

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 30, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

City Storm Response Costs – a preliminary tally thus far is that the City has incurred about \$400,000 in costs for contractors to clean up mud and debris and spent another \$50,000 in overtime for City employees. Additional contractual services will be necessary to continue cleanup efforts but at a much lower magnitude. These figures do not include the cost to repair any City facilities or infrastructure.

Cars and Containers Removed – The final containers were removed from the private creek in the Sun Valley neighborhood by the owner of the containers. The creek is now clear of railroad containers and cars.

Friday Meeting for Victims – There will be a meeting on Friday for victims of the rainstorms at 1 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Promotion in Finance-Administrative Services Department – The Finance Division is pleased to announce that Kelli Van Eyke has been promoted to full-time Office Specialist Cashier. Kelli has been with the Finance Department as a part-time Office Specialist for the past three years. Her previous duties included assisting in payroll, accounts payable and cashier back-up. Her experience and enthusiasm will serve the Counter well. She started as Cashier on December 27th.

First Friday's Flicks at the Forum – The Arts Commission will be screening the documentary film "The Radiant Child – Jean-Michel Basquiat" on Friday, January 7, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Forum Theatre on the Festival of Arts grounds. The screening is free and will be followed by a post film discussion. This program has been funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Artist Open Studios – On Saturday, January 8, 2011 artists will be opening their studios from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This self-guided tour is free and is a rare opportunity to peer into the creative spaces of 24 of Laguna's top artists. It's also a great chance to buy local art, right from the source. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Lifeguard Headquarters and Main Beach Restrooms – On January 12, 2011, the Coastal Commission will consider an amendment to the City's Local Coastal Program which would allow this project to proceed as approved by the City Council. This project combines the current restrooms at North Main Beach and a Lifeguard Headquarters facility into one building. These modifications would allow the beach and bluff near the existing restrooms to be restored to a natural condition while providing modern facilities for lifeguards. The Coastal Commission meeting will be held in Long Beach.

Right Place at the Right Time – On Wednesday evening, Sergeant Eric Lee was positioning his police vehicle at Broadway and PCH at the Village Mart, to watch for the suspect vehicle used in an armed robbery of the Jack-in-the-Box. The same suspect suddenly walked out the front door of the store with the clerk behind him yelling "He has a gun." Sgt. Lee quickly took the suspect into custody clearing over 30 similar robberies in the county!