

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

May 8, 2015

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DELTA COLLEGE AT LIBERTY ROAD

The City Council approved sending a letter of support to Delta College for development of the Liberty Road property as a future Education Center. A copy of the signed letter can be found [here \(link\)](#).

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

City staff presented an update to the City Council on Tuesday night regarding the status of the City's water system and recommended citywide conservation efforts. The City will be rolling out this summer's conservation plan over the next few weeks. The conservation program will include two new conservation education and enforcement employees, declaring a stage 3 water emergency (2 day outdoor watering max) and increased education.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Recently there have been several posts on the City's Facebook page from residents concerned about the speed in which Public Works is repairing water leaks. As of Monday, there were eight leaking service laterals in need of replacement.

Facilities Maintenance staff place the utmost importance on replacing leaking laterals, not only in times of drought, but at all times. Every effort is made to replace laterals to prevent excess water wasting. Prior to beginning an excavation, staff must call in a proposed excavation to Underground Services Alert (USA), at least forty-eight hours before an excavation takes place. This allows all utilities with underground facilities to mark their facilities, so that the excavation does not damage other existing utilities. Once the USA ticket has cleared, it takes the better part of a work day to replace a service lateral with four maintenance workers. Staff uses the Vac-Con combination sewer cleaner to hydro-excavate to replace a leaking lateral. Public Works only has one of these units.

Monday morning all eight leaking laterals were inspected to determine which were the most severe. A replacement schedule was created to replace laterals in order of severity. The three most severe leaking laterals had been replaced by Wednesday. Staff will continue to replace other laterals daily.

Typically, there are 25 – 30 laterals per year that need to be replaced. The frequency of leaks has greatly increased over the last seventeen months. Since January 2015, staff has replaced 53 leaking laterals. There is no particular pattern to these leaks, suggesting that the cause is related to an aging water system.

LIBERTY RANCH OPEN HOUSE

Staff and the Eastview developer, Suncal, held an open house at the Galt Comfort Inn on the evening of Thursday, May 7, for the property owners and residents of the non-participating properties in the Eastview project area (the properties not owned by Suncal). The purpose of the open house was to introduce City staff and the developers, and to explain the upcoming annexation process, benefits to annexing into the City, present the Liberty Ranch portion of the Eastview project (Suncal's master-planned community) and respond to questions. The turnout was very good, with approximately half of the non-participating properties being represented, and the overall response to the proposed annexation appeared positive. The next step in the Eastview process will be the release of the Draft EIR for public review, most likely to occur in

June.

GOLDEN HEIGHTS WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The deep well was placed on line Monday, May 4 with a new pump installed. Initial indications are that the equipment is operating as intended. The facility is producing approximately 3,700 gallons per minute of water using the Golden Heights Deep Well and Monterey Bay Well. Staff anticipates operating the wells and water treatment plant as one of the primary sources of water throughout the summer due to low operating cost of this facility, which will allow the City to test the new equipment to ensure it operates in accordance with the contract documents.

NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS

The Police Department has announced the first appointees to the newly established assignment of Corporal. The new Corporals are Brian Azevedo, Rod Fisher, and Rick Small. Their exact starting date and specific assignments are still to be determined.

RECREATION

- There are 278 swimmers registered for Galt Gators. The first swim meet will be time trials on Saturday, May 16. Swim Clinics are now being offered throughout the season.
- Wine & Paint Nights: May 7 = 20 (full), May 28 = 20 (full), and June 11 = 7
- The Senior Bus Trip to Red Hawk Casino is scheduled for June 25. There are currently 17 participants registered.

PARK & LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

- Staff Completed adjusting all city irrigation clocks to reduce water usage to two days per week at all city parks, facilities and landscape areas. This will create a noticeable browning of many turf areas. The primary goal at this time is to reduce water usage without killing plant material.
- Re-painted Walker soccer field lines using paint donated by the soccer league.
- Broadleaf weed application will be applied on Saturday at Greer Basin and Northeast Sports Park.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Senior Health Fair – Friday, May 8 at Chabolla Community Center 3 – 6 p.m.
- Strawberry Festival – May 16 & 17
- State Bus Roadeo – May 24
- Senior Games (Rotary Sponsored) – Friday, June 5 at Chabolla Community Center and Gora Aquatic Center.