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Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District Newsletter • Vol. 5
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DROUGHT EFFORTS CONTINUE

The Town of Discovery Bay would like to thank residents for doing their part in helping conserve water during the current drought.



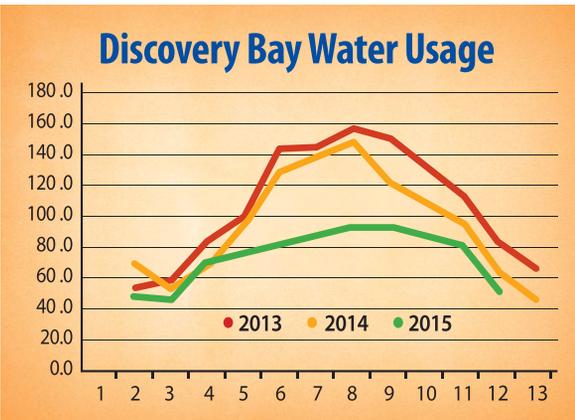
The Town is happy to report that since the reporting period began on June 1st, water use has gone down by 37% (through November 30), and for the months of June and July, we even exceeded 40%! The reporting period continues through February 2016 and you are encouraged to continue to do your best in

order that we continue to meet our 32% conservation requirement.

As the state continues to be engulfed in the historic 4 year drought that is gripping the western United States, and as a strong El Niño weather event continues to take shape, we can't let our guard down just yet. While we're all hopeful that a wet winter materializes, and all indications indicate that this is the case, the National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) notes that one wet winter will not erase 4 years of serious drought.

The Town encourages you to continue to conserve and to make every drop count.

For more information on the drought and water restrictions in Discovery Bay, please visit our website at www.todb.ca.gov and click on the Drought link.



Water Meters and Automated Reader Systems

Beginning in 2016, homes in Discovery Bay that are not currently metered will be getting meters and automated reader systems. Once the program rolls out,



the meters will be installed over the course of 18 months. The new system allows for volumetric pricing - in other words, you will pay for what you use. This new system will allow you to monitor water use on any computer or mobile device, from anywhere in the world. It is expected that the program will begin in late spring 2016. Watch for upcoming community forums and check the Town's website for more information.

Major Capital Projects Completed

The Town recently completed a series of water and wastewater projects totaling more than \$14M. The projects were initiated as a part of a long range master planning process that was completed in 2012. All of the projects are intended to provide long term operational sustainability and system dependability.

Well 7, located on Newport Drive at Capstan Pl., was recently completed and placed into service. The new well, constructed at a cost of \$1.6 M, provides long term reliability to the Town's drinking water system. Well 7 produces in excess of 2,000 gallons per minute when

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CHECK OUT THE
**Discovery Bay
Activity Guide**
ON THE FLIP SIDE!



Town of Discovery Bay

The Town of Discovery Bay Board of Directors meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Discovery Bay Community Center

DISTRICT OFFICE

1800 Willow Lake Rd. Discovery Bay, CA 94505
Located behind Delta Community Presbyterian Church

BOARD

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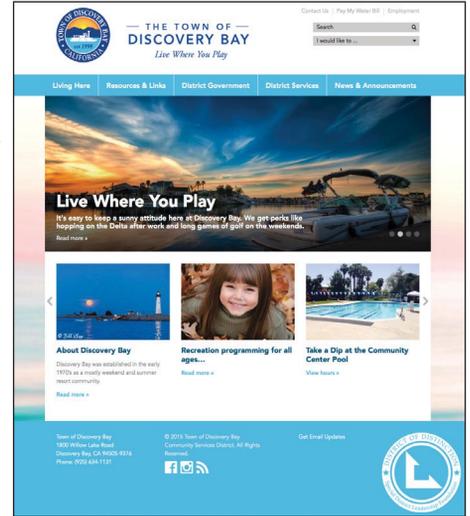
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- General Manager: Rick Howard
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- Finance Manager: Dina Breitstein
- Parks and Landscape Manager: Brian Miller
- Recreation Programs Coordinator: Mac Kaiser

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New Town Website Unveiled

The Town of Discovery Bay recently updated its web presence with a new, completely revamped website. The new site is user friendly, is populated with information pertinent to the Town's functions, provides contact information for other local public agencies and utilities, and includes a history of the Delta and a photographic slide show of life in Discovery Bay. Whether you are on a desktop or mobile device, please visit us at www.todb.ca.gov.



New Homes coming to Discovery Bay

Contra Costa County recently approved two new development projects that will be coming to

Discovery Bay. Both are expected to break ground in 2017.



Newport Pointe will be constructing 67 single family homes along the east side of Newport Drive, at the intersection of Newport Lane. The single family "step-down" homes are aimed at empty-nesters who still want the flexibility of having a

home that is able to accommodate their family while providing the convenience of a smaller floor plan.

Pantages at Discovery Bay is a 292 unit single family home subdivision that will be located at the end of Point of Timber Road, and adjacent to Indian Slough. A number of the homes will be water front on newly created bays with deep water access. Many of the homes will be custom, along with a number of production models to choose from in a variety of floorplans. Included in the development plans is a new Marine Patrol Station for the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit, acres of open space, walking trails, and other public amenities.

Dock Address Signs

If you didn't take advantage of the Dock Sign Program the first time around, here's your chance to put your address on your dock with a nice new sign that shows guests, and more importantly, first responders where you live. This provides immediate identification for police and or fire personnel who might respond by water. Knowing the right address could be a life saver. The signs are \$50 each, and further information can be found on the Town's website at www.todb.ca.gov and click on the News and Announcements link!



1234 Lakeview Ct

Leash Free Park Opens for Business!

Now that the Town has opened its first ever leash free dog park, there's no need to take your pets to other locations where leashes are required and unwanted interactions can take place. Located at the Community Center, the park is comfortable and has over an acre of land for your furry friends to run, play and socialize. Park hours vary seasonally, so check with the Community Center for the schedule of times and days.



Park Upgrades Coming Soon!

The Town will be making a number of upgrades to Regatta and Slifer Parks in the coming months.



At Regatta Park, watch for a new baseball backstop, infield, and fencing; 5 new picnic tables; and new trash receptacles.

Slifer Park is slated to receive 3 new shade structures; solar lights;

8 new park benches, 9 picnic tables, pet waste stations and a new drinking fountain. In addition, regulation soccer nets are also scheduled for delivery.

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operating. The Town maintains a series of 6 wells that produce over 150 million gallons each month during the peak summer season.

A \$12.6M upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant along Highway 4 was also recently completed. The project, or series of projects, was aimed at improving the overall efficiency of the plant, along with ensuring redundancy features to ensure operational dependability. The need to safeguard operational reliability is critical in a facility that operates 24/7/365. The projects consisted of the addition of two additional solar dryers and presses for sludge removal, a third oxidation ditch and a 5th clarifier. Additionally, upgrades included the rehabilitation of Lift Station "F", located at the corner of Willow Lake and River Lake Roads, the restoration of Lift Station "W", and other smaller system improvements and enhancements.

Employee Spotlight:



Welcome Brian Miller

This past June, Brian Miller was hired to be the Parks and Landscape Manager for the Town of Discovery Bay. While Brian comes to us from Saint Mary's College where he performed similar work, he's a long time Discovery Bay resident who brings almost 40 years of landscape knowledge and experience to his new position.

In 2014 The Town transitioned from contract landscape maintenance staff to in-house staffing and Brian and his crew of four landscape employees have begun a systematic evaluation and implementation of a more efficient landscape maintenance schedule. In spite of the drought that wreaked havoc on turf and landscape areas this summer, results are already beginning to show.

Brian and his crew care for five parks, the Community Center, over ten miles of streetscapes and a number of roadway medians. If you need to contact Brian or to report something, please contact him at 634-1733.

Did you know?

- Much more fresh water is stored under the ground in aquifers than on the earth's surface
- The Town treats around 1.3 million gallons of sewage every day at our two wastewater treatment plants