



***"Friday Letter"***  
**To the Board of Directors**  
**August 3, 2012**

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

**General Manager/Administration:**

- ✓ It's amazing how much work comes to a screeching stop when the copier breaks! Parts have been ordered and we hope to have it repaired by Monday. In the meantime, my little office printer is doing double duty!
- ✓ This week has been anything but business as usual for me as the financing project and the Capacity Fee Study wind down. There is still a lot of work to do on both fronts, but at least we're seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.
- ✓ Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> is the tentative "Rate Set" day for the revenue bonds. At that time, we'll see what type of interest rate we will end up getting. The sale date will be about a week later.
- ✓ Estevan Rocha, our Parks Maintenance Worker II is getting married tomorrow! Congratulations Estevan, and enjoy your special day.
- ✓ Liz Hardy will be on vacation next week.

**Water and Wastewater Services**

- ✓ An air compressor blew a fitting at WWTP #1 on Tuesday, shutting down the Oxidation Ditch at that location for about an hour.
- ✓ The Bio solids project continues, and the steel building covering the equipment is being constructed.
- ✓ The Salinity Study results are being analyzed against the overall system and it appears that the salt content may not be as high as initially believed. Additional review still needs to take place, however.

### **Financial Services**

- ✓ Finance has been relatively quiet this week with business as usual being the norm.
- ✓ We continue to monitor the large user accounts. Payments are being made and arrangements set up to resolve all outstanding balances. We will keep the Board updated on our progress.

### **Parks and Landscape Services**

- ✓ Work on the Clipper Drive Landscape Enhancement Project came to an abrupt stop on Thursday afternoon as law enforcement officers from multiple jurisdictions closed the road and served a search warrant. SWAT was on hand and the crews were asked to leave. Work resumed on site today.
- ✓ As I noted last week, Fairin met with a turf company to address some of the issues we are having at Cornell Park. We're anxiously awaiting results from the applications and remain hopeful the product will aid our soils at the park, allowing for a more hearty turf.
- ✓ On Tuesday students from the Byron Boys Ranch were assisting with the Clipper Drive Landscape project.

### **Important Dates**

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- ECCFPD Meeting – Monday, August 6, 2012 at 6:30p.m. , Oakley City Hall
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.