

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 21, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, Acting City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Beach Water Quality Report Card – The Orange County Health Care Agency will soon release the 2009 Ocean and Bay Annual Report for Orange County. Laguna Beach will have no posting or closures for beaches north of Blue Lagoon last year and 0.3 beach mile days for beaches to the south. These excellent results demonstrate that water quality is improving every year due to the cooperative efforts of Laguna Beach citizens, businesses and City staff.

State of the Art Pipeline Repair – A pipe discovered to be in dire need of rehabilitation was successfully lined last Thursday. The urgent work involved bypassing the flow from the Inn at Laguna as well as closing the right lane on southbound Coast Highway. New lining technology allowed the repair to occur in about one-half of the time that it would have previously taken.

Downtown Traffic Improvements – Cliff Drive between Beach Street and Broadway has been reconfigured to be one-way in the uphill direction. Beach Street has also been converted to one-way in the downhill direction from Cliff Drive to Broadway. A second left turn lane has been added to Beach Street at the Broadway intersection. The improvements are intended to reduce traffic delays and backups on Beach Street between Broadway and Cliff Drive. In addition to traffic movement improvements, the project adds fifteen metered parking spaces on Cliff Drive.

North Laguna Alley Paving - The North Laguna Alley Rehabilitation Project is proceeding ahead of schedule with more than 75% of the alleys paved to date. There have been some pavement quality problems because of the irregular and confined working space in some areas. Staff is reviewing options for correcting some of the problem areas. Parking enforcement for street sweeping has been halted in this area until the project is complete.

Marine Safety Activities -- Marine Safety had a successful recruitment with 111 applicants. Forty-three were taken into the Rookie Ocean Lifeguard Academy with 30 completing the training. The 2010 Academy yielded 25 qualified candidates and 17 will be hired as Rookie Ocean Lifeguards in late June. Additionally, Marine Safety will be hosting Junior Lifeguard Youth Aide Tryouts on Saturday May 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at Main Beach.