

# **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

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# **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

#### Administration

The City's website upgrade is well on its way! Many thanks go to the hard work of several divisions and departments that have submitted their page updates. While some content has remained unchanged, many divisions are exercising their creativity and updating content to reflect the needs of the public. Studies show that the majority of people seeking information will search the internet first. It's only when information is unclear or unavailable that people resort to a phone call or a visit. It is with this understanding that a current, easy to navigate website is of the utmost importance.

The pages will update based on a detailed priority list beginning with department main pages, and following the order of highest trafficked webpages- Library Services and Animal Services. Pages thereafter will be updated on a "first to submit", "first to update" basis.

#### Media & Communications

#### MVTV-3

#### Equipment

 Drafting RFQ for MVTV-3 Control Room and Council Chamber upgrade project

#### **Event Coverage**

• MVTV-3 will provide audio, video and photographic coverage of the Community Forum held on 2-25-13.

#### New MVTV-3 & YouTube Programming

- "CEQA" Video As part of the upcoming Community Forum MVTV-3 has created a video that discusses the California Environmental Quality Act
- "Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business: Office Depot" <a href="http://youtu.be/6Ep39vBTc2Y">http://youtu.be/6Ep39vBTc2Y</a>
- "Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business: Steer & Stein" http://youtu.be/g -v2yEqSOO

#### **CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

On February 27, 2013, the City Council conducted interviews for five openings on the Planning Commission: one opening with a term expiring March 31, 2015 and four openings with terms expiring March 31, 2017. All thirteen applicants were selected by the City Council for an interview. Appointments to the

Planning Commission are scheduled for March 26, 2013 City Council meeting.

The Planning Commission considers matters pertaining to development and zoning within the City and has decision-making authority pursuant to the Government Code of the State of California.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### **Human Resources Division**

"Meet the Mayor" events were conducted on February 21, to provide City employees with opportunities to interact informally with Mayor Tom Owings.

MotiVate Wellness: The City's employee wellness program remains extremely active, with several seminars held to provide employees with detailed information on deeply discounted Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Master of Public Administration programs. These academic offerings have been made available through the City's new partnership with Cal Baptist University.

**Talent Management:** Robust recruitments are underway for several positions in the City workforce. Recruiting and/or selection processes are focused on the following openings:

- Sr. Payroll Technician (FTC). Closes 3/3/13.
- Recreation Aide-Sports (17) /Senior Center (1) (PT/Temp, 76 applicants to date). Closes 3/3/13.
- Recreation Program Leader (PTC, 46 applicants to date). Closes 3/3/13.
- Code Compliance Officer I (FTC, 75 applicants to date). Closes 2/28/13.
- Budget Officer (PAM, 56 applicants to date). Closes 3/3/13.
- Financial Operations Division Manager (DMG, 28 applicants to date). Closes 3/3/13.
- Child Care Instructor I (PT/Temp w/benefits, 93 applicants to date). Interviews pending.
- Fire Safety Specialist (FTC, 64 applicants). Interviews pending.
- Recreation Aide-Sports (PT/Temp, 160 applicants). Additional interviews have been conducted to fill recent vacancies.
- Laborer-Vehicle Equip Tech (PT/Temp, 214 applicants). Opened 9/17/12, closed 9/27/12. Additional interviews have been conducted to fill recent vacancies.

- Sr. Electrical Engineer (PAM). Initial interviews underway.
- Management Assistant Internal/Eligibility List (FTC, 11 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Management Analyst CEDD/Land Development (FTC, 161 applicants). Position filled via lateral transfer.
- Intern I PW/Solid Waste Recycling (PT/Temp, 229 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.

#### **Animal Services Division**

### <u>Valentine's Day Pet Adoption Sets New Adoption</u> Record

Setting a new single-day adoption record for the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter, 41 dogs and 2 cats went to new homes during the Shelter's "Sweet Paw" Valentine's Day pet adoption event on Wednesday, February 13, 2013.



All pets were offered for adoption at deeply discounted adoption fees of \$50 for dogs and \$25 for cats. The adoption fees included spay or neuter surgery, vaccinations, a "Home Again" microchip and a new collar with ID tag.



Free collars and ID tags were made possible by a grant from the ASPCA. The event was a huge success made possible by the outstanding teamwork of city staff, volunteers, our animal

rescue partners, and the many wonderful pets waiting for their new owners to provide a lifelong loving home.

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter is particularly grateful to the 18 volunteers who worked throughout the daylong event by assisting with set up, walking dogs, showing dogs, ensuring all pets had water, and maintaining the kennels with clean towels throughout the day. As a group, the volunteers logged in a total of 89 hours for this event.

# Moreno Valley Animal Shelter Partners with MVUSD for WorkAbility Program

On January 30, 2013, the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter and Moreno Valley Unified School District entered into an agreement that allows students on the job training through MVUSD's WorkAbility I Program, a nationally recognized school-to-work program. This program provides students job training and work experience to benefit students, employers and the community.

Students with an interest in animal welfare will be matched with the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter as their approved worksite allowing students to gain valuable work experience. Students will be trained to perform a variety of tasks ranging from basic clerical functions to caring for companion animals.

# Library

#### In-n-Out Burger Sponsors Reading Program

In-n-Out Burger's "Cover to Cover" reading program will run from March 2 through April 13 at the Moreno Valley Public Library. Children ages 4-12 who read five books checked out on their own library card can earn a certificate for a free hamburger or cheese sandwich. This award can be earned up to three times during the program period. Thanks to In-n-Out Burger for providing these reading incentives to the youngsters in our community!

#### Dr. Seuss Read-a-Thon

Local civic group "Brothers and Sisters of Hope" held an open story time on Saturday, March 2, at the Moreno Valley Public Library, in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

#### Pre-School Visit

Librarian Sharon Navarro recently conducted an outreach visit at Olive Wood Pre-School to present a special story time to the children, tell them about the library and invite them to PJ Story Time on Thursday evenings. Nearly 50 children participated in this special event.

#### Free Tax Help

The Library has prepared a handout showing where the public can go for free tax help and where to get tax forms. Local locations for free tax help include the Moreno Valley Senior Center, the Moreno Valley WIC office, and the Southwestern Veterans Business Center in Perris. IRS and Franchise Tax Board forms can be procured online; basic forms can also be picked up at the Perris Branch Library and the Riverside County Law Library. Addresses and hours of operation are included on the handout, along with a list of what to bring for those seeking free tax help.

The library is located at 25480 Alessandro Blvd. and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, visit the library web site http://library.booksite.com/7252/ or call 951.413.3880. "Like" 118 on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Moreno-Valley-Public-Library/185672448113861 and "follow" us on Twitter: @MoValLibrary.

#### Facilities & Purchasing

Facilities recently led orientation tours at the newly renovated Annex 1 facility on Frederick St. This interactive event introduced City staff to this new location, which will house four City divisions currently in leased space. The new facility will enhance public access to the Moreno Valley Utility while saving approximately \$180,000 in annual lease costs.

The Facilities Team is intently focused on preparing staff working on the second floor of City Hall for temporary relocation during the upcoming period of construction at City Hall. The project will extend the useful life of the City Hall building to serve the community for an extended period of time, while capturing efficiencies available by completing multiple projects (floor rehabilitation, seismic upgrades and roof replacement) concurrently.

# COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### Administration

#### World Logistics Center

The planning effort continues for the World Logistics Center (WLC) project, proposed to be developed by Highland Fairview in eastern Moreno Valley. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was released on Monday February 4 for a 60-day public review period. The Draft EIR is available for review at City Hall and on the City's website. The Draft EIR document for the WLC, along with technical studies and supporting materials, contains over 40,000 pages and is the most comprehensive EIR ever produced for the City of Moreno Valley.

The Draft EIR was prepared for the City of Moreno Valley by LSA Associates and several highly qualified sub-consultants, along with PEER review by Timothy Krantz Environmental Consulting and evaluation by City staff. LSA Associates is a respected consulting firm that specializes in environmental, transportation and planning services-including significant expertise in EIR preparation. Irvine based LSA Associates does work out of nine offices in California, including one in Riverside.

On Monday February 25, the City of Moreno Valley conducted a Community Forum to provide 1) an update on the City's Economic Development Action Plan, 2) explain the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process—including the preparation of an EIR and 3) present a summary of the Economic Impact Report on the WLC being prepared for the City by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party economic research consulting firm. The Economic

Impact Report from Beacon Economics is in addition an Economic Impact Report prepared by David Taussig & Associates on behalf of the Highland Fairview for the WLC. The Economic Impact Report by Beacon Economics estimates a range of new jobs to be created with the WLC Project, along with the direct and indirect economic impact that can be expected to be produced in Moreno Valley and the Inland Region from the WLC project.

The City is providing a telephone hotline and website address for interested parties to comment on or ask follow-up questions from the Community Forum: <a href="mailto:mvedcommunityforum@moval.org">mvedcommunityforum@moval.org</a> or (951) 413-3456.

# <u>Highland Fairview-Skechers Project Receives LEED's</u> Gold Certification

Highland Fairview's Skechers USA development project in the Rancho Belago area of eastern Moreno Valley has been certified LEED Gold by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). On Friday February 22, a ceremony was held at Skechers USA to highlight the project having been certified LEED Gold. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and the LEED certification process is managed by USGBC in seeking to design and build more environmentally friendly and sustainable development projects. The LEED rating system provides points in the following categories:

- Lower operating costs
- Reduced waste sent to landfills
- Conservation of energy and water resources
- Healthier and safer environments for building occupants
- Reduce harmful greenhouse gases and emissions

The LEED rating system has a maximum of 100 points-plus the opportunity for up to an additional 10 points for innovation in design or operations. There are four levels of LEED—including LEED Certified, LEED Silver, LEED Gold and LEED Platinum. The LEED Gold level requires a project to score 60 to 79 points and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest LEED level provided by USGBC. The 1,820,457 sq. ft. Highland Fairview-Skechers USA project is the largest LEED Gold certified development project of its kind in the U.S.

To gain final LEED certification from the USGBC, a development project must be completed and demonstrate its operating efficiencies, along with its environmental and sustainable development attributes. In addition to the Highland Fairview-Skechers USA facility, two other industrial buildings presently under construction are designed to LEED standards and will seek LEED certification. The two projects include:

- I-215 Logistics Center being developed by the Trammell Crow Company in the South Moreno Valley Industrial Area.
- Centerpointe Logistics Center being developed by USAA Real Estate Company/Overton Moore Properties in the Centerpointe Business Park.

Several other approved projects in Moreno Valley are LEED designed including 1) Ridge Property Trusts' WestRidge Center, Commerce 2) Development Co.'s Inland Empire Global Logistics Center, 3) Sares REGIS/Vogel Engineers VIP Center and 4) Western Realco's March Business Center. Highland Fairview plans to design all its new development in the WLC to meet LEED standards. Constructing modern buildings to adhere to LEED standards helps mitigate environmental impacts from new development, along with making for a healthier and safer environment for people who work in the new buildings.

# <u>Possible Major Users Looking at Moreno Valley</u> Locations

City staff is working with several developers on possibilities for some major users to land in Moreno Valley with new industrial building projects. Three major corporations are looking at four projects in Moreno Valley and have indicated a preference to make decisions on new projects soon. The four sites in Moreno Valley have progressed through Request for Proposal stages and the Moreno Valley projects have made it as top finalists for the three major corporations looking for new logistics/distribution centers. Moreno Valley's reduced DIF rates, ED electric utility rate discounts and ability to fast-track development projects are all incentives that will help pursue these three major users.

#### Former Carino's Building in Escrow

The former Carino's restaurant building in TownGate Promenade is under contract and in escrow to be purchased from Farmers & Merchants Bank. The building was 65% complete to be a Johnny Carino's when the Franchise owner went into bankruptcy several years ago.

The new restaurant owner has two existing restaurants called Omokase in Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana. The new owner is now working on a plan to finish the construction of the restaurant. Escrow on the transaction is scheduled to close the end of May.

#### Graham & Alessandro Center

Construction is moving quickly on the development of a new shopping center at the NE corner of Graham Street and Alessandro Boulevard (next to the U.S. Post Office). Tenants with this new development include the following:

- 7-11 store
- The UPS Store
- The Flame Broiler
- Wash Bank-Express Carwash
- Payday Advance

### Former Albertson's Building

Sorry to share some bad news—the major grocery company who was in escrow to purchase the former Albertson's store has discontinued their efforts to pursue a new grocery store at this location. City staff had been working with the company for the past few months on this reuse project, but has been informed that the investment for the project—including the \$3.5 million purchase price from Supervalu (parent company of Albertson's) and the \$3.5 million cost to renovate and upgrade the store, wasn't supported by sales projection for a new store at this location in this current economy.

Clearly, the decision by the major grocery store user is disappointing. However, please understand that City staff continues to work with the owner of the Pigeon Pass Plaza on other possible users for this vacant anchor space. Possibilities might include splitting the 43,000 S.F. building up.

### More Fitness Uses Coming

People in Moreno Valley will get the opportunity to get a little more fit and healthy. Five new fitness facilities are planning to come to Moreno Valley in the next year, including the following:

- LA Fitness is underway with tenant improvements for a new 40,700 S.F. fitness club facility that will combine two empty anchor spaces at Moreno Beach Plaza II at the SW corner of SR 60 and Moreno Beach Drive. The new LA Fitness club will offer 1) fitness equipment & cardio areas, 2) group fitness classes & personal trainers and 3) indoor heated lap pool, with a spa & sauna. Irvine based LA Fitness, has more than 600 fitness clubs in 22 states. Pre-sale of memberships for the new LA Fitness in Moreno Valley is underway-with a spring 2013 opening targeted.
- **Fitness 19** is underway with tenant improvements for a new 14,000 S.F. facility it will soon open in a shopping center at the NE corner of Perris Boulevard and Hemlock Street. When it opens this spring this will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fitness 19 facility in Moreno Valley. Glendale Arizona based Fitness 19 has nearly 200 locations situated in 25 states.

- **24 Hour Fitness** has submitted development plans to the City for a new two-story 40,000 S.F. groundup project to be situated at TownGate Promenade. A Purchase Agreement has been executed and a property is in escrow for the new 24 Hour Fitness project. The new 24 Hour Fitness will be a Super Sport concept, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rated club concept for the 4 types of facilities 24 Hour Fitness offers (Ultra #1, Super Sport #2, Sport #3 and Active #4) in terms of equipment offerings and club amenities. The new 24 Hour Fitness Super Sport in Moreno Valley will include 1) cardio machines & strength equipment, 2) group exercise class rooms, 3) free towel service, 4) basketball court and 5) an outdoor family pool, lap swimming & spa. San Ramon-based 24 Hour Fitness has more than 4 million members, with over 400 club locations situated in 18 states. 24 Hour Fitness is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week for 364 days a year—only closed on Christmas Day. Currently 24 Hour Fitness has an older Active Club facility in Moreno Valley at Alessandro Plaza.
- Crunch Fitness has executed a Letter of Intent and a lease is drafted to occupy an 18,000 S.F. Interior space at the Moreno Valley Mall. The new Crunch facility in Moreno Valley will have 1) cardio & weight training machines, 2) personal training services and 3) group fitness classes. New York based Crunch Fitness has more than 200,000 members in 100 gyms situated within 10 states. In the past two years, Crunch Fitness has expanded into Southern California with 10 locations including new facilities in the Inland Region in Riverside, Hemet and Upland. Crunch Fitness is owned by New Evolution Ventures, which is a company owned by Mark Mastrov who founded 24 Hour Fitness in 1982 and owned that corporation until selling it in 2005 for \$1.68 billion.
- Planet Fitness has executed a Letter of Intent for a new 28,000 S.F. facility to be situated in the former Circuit City building space at TownGate Center. New Hampshire based Planet Fitness has over 600 locations in 48 states, including 8 in Southern California-with the only existing Inland Empire club location in San Bernardino, but several more are coming. Planet Fitness claims value membership rates and hassle-free fitness options, with lots of brand name cardio and strength training equipment.

# Prudential California Real Estate

Prudential California Real Estate has decided to reopen its Moreno Valley office, which was closed several years ago during the real estate decline in Southern California. The office will reopen mid-March at the Canyon Springs Plaza at the NW corner of SR60 and Day Street. The new Moreno Valley office will start with 30 agents and plan to increase to about 100 real estate agents.

Barry Foster recently provided an Economic Development presentation to 65 agents at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center. Prudential California Real Estate sponsored and conducted the event.

#### Developer Workshop

A quarterly Developer Workshop for Moreno Valley was held on Thursday February 14. Twelve developers (residential, industrial & commercial-retail) and a representative from the Building Industry Association (BIA) attended the networking opportunity that provides a forum for the development community and City representatives to come together to explore ways to make Moreno Valley a "best place to do business'. City representatives at the Developer Workshop included Development Services staff, along with Mayor Owings and Council Member Baca who participated as part of their role on Economic Development Subcommittee. The next Developer's Workshop will be May 9.

#### Economic Development Summary-February 2013

The Economic Development Summary has been updated and is now available on the City's website.

#### **Building & Safety Division**

# Quick Statistics - January 2013

The following statistics provided are for Building & Safety Division for the months of January 2012 and January 2013:

	January	January
	2012	2013
Customer Counter Visits-ttl/dly avg	570/34	559/33
Building Permits Issued	181	157
Construction Valuation	\$1,204,388	\$4,826,462
Construction Inspections Performed	634	813
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	27	12
Plan Check Activity	123	164
Monthly Revenue	\$113,707	\$77,967

#### Trammell Crow Project

The 'super' pad for the 1.25 million square foot I-215 Logistics Center is complete and concrete work is underway for the many wall panels. Look for walls to start being tilted up soon on this industrial building being developed by the Trammel Crow Company, which is currently the largest industrial building under construction in the U.S.

# Business Support & Neighborhood Programs Division

**Budget Challenges** 

With the demise of redevelopment in California, along with a decrease in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding, major adjustments are necessary for the FY2013/14 budget. If City Council approves the management staff recommendations to balance the budget, the Business Support & Neighborhood Programs Division (formerly the Neighborhood Preservation Division) will see a significant decrease in staffing that will result in a 40% workforce reduction—going from 10 to 6 people. With a planned retirement and current openings in two other Divisions (transfer of existing employees), the layoff of employees can be diminished.

# Successor Agency Update

On February 12, 2013 the City of Moreno Valley and the Successor Agency (SA) both approved a Resolution to transfer the 2007 Tax Allocation Bond (TABS) proceeds from the SA to the City, and directed the City to complete certain capital projects. As previously reported, Successor Agency staff has worked to understand, implement and comply with AB 1X26 and AB 1484 directing the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies and start-up of Successor Agencies. The State has failed to create a clear and understandable process for SA's to navigate through this transition process that would enable SA staff to comply with ambiguous and conflicting legislation, confusing processes and requirements by the Department of Finance (DOF). SA staff is attempting this difficult task while facing a clear determination by the State to clawback tax revenue funds from local governments regardless of the consequences to the local agencies. As a result, the City and SA decided to transfer the 2007 Tax Allocation Bond proceeds from the SA to the City, and directed the City to complete the Nason Bridge and Moreno Beach interchange projects. The ultimate goal is to expend the TABS project funds as quickly as possible. The Successor Agency Oversight Board was informed of this decision at its February 27 meeting.

#### Housing Resale Market Update

The average resale home value in Moreno Valley for January 2013 was \$183,000, which was an 8.2% increase from the value of \$169,200 for the month of December 2012. Other nearby communities such as Riverside and Hemet/San Jacinto also saw property values increase in January by approximately 3%, while the Cities of Perris and Temecula/Murrieta saw their property values decrease by approximately 4%. The City of Corona's housing resale values remained flat during the month of January.

The number of resale transactions increased in this reporting period went from 155 transactions in December 2012 to 156 in January 2013. During the

calendar year 2012, there were 2,615 resale transactions in Moreno Valley, which is an average of 218 transactions a month.

### Oversight Board Update

The next and 4th Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) was presented to the Oversight Board for consideration and approval on February 27, 2013 for submission to the DOF by March 1, 2013. It includes all payment obligations necessary to fulfill the former RDA's legally binding and enforceable obligations for the period of July 2013 through December 2013.

#### NSP 1 Update

The deadline to expend 100% of the \$11, 360,116 NSP1 grant is March 5, 2013. It is anticipated that the City will comply with the 100% spending requirement on or shortly before the deadline. In 2008, the City of Moreno Valley was awarded the grant to help mitigate the impact the recent real estate and foreclosure crisis had on Moreno Valley neighborhoods. The City of Moreno Valley has partnered with various Development Partners (ANR Industries, Mayans Development, Mary Erickson Community Housing, Riverside Housing Development Corporation, Sheffield Homes, and VCD Corporation) to implement NSP1. In conjunction with the Development Partners, the City administered the multi-activity program that focused on the creation of homeownership and rental opportunities for income-eligible households. The City's NSP Program consists of acquisition, rehabilitation, and rental/resale components, as well, as a homebuyer assistance loan component.

During the tenure of the program, 43 single-family properties were acquired as bank-owned, foreclosures. The City, in conjunction with the Development Partners, rehabilitated and resold approximately 39 of the homes to income-eligible households of which 8 received down payment assistance. The remaining 4 properties are currently in escrow; they are expected to close during the next 45 to 60 days. Through the program, the City has generated approximately \$3.6 million in Program Income. Even though the NSP1 Program is approaching closeout, the City will be permitted to use the Program Income to continue the NSP1 Program.

In addition to the 43 single-family properties acquired through the NSP1 Program, (MECH) Mary Erickson Community Housing acquired a 13-unit and a 14-unit apartment complex located at 24410 and 24420 Myers Avenue, respectively. Twenty-six units will be reserved for rental to households earning up to 50% of Area Median Income, one unit is reserved for the onsite manager. Construction is currently underway at the project. All of the units at 24420 Myers are 100%

complete, and lease-up is taking place. The units located at 24410 Myers are 40-60% complete and will be completed by the end of February. The onsite improvements (i.e. parking lot, landscape, etc.) are scheduled to be completed by end of March 2013.

### NSP 3 Update

As a grantee under the NSP 3 Program, the City of Moreno Valley is to expend 50% of its awarded funds within two years from the date the funds became available for obligation. The City met the two-year expenditure deadline of March 9, 2013.

Over the past two years the City of Moreno Valley's real estate market has experienced significant changes. At the inception of the NSP Program, Moreno Valley had over 1,000 properties reported as REOs. During the past 24 months, the number of units has become markedly lower. During 2012, only 181 REOs were recorded, this averages at approximately 15 units per month. Of the 181 REO units recorded, none of them fell within the Target Areas/Census Tracts of the NSP Program. Most of these units were: 1) not located within the City of Moreno Valley's NSP3 Target Areas, 2) not made readily available through the Trust's First-Look Program, or 3) did not meet program eligibility restrictions (i.e. subsidy limits and/or minimum rehabilitation criteria).

A softening of the market appears to be the main contributor to the City's inability to acquire eligible properties. In the past, the City's Development Partners were able to acquire properties utilizing multiple sources, namely, NCST and directly with many of the major banks holding REO inventory (Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Chase, Freddie Mac, Countrywide). In recent months, the banks have used discretion with how the inventory is disposed. Some banks are holding the properties longer, while others are releasing them directly to the open market and by passing First-Look Programs.

In an effort to fully utilize the NSP 3 funding allocation, staff recently met with representatives of HUD's Los Angeles office to explore a work plan for proper expenditure spending that will allow the City to retain its full NSP 3 allocation. The expenditure plan includes:

#### • Reestablished Partnership with NCST

The City reestablished a relationship with the National Community Stabilization Trust (NCST) or ("The Trust") to access the REO properties in the community. The **REO Property Acquisition Program** permits the cost-effective and transparent acquisition of foreclosed and abandoned properties through three property transfer tracks: *First Look*,

Reverse Look, and Listed/Aged Inventory. Since partnering with the NCST, the City has identified 4 properties eligible for NSP 3 Program acquisition. These properties will be rehabilitated and sold at an affordable price to income-qualified homebuyers.

With the impending NSP3 deadline approaching quickly, staff is beginning to experience improvement in this activity. Recently, through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City applied for and obtained a Name and Address Identification Number (NAID#). The NAID# permits local governments and non-profit organizations to purchase HUD-owned foreclosures from HUD using the First-look program. The Trust specializes in the disposition of the vacant and foreclosed REO properties.

During the past couple of weeks, several properties have become available for purchase through the Trust. The City quickly entered into purchase agreements with Department of Urban Housing and Development (HUD) for the acquisition of five single family properties, it is anticipated that approximately 20% of the grant will be expended with these acquisitions; the total development budgets for these properties which include other costs such as construction costs, closing costs, marketing fees, developer fees, etc., equal approximately 30% of the grant. HUD staff has been supportive of these efforts.

# • <u>Development of Affordable Housing Project with</u> the Moreno Valley Housing Authority

In 2011, the California Legislature passed AB 1X26 to dissolve all redevelopment agencies (RDA(s)) in the state. After a period of litigation, officially were dissolved as February 1, 2012. Prior to the dissolution, the City of Moreno Valley elected to serve as the successor agency to the RDA and approved a resolution providing that upon dissolution of the RDA all housing assets and functions of the RDA with regard to the Low and Moderate Income Housing Program would be transferred to the Moreno Valley Housing Authority (MVHA). On February 1, 2012, all housing assets of the former RDA were transferred by operation of law to the MVHA, along with all title and interest of the subject assets. The MVHA has the ability to engage in transactions which will promote the utilization of existing affordable housing resources and to pursue the development of potential additional affordable housing resources.

One of the assets transferred to the MVHA is approximately 1.37 acres of land located at 24265 Myers Street. The MVHA has initiated discussions with a few qualified developers/contractors for the construction of single-family dwelling units on this in-fill parcel (as Zoning allows). One developer has already expressed strong interest in this opportunity. Negotiations are moving quickly. Once constructed the dwelling units will be sold at affordable price to income-qualified homebuyers. Prior to the NSP 3 expenditure deadline, NSP 3 resources will be utilized for pre-development, plans, entitlements, and 75% of construction costs.

#### Code & Neighborhood Services Division

#### **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics provided are for the Code & Neighborhood Services Division for the months of January 2012 and January 2013:

	January	January
	2012	2013
Cases Initiated	291	211
Closed Case Investigations	300	217
Parking Citations Issued	2,063	2,377
Administrative Citations Issued	92	130
Counter Customers	317	306

#### Neighborhood Clean-up Coming

The next Neighborhood Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday March 16 within Council District 2. The clean-up event will operate between the hours of 7:30 am until noon and will service residents who reside on Quapaw Trail, Pawnee Trail, Chippewa Trail and Summerfield Drive.

### Valentine's Day Vendor Sweep

Annually on Valentine's Day, Code Compliance staff conducts a vendor sweep of people operating illegally without proper permits and licenses. This year on Thursday February 14 a total of 26 illegal vendors were cited as part of the Valentine's Day operation.

#### Land Development Division

# **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics provided are for the Land Development Division for the months of January 2012 and January 2013:

•	January	January
	2012	2013
Plan Checks Processed	30	5
Grading Permits Issued	0	2
Number of Inspections	406	209
Counter Customer Visits	128	125

### Centerpointe's Cactus Improvements

The contractor working on the Centerpointe Logistics Center Project just south of City hall has been working on the first phase of street improvements related to the widening of Cactus Avenue. The construction effort will slightly disrupt traffic along Cactus Avenue and Frederick Street. The improvements included removing and replacing of existing asphalt pavement, installation of curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveway approaches, street lights, raised median, landscaping, storm drain, dry utilities, traffic signal modification and associated signing and striping.

The contactor is preparing to begin the second phase of construction within the public ROW which will be more disruptive and will occasionally impact the normal flow of traffic. All traffic control is being placed in accordance with the plans approved by the Public Works Transportation Engineering Division and the City Traffic Engineer. The most recent construction schedule indicates that all of the roadway improvements will be completed around the end of April.

#### Planning Division

# **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics provided are for the Planning Division for the months of January 2012 and January 2013:

	January	January
	2012	2013
Counter Customers	369	349
Major Case Submittals	3	2
Minor Case Submittals	61	70
Plan Check Submittals	38	41
Application Fees	\$24,666	\$63,942

#### Planning Commission

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for February 28, 2013. The agenda for that meeting includes the following projects:

A Tentative Tract Map, Conditional Use Permit, a Change of Zone and General Plan Amendment related to a proposed 159-lot single family residential subdivision on the north side of Cactus Avenue on both sides of the Quincy Channel. The land use change would be from R10 (Residential – up to 10 units per acre) and R15 (Residential – up to 15 units per acre) to R5 (Residential – up to 5 units per acre). The planned unit development (PUD) would allow for reduced size and setbacks for lots in the proposed subdivision, but still keep density below the maximum 5 units per acre allowed in the R5 zone. In exchange for the PUD, the developer has agreed to provide enhanced

landscape and architectural standards, and multiuse trails with exercise stations. Final action on the proposal will require City Council review. The applicant is CV Communities.

- A Plot Plan to construct a 7,453 square foot retail building on the west side of Perris Boulevard south of John F. Kennedy Boulevard. The building would be built and occupied by O'Reilly Auto Parts. Due to the unique conditions of the site and use, a Variance for a reduction in required parking from 34 to 30 parking spaces is part of the proposed project. The applicant is O'Reilly Auto Parts.
- A Conditional Use Permit to allow beer and wine sales at an existing business (Smoke n Cell) located at 23031 Sunnymead Boulevard. The Police Department has provided conditions of approval to address potential concerns with the proposal. The applicant is Mena Salama.

#### **Administrative Approvals**

The following are recent administrative approvals for planning:

- Amended Conditional Use Permit to replace and upgrade equipment at an existing telecommunications facility located at 26930 Fir Avenue. The applicant is T-Mobile West.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to replace and upgrade equipment at an existing telecommunications facility located at 26930 Fir Avenue. The applicant is Sprint PCS.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to replace and upgrade equipment at an existing Telecommunications facility located at 12981 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Sprint PCS.
- Plot Plan to permit the installation of a photovoltaic system and ground mounted inverters at an existing warehouse facility located at 22150 Goldencrest Drive. The applicant is American Capital Energy.
- Plot Plan to approve new home product for construction in the balance of Tract 32715, located at the southeast corner of Perris Boulevard and Ironwood Avenue. The applicant is JEC Enterprises.
- Plot Plan to establish an internet café in an existing retail center located at 13121 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Brian Hawara.

# **Recent Case Submittals**

The following are recent planning case submittals:

- Tentative Parcel Map to combine several existing lots into one parcel for Saint Christopher's Catholic Church, located at the southeast corner of Perris Boulevard and Cottonwood Avenue.
- Plot Plan to establish an adult day care center in an existing commercial building located at 14137

	Jan.	Dec.		Jan.		
	2013	2012	Change	2012	Change	
Foreclosure Rate/City	382	212	(45%)	128	(66%)	
Foreclosure Rate/County	462	263	(43%)	167	(64%)	

Business Center Drive.

- Variance for parking for a proposed retail building located at Perris Boulevard and John F. Kennedy Boulevard.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to upgrade a liquor license from beer and wine only to full liquor sales for an existing convenience store at the northeast corner of Redlands Boulevard and Alessandro Boulevard (Easter Market).

### **World Logistics Center**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the World Logistics Center was released on Monday February 4, 2013. Diskettes of the DEIR were sent out to over 100 review agencies and interested parties. Additionally, over 1,300 notices were sent to property owners in and adjacent to the proposed project. Due to the scale of the project, the property owner notice was sent to all owners in adjacent tracts, well beyond the State of California required minimum 300 foot radius. The DEIR and all Technical Appendices have been placed on the City's website for greater public access. Hard copies of the DEIR are available for review at City Hall and the Library.

Comments on the DEIR are due on or before April 8, 2013. This due date provides for a 60 day public review period for the DEIR, well in excess of the 45 day review period required by State Law. The LSA Associates, EIR consultant, will review any comments received during that period and provide written responses for final review by City staff and the City's peer consultant. The draft EIR and Response to Comments will constitute the final EIR (FEIR). The FEIR will accompany the Specific Plan for the World Logistics Center for formal review by the Planning Commission and City Council.

The World Logistics Center is a Specific Plan for up to 41.6 million square feet of high cube logistics warehouse space. High cube warehouses are large, high ceiling buildings built to accommodate modern, high efficiency logistics operations. The proposed Specific Plan includes nearly all of the property encompassed by an area south of SR60, east of Redlands Boulevard, west of Gilman Springs Boulevard and to the southerly City limits. In addition to the Specific Plan, the project includes a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, an Annexation for an 85-acre parcel at Alessandro Boulevard and Gilman Springs Road, a Development Agreement, a Tentative Parcel Map for financial purposes and an Environmental Impact Report.

### SR 60 East Corridor Area Overlay Study

On February 5, 2013, staff sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to prepare an Overlay Study for the SR 60 East Corridor Area to eighteen planning and economic analysis consultants. Proposals responding to the RFP were due on February 19. All proposals will be reviewed by staff to provide a recommendation to the City Manager on the selection of a Plan consultant. Once a contract for the consultant is approved, the first milestone will be a Study Session discussion with both the City Council and Planning Commission.

On January 8, 2013, the City Council approved a budget appropriation to fund a consultant contract for the preparation of a SR 60 East Corridor Overlay Study (the "Study"). On January 22 the City Council adopted an interim moratorium ordinance for specified properties adjacent to State Highway 60 in the eastern portion of the City.

#### Foreclosures and Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from the RealtyTrac website for January shows a substantial decrease in foreclosure activity in both the City and the County. The website reported one in 382 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or 0.26% of mortgages in the City. A higher number (382) indicates a lower foreclosure rate (0.26%). This compares to a rate of one in 212 units in the prior month and one in 128 in the prior year month in 2012. Foreclosure activity is seventeen percent (45%) lower than the prior month and forty percent (66%) lower than the same month last year.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is similar to Temecula, Murrieta and Lake Elsinore. Calimesa had the lowest rate locally (1 in 745) and San Jacinto had the highest rate (1 in 113).

By zip code, area 92551 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 238) and area 92553 had the lowest rates (1 in 518). Foreclosure activity decreased in all zip code areas.

Moreno Valley had 142 homes reported in some stage of foreclosure in January, less than the 263 homes in the prior month. The City of Riverside had the highest number of reported foreclosure properties at 216 and San Jacinto was third with 138.

The trends are shown in the chart below:

Information available from the Realtor.com website indicates a continuing decrease in the number of homes for sale in the City and some strength in median asking prices. As of February 1, 2013, 359 homes were listed for sale, compared with 375 at the start of the prior month, and 918 in the same month last year.

January 2010 marked the prior low point for inventory in recent years when 806 homes were listed for sale. Inventory fell sharply in 2009 from a high of 2,068 in January 2009, and increased throughout 2010 and early 2011 to a peak of 1,230 in March 2011 before steadily declining since that time.

The current inventory of homes for sale is less than a three month supply. Anything less than a six month supply of homes for sale is considered a limited supply. At less than half of a normal inventory, the current situation indicates a shortage of homes for sale.

The median asking price was \$170,000, compared with \$169,500 in the prior month and \$155,000 in the same month last year.

The trends are shown in the chart below:

	February	January		February	
	2013	2013	Change	2012	Change
Homes for Sale	359	375	(4%)	918	(61%)
Med. Asking Price	\$170,000	\$169,500	+0%	\$155,000	+10%

# FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### **Technology Services Division**

#### Mapping New Streetlights

The Technology Services' GIS (Geographic Information Systems) staff has completed their inventory of new streetlights recently energized by ENCO. To complete this work, GIS conducted field inspections and captured the GPS coordinates of the 37 new units. Each unit was added to the City's streetlight GIS data layer which includes all tag information, address, unit, and bulb specifications. After adding the streetlights, GIS updated the City's Internet and Intranet sites and provided the Special Districts and the Moreno Valley Utility divisions with new atlases.

# <u>Updates to Moreno Valley's RRAD (Reports Records and Documents) Intranet Site</u>

The RRAD Intranet site was recently updated with documents submitted by multiple divisions to the City's Technology Services GIS (Geographic Information Systems) staff. Documents are converted into a digital format and geo-referenced to their locations within in the City. This allows staff to simply click on a location on a web-enabled map from where all documents related to that location can be viewed, shared, saved and printed. The RRAD site saves staff time in searching for documents for various purposes. To date, the RRAD site warehouses over 6,400 documents.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

#### Fire Department

#### **SkillsUSA Regional Competition**

Recently, College Park Fire Station 91 was contacted by a student at Rancho Verde High School who requested their assistance in preparing for the SkillsUSA regional competition which occurred at San Bernardino Valley College January 26 -27 and February 2-3. SkillsUSA is a student organization, serving high school and college students enrolled in programs preparing them for technical, skilled and service careers. The firefighters at Fire Station 91 assisted in the preparation of this student by:

- Conducting mock interviews with the student
- Providing a basic explanation of fire and fire tactics
- Providing an explanation of a firefighters personal protection equipment (PPE) and how to put it on in under 60 seconds
- Teaching him to tie two knots
- Performing the Candidate Physical Abilities Test
  which consists of completing eight separate events
  in sequence while wearing full PPE and a 50 pound
  vest to simulate the weight of a self contained
  breathing apparatus. For the stair climb event, an
  additional 25 pounds is added to the candidate to
  simulate a hose pack. The eight events are:
  - o Stair Climb
  - o Hose Drag
  - Equipment Carry
  - o Ladder Raise and Extension
  - o Forcible Entry
  - o Search
  - o Rescue
  - o Ceiling Breach and Pull

The student won a gold medal at the regional competition and finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 39 in the Job Interview Contest. He will be competing at the state competition April 4-7 in San Diego.

#### Fire Prevention

On February 4 and 5, Fire Inspectors Paul Villalobos and Frank Martinez attended the Statutes and Regulations course offered by the State Fire Marshal's Office. This was the first offering of this course by the state in over six years. The course is a valuable opportunity for our inspectors to understand how all of the codes and laws adopted by the State of California work together to form our fire regulations. Understanding where our authority comes from helps ensure that proper code references are cited by staff on a daily basis.

Fire Marshal Randy Metz attended the California Automatic Fire Alarm Association Conference held in Palm Springs February 1 and 2. This conference occurs annually and is an excellent opportunity for developing relationships with the fire alarm industry, local fire departments, and the State Fire Marshal's Office. The conference included many training sessions regarding fire alarm installation, testing, and maintenance as well as updates on future legislation and code changes within the fire alarm code.

The Fire Prevention Bureau has obtained a permit from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife to perform hazard reduction on a vacant parcel on Sunnymead Blvd. The property in question is under the purview of various state agencies due the type of vegetation and protected species that may be present. The abatement of the property will be performed by a city contractor that specializes in hazard mitigation in environmentally sensitive areas. The abatement will be completed prior to March 1, 2013.

Fire Inspector Paul Villalobos has completed the Fire Department's annual state mandated inspection of all 50 school sites within the Moreno Valley and Val Verde Unified School Districts. The inspection process of these school sites is very time consuming and requires extensive coordination with facilities personnel from both school districts. We would like to thank both school districts for their flexibility in meeting our inspection scheduling requests.

#### **Public Relations**

On Saturday, February 9 Sunnymead Engine 2 and Truck 2 visited the Il Sorrento Senior Mobile Home Park locate at 23820 Ironwood. Fire Safety information was provided to 70 residents regarding fire prevention in mobile homes.

#### Significant Events

On February 7, Towngate Fire Engine 6, Sunnymead Ranch Engine 48, Battalion 9B, and the Moreno Valley Police Department responded to a report of a traffic collision involving a motorcycle and a SUV on Hemlock east of Pigeon Pass. Upon arrival, Fire Engine 6's personnel made contact with the driver of the motorcycle who had sustained major injuries to several areas of his body. The firefighter paramedic along with the crew from Engine 6 and Battalion 9B provided advance trauma life support treatment to the patient. The firefighter paramedic accompanied the patient to the local area trauma receiving center and continued to provide advance life support care during transport. The outcome of this patient is unknown.

A second patient was also treated by Fire Department personnel as the rear passenger side of the SUV was severely damaged by the traffic accident. Patient 2 received advance life support treatment for multi system trauma. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 48 accompanied this patient to the local area trauma receiving center and continue to provide advance life support care during transport by AMR. This patient is expected to make a full recovery.

On February 8, Moreno Valley Fire Department units responded to a structure fire in the Kennedy Park Fire Station 65 primary response area. Upon arrival firefighters found a two-story single family residence with moderate smoke issuing from a gable vent on the



left side of the residence. An aggressive interior fire attack was coordinated with simultaneous roof top ventilation as firefighters searched the home for any victims. Firefighters confirmed the dwelling was clear of any victims and the fire was contained to one room with smoke damage throughout. A total of five fire engines, one truck company, one Chief Officer, and one breathing support unit were committed to the incident for a total of 25 personnel. Units from Riverside County Fire/CAL FIRE provided coverage of the open fire stations in the city during the time of this incident in order to provide emergency fire and medical response to all other 9-1-1 calls.

On February 9, Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65 responded with the Moreno Valley Police Department to a report of a person suffering from severe lower extremity trauma. Engine 65 and AMR arrived on scene simultaneously and treated an adult male who had severe bleeding in one of his lower extremities. Per protocol, advance life support measures were executed to stabilize the bleeding and secure the patient's airway. Both the fire captain and firefighter paramedic from Engine 65 accompanied this patient to the local area trauma receiving center and continued to provide advance life support care along with AMR's paramedic during transport.

On February 17 at 00:02 hours, Moreno Valley Fire Department units responded to a structure fire in the Sunnymead Station primary response area. Upon arrival, firefighters found a single family residence with moderate smoke issuing from the attic and garage area of the home. An aggressive interior fire attack was coordinated with simultaneous roof top ventilation.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the garage and attic space above the garage. A total of three fire engines, one truck company, and one press information officer were committed to the incident for a total of 14 personnel. Units from Riverside County Fire/CAL FIRE provided coverage of the open fire stations in the city during the time of this incident in order to provide emergency fire and medical response to all other 9-1-1 calls. The cause of the fire appears to be the gas clothes dryer that was located in the garage.

On February 18, Moreno Valley Fire Department Units, the Moreno Valley Police Department, AMR, and Riverside City Engine 13 responded to a reported traffic collision in Towngate Fire Station 6's primary response area. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel located two vehicles which had been involved in a head on collision. The first vehicle had an adult male driver and a younger passenger. Both subjects appeared to have minor injuries. The second vehicle had an adult male driver who was unconscious and trapped inside his The firefighter paramedic from Towngate Engine 6 began advance trauma life support treatment of the trapped patient while the personnel from AMR treated the two patients with minor injuries. Riverside City Engine 13 arrived on scene and assisted with patient care.

Sunnymead Truck 2 arrived on scene and reported that the extrication efforts would require 20-30 minutes to complete due to the severe damage suffered by the second vehicle. Sunnymead Ranch Engine 48 personnel assisted with extrication efforts which were completed within 32 minutes. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 6 accompanied this patient to the local area trauma receiving center and continued to provide advance life support care along with AMR's paramedic during transport. The final outcome of this patient is unknown. The two other patients were not transported to the hospital by ambulance.

On February 19, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department responded to a reported "shed on fire" in Kennedy Park Fire Station 65's primary response area. The first arriving engine company found a small metal shed well involved in fire to the rear of the residence with the resident attempting to extinguish the fire with a garden hose. The members of the first arriving engine company suppressed the small fire within ten minutes of arrival. When Fire Department personnel made contact with the resident he began complaining of difficulty breathing. The firefighter paramedic performed a medical assessment of the resident; however, the patient later refused further medical treatment and transportation to the hospital. A total of two fire engines and one Chief

Officer for a total of 7 personnel were assigned to this incident.

# PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### **Recreation Division**

The reading contest for THINK Together and A Child's Place After School Programs ended February 8. Forty three school sites participated and a total of 27,453 points were read. The top three winning schools were Sugar Hill Elementary (THINK Together site), Lakeside Middle (THINK Together site) and Rainbow Ridge Elementary (A Child's Place site). Children at the winning sites will be treated to a field trip to Harkins Theater to see The Croods in April.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Community Advisory Meeting**

The latest Citywide Camera Surveillance System Community Advisory Meeting occurred on Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. The goal of each meeting is to inform attendees of the history, purpose, benefits, and progress of the project. The meeting also included an open forum for community input, questions, and answers.

#### Cases of the Week

• On Friday, February 8, 2013, about 9:45 P.M., our officers responded to the report of an attempted carjacking in the 28800 block of Strauss Lane., in the City of Moreno Valley. When our officers contacted the victim, he advised the suspect confronted him outside of his residence and threatened to stab him with what looked like a screw driver if he did not give him his car keys. The victim told the suspect his keys were inside his residence, and went inside to retrieve them. The suspect followed the victim into his residence, where the victim defended himself with a baseball bat, which caused the suspect to run from the residence. While our officers were checking the area for the suspect, a second victim in the 13300 block of Triple Crown Ct. reported a man had unlawfully entered his residence and stated he needed to hide because someone was chasing him. That victim retrieved his pet dog and threatened to release it if the man did not leave. Our officers eventually located the suspect at Redlands Blvd., and Eucalyptus Ave. and chased him on foot toward the 60-Freeway. After initially eluding our officers, they caught the suspect in the area of Gilman Springs Rd., near an open field. After both victims positively identified the suspect he was booked for the attempted carjacking and a felony warrant with gang allegations.

On Wednesday, February 13, 2013, about 11:49 p.m., a man flagged down one of our officers and reported his cellular telephone was taken during a physical assault at the Vista Springs Apartments located in the 21500 block of Box Springs Rd., in the City of Moreno Valley. The victim told our officers which apartment the suspects lived in, and that one of the suspects was known by the moniker, "Chaos." Our officers went to the apartment and spoke to an adult female who denied that "Chaos" lived there and claimed she was the only person in the apartment. The female refused our officers request to look inside, and was generally uncooperative. Our officers eventually determined the female was on felony probation and did not live at the residence. As the investigation continued, our officers ultimately searched the apartment where they found the victim's cellular telephone and two adult males hiding in the closet. The victim positively identified both men as the robbers. The investigation also revealed both suspects were on felony probation and under the influence of a controlled substance. Further investigation revealed the woman was also involved in the robbery and all three were later booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center for robbery and other charges.

# **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

# Capital Projects

<u>Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm</u> Drain Lateral "B" (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus

Avenue

Construction for the Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "B" (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue project continues to



progress. To date, all utility poles have been relocated to allow for the widening of the roadway. The contractor, Hillcrest Contracting, Inc., has already constructed most of the curb, gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, cross gutters, and driveway approaches, completed most storm drain

work, and relocated all necessary traffic signals. Upcoming work includes minor storm drain work, pavement widening, and striping.



The overall project objective includes constructing street widening to a uniform six travel lanes, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, driveway approaches, minor drainage improvements, utility relocation, and relocated traffic signals. Project completion is estimated for May 2013.

# <u>State Route 60/Nason Street Overcrossing Bridge</u> (Nason Interchange Phase 2)

Bridge construction is progressing well. The contractor is working both daytime and nighttime (as required for freeway lane closures) to pour foundations and build new bridge abutments for the west side of the new bridge. Stage 1 will place falsework supports and allow for the building of the west side of the new bridge, along with building the decorative sound wall along Elder Avenue. Stage 1 is expected to take until June. Stage 2 will demolish the old bridge and build the east side of the new bridge. When complete, the new bridge will be 5 lanes wide and about 5 feet higher. Nason will be widened to 4 lanes plus turn lanes between Elder and Fir. There will be new street lights, sidewalks, and a raised median. The bridge and street construction is expected to be completed in late winter 2014, with landscaping to follow.

# <u>Ironwood/Indian Basin Storm Drain Improvements – FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map Approval</u>

In summer 2011, the City completed construction of a large storm drain system in Ironwood Avenue from Heacock Street to Hubbard Street, draining to the Indian Detention Basin. One of the project's goals was to reduce the flood plain area, thereby relieving property owners from having to pay flood insurance. In late 2011, the City completed and sent updated flood width calculations to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City also revised the outdated mapping immediately downstream of the Indian Basin, Hemlock Avenue to the Sunnymead from Boulevard/Indian Street intersection. The City notified affected owners of the pending changes in July 2012. In October 2012, FEMA approved the updated mapping contingent upon a 90-day comment period. On February 15, 2013, FEMA approved the updated map. The City is in the process of sending letters to the affected owners, all of whom will have a reduction in flood area. One owner is already anticipating substantial savings by eliminating flood insurance payments. The area of reduction is, in general, from Ironwood Street near Davis Street, southerly to Hemlock, the 60 freeway, and the Sunnymead/Indian Intersection.

State Route 60/Moreno Bch Drive Interchange-Phase 1 The contractor has completed driving piles for the new retaining wall behind the Auto Mall. The new 84-inch (7-foot) diameter drainage line is almost completed behind the Auto Mall, pending abandonment of an existing water line. The contractor is continuing to import fill, ultimately up to 18 feet high, for the new eastbound on-ramp. Import trucks are using the freeway to enter the project. The new on-ramp is expected to be opened to traffic in late April. On the west side of Moreno Beach Drive, the contractor is expediting construction of the new off-ramp by importing fill and pursuing an interim off-ramp alignment. The goal of the project is to realign the eastbound on- and off-ramps to a "diamond" configuration and complete the connection of Eucalyptus Avenue to Moreno Beach Drive, thereby providing better access to the area. Construction is expected to take until September 2013.

# <u>Street Improvement Program – Kentland Lane, Wilson</u> Place and Kenny Drive

The project involves the reconstruction of three (3) streets citywide with Asphalt Concrete pavement roadway, striping, and signage. The improvements also



include drainage, driveway construction, mailbox and utility relocations. The three streets included in the improvements are: Kentland Lane south of Eucalyptus Avenue, Wilson Place



from Hubbard Street to Kenny Drive, and Kenny Drive from Wilson Place to Hilton Street. The construction contract has been awarded to C & C Grading and Paving, Inc. on December 11, 2012. Construction starts in January 2013 and will finish by end of April 2013 (weather permitting).

### **EOC Family Care Center Emergency Generator**

On July 10, 2012, City Council authorized the purchase of the generator set and tank from Johnson Power Systems for the EOC Family Care Center and the purchase of the additional tank for the existing generator at the City contingent upon available funding. On August 1, 2012, the Notice Inviting Bids was issued for construction of the EOC Family Care Center Generator project. Bids opened on





September 11, 2012. City awarded the construction contract to Global Power Group, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder at the September 25, 2012 Council meeting.

The project will construct a new generator set and tank located at the Conference and Recreation Center which is designated as the EOC Family Care Center, and the a new 5,000 gallon fuel tank at the existing generator at City Hall. This new tank will bring the existing generator into compliance with the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) code 110-5.1.2 which requires adequate fuel capacity to run the generator for 96 hours. Construction of the EOC Family Care Center Emergency Generator started in November 2012 and continues to progress. Following are the milestone of construction activities:

- Demolition of existing trash enclosure in December 2012.
- Construction of new fuel tank and trash enclosure walls in December 2012.
- Construction of generator enclosure in January 2013
- Generator and tank delivery on January 18, 2013.
- Upgrade tank delivery on February 15, 2013.
- Construction will finish by end of May 2013 (weather permitting).

# <u>Police Department Monitor Room Space Conversion</u> Project

The project is a Tenant Improvement type building construction. This project constructs the Monitor Room for the citywide surveillance cameras by joining the room currently used as a Report Writing Room and the adjacent IT Storage room. The construction contract has been awarded to Rasmussen Brothers Construction, Inc. by City Council on October 9, 2012.

The construction includes the demolition of the existing wall between the Report Writing Room and IT Storage Room, construction of a wall that will ultimately join the two areas to create one complete and separate room, installation of a new door and a small window, patching and painting. Additional fire alarm, strobe and audio, fire sprinklers, minor HVAC, electrical, and lighting work are also a part of the scope of work. Construction started on November 15, 2012. The general contractor has finished the interior improvement including new carpet installation by end of December 2012. Riverside County Information Technology starts installation of data line in mid-January 2013, will complete by mid February 2013.