

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 2, 2011
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

1280 Bluebird Canyon Drive Slope Stabilization Project – The work to stabilize the slope and protect the public sewer line in the easement is underway. The contractor has installed a temporary water line to the site, provided temporary sewer services to the homes above the slope, and is clearing and preparing the slope for import soil. The construction is expected to be completed by mid- January 2012.

Dorn Court Slope Stabilization Project – Work at the south end of Dorn Court is progressing. The construction effort will provide slope stabilization and protect a public sewer line. This week, the caissons are being positioned and set to form the retaining wall. The work is expected to be completed by end of December.

Insurance Agents Attend Flood Seminar - On November 30 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the City hosted a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) seminar for Orange County Insurance agents. This was so the attendees could become familiar with the processing of insurance policies in flood hazard areas, the workings of the elevation certificates and many other flood/NFIP insurance issues. More than 30 insurance agents attended the workshop that was held at the City's Community Center for a half-day class and received credit and recognition as certified NFIP insurance providing agents.

Monarch Healthcare - For those City employees who participate in the Blue Shield health plan, the City has been advised that Blue Shield will terminate its contract with Monarch Healthcare on May 1, 2012. Employees can continue to utilize their current doctors until at least May 1 and the current open enrollment process is not affected. The City Manager has requested the Personnel Division to work with the City's insurance broker and the Healthcare Task Force made up of association representatives to explore the options available to ensure quality healthcare for employees after May 1. If you experience any difficulties in getting an appointment with your doctor, or have any questions about receiving covered care from Monarch Healthcare, please contact Blue Shield's member services representatives at 1-800-424-6521.

Red Flag Patrols – This week Southern California has been experiencing high wind and low humidity conditions throughout the region. The Greater Laguna Coast Fire Safe Council has coordinated Red Flag Patrols utilizing local volunteers. The volunteers are trained to recognize suspicious activity and serve as a deterrent to would be arsonists. Citizens interested in volunteering should contact the David Horne of Greater Laguna Coast Fire Safe Council at dhorne@csulb.edu.

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