

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 2, 2010  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Kenneth Frank, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES**

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**Design Guidelines – “A Guide to Residential Development”** – The Planning Commission reviewed the draft Guidelines on June 2 and directed staff to route certain chapters of the document back to the Heritage and Environmental Committees, as well as the Arts Commission. All suggested changes have been incorporated and staff has completed the final sentence structure edits. The current draft document is scheduled for final Planning Commission review on September 8.

**South Coast Water District Tunnel Stabilization & Sewer Pipeline Replacement Project** – The SCWD has circulated the draft EIR for this upcoming project. The two-mile long tunnel, located between Three Arch Bay and Aliso Creek Beach, was constructed in 1954, is mostly unlined and unsupported. Councilmembers may recall that in 2007, the City approved a CDP to enlarge and fortify a relatively short segment of the tunnel. Although repairs have been made to sections of the tunnel over the years, the tunnel is deteriorating and in need of more comprehensive repairs.

**Mission Hospital** – The hospital is proposing to replace an existing cooling tower and emergency generator, and to construct an 18’ high sound wall to mitigate noise impacts for adjacent residential properties. The project is scheduled for design review on September 9. The hospital representatives have held neighborhood meetings with residents on Seventh Avenue to discuss the project and address questions or concerns.

**Annual Tree Trimming** – The 1,100 City maintained trees are trimmed on various schedules depending upon tree type and location. All City Palm trees are trimmed each year. Other City trees are trimmed either yearly or every other year. This year’s trimming program will begin next week and will include all City Palm trees and City trees mostly in the North Laguna area. The program will last through the end of October.

**Resurfacing Project** – This year’s \$1.6 million resurfacing project is 25% completed. The work will continue through the end of October. For a minor contract price adjustment of \$10,000 the contractor will be able to include slurry seal of three City parking lots in the areas where the resurfacing is being done. The parking lots included are the lot next to Fire Station 4, Alta Laguna Park, and Lang Park.