



**Town of Discovery Bay**  
**A California Community Services District**  
**"Friday Letter"**  
**To the Board of Directors**  
**July 17, 2015**

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

**General Manager/Administration:**

- ✓ Wednesday night's workshop was very good, and I want to thank you for taking the time and participating in this very important project. I plan on bringing the contract with Prager and Co. to the Board at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- ✓ As I noted last week I attended the CSDA GM Conference in Orange County this past Monday and Tuesday morning. While I didn't plan on attending, I'm happy that I did. It was actually a very good program and I came back with a few good ideas. Good ideas sometimes translate to improved efficiencies, and I'm hopeful that a few of them will prove rewarding for the Town. While I think we do a good job of service delivery to the community, there may be ways to improve overall internal service delivery to the staff. In turn, even better service delivery to the community.
- ✓ As I noted in Wednesday night's meeting, the area that we lease to Delta Seaweed Removal Services was flooded due to the broken pipe servicing the demonstration wetlands. While the broken pipe was fixed, the dirt in that area is soft and is muddy. It will take a while to dry out, however a plan is in place to provide continued access to the site.
- ✓ Well 7 started testing yesterday, and all indications are that the water quality is good. Bacteria testing took place today, and once we have that data back and the go-ahead from the state, we should be able to get the well operational in the not-so-distant future.
- ✓ The "big fill" at the "big dig", aka the Oxidation Ditch project has been pushed back until mid-August due to scheduling matters with the contractor. Once the ditch and clarifier are filled, they are essentially operational while they go through their testing. It will be nice to finish all of the bond projects in a timely manner. Great Job to all. It started about 4 ½ years ago when discussions began, and we're finishing up with a number of critical facility improvements.

- ✓ There will be a Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting next Wednesday at 3, followed by a Finance Committee meeting at 5. Key to the meetings will be the process and manner in which we move forward with the financing for the filtration and denitrification projects.

**Important Dates:**

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Hunger Games Mocking Jay Part 1, playing tonight at the Community Center. Movies start at dusk.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. **CANCELLED**