



Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
July 10, 2015

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ I will be attending a CSDA GM Conference in Orange County this coming Sunday through Tuesday. I will be returning Tuesday afternoon.
- ✓ We made it through the 4th of July weekend without any issues, so that's always good. Fireworks were abundant, and I understand that there was at least one small fire that destroyed a fence from fireworks.
- ✓ As I noted under separate cover, there was a reported Sanitary Sewer Overflow on Newport Drive on Tuesday. The amount of overflow was less than 10 gallons (as reported). The cause was a failed air relief valve. The ARV has been replaced. As indicated in the photo, the spill was minimal. Veolia cleaned up and disinfected the site. The quick action of Estevan Rocha to call this in almost as soon as it occurred resulted in something serious being something minimal. Great job Steve!



- ✓ This past Monday's scheduled Well 7 power outage hit at a very good time weather wise. The evening was cool and we received no complaints. PG&E completed their tie-in a little early and there were no issues associated with the connections.
- ✓ Well 7 is very close to start pumping for testing purposes, and as soon as it happens I'll let you know.
- ✓ I noted a couple of weeks ago that the landscape mower was in the shop more than not, and that we had to acquire a new mower. The new mower arrived Wednesday. It was put into service almost immediately.



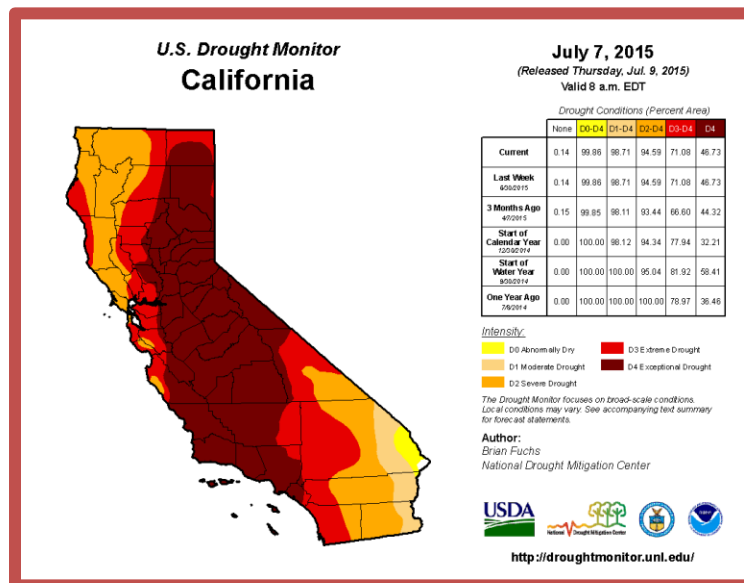
- ✓ Mac Kaiser is starting to settle in as Dan's interim replacement. He's "up to his ears in alligators" as they say, but making good progress. If you haven't had a chance to stop by and say hi to Mac, please do!
- ✓ The landscape crews have been working hard to clean-up the 10 miles of roadway landscape areas that we maintain. The crews have been working in all areas of town and are working on implementing a schedule that is more uniform and takes into consideration equipment and crew logistics.

- ✓ The dog park grand opening took place last Tuesday June 30th! It was a nice event, albeit small, most likely due to the 107° weather. It was a scorcher for sure, but those in attendance enjoyed the opening. A big thank you to our sponsors!
- ✓ I received the following from NOAA today. Interesting read, and hopefully it will bring copious amounts of water this winter!

Yesterday the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) released their latest discussion on the state of the El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO). Given the recent "buzz" about the current El Niño, we wanted to provide you with a brief update on the ongoing drought conditions across the region and the latest ENSO predictions. In short, current atmospheric and oceanic conditions across the western and central equatorial Pacific Ocean suggest an ongoing and strengthening El Niño. However, severe to exceptional drought conditions persist across much of the state and water conservation efforts continue to be encouraged.

Latest Drought Conditions across California

- There has essentially been no change to the intensity of the drought during the past several months with nearly 95% of the state in a severe to exceptional drought.
- The current strengthen of El Niño will have little to no effects on the drought through the remainder of the summer as it is historically our dry season. (See image below for the latest U.S. Drought Monitor.)



What is the prediction for El Niño going forward?

- The CPC states there is a greater than 90% chance that El Niño conditions will continue through fall 2015, and around an 85% chance it will last through the 2015-2016 winter. In addition, the climate forecasters suggest there is around an 80% chance it will persist into spring 2016.

- At this time, forecaster consensus is in favor of a strong El Niño at its peak later this year. The stronger the El Niño event, the more reliable or confident we will be in the impacts for the upcoming winter months.
- Again, because El Niño's influences are most pronounced during the winter months, we don't expected to see any improvements to the ongoing drought conditions through summer 2015.

In summary, current El Niño conditions and predictions appear promising heading into the fall and winter months. However, there is no guarantee the region will experience a wetter than average winter. Should this El Niño end up being a weaker event than currently projected, there is little to no correlation in enhanced winter precipitation across our region during a weak or even moderate strength El Niño. Stay up to date with the latest by visiting www.cpc.noaa.gov or www.elnino.noaa.gov.

Important Dates:

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- The Sandlot, playing tonight at the Community Center. Movies start at dusk.
- Lion's Club Concert – Saturday, July 11 at 5 p.m. – Marina
- Financing Options Workshop – Wednesday July 15 at 5:30 – Community Center
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m.