

# City Manager's Weekly Update

December 11, 2015

## WATER

In an effort to secure some of the Prop 1 funding that is coming available, we launched a partnership last spring with the County, the Resource Conservation District and Costal Watershed Council to develop a collaborative approach to restoring and funding better health in the San Lorenzo River watershed. This week, the **"San Lorenzo River 2025 Partnership"** hosted a very successful and well-attended tour of the watershed for leaders of funding agencies and elected officials. Many thanks go to Mayor Matthews and Tina Shull for their excellent presentations during the tour. We've received great feedback from tour participants and feel encouraged about proceeding with some big projects for the watershed. Stay tuned for more details.



This week we also hosted two **neighborhood meetings on-site at the Bay Street tanks** to share with neighbors draft plans for landscaping and final site improvements. There was a good turnout at both meetings. We've been heartened throughout the process by the neighborhood interest in, and constructive feedback on, the project.

We completed the first "official" **group picnic area at Loch Lomond** this week. The Vista Point picnic area has 8 new picnic tables and a nice large BBQ. We anticipate this beautiful spot overlooking the lake will accommodate approximately 50 people and rent for \$70 per group.



Rosemary Menard attended the **International Forum on Water and Climate Change** in San Diego earlier this week. The conference offered many interesting presentations on what is going on in the US, Canada and elsewhere around the world to mitigate and plan for the impacts of climate change on water, wastewater and stormwater systems.

Last but not least, this week we **bid “adieu” to water school**. Our last class was held Monday night. Much as we love teaching it, we are hopeful school will not need to be in session again for a lonnnng time!

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Engineering

Miramar/King Intersection Improvements Project: Concrete for the four new ADA-compliant ramps has been placed. Construction on the valley gutters will begin next week. This project is expected to be completed by the end of December. Some traffic control should be expected.

Levee Lighting Project: All of the civil work (lights, exercise area and equipment, bench, conduit and conductors) is expected to be complete by the end of next week. We are waiting for PG&E to connect service. This project is expected to conclude by mid-January 2016.

River Maintenance: We are working with California Fish and Wildlife to extend our existing maintenance permit for the San Lorenzo River between the Highway 1 Bridge and the Water Street Bridge. We plan to have a contractor removing sediment in that area starting Wednesday of next week and continuing for three days, weather permitting.

### Streets/Traffic

Staff received flood fighting training on the levee. The instruction was provided by the State Department of Water Resources, in collaboration with County public works staff.



## **Community Outreach**

Community Relations and Waste Reduction staff put in an intense day shooting our seven Recycle Right videos on Dec. 7. Post production work is underway with web and Community TV placement expected in early January.



## **Resource Recovery**

**Collections:** Our staff assisted the Parks Department in removing 60 yards of tule reeds from Westlake. The material was very wet and heavy, making the boxes dig into the ground and requiring them to be dug out before we could get them on the truck. One of the boxes weighed over 20 tons, far exceeding the box's capacity.

**Facility and Processing:** Recycling Processing has been extremely busy this last week. The baling crew came in Saturday to catch up on baling materials that have been steadily building up. The crew baled over 225 bales of material.

The Green Waste Grinding Contractor just finished processing approximately 1,200 tons of material.

Final edits are complete on the 2016 Refuse and Recycling newsletter and it has been delivered to the printer. It is scheduled to be mailed on December 23, so that residents receive it Dec 26 - Dec 31.

**Green Business:** New Street Dental is the most recent certified green business in the City of Santa Cruz.

The Monterey Bay Area Green Business program published the first issue of a new e-newsletter to help promote the green business program and best green business practices in the region: <http://montereybaygreenbusiness.org>.

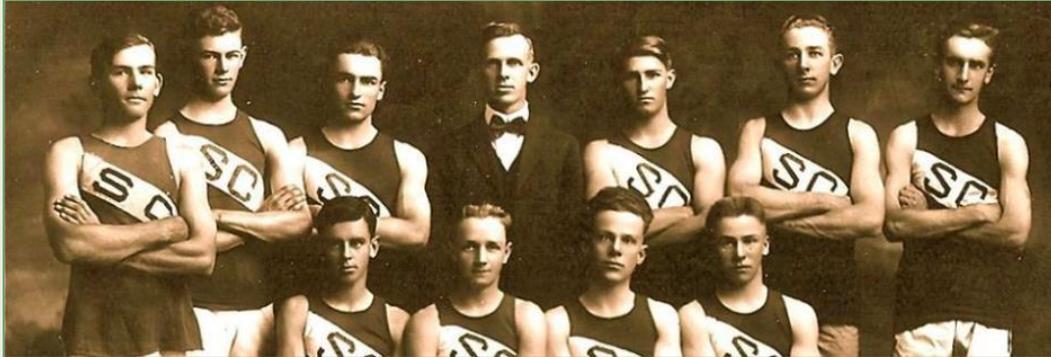
**Waste Reduction:** Staff attended the statewide Green Business meeting in Santa Cruz this week and introduced our new Green Business Coordinator Shawn Orgel-Olson.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Civic

#### Dad's Club Basketball Tournament

This week the City will hold the 60th Dad's Club Basketball Tournament. This historic tournament is hosted by Santa Cruz High School and runs Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Games begin at 3:30pm.



#### Louden Nelson Community Center

##### All About Theatre

The AAT presented Peter Pan Jr on Friday December 11 and Saturday December 12 at 6:30 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, December 12 and 13, at 1:30 pm. at the Loudon Nelson Community Center.



##### Senior Walking Adventure Group

The SWAG took a beautiful hike in Fall Creek just after the rain on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The group enjoyed mushrooms, banana slugs and a sunlit hike.

