

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 6, 2009  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Kenneth Frank, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES**

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**Art at Lang Park** – One of the artistic sculptures in Lang Park fell down. Upon inspection, there were deficiencies in the other structures and we have removed the entire display. The Arts Commission will need to decide whether they should be repaired or replaced.

**Juried Fine Art Exhibition Winners** -- On Thursday, November 5, Mayor Kelly Boyd announced the winners of the Juried Fine Art Exhibition. The winners were selected by Grace Kook-Anderson the Curator of Exhibitions at the Laguna Art Museum. The following artists were awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Tauber; 2<sup>nd</sup> Darcie Copeland; 3<sup>rd</sup> Cliff Wassmann; Honorable mention Claudia Norris, KC Huang and Regina Hurley. The exhibit runs through November 25.

**Coast Highway Resurfacing** – The Caltrans schedule for slurry sealing Coast Highway has changed again. Since they have fallen behind schedule, they are going to jump into the Downtown area next week to get done with this area before Thanksgiving. They will then move back to the south part of town. With this schedule change there will be three projects going on in the Downtown area that will certainly create some traffic problems. The Third Street Retaining Wall project closes the downhill side of Third Street. That diversion combined with the Downtown fiberoptic installation and the slurry seal blocking of side streets onto Coast Highway will test the patience of many and might require some Police direction during peak times.

**Citywide Fiberoptic Installation** – Next G Networks is installing some backbone conduit for fiberoptic communications cable at various locations. This week they are working on Coast Highway in South Laguna. They needed to get that work done before Caltrans does the final slurry seal of the road. Next week they will be working through the Downtown area. Most of the installation is done by boring. The work in the Downtown will be done before the middle of the month. There are utility markings all over the pavement in the Downtown that will be removed by the contractor when they are done.

**Winter Rain Preparations** – The National Weather Service is still forecasting a moderate El Niño winter. The City's drainage systems have been upgraded since the last significant El Niño. The storm drain inlets at Riddle Field and above the Festival of Arts have been significantly enlarged. Several years ago Caltrans repaired a storm drain that had been partially collapsed for many years and that routinely caused Coast Highway to flood near Aliso Creek. There is now a major storm drain that collects runoff at the head end of Canyon Acres Drive and delivers the runoff to Laguna Canyon Channel. Laguna Canyon Channel itself seems to have experienced lower flow levels since the realignment of Laguna Canyon Road and the construction of the detention basins done along with that project. City crews have just finished the cleaning of roughly 1,000 drain inlets and outlets and City maintained terrace drains. Additional filled sandbags have been purchased and stockpiled at various locations in the city for immediate access by City crews. And, as always, there will empty sandbags available for residents at all City Fire Station in the event of a significant rain forecast.