

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 15, 2011  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**New Permitting Computer System** – The City of Laguna Beach implemented an enhanced permitting system on Monday, December 12, 2011. Some delays may occur in processing submittals, including payments, while adjusting to the new system. Thank you in advance for your patience.

**Free Reusable Bags** – This Saturday, December 17, 2011, local volunteers from Transition Laguna Beach will be handing out free reusable bags at local markets as part of the City Council’s proclaimed “Day Without A Bag.” A limited supply of free reusable bags will be available from the Cashier Counter at City Hall.

**Office of Administrative Law Approves South Coast Marine Protected Area Regulations** – On December 8, 2011, the California Office of Administrative Law approved the package of regulations for the South Coast region, including the Laguna Beach State Marine Reserve and Laguna Beach “No Take” State Marine Conservation Area. The designations are slated to go into effect on January 1, 2012. To see the Office of Administrative Law document, please go to:

[http://www.oal.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Web\\_Daily\\_Reports/Recent\\_Actions\\_By\\_OAL.pdf](http://www.oal.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Web_Daily_Reports/Recent_Actions_By_OAL.pdf)

**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 construction is expected to be complete by mid-February 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. The retaining wall construction has been completed. The contractor will install the storm drain pipes next week. The work is expected to be completed by end of December.

**New Propane Storage Tank at the City’s Corporation Yard** – Next week, a third 1,150 gallon propane storage tank will be installed at the City’s Corporation Yard on Laguna Canyon Road. Ridership on our fleet of propane Festival Trolleys has increased 55% since the Corporation Yard was designed over five years ago, and propane usage has increased accordingly. Last summer, tanker truck deliveries of propane were needed on a daily basis. The new tank will fit in between the two existing tanks so that the footprint of the fueling station will not be changed and no parking spaces will be lost. The new tank is provided at no charge by the City’s current propane supplier.

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