

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 21, 2011  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager

**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**Biosolids Facility** - The Irvine Ranch Water District offered agencies that are members of the South Orange County Waste Water Authority (SOCWA) the opportunity to participate in a new facility they are constructing to dry and pelletize Biosolids. Not all members of SOCWA were prepared to commit to participating in the new facility and, as a result, Irvine Ranch Water District is moving forward with constructing their facility without the capacity to handle Biosolids from SOCWA. Other opportunities will continue to be evaluated to find cost-effective ways to handle Biosolids in the future.

**Trolley Ridership Increase** - For the first three weeks of the summer Festival Trolley service, there have been 178,000 riders, which is an increase of 27% over the same period last summer. Last year's ridership was actually down 4% from the prior year. However, if the increase that we see so far this summer continues through this season, then this summer's ridership would be 70% greater than five years ago.

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