



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

~Greg Scoles, City Manager

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To: Mayor and Council

We are trying a different format for the Weekly Update so if you have any ideas about how we can improve it please let me know. Jozi Plut in the City Clerk's office has been very helpful in pulling this new format together. In addition we will be placing the Weekly Update on the City's web site and start pushing it out via our various social media sites.

In May of this year the City Council adopted their Priorities for this Fiscal Year ([View Here](#)) and staff has been working on developing a Milestone Report and Status Report which will show progress on the various Priorities adopted by the Council. Nawel Voelker in the Finance Department has been working with me on developing this reporting mechanism and it should be available to the Council in the next few weeks.

The San Mateo Grand Jury issued a report on Tuesday that discussed the number of Police dispatch centers in the County (<http://www.sanmateocourt.org/grandjury>). The City will be required to provide a response to this report in mid-October.

LAFCo conducted their hearing on the Mosquito Abatement district on Wednesday and concluded that it should not be merged with the County as the LAFCo Staff had recommended.

In the recent State Budget grab of local government revenues, the State has laid claim to what is being called "excess" ERAF (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund). This take by the State could result in over \$3.2 million being taken from agencies in the County and it is unknown exactly how much of an impact that will have on Belmont. The County has indicated that they believe this is a violation of Prop. 1A and may be fighting this revenue take by the State. We will keep you informed as this proceeds. Hopefully the impact to Belmont can be kept to a minimum.

Finally, it appears that the City will be getting proposals from at least 2 and from possibly as many as 4 developers for exclusive negotiating rights to the City owned San Juan Canyon property. Once these have all been submitted we will be bringing the proposals to the Council for consideration. Hopefully we will be able to retain the bulk of the property as permant open space while at the same time receiving sufficient revenue to retire the debt for the purchase of this important piece of property.

Greg

Important Dates

- July 24th Regular Council Meeting
[Click for Agenda](#)
- August 7th National Night Out
- August 14th Regular Council Meeting
- August 28th Council Summer Break (meeting Cancelled)
- Sep. 3rd Labor Day (City Hall closed)
- Sept. 11th Regular Council Meeting
- Sept. 15th CA Coastal Cleanup Day-Belmont Creeks to Bay
- Sept. 25th Regular Council Meeting
- Sept. 28th Council of Cities Dinner/Meeting (Iron Gate)

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Fitch Ratings Review-1999 RDA Bonds

Fitch Ratings has completed their review of the former Redevelopment Agency's 1999 Tax Allocations Bonds, Series A & B, which resulted in the removal of the negative watch on both bonds. The Series A Bond has an "A+" rating while the Series B has an "A" rating. Fitch cited the Oversight Board's approval of the debt service payments and available cash reserves for this positive rating change.

Fish & Game - Continuing Study to Track Deer Near Hwy 280

During the next two weekends, biologists from the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and UC Davis will be back in the western hills area off Hwy 280, in the Belmont and Woodside areas continuing a study that began in December of last year, to track and put radio collars on several deer. The study, which is funded by Caltrans, is intended to help reduce collisions between motorists and deer and to protect the regional deer population. Deer collaring will be performed during the weekends of July 21 and 22, and also July 28 and 29 from the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday).



Belmont Police are alerting motorists and residents in the western hills neighborhoods that border the watershed, that some trapping activity may be visible. DFG and UCD researchers are using tranquilizer dart guns and walk-in net traps. The dart guns are rifles fitted with scopes. After being tranquilized, the deer will be fitted with radio collars to track their movements and then released. The collars will automatically fall off within 6 months. Personnel involved in this study will be in DFG uniforms (tan shirt with insignia, green pants) and will be driving marked vehicles. They will be accessing the watershed area from both Hwy 280 and the Hallmark neighborhood during the week. This is the second phase of this study. The first phase was completed in December of 2011. The results of this study will be available in the future.

Fire Department Update

On July 18, 2012 at 2:59 pm Belmont fire crews responded to a structure fire at 2313 Coronet Blvd in Belmont. E-15 arrived on scene first and found smoke showing below a detached two car garage. E-15 found a small working fire in the workshop below the garage that extended into a small office. All occupants self-evacuated the structure. E-15 knocked down the fire immediately. T-14 checked for extension and the fire was contained to the area of origin below the garage. It appears a pack of rechargeable batteries the resident was charging for his model airplane were the cause of the fire. The estimated damages amount to- structure \$20,000 and contents \$2,500.

Also On July 18, 2012 at 11:54 pm Belmont Fire Crews responded to a structure fire at 180 Old County Road in Belmont right at the San Mateo/Belmont border. Four vehicles, a carport canopy as well as other automotive related equipment were involved in the fire. Crews made an aggressive defensive attack on the fire and contained it to the area of origin. Current cause is undetermined. Estimated damage to structure is \$50,000 and \$50,000 to the contents. Attached is a link to the fire scene.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDuBav0aRig>

In both instances a no crew members were injured, Building Official Mark Nolfi was called to assess the damage and look for structural damage. A Fire Investigator from San Mateo Fire was called to assist in the investigations.

As you are aware, San Carlos Fire has been browning out an engine company – From July 1 – July 15 this has occurred six (6) times each for a 24 hour period. We have not been impacted by this. We are continuing to monitor the situation. Additionally, San Carlos City Council voted 5-0 to have the City Manager look at some form of consolidation with the City of Redwood City. As we hear more on this we will keep you updated.



Rechargeable Batteries
cause fire on Coronet



OCR Blaze



Storm Water - Countywide Funding Initiative for Stormwater Compliance Activities

Staff in Public works along with other C/CAG stormwater agencies are exploring a countywide funding initiative to increase funding for both the Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (Countywide Program) under C/CAG, and the member agencies. The NPDES TAC has previously discussed and budgeted for a countywide Proposition 218 effort to generate additional funding for both the Countywide Program and the individual jurisdictions for meeting the requirements of the Municipal Regional Permit and future municipal stormwater permits. Modeling efforts after the Contra Costa Clean Water Program's recent process, CCAG staff drafted an RFP for consulting services that would address three phases of tasks and services. Under the first phase, a consultant would analyze current and projected expenditures for both the Countywide Program and local agencies as well as sources of funding, evaluate potential additional sources of funding, conduct public opinion surveys, and summarize results. Should the public opinion surveys under Phase I indicate favorable support, Phase II would include development of a revenue report that establishes proposed funding mechanisms and amounts (e.g., a property-related per-parcel fee based on impervious area), and Phase III would consist of implementing the recommended Proposition 218 process, including public outreach and education. Lessons learned during the unsuccessful Contra Costa process would be incorporated, especially with regard to public outreach and education. We'll continue to keep Council apprised of this effort as it progresses through the policy discussion with the CCAG Board.



Storm Water - Regional Water Quality Control Board Staff Comments and Associated BASMAA Response Regarding Trash Submittals

On February 1, 2012, Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA) submitted two regional trash documents (*Preliminary Baseline Trash Generation Rates for San Francisco Bay Area MS4s, Technical Memorandum and Trash Load Reduction Tracking Method, Technical Report*) and City of Belmont (copermittee) under the MRP submitted their Short-Term Trash Load Reduction Plans. Subsequently, on June 7, 2012, Regional Board staff provided to BASMAA and copermittees written comments on these submittals, with the majority of comments focused on the BASMAA submittals with general comments on the Short-Term Plans. Regional Board staff comments put into limbo existing baseline trash loads, reduction credits, and quantification formulas submitted as part of the BASMAA regional trash documents and local Short-Term Trash Load Reduction Plans. Municipal budget and resource needs for meeting the MRP's mandated 40% load reduction are therefore uncertain.

BASMAA submitted a response letter as required on July 6 that incorporated feedback from Bay Area copermittees, including C/CAG's Trash Committee (see Attachment B). In short, The time schedule included in BASMAA's response calls for 1) a meeting between the Regional Board executive officer and municipal representatives to address key policy issues moving forward, 2) submittal of revised baseline trash generation rates in the September 15, 2012 annual report, 3) submittal of revised baseline trash loads for all copermittees in September 2013, 4) submittal of a revised trash load reduction tracking methodology in February 2013, and 5) submittal of municipal Long-term Trash Load Reduction plans by February 1, 2014 (as required in the MRP).

Key policy issues BASMAA wants to resolve with the Regional Board Executive Officer include the grandfathering issue and the need to allow jurisdictions to move forward with implementing actions and documenting compliance with the 40% load reduction requirements under the Version 1.0 Trash Reduction Tracking Method and municipal Short-Term Reduction plans submitted in February. Future efforts to meet the 70% and 100% load reduction requirements would be implemented in accordance with the Version 2.0 Trash Reduction Tracking Method and revised baseline loads. This may mean that jurisdictions that met a 40% load reduction under Version 1.0 might end up achieving less than 40% under Version 2.0 and would need to document greater load reductions to reach 70 and 100%.

OneBayArea Grant Program (OBAG)

The City is in position to receive over \$500,000 in the next cycle of OBAG grant funding later this year. To be eligible, City needs to meet the OBAG program eligibility emphasizing MTC's Complete Street Requirement, and the Housing Element. The City has already certified it's PDA and satisfies this requirement. However, a jurisdiction must have either updated its General Plan to comply with the Complete Streets Act of 2008, or adopted a Complete Streets Resolution that incorporates all nine elements (see Attachment A) of the Act to meet their own circumstances and plans. Public Works will bring forward a resolution later this fall for Council's consideration.

Attachment A:
Elements Required of a Complete Streets Resolution to Comply with the One Bay Area Grant
(Revised July 1, 2012)

To receive funding through the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) program, a jurisdiction must have either updated its General Plan to comply with the Complete Streets Act of 2008 or adopted a Complete Streets Resolution that incorporates all nine of the following elements.

Complete Streets Principles

1. **Serve all Users** - All transportation improvements will be planned, designed, constructed, operated and maintained to support safe and convenient access for all users, and increase mobility for walking, bicycling and transit use, wherever possible while promoting safe and accessible operations for all users.
2. **Context Sensitivity** – The planning and implementation of transportation projects will reflect conditions within and surrounding the project area, whether the area is a residential or business district or urban, suburban or rural. Project planning, design and construction of complete streets projects should include working with residents and merchants to ensure that a strong sense of place is maintained.
3. **Complete Streets in all Departments** – All departments in the jurisdiction whose work affects the roadway must incorporate a complete streets approach into the review and implementation of their projects and activities. Potential Complete Streets opportunities could apply to projects such as, transportation projects, road rehabilitation, new development, utilities, etc.
4. **All Projects/Phases** - The policy will apply to all roadway projects including those involving new construction, reconstruction, retrofits, repaving, rehabilitation, or changes in the allocation of pavement space on an existing roadway, as well as those that involve new privately built roads and easements intended for public use.

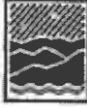
Implementation

5. **Plan Consultation** –Any proposed improvements should be evaluated for consistency with all local bicycle, pedestrian and /or trans plans and any other plans that affect the right of way should be consulted for consistency with any proposed improvements.
6. **Street Network/Connectivity** - The transportation system should provide a connected network of facilities accommodating all modes of travel. This includes looking for opportunities for repurposing rights-of-ways to enhance connectivity for cyclists, pedestrians and transit users. A well connected network should include non-motorized connectivity to schools, parks, commercial areas, civic destinations and regional non-motorized networks on both publically owned roads/land and private developments (or redevelopment areas).
7. **BPAC Consultation** - Input shall be solicited from local bicycle and pedestrian advisory committees (BPACs) or similar advisory group in an early project development phase to verify bicycling and pedestrian needs for projects. (MTC Resolution 875 requires that cities of 10,000 or more create and maintain a BPAC or rely on the county BPAC to receive TDA-3 funds.)
8. **Evaluation** – City will establish a means to collect data and indicate how the jurisdiction is evaluating their implementation of complete streets policies. For example tracking the number of miles of bike lanes and sidewalks, numbers of street crossings, signage etc.

Exceptions

9. **Process**– Plans or projects that seek exemptions from the Complete Streets approach outlined in prior sections must provide written finding of why accommodations for all modes were not included in the project. The memorandum should be signed off by the Public Works Director or equivalent high level staff person. Plans or projects that are granted exceptions must be made publically available for review.

Federal guidance on exceptions can be found from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Accommodating Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel
http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/guidance/design_guidance/design.cfm



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Alameda Countywide
Clean Water Program

Contra Costa
Clean Water Program

Fairfield-Stuisun
Urban Runoff
Management Program

Marin County
Stormwater Pollution
Prevention Program

Napa County
Stormwater Pollution
Prevention Program

San Mateo Countywide
Water Pollution
Prevention Program

Santa Clara Valley
Urban Runoff Pollution
Prevention Program

Sonoma County
Water Agency

Vallejo Sanitation
and Flood
Control District

July 6, 2012

Bruce Wolfe, Executive Officer
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board

**Subject: Response to June 7, 2012 Regional Water Board letter regarding
Trash Reports and Plans**

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

This letter is submitted by the Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA) on behalf of all Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit (Order R2-2009-0074) permittees in response to Water Board staff comments on Trash Plans and Reports, dated June 7, 2012. This response includes a time schedule (Attachment A) for actions that will be taken by permittees to respond to issues presented in the June 7th letter.

At the outset, however, BASMAA member agencies and the permittees must take issue with the comments provided by the Water Board staff pertaining to their compliance with Provision C.10 of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP). While further dialogue and additional effort may be warranted to improve the Short-Term Trash Loading Reduction Plans and related regional documents, these submissions were timely, designed to attain a 40% trash load reduction by July 1, 2014, and addressed the parameters set forth in the MRP such that there has been no failure to comply with the MRP.

In addition, it is important to recognize that the permittees expended (individually and through BASMAA) considerable resources to-date to address C.10 requirements in order to answer the Water Board's direction that trash reduction from municipal stormwater systems is a Bay Area priority. BASMAA and the permittees made considerable progress in the development of baseline trash loads and control measure tracking methods and implementation of enhanced control measures to reduce trash in local water bodies. Specifically, in the two years since MRP adoption, permittees have:

- Created the BASMAA Trash Committee to coordinate trash requirements at the regional level and engage Water Board staff and other stakeholders in how to best achieve significant trash load reductions.
- Identified hundreds of trash hot spots and conducted annual cleanups at these sites in water bodies to reduce existing trash impacts.
- Installed hundreds of full capture trash control devices resulting in the treatment of thousands of acres of urban land area.
- Conducted reviews of the worldwide literature to guide development of science-based baseline trash loads and load reduction tracking methods.
- Conducted over 20 meetings during which preliminary concepts and methods for developing trash baseline loads and tracking methods were openly discussed with Water Board staff and stakeholders and constructive feedback was solicited.

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- Developed and provided draft versions of sampling and analysis plans and tracking methods to Water Board staff and stakeholders for review and comment.
- Implemented a baseline trash generation rate study where thousands of gallons of material collected via full capture devices were characterized.
- Developed preliminary baseline trash generation rates and trash load reduction tracking methods that incorporated feedback provided by active stakeholders.
- Created a template and guidance for permittees to use when developing short-term trash load reduction plans, which was provided to Water Board staff and other stakeholders for review and comment, and was intended to standardize plans and ease review by Water Board staff.
- Planned, created, and submitted individual short-term plans for review by Water Board staff.
- Applied for grants to assist permittees in implementing enhanced trash controls and developing methods to verify trash load reduction and control measure effectiveness.

Throughout the past two years, BASMAA has facilitated a collaborative and open process to provide for Water Board staff and stakeholder involvement. This process was specifically developed to foster collaboration among agencies, organizations, and individuals that have interest in reducing trash in cost-effective ways, under what is arguably a very aggressive compliance timeframe mandated in the MRP.

BASMAA and the permittees remain committed to reducing impacts from trash discharged from municipal stormwater systems and complying with MRP requirements. To this end, BASMAA requests, on behalf of all permittees, a meeting between program and permittee representatives and the Water Board Executive Officer to discuss policy-related issues identified in Water Board staff's comments and to chart a course for a more collaborative and constructive process for continuous improvement and implementation of the MRP's trash-related requirements. A time schedule for responding to issues presented by Water Board staff in its June 7, 2012 comment letter is attached. We will contact you to set up a meeting.

Please let us know if you have questions.

Sincerely,



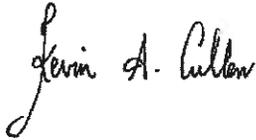
James Scanlin, Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program



Tom Dalziel, Contra Costa Clean Water Program

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Kevin Cullen, Fairfield-Suisun Urban Runoff Management Program



Matt Fabry, San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program



Adam Olivieri, Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program



Lance Barnett, Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District

Attachment A: Approach and time schedule for responding to Water Board staff's June 7, 2012 comments on trash-related submittals

cc: Tom Mumley, Regional Water Board
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BASMAA Board of Directors
Chris Sommers, BASMAA Trash Committee