

## CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

April 24, 2015

### **WATER METERS/CONSERVATION EFFORTS**

Staff will be making separate presentations at the May 5 Council meeting regarding the City's water conservation efforts and water meter implementation plan. The water conservation presentation will provide an update on the City's current water supply, the Governor's executive order and how the City is planning to comply with the water conservation mandates. Based on the most recent draft from the Department of Water Resources, the City will be required to reduce water use by 32% in 2015 compared to 2013. For comparison, the City achieved a 19% reduction in 2014 compared to 2013. This new target will require much more significant conservation efforts by everyone. The City will likely declare a stage 3 water emergency prior to June and also hire water conservation enforcement officers to help educate the public and ensure compliance.

### **TWIN CITIES ROUNDABOUT AND WIDENING PROJECT AWARDS**

The Twin Cities Roundabout and Widening project won the 2015 Construction Management Project Award from the Construction Management Association of America, Northern California Chapter (CMAA). Among the seven categories, the Twin Cities project won the transportation \$5 to \$15 million category. The CMAA Project Awards recognize excellence in Northern California projects--public works, transportation, programs and building projects in the public and private sector. The winners will be recognized on May 21, 2015, at an awards ceremony in San Francisco.

### **MEADOWVIEW AREA WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS**

Water service line replacements have been completed on 110 of the total 222 services scheduled for repair. There were several unscheduled water service interruptions this past week, which were the result of deteriorated "saddle clamps" that blew off the water mains. These required emergency water shut-downs in the affected areas. Public Works staff thanks affected customers for their patience as we worked to resolve the issues.

### **RAILROAD QUIET ZONE/FENCE**

The barrier fence has been completed. Crossing upgrades will commence shortly, once the contractor receives the appropriate permits from Union Pacific Railroad. Staff is currently working on a staff report that will present options to help soften the appearance of the new fence with landscaping such as trees, vines or other alternatives. The report is currently scheduled for the May 19 Council Meeting.

### **CITIZENS ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM**

The Galt Police Department launched a new Citizens Online Reporting System this week that can be accessed through the department's website. Citizens will now be able to report minor incidents via the web from the convenience of their own homes or businesses.

### **POLICE OFFICER RECOGNITION**

The California Office of Traffic Safety in partnership with Mothers Against Drunk Driving held their annual Law Enforcement Recognition Luncheon in Sacramento where Galt PD Officers Jeffrey Weaver and Andrey Protsyuk were honored for their outstanding work and commitment to DUI enforcement during the past year.

## **RECREATION PROGRAMS**

- Registration began on March 1 for most aquatics programs. Galt Gators started practice on Monday, April 13. As of today, there are 272 swimmers registered.
- Kidz Love Soccer Clinic – This course began last week. There are a total of 42 participants registered in the 4 various levels. A summer clinic is now open for registration and will take place at McCaffrey Middle School.

## **PARK AND LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE**

- Staff assisted with the Creek Week event on April 18 at Dry Creek in the Creekside subdivision.
- McCaffery & Greer Basin will be closed this Saturday, April 25 for the rescheduled spray for broadleaf weeds.
- Completed irrigation checks/repairs at all city buildings and currently working on N.E. streetscapes.