



Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
July 31, 2015

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ Each year we have to send to the county our "tax roll", which sets the fees for water and sewer charges that are annually billed on property taxes. All data was transmitted by July 31st (the deadline is August 10). The actual submittal to the county for water and sewer charges derived from property tax charges is \$6.348M for FY 2015-16. Budgetary estimates were \$6.108M. Great job Sue for getting it done early!
- ✓ As you are aware, I will be on vacation beginning next Thursday August 6 and scheduled to return to the office on August 24. The first week I will be in a very remote area and have very limited, if any, access to email. If you need to reach me, please do so via text message as that seems to work best. Please note, however, that text messages generally flow during nighttime hours and if you send a message it may be a while before I am able to respond. I will make every effort to check in daily via phone (I have to travel to a specific part of the region) with the staff.
- ✓ This past Saturday night we had a power surge at the Willow Lake Water Treatment Plant. The power surge resulted in a PLC not resetting properly. The end result was that the water storage tanks drew down to a low level, and water pressure throughout town was very low for a short period of time. Veolia staff was onsite within 20 minutes pressure was restored. Fortunately, this took place late in the evening/early morning hours. Great Job Berney and Joe!
- ✓ Today I came across an article regarding the Drought and overall statewide conservation measures. While the state has met the 25% mandate (at 27%), many have over 400 water districts reporting June figures actually used *more* water than they had in June 2013. Discovery Bay is one of 40 districts statewide that met or exceeded 40%! Diablo water hit 30% and Brentwood hit 43%. Suffice it to say, east Contra Costa County is doing their part!

- ✓ We had a really great kick-off meeting to the new rate studies being conducted by Bartle Wells Associates. I'm looking forward to meeting with both the Water and Wastewater Committee and the Finance Committee to provide an update to the schedule, ideas and suggestions that were generated from the kick-off meeting.

- ✓ As you may recall, the pool is now closed for weekday rec swim due to school being back in session. We remain open weekends through the season, however. The problem lies in the fact that all of our weekday lifeguards are high school students and are also back in school, and it is logistically hard to find certified lifeguards who are not college or high school students. However, as a way to ease the pain, so to speak, we will start offering weekday adult lap swim from 10-6 starting this Monday August 3rd. Minors will not be allowed within the pool fence area and swimmers must also sign a release waiving liability and acknowledging that the pool is being used at their own risk as no life guard will be present.

Important Dates:

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- Lion's Club Big Cat Poker Run – August 14-15
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. **CANCELLED**
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m.