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From: Douglas Valby
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:53 PM
Subject: Bay Reservoir Tank Site Landscaping Project Update

Dear Neighbors,

Project bidding has closed and the City is in the process of awarding the landscaping contract. Although the construction schedule has not been submitted, it is unlikely that work will start before August.

The solar panel project on top of the eastern tank is wrapping up and the contractor will likely be gone by the end of next week. It's among the largest solar projects the City has ever completed!

I'll send out another update as the landscaping construction schedule solidifies.

Thanks for your interest,

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From: Douglas Valby
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 11:56 AM
Cc: Katie Moore; Matthew Zeman (MZeman@cityofsantacruz.com); 'bryan@sandbarsc.com'
Subject: Bay Reservoir Tank Site Landscaping Project Update

Dear Neighbors,

At long last, the landscaping project is on the City Council meeting calendar for Tuesday May 9th! Plans and specifications were just finalized for construction just last week, and if Council approves of them, they will be bid for construction shortly thereafter.

You can find the final plans at:

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/water/engineering/current-and-recent-projects>

We'll be sure to keep you up to date with the schedule for landscaping.

As you may have noticed, the construction of solar panels on the top of one of the tanks is just beginning and is expected to be complete by the end of July.

This project is part of the City's Climate Action Plan and will offset the electricity used at the tank site and nearby pump station.

If you have any questions about the solar project, please contact:

Matt Zeman, Engineering Associate, mzeman@cityofsantacruz.com.

For any complaints or concerns regarding the solar project construction, please contact:

Bryan McFarland (831) 469-8888 or bryan@sandbarsc.com.

Thanks for your interest in this drinking water facility and for being such good and patient neighbors!

Sincerely,

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From: Douglas Valby
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 11:47 AM
Subject: Bay Reservoir Replacement Project Update #51

Dear Neighbors,

Good news!

I'm pleased to share with you that we have the final draft of the landscaping plans and are now on track to bid the project in February and begin planting this spring.

I'm also pleased to introduce you to Katie Moore, an Associate Planner with the Water Department, who will assist with overseeing the project now to completion. Katie's contact information is 831-420-5322 (direct) or KAMoore@cityofsantacruz.com.

You can see the plans that we'll be taking to City Council for final approval to bid here:

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=57563>

The project estimate came in way over budget, so the plans have been scaled back somewhat.

Also as part of the final phase of the project, please let us know if you would like to have the barbed wire at the top of the existing fence removed from your back-yard. Some neighbors may express interest in keeping the wire on the fence adjoining their property, as plants have grown over it or they like the security it provides.

Thank you for your patience with this last phase of the project.

I wish you all happy holidays and a peaceful new year.

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From: Douglas Valby
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2016 2:43 PM
Subject: Bay Reservoir Replacement Project Update #50

Dear Neighbors,

I am particularly pleased to present for your review and comment the first full draft of the Landscape Design Plans for the Bay Reservoir Site.
As you know, it has been a long time in the making, and I am extremely excited that they are finally available!

You can download the pdf file drawings from the City's website at:
<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=53406>

Please feel free to pass them along to others who may be interested.
I will be out of the office, returning Wednesday July 27th, and will respond to phone calls at that time.
In the meantime, please don't let that discourage you from sending me your impressions by email.

I look forward to finalizing this long running project with an aesthetically appealing finish that all the neighbors can be proud to live near.

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From: Douglas Valby
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 2:19 PM
Subject: Bay Reservoir Replacement Project Update #49

Dear Neighbors,

I apologize that it's been quite some time since my last update.

Please let me reassure you that this last phase has not stalled out.

We have been upgrading the security features, such as the motorized gate at the main entrance as well as additional security cameras and alarms.

Just last week we removed the old radio antennas and cabinets from the top of the embankment fronting Cardiff Place.

That clears PG&E to disconnect the power to the old radio shack, and once they do, we will remove the building there. One more eye-sore will be gone...

Which reminds me, PG&E has been slow to repair the sidewalk where they replaced the power pole out front. The City's Public Works Department has multiple requests into PG&E to restore the sidewalk there.

The Landscape Architect has been busy drafting a design for the site, and I am currently expecting to have something to share with you by the end of the month. We will welcome all your comments on the plan, which should have a much higher level of detail than the conceptual plan you commented on last year.

Lastly, keep a look out for the return of the goats sometime in the next couple weeks.

It's been tough to pin down an exact schedule, since they are in such high demand right now.

This is likely the last time we can use goats at this site, since we wouldn't want them eating up any newly installed landscaping!

Thanks for your ongoing interest in this project and in the finishing touches on this important drinking water storage facility.

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From: Douglas Valby
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 3:31 PM
Subject: Bay Reservoir Replacement Project Update #48

Dear Neighbors,

I am happy to be back working on the next and final phase of the Bay Reservoir tank project, having just finished up a different project to replace the large valves on the transmission main coming out of our treatment plant. This phase includes final touches on site improvements as well as landscaping treatments.

And with all the predicted rain, we want to be ready to landscape this coming spring, so it's time for us to finalize the plans and put the work out to bid.

I'm hoping you can stop by the project site on **Thursday, December 10th** anytime that is convenient for you **between 3 PM and 6 PM.**

I'll be there to discuss the conceptual landscaping plan and the next steps in the project.

If you haven't already, please become familiar with the draft conceptual plan at:

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/water/engineering/current-and-recent-projects/BayStreetReservoirReconstructionProject/DraftConceptualLandscapePlan>

This draft plan has been available for review since late April and I have received many comments that can be accommodated in the final plans.

The consensus for the Cardiff frontage improvements favors Option #1, for keeping the rock wall North of the stone stairway, and Option #2 for removing the wall to the South of the stone stairway.

I look forward to putting the finishing touches on this project and improving its fit with the surrounding neighborhood.

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