

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

March 1, 2013

E STREET LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS

Staff advertised the E Street Lift Station Improvements project to install a new wet well, vault, pipes, fittings, and pumps. The aging facility is in much need of replacement due to corrosion of the steel wet well, pump mounts and other apparatus. Bids will be received on April 11, with a subsequent recommendation for award of contract being made to the City Council.

SOUTH SACRAMENTO COUNTY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Staff recently met with the General Manager of the Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority (Mike Wackman) to discuss City adoption of the South Sacramento County Groundwater Management Plan and future implementation needs. This plan reviews historic, current and projected groundwater usage and the sustainable yield capacity of the underlying aquifer. It also provides recommendations for future stewardship and monitoring of the groundwater basin. An ultimate goal is to develop a partnership among regional stakeholders reliant on the groundwater basin to cooperatively fund further monitoring, study and preservation efforts. Adoption of the Groundwater Management Plan, and subsequent approval by State agencies, will be a key to eligibility to future State and Federal assistance grants. Once details are refined, adoption of the plan and recommended implementation steps will be presented for consideration by the City Council.

WATER METER RFP

The City received four proposals on January 24, 2013, for the installation of water meters and related data collection systems. A review panel has selected two firms to provide a presentation on March 5. Following these presentations, staff will develop recommendations for consideration by the City Council.

COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Material to seal cracks on the tennis courts arrived Thursday, February 28. Staff tested a few areas to gauge how effective the material is at sealing the cracks and was pleased with the results. Staff will remove weeds, blow out the cracks, and apply crack seal material where needed on all the courts. This project should be complete by the end of the week of March 4, 2013.

SPORTS COMPLEX

The shade structure rebuild project is almost complete. Staff is installing the 2" X 2" boards to finish the structure and will spot paint areas that need repainting. The electrical conduit has been installed and only installation of the light fixtures remains. The project should be completed within the next week.

RECREATION UPDATE

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations through March 4 for T-Ball, Instructional, and Girls Softball without a late fee and through March 7 with a late fee. Registration for GATOR Swim Team begins on Friday, March 1.

SOAR

The SOAR Program Sites are participating in the Community Youth Organization's Champions for Change. This program is called "Helping Kids Power Up with Fruits, Vegetables, and Physical Activity." There are 20 activities to choose from that relate to eating healthy and

exercising. Once the students have completed 14 activities, they will receive a free cookbook. The Resource Guides were delivered to the sites this past Monday. Each site will work at their own pace and choose which activities will best suit their students.

SCHOOL SECURITY

Police staff attended the Elementary School Board meeting Wednesday evening and discussed the possibility of a Weapons Familiarity class for school faculty.

GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

Staff conducted a training session on the General Plan with the Planning Commission and then presented the 2012 Annual Report for consideration. The Planning Commission recommended unanimously that City Council accept the report and authorize staff to forward it to the Governor's Office of Planning & Research and the Housing and Community Development Department. It is scheduled for City Council consideration on March 19.

STATE APPROVES GALT'S HOUSING ASSETS AFTER MEET AND CONFER

When the City elected to become the Successor Agency to the former Galt Redevelopment Agency, the decision was made to also retain the housing assets, functions, and powers previously performed by the redevelopment agency, excluding amounts on deposit in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund. Toward that effort, Community Development staff submitted the required Housing Assets Transfer Form to the State Department of Finance on August 1, 2012. The list included all of the properties for which housing rehabilitation loans were outstanding, Galt Place (with its outstanding \$4 million loan) and the affordable housing developments for which the Agency had obtained long term affordability restrictions (Comfrey Senior, Grizzly Hollow III etc.). As has been typical, DOF objected to many of the listed assets, so staff ultimately had to request a meet and confer session to argue our case. The meet and confer was held on January 30. In addition to Community Development staff, our consultant RSG was in attendance and assisted in the preparation of informational packets for DOF staff. As a result of that session, DOF has reversed its decision on all of the requested housing assets except one which has no adverse effect on the City. New Hope Senior was denied because even though it is an affordable senior housing project, the Development Agreement was executed with the City and not the Redevelopment Agency so it shouldn't have been put on the list to begin with. The important point is that the significant outstanding housing loans, and the assets they are tied to, will remain under the control of the Successor Agency. Staff is in the process of determining what further steps need to occur to finalize this process.

REFUND OF PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION FEES

The City received information from the County Auditor Controller that the City will be receiving its refund of the Property Tax Administration Fees (PTAF) next week, the amount is estimated to be \$135,272. This is a result of a recent CA Supreme Court ruling that found that some counties had incorrectly charged administrative fees on the Triple Flip and VLF swap amounts. In 2010, the City submitted a claim to the County for refund of the PTAF and Council authorized the execution of a tolling agreement with the county for amounts charged to the City of Galt for administrative costs beginning in fiscal year 2006/2007 and continuing since. Last year, the county had proposed a settlement agreement of 50% of the amount due the city, prior to the CA Supreme Court ruling on this matter, which the City did not accept.