

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 4, 2009
TO: City Council
FROM: Kenneth Frank, City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Annual Storm Drain Cleaning -- City crews clean City drainage systems twice each year, typically in the Spring and the Fall. The work is normally done by the paving crew and concrete crew. This year the work will be started a month earlier because it has been several years since our drainage systems were really tested with any significant amount of rain while there is a forecasted El Niño winter approaching. Two crews of three people will spend roughly eight weeks cleaning over five miles of storm drains and over 900 drain inlets while keeping up with the other daily service requests that come in.

Invasive Weeds -- In July, City crews removed a variety of invasive weeds along Coast Highway south of Solana Way. This month City crews will be removing several stands of Pampas grass from the side of Laguna Canyon Road between El Toro Road and the 173. Without aggressive control measures, the Pampas grass would likely spread quickly in this area because of the high groundwater table.

Sea Cove Parking Lot – The recently constructed a parking lot at Sea Cove and Coast Highway needs replacement of the pervious concrete. The contractor will be removing the concrete and replacing it. The parking lot will be closed for about two weeks because the concrete needs to cure once it is formed.

Bunn Acquisition – After a couple of years in the process, the City is now the owner of 4.5 acres of property at the end of Canyon Acres Drive. This is probably the last purchase working with the Laguna Canyon Foundation and the Coastal Conservancy given the State's precarious financial position. This project had been committed to many months ago.

Fewer Parking Stickers – This last year, we sold 20% less parking stickers. This is a huge drop. Part of the decline may be due to our more stringent enforcement effort to ensure that non-City residents are not purchasing the permits. Even so, for whatever reason there seems to be a general decline in people purchasing the permits.

City Bonds Administration – The City Treasurer has prepared the attached matrix showing the status of most of the assessment district bonds and the general obligation bonds.

Arch Beach Heights View Park – This project has all environmental quality and planning approvals. The staff is checking the final construction plans at this point. One component of the project is a new fuel modification zone below ten houses on Quivera. Rather than wait for a few months until the full project is ready for bid, bids are solicited, contract is awarded, etc., we are planning to have the City's weed abatement contractor immediately perform the fuel modification portion of the project. This will provide additional fire protection for the Arch Beach Heights neighborhood when the Santa Ana winds begin to hit. All of the work that will be undertaken has already been through the approval process.

Attachment