

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 10, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Police Memorial - Next week, the City will commence site preparations for the installation of the Police Memorial “Eternal Legacy” on Loma Terrace. The site preparations will also include renovations to the immediate surrounding area. There will be a need to close Loma Terrace to vehicles (or reduce to one lane) on occasions for the relocation of a gas line and a crane to install the sculpture. This will be for limited times and near-by residents and businesses will be informed. It is anticipated that the installation will be completed for the 1st anniversary of Police Officer Coutchie’s passing and a ceremony will be held on September 21, 2014. This installation has been funded through donations raised by the Laguna Beach Police Employees’ Association, Laguna Beach Community Foundation and the City of Laguna Beach.

Goat Update - The ongoing drought conditions has resulted in minimal grow back of the vegetation on the City’s Fuel Modification Zones. As a result, the goats that maintain these zones will again be moved out of the City until the area experiences rain that promotes growth of the vegetation. The City must sustain a delicate balance of maintaining the zones and ensuring that the areas are not overgrazed, creating different issues during the winter rains. While the zones have not experienced much growth, the areas outside of the zones are still full of extremely dry vegetation.

Village Entrance Public Workshop - The City will hold a community workshop to discuss the Village Entrance Project on Wednesday, July 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The purpose of the workshop is to provide an overview of the updated project concept and seek feedback on specific elements and features, such as the historic sewer digester, car ports and Laguna Canyon Road median.

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