

## CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

December 21, 2012

### **WWTP AGRICULTURE LEASE**

The wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) Agriculture Lease Request for Proposals (RFP) was placed on the City's website on December 20 with a proposal submittal date of January 28, 2013. The RFP invites farming entities to submit proposals for farming 174 acres of city-owned land at the WWTP. The lease will have an initial five-year term with up to two, three-year extensions. The City's intent is to lease the land for fodder, fiber, and/or seed crop production to maximize the use of treated irrigation water, applied biosolids, and associated nutrients in an agronomically responsible manner.

### **OLD TOWN DEMOLITION PROJECT**

The City issued a Notice to Proceed on December 20, for the demolition of five buildings on three City-owned lots to make room for additional parking for Old Town businesses, both current and future. The lowest bidder was PARC Specialty Contractors of Sacramento for \$49,950. This work is scheduled to be completed on or before December 31. City staff has been working with various agencies, including the Sacramento Air Quality Management District and public utilities to facilitate the December 31 completion date.

### **CENTRAL GALT INTERCHANGE**

City staff and contract managers have been working diligently with Caltrans to energize the traffic signals for the Central Galt Interchange. Traffic signals were turned to flashing red mode on the afternoon of December 20. The flashing red signals take the place of the stop signs and alert the traveling public of the upcoming changes. Additional testing is required prior to full operation of the signals. This is scheduled for the week of January 7. Due to the proximity and configurations of the intersections, it is Caltrans' intent to turn on all the signals at once.

### **WATER METER RFP**

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued November 28. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held on December 20. The pre-proposal meeting was well attended and significant interest was shown in the metering project. Proposals for the citywide metering system will be due on January 24.

### **LIVE OAK PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN**

Commencement of work on the \$4.5 million sewer upgrade project has been delayed since August. Marques Pipeline has indicated work will begin soon on the lift station located on Live Oak Avenue, 1/4 mile west of McFarland Street. The work will have minor impacts on traffic in active work areas. Access will be maintained to all affected properties.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY**

Chief Bowen and Lieutenant Uptegrove have participated in several meetings with both Galt School Districts to discuss school safety and to review current school safety plans. On Wednesday afternoon, we met with all of the elementary school principals for a question and answer session regarding their concerns. Police officers have been visiting all of the schools during the school day.

### **RECRUITMENT – NEW EMPLOYEES**

The following full-time positions have been filled:

Full Time Accounting Assistant – Michelle Williams – Finance  
Full Time Office Assistant – Leslie Sheets – Public Works