to be able to continue to treat. This was very good news.
- ✓ Vice President Graves celebrated a birthday this week! Happy Birthday Kevin!

Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ Well 5a was pulled this week. There is some concern that the outer casing may be leaching from a different aquifer into the aquifer that we use to draw from. Next week we will send video cameras into the well shaft and determine the cause of the high salt content.
- ✓ Due to rain this week, Conco West has been slowed down. Hopefully dry weather in the coming week will allow work to resume.

Parks and Landscape Services

- ✓ The horseshoe pits, bocce ball courts, and tennis courts at Cornell Park should all be open by the middle of May, weather permitting.
- ✓ There is a large eucalyptus tree on Discovery Bay Boulevard (west side) near Clipper that has been marked for removal. The tree is causing the sidewalk to buckle and poses potential road damage as well. The tree is scheduled to be removed next week, weather permitting.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Byron Union School District Dedication of the Measure C Bond Project at Excelsior Middle School s – Friday, April 13, 2012 at 6:00p.m.
- Next CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- Earth Day – Slifer Park – Saturday April 21, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.