



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: July 17, 2014
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Weekly Update

Starting this week the City Manager's Weekly Update will be posted on the City website. This report has been ongoing as an internal information document for many years. It provides brief updates about the various, ongoing activities of the City that are often not discussed at the City Council meetings, but may be of interest to various parties. By making this formerly internal document a public document, we are working to increase public awareness of the many things the City is doing on a daily basis. It also includes a tentative list of upcoming City Council and Planning Commission agendas.

Special City Council Meeting

We have scheduled a special City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 pm, prior to the regular City Council meeting on July 22. The purpose of the special meeting is to demonstrate various types of leaf blowers, some of which are designed to reduce sound. A discussion of the leaf blower ordinance is included on the agenda of the regular City Council meeting which follows at 7:00 pm. A translator will be available at both meetings.

FEMA Flood Mapping Outreach

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will conduct a meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Ojai Council Chambers, 401 South Ventura Street, Ojai, California.

The meeting will briefly review the new East Ojai Area flood maps and resulting properties in the revised Special Flood Hazard Area (previously referred to as the 100 year flood plain). These maps become effective on September 26, 2014. A FEMA flood insurance expert will discuss flood insurance coverage requirements and options, other implications, and be available to answer questions.

Water Conservation

The State Water Resources Control Board adopted regulations this week that will require water agencies to impose new mandatory water conservation requirements. At this point we do not know what those requirements will be, but we are thinking about what we will need to do to increase our water conservation at our parks and other public properties.

Recreation Department

The Ojai Recreation Department is halfway through the summer day camp with 5 weeks remaining and 2 weeks left to the aquatics program. Our swim lesson registration rose from 183 participants in 2013 to 262 participants this summer, a 43% increase! During these past 5 weeks, our one-week specialty camps - horsemanship, wilderness, pottery, soccer, fencing, Legos, and many others - were also producing solid participation numbers.

Golden State Water New Rate Application

Golden State Water has filed a new application with the CPUC to increase rates for 2016, 2017, and 2018. It appears they are seeking a 4.73% increase in 2016, followed by an increase of 7.04% in 2017 and 6.78% 2018.

Average Residential Customer with a 5/8 x 3/4" Meter Using 12 Ccf				
Year	Percent Increase	Base Amount	Amount of Increase	*New Monthly Bill Amount
2016	6.17%	\$73.34	\$4.53	\$77.87
2017	7.82%	\$77.87	\$6.09	\$83.96
2018	7.45%	\$83.96	\$6.26	\$90.22

**Amount excludes any applicable surcharges*

Dates for filing of protests or other actions have not yet been announced; staff will monitor the rate case closely as it has with other rate cases, and will seek to protest/participate in the case as we have in the past.

Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE)

CaliforniaFIRST is in the process of launching (after much delay) its residential PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program. CaliforniaFIRST fully conforms to the Governor's reserve fund program. At this point there is nothing further the City needs to do in order to participate. Based on the opt-in resolution the Council has already passed, CaliforniaFIRST is now conducting a small scale pilot launch. They expect the full scale launch to be September 2.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below:

July 22

Special Meeting (6:60 pm)

Leaf Blower Demonstration

Presentations

Ventura County Fair Poster

Fire Flow Update (Chief Norm Plott)

Consent

COPS Grant

2nd Reading Commission Terms

Appoint League of Cities Representative

Library Assessment

18th Amendment Library Agreement

Appointment of Special Counsel for Code Enforcement

Grand Jury Report

Public Hearing

Introduction Flood Ordinance

Continued Hearing on Fee Schedule

Discussion

Neighborhood Planning RFP

Leaf Blower Ordinance

PRC Duties

August 12

Parks and Recreation Commission -6pm

Consent

2nd Reading Flood

Notice of Completion: Paving Contract

Discussion

Fire Flow

Green Coalition Funding Request

County Telecommunications Regulations (Comments)

Closed Session

Management Compensation

August 19

Special Joint Meeting with PRC Regarding Skateboard Park

August 26

Consent

Form 700 Biennial Review

Discussion

Review Lighting Ordinance

Successor Agency

ROPS 14-15B

Sept 9 (Cancelled)

Planning Commission Upcoming Meetings
 Future Agenda Items - ***Tentative***

August 6 Wednesday	August 20 Wednesday	September 3 Wednesday	September 17 Wednesday
306 McKee Street variance to side setback	607 N. Signal Street DRP for a new 2-story residence		
810 Libbey CUP, DRP, Tree Permits Convert storage space to living area thereby creating a second story, & request to reduce parking spaces	999 E. Ojai Avenue Whispering Oaks, Area Housing New planting plan to modify the original landscape plan		
121 E. Ojai Avenue Concept Review Ojai Library Bookstore	Landscape Ordinance Regulations City Attorney and Ad Hoc Landscape Committee		
	914, 1000, 1010 E. Ojai Avenue Concept Review Variance to fence/wall height		

Pending Projects (NOTE: Not all projects have been deemed complete)

- Emerald Iguana Inn, 108 Pauline Street, modification to existing CUP
- DRP 13-18, Craftsman Village redesign, 611 Pearl Street
- DRP 14-02, California Solar Electric, 302 N. Montgomery Street
- CUP 14-03 & DRP 14-07, Mountain Vista Manor addition of a new building to an existing board and care facility for the elderly