



"Friday Letter"

To the Board of Directors

April 6, 2012

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ I wish all of you and your families a Happy Easter weekend. Also, tomorrow is the 16th Annual Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt at Cornell Park. The hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. Staff will be on hand to assist in any way we can during this community wide event.
- ✓ Yesterday, representatives of CSDA visited the District and toured our facilities. They had not been here before and they like to visit their member agencies when they can. I sensed that they were pretty unfamiliar with Discovery Bay. I think they left pleasantly impressed with our operations, and the District overall.
- ✓ On Tuesday, we received word State Water Board staff (RWQCB) would be here for an inspection on Thursday. This type of inspection is routine (they provide short notice in order to eliminate the possibility of correcting areas of concern). While we will not find out until the report is filed how the inspection went from their perspective, all indications are that it went fairly well.
- ✓ On Tuesday, we received notice that the state Environmental Health Department was here for an inspection. We were not aware of the visit until their arrival. The inspection report was completed and there were no noted issues of concern or any violations of any type noted in the report. The report covered storm water runoff at our facilities.
- ✓ On Tuesday, April 10th, I am participating in a meeting with Lucia Becerra, Acting Director of the Department of Boating and Waterways. The purpose of this meeting is to engage in a follow-up discussion of the aquatic weeds in Discovery Bay and Bethel Island. I have sent to you under separate cover the draft of the aquatic weed management plan that we will review at the meeting.
- ✓ At this week's Board meeting, Supervisor Piepho presented a PowerPoint presentation on issues facing the Delta and its conservancy. The PowerPoint has been converted into PDF and is posted to our website. Use the "Current Issues" button to access the presentation.

- ✓ The draft Emergency Operation Plan was sent to the County Office of Emergency Services this week for final review.
- ✓ Dina celebrated another birthday this week – Happy Birthday Dina!

Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ This past Tuesday, we kicked off our Capacity Fee Project with Bartle and Wells. They are scheduled to have a draft to us in late April/early May to review. I will keep you posted.
- ✓ Luhdorff and Scalmanini initiated their study of Well 5A yesterday. However, the well pump is scheduled to be removed early next week and the well casing and aquifer itself videotaped later next week once the water settles. Once I have more information I will let you know.
- ✓ Conco West has been busy this week with the Bio-solids Project. See photo, below:



Parks and Landscape Services

- ✓ The Cornell Park Tot Lot has been removed for safety considerations and the tennis court renovation project is well underway. The horseshoe pits are being renovated and the bocce ball court renovation should begin soon. The work should all be completed just in time for summer!
- ✓ The Christmas trees that were picked up by local Boy Scouts earlier this year and brought to Plant 1 have been mulched. We delivered some of it to Timber Point School this week

for their garden project. They were very appreciative. The mulch will be used throughout town in our planters.

- ✓ The Discovery Bay Earth Day Project is almost here! Be sure to sign up with Sue before it's too late! We have over 25 vendors signed up for the event. Today we had a lunchtime work party and staff BBQ! See pictures, below. The staff painted 4' tall letters spelling out EARTH DAY 2012 to display at Slifer Park on the day of the event. A good time was had by all.



Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt –Cornell Park, Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
- Byron Union School District Dedication of the Measure C Bond Projects – Excelsior Middle School, Friday, April 13, 2012 at 6:00p.m.
- Next CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.