



**Town of Discovery Bay**  
**A California Community Services District**  
**"Friday Letter"**  
**To the Board of Directors**  
**August 28, 2015**

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

**General Manager/Administration:**

- ✓ The Town's new website went live on August 6<sup>th</sup>! The site is much easier to navigate and provides important information in a more organized manner. Most importantly, however, is the ease in how the content is managed. There is also a nice new mobile app that you can use on your mobile device. Overall, I'm pretty pleased with the site and look forward to continuing to promote it and to populate it with pertinent information. Carol has really done a great job of learning the site and becoming familiar with its editing and updating features.
- ✓ A couple of years ago the legislature provided funding for local agency reimbursements associated with complying with state mandates, including public records requests. If those that were on the Board at the time recall, the amount to be returned to the TODB was in the neighborhood of \$80,000. Realistically, no one really thought that we'd ever see a single penny, especially since it was being allocated during the state's budget crisis. I figured it would be reallocated towards the state debt. Well, I'm happy to report that we have received just under \$55,000 with another \$14,000 pending. If we get the remaining \$14,000, we will have received just under \$70,000! The pain to compile the reports and back-up data was well worth the return! Sue did a great job following up on this and running herd on the state.
- ✓ The construction work at Plant 2 is winding down with the nearly complete Secondary Project. The clarifier and oxidation ditch are scheduled to be placed into service in the next couple of weeks. Once that takes place, the oxidation ditch currently in service will be drained, cleaned, inspected and placed back into service. Once that takes place, the ox ditch at Plant 1 will be drained, cleaned and inspected. This is one of the primary reasons we needed the new ditch - to be able to take one out of service without interrupting the treatment process. The clarifier is the 1<sup>st</sup> photo, and the oxidation ditch is the 2<sup>nd</sup> photo.

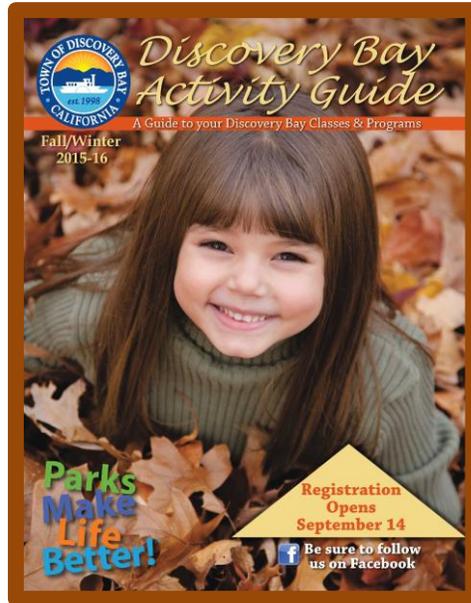


- ✓ After almost two years of planning, test drills, installation of the well casing and eventually pump, motors, electrical and tie-ins, Well 7 went operational in late July. Other than a few punch list items, the project is essentially finished. The well is producing roughly 2,000 gallons per minute, which was expected. The search for a future Well #8 begins soon as Well 5 will more than likely be decommissioned. More on that in the coming months.



- ✓ I have been asked by LAFCO to present and discuss the Town's water conservation efforts at their September 9 Commission Meeting. I plan on providing a thorough update and review our conservation program and corresponding results.
- ✓ The state of California recently rolled out a "toilet and turf" rebate program. The program has been posted to our website, and also to the Town's Facebook page. To learn more about the program, please click [here](#).
- ✓ We have started the recruitment process for the Recreation Projects Coordinator. The recruitment deadline is September 18. Mac has done a great job of stepping in and providing leadership.

- ✓ The Fall Activity Guide is at the printer and should be in mailboxes the week of September 7<sup>th</sup>. The new guide was put together by Mac and it looks great! Here's a sneak preview of the cover:



- ✓ Next Thursday Sue celebrates her 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Town. Congratulations Sue!

**Important Dates:**

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.