



"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
May 18, 2012

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ The next Board meeting takes place on Wednesday June 6, 2012. There are five (5) Wednesday's this month. Enjoy your extra week!
- ✓ I spoke with the consultant today regarding Capacity Fee Study. They do intend on having a "draft" to the District in time for the June 6, 2012 meeting.
- ✓ On Wednesday, Director Mattison and I attended a Zebra/Quagga mussel workshop hosted at the Byron Bethany Irrigation District and put on by the US Department of the Interior. The focus of the workshop was on controlling this invasive mussel and not eliminating it. I was concerned due to the fact that this species of mussel is so quick to adapt to just about anything, and that our water and sewer operations could possibly be impacted. However, there are no reports of the mussel infiltrating wastewater operations, and since we obtain our water from groundwater sources, there is no concern that our domestic drinking supply could be infested. They did indicate however, that if the Delta were to be infested, the destruction to the environment, boats and pumps could make the Egeria Densa look like a ripple in the water. The impacts are massive. Fortunately, the mussel hasn't been spotted in the Delta, but it is certainly possible, and more than likely it will eventually make its way here. The mussels entered the Great Lakes in shipping ballast water in 1988, and have progressed across the country and downstream rivers and lakes of the Mississippi and Colorado.
- ✓ Yesterday marked Estevan's two (2) Year Anniversary with the District! Congratulations Estevan!

Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ 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 scheduled for Board consideration on June 6, 2012.
- ✓ As I noted last week, 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 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. We anticipate the Board adopting staff's recommendation, which is favorable to the District.
- ✓ As Virgil discussed at the Board meeting, the Salinity Study is moving forward. The study will take approximately three weeks to complete, then a while longer to analyze the data.

Financial Services

- ✓ Finance continues to prepare the budget document.
- ✓ Our next Budget Review Committee meeting is Wednesday May 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. The topic of the meeting will be the roll out of the FY 2012-12 Operating and Maintenance Budget, the Five (5) year Capital Budget, and revenue budgets.

Parks and Landscape Services

- ✓ Since the opening of the tennis courts at Cornell Park, we have received many positive comments.
- ✓ The Bocce Ball Court renovation should be complete by Monday or Tuesday. As noted previously, we have purchased bocce balls and horseshoes for check out here at the District office.
- ✓ On May 31, 2012, both Fairin and Estevan will be attending a CPRS Turf Maintenance demonstration and maintenance program at the home of the Oakland A's. The head groundskeepers from the A's, Giants and Arizona Diamondbacks will be there to share their secrets on how they keep their fields looking so unbelievably perfect!
- ✓ The large eucalyptus tree on Discovery Bay Boulevard north of Clipper Drive was finally removed this week.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Discovery Bay Chamber Mixer at Grazie Grill – Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 6:00p.m.
- Budget Review Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.
- Veolia Appreciation BBQ @ WWTP 2 – Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.
- Budget Review Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.
- Next CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.