

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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#### **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

### MVTV-3 Broadcast Equipment - Upgrade Project

The MVTV-3 Broadcast Equipment Upgrade Project is well underway. The Council Chamber now features an impressive stacked stone backdrop on the rear wall, as well as six 65" high definition monitors. Following the massive equipment build phase of the

project, MVTV-3 will be able to accommodate several essential City Meetings.

The 8/27/13 City Council Meeting will be the first meeting in which all of the new MVTV-3 Control Room equipment will be used.



Many thanks to Media &

Communications, Public Works, Technology Services, City Clerk's Office, Purchasing, and Facilities for excellent cooperation that has enabled the entire MVTV-3 Broadcast Equipment Upgrade project to remain on track for its late September completion date.

# State of the City Support

The annual State of the City Address is Thursday, August 22, 2013 and will be held at the Conference and Recreation Center. Hosted by the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce and the City of Moreno Valley, this annual event features Moreno Valley Mayor Tom Owings, who will deliver the State of the City address. Mayor Owings will showcase the City's efforts to:

- Balance the budget without use of reserves.
- Stimulate Moreno Valley's economy.
- Challenge the status quo in animal shelter adoptions, community participation, and graduation rates / student performance.
- Enhance City Hall's professional leadership while maintaining the continuity of government services to Moreno Valley residents and businesses.

Additionally, MVTV-3 is currently producing a ten minute video for the 2013 State of the City address as well as an animated presentation. The video, titled "Strong Foundation, Soaring Aspirations," features the Moreno Valley City Council and highlights the accomplishments of each Council District for 2012/13. The video will also run on MVTV-3 daily following the conclusion of the State of the City event.

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Currently sold out, the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce is expecting more than 250 attendees. For anyone wishing to view the speech without attending the lunch portion of the event, a live feed of the speech will run in the Alessandro A room at the Conference and Recreation Center at approximately 12:45.

All staff that plans to attend the speech-only event should be sure this timeframe is in accordance with the regularly scheduled lunch break or acquire permission from your supervisor for any changes or extensions.

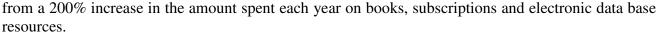
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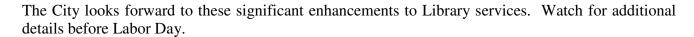
### Library Services

# **Expanded Library Services Coming to Moreno Valley**

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement with Library Systems and Services which will expand services provided to all Library patrons.

Beginning in September, the Library will be open 7 days each week, increasing overall service hours by 25%. Patrons will also benefit





# **Summer Reading Program Concludes**

The Moreno Valley Public Library has come to the end of another successful Summer Reading Program. "Reading Is So Delicious!" concluded on Thursday, July 25, with over 1,600 participants, who read more than 10,000 hours! Nearly 600 child, teen and adult readers qualified to earn all available prizes and incentives, including free books, free food and craft activities, toys and games, and more. There were also a number of popular in-house games and puzzles to play to enhance the program.

This year's SRP also included the second annual "Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover" activity. Children were able to leave a favorite stuffed animal at the library, so that their special friend could participate in a number of fun activities planned for them. Photos of these activities will soon be posted on the library's Facebook page. A certificate of completion was given to all stuffed animals who were overnight guests of the library.

The Moreno Valley Friends of the Library will select for special recognition the child and teen readers with the most reading time logged during the six-week Summer Reading Program, and will present them with a special prize and certificate at the City Council meeting on August 27, 2013. The Moreno Valley Public Library expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Friends of the Library and to all local merchants who sponsored the program with their donations.

The library is located at 25480 Alessandro Blvd. and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, visit the library web site at http://library.booksite.com/7252/ or call 951.413.3880. "Like" us on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleyPublicLibrary">www.facebook.com/MorenoValleyPublicLibrary</a> and "follow" us on Twitter: @MoValLibrary.

#### **Human Resources**

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

- Animal Control Officer (FTC). Closes 8/15/13.
- Community Services Supervisor (PAM). Closes 8/15/13.
- Maintenance Worker I-Litter/Weed Abatement (PTC). Closes 8/15/13.
- Vehicle Equipment Technician (PTC-68 applicants). Applications under review.
- Building & Neighborhood Services Division Manager (DM-62 applicants). Applications under review.
- Administrative Services Director (EMG-93 applicants). Applications under review.
- Fire Inspector I (FTC-82 applicants). Applications under review.
- Fire Safety Specialist (FTC-49 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Permit Technician-Land Development (FTC-168 applicants). 2nd round interviews scheduled.
- Administrative Assistant- 2 positions (FTC-805 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Payroll Supervisor (FTC-90 applicants). Candidate selected in under fill capacity, recruitment closed.
- Recreation Aide-5 positions (PT/Temp-149 applicants). Candidates selected, recruitment closed.

#### Facilities Division

# City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

The Facilities Division is finalizing the City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor office furniture set-up. Move-in began on 8/12 and will be completed by 8/30. Placement of cubicles was master planned to maximize workflow efficiencies and use of space. The vast majority of the re-design was accomplished by reconfiguring existing cubicle furniture. Adjustments to file locations,



keyboard trays and other minor needs will be handled by Facilities staff throughout the move process. Minor adjustments to the furniture set-up have been ongoing and we are diligently working with each division to accommodate their needs.

# **Animal Services**

<u>Lowes Home Improvement Selects the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter as 2013 "Hero" Community Project</u>

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter was selected this year by Lowes Home Improvement to participate in Lowes "Hero" program which allows Lowes and Lowes employees to give back to the community. Lowes store employees signed up as City volunteers and were onsite at the Animal Shelter on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Lowes Moreno Valley donated supplies for several minor remodeling projects which included:



- 1. Replacement of the two hand washing sinks for the public at the entry to the main kennel area.
- 2. Replacement of the storage wall and base cabinets adjacent to the Observation/Quarantine area with industrial storage racks.



3. Enhancements to the main kennels to offset the "industrial "look of the kennels. (Paw prints along kennel walls & encouraging phrases inside the kennels to promote pet adoptions)

In addition to the minor remodeling that took place, Lowes donated a variety of supplies to provide comfort to the pets including two sizes of mixing trays that work well as dog beds along with over 50 new blankets to be used with the dog beds. Store employees also donated used blankets and towels for the pets. Other useful supplies included stainless steel pet food bowls, bleach for disinfecting, chair rail molding, and painting supplies.

Lowes store employees Fread Holmes and Heidi Johnson, each adopted a pet. Pictured are Fread with his kitten and Lowes employees holding Heidi's new puppy.

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter wishes to thank Lowes Moreno Valley Store Manager Brent Bigelow for allowing his employees to participate in this community event. A special thanks to Department Managers Tracy Smith, Kammi Bett and Marina Keller (pictured placing an encouraging phrase inside a kennel) for their efforts in planning the projects, procuring the supplies and supervising the volunteers.







In addition, a BIG Thank You to the Facilities Maintenance Division staff for their support of the project along the preparation and demolition work performed by Adam Patino with the assistance from Hector "The Connector" Gomez.

# Moreno Valley Animal Shelter Now Open Weekends

On Saturday July 6, 2013 the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter changed its operating schedule to make it easier for residents to adopt and reclaim pets.

The Animal Shelter's new operating hours are:

Day	<b>Hours Open for Public Access</b>
Monday	9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. − 5:00 p.m.



Recently, a sign was posted in front of the Animal Shelter (pictured) reminding residents the Animal Shelter is now open weekends.

#### **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

#### Administration

ULTA and BevMo! Coming to TownGate Center

Development Services staff are assisting in the development of two new business operations that will reoccupy the former Staples building in TownGate Center. Both ULTA Beauty Supply and BevMo! are well underway with construction of their Tenant Improvements (TI's) to occupy two halves of the building. The Fritz Duda Company is doing the exterior work to update the appearance of the building and provide separate identities for the two highly sought-after retailers. Look for ULTA to open later this summer and BevMo! shortly thereafter.

### Private Gym Facilities in TownGate

Three new private gym facilities will be opening in the TownGate area. Crunch Gyms has signed a lease to locate on the east end of the Moreno Valley Mall near Sears. Planet Fitness has signed a lease to locate in a vacant big box store between Ross and BevMo! in the TownGate Shopping Center. 24 Hour Fitness has received approval for a new facility on Day Street just north of Costco in the TownGate Promenade Shopping Center 24 Hour Fitness has purchased the site, with construction slated to start next year. The other two gyms locating in existing buildings with openings anticipated later this year.

### Miguel's Jr.

The approved drive through restaurant is under construction on Day Street in the TownGate Square Shopping Center. The 2,868 square foot restaurant is anticipated to open this fall.

#### Aldi Foods

At the June 11, 2013 City Council meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved for Aldi Foods. The MOU formalizes the incentives to be provided for the project. Aldi is purchasing the approved Westridge Business Park, located west of the intersection of Eucalyptus Avenue and Redlands Boulevard, and will construct an 835,000 square foot warehouse facility which will include 200,000 square feet of refrigerated space and a 50,000 square foot regional office facility. Aldi will directly employ 200 workers, plus contractors providing service to the facility will employ several hundred more workers. The project grading is in plan check.

Aldi Foods is a national retailer with over 1,200 stores in the United States. The Moreno Valley facility will be built in conjunction with Aldi's move into California and the construction of several dozen stores in the State.

#### Harbor Freight Tools

The Harbor Freight Tools expansion to the existing facility on Cactus Avenue in the Centerpointe Business Park is in plan check. The 507,720 square foot expansion, when combined with the existing 779,016 square foot facility, will result in a 1,286,736 square foot distribution facility for the company. The owner of the existing facility is in escrow to purchase the vacant land to the west approved for the expansion. The project is in plan check with grading anticipated to begin once the escrow closes next month.

# Panattoni Development

The approved 1,476,016 square foot logistics building, located at the southwest corner of Iris Avenue and Indian Street in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area, is currently finishing site preparation to begin grading. The facility has been leased to a Fortune 500 corporation that anticipates employing 500 people at the site.

#### **USAA/Overton Moore Properties**

The approved 522,772 square foot logistics building, located at the northwest corner of Cactus Avenue and Frederick Street, is nearing completion. While not leased, the owners of the building are

in serious negotiations with a national firm involved in the home improvement industry. A final decision is anticipated in September.

### **Trammell Crow Properties**

Construction of the approved 1,252,276 square foot logistics building, located at the northwest corner of San Michele Road and Indian Street, is well underway. Trammell Crow is in advanced lease negotiations with a major national retailer. A final decision is anticipated in September.

Separately, Trammell Crow is investigating three additional sites in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area, for potential future logistics projects.

### Economic Development Summary-July 2013

The Economic Development Summary has been updated for July 2013 and is now available on the City's website. For you convenience, the ED Summary is attached to this City Manager's Report.

### Q1 2013 Sales Tax Revenue Summary

In a continued trend upward, reports for First Quarter (Q1) 2013 sales tax revenue showed strong gains. The 8.0% rise in Q1 2013 sales tax revenue, on an adjusted basis, as compared to Q1 2012 marks the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive increase since the bottoming-out of the recession in fourth quarter 2009. While the "cash basis" is reported at a 12.0% increase, the adjusted percent change removes the impact of accounting aberrations, such as under or over payment, and provides a more accurate account of sales activity in a given quarter. Moreno Valley's adjusted percentage was 8.0%.

The Q1 2013 Sales Tax Revenue Summary report compares adjusted Q1 2013 sales tax revenue totals with adjusted Q1 2013 totals (Q1 revenue is generated between January and March). Hinderliter de Llamas Companies (HdL) compiles the sales tax revenue data obtained from the State Board of Equalization. The release of data by the State and the preparation of the comprehensive report by HdL typically occur approximately four to five months after the end of the respective quarter.

Q1 2013 adjusted sales tax revenue for the City of Moreno Valley increased less than Riverside County (10.5%) but more than the State (6.5%). All but two of the twenty eight Riverside County cities experienced a positive sales tax performance. Wildomar and Rancho Mirage are the only two cities within Riverside County with a sales tax reduction of 9.4% and 4.7% respectively. The City of Moreno Valley ranked 11<sup>th</sup> of twenty eight Riverside County cities listed.

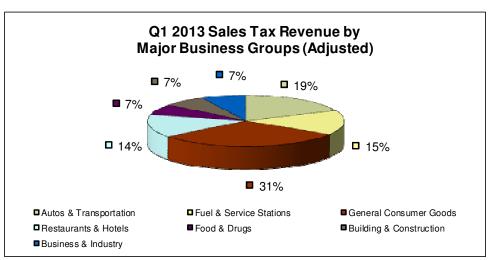
The table below compares Q1 2013 sales tax revenues to Q1 2012 sales tax revenues for the City of Moreno Valley and other large western Riverside County cities, as well as Riverside County, ranking the all agencies by adjusted percentage change.

Sales Tax Trends Q1 2013						
City/Agency	Population	1st Quarter 2013	1st Quarter 2012	Dollar Difference	Standard Percent Change	Adjusted Percent Change
Moreno Valley	196,495	\$3,308,538	\$2,952,509	\$356,029	12.0%	8.0%
Riverside County	2,227,577	\$73,817,021	\$65,801,645	\$8,015,376	12.2%	10.5%
Riverside	308,511	\$10,958,155	\$10,002,364	\$955,791	9.6%	9.1%

Murrieta	104,985	\$2,674,039	\$2,309,012	\$365,027	15.8%	8.6%
State	37,679,000	\$1,365,868,523	\$1,279,725,183	\$86,143,340	6.7%	6.5%
Corona	154,520	\$7,032,808	\$6,803,037	\$229,771	3.0%	6.0%
Temecula	103,092	\$6,151,841	\$5,813,147	\$338,694	5.8%	5.0%
Hemet	80,089	\$2,188,935	\$2,129,886	\$59,049	2.8%	1.2%

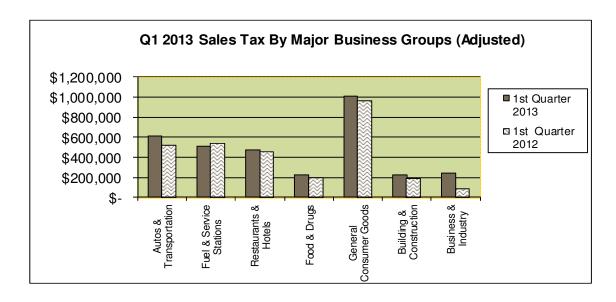
Among this comparative group of cities, the City of Moreno Valley ranked 3rd with 8.0% adjusted percent change as compared to Q1 2012. City of Riverside ranked first with an increase of 9.1%, followed by Murrieta, Moreno Valley, Corona, Temecula, and Hemet with increases of 8.6%, 8.0%, 6.0%, 5.0% and 1.2% respectively.

The pie chart provides a graphic illustration of the percentage breakdown of Moreno Valley's **O**1 2013 sales tax revenue allocations by major business groups. The largest contributor of point-of-sale revenue came from sales in General Consumer Goods category, representing 31% of



Moreno Valley's total sales.

Demonstrating Moreno Valley's Q1 spending changes from 2012 to 2013, the chart below categorizes spending changes (largest to smallest) by major business groups.



Moreno Valley's ongoing course toward economic recovery is evident in the number of categories with double digit increases in sales tax revenue.

The Business & Industry category had the highest increase in percentage of change in sales tax revenue of 189.7% (\$159,771) over the Q1 in 2012 due to a retroactive adjustment and one time use tax allocations.

Improvements in the housing sector pushed the Building & Construction sales up by 19.4% (\$36,977) over Q1 of last year.

The Autos & Transportation category saw an increase of 17.3% (\$90,497). The continued double digit increases in sales in Autos & Transportation were directly reflective of consumer confidence and successful ownership at the Moreno Valley Auto Mall. The increase in new auto sales this quarter surpassed regional and statewide trends.

Food and Drugs category experienced an increase of 15.0%, which was well above State and County at 3.2% and 5.1%.

Smaller gains were achieved in the Restaurant & Hotels category, and the General Consumer Goods category with increases of 5.2%, and 4.5% respectively.

Reduced consumption combined with lower gasoline prices cut Fuel & Service Stations sales by 5.2%.

The percentage of sales increase and decrease in all categories represents \$356,029 increase in sales (12.0%).

The following identifies Moreno Valley's top twenty-five sales tax producers during the 1st Quarter 2013 (listed alphabetically):

- Arco (2)
- Chevron (2)
- Circle K
- Costco
- Food 4 Less
- Home Depot
- iHerb
- Jack in the Box
- Lowe's
- Macy's
- Moss Bros Buick GMC
- Moss Bros. Chevrolet

- Moss Bros. Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge
- Moss Bros. Honda
- Moss Bros. Toyota
- Ross Dress for Less
- Sears
- Stater Bros.
- Super Target
- Tesoro Refining & Marketing
- Volkswagen of Moreno Valley
- Walgreens
- Walmart Supercenter

#### Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from the Realtor.com website indicates an increase in the number of homes for sale in the City, along with an increased strength in median asking prices. As of June 1, 2013, 297 homes were listed for sale, compared with 269 at the start of the prior month, and 711 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 to a new low. June marked the first increase in homes for sale in over two years.

The current inventory of homes for sale is less than a two 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 \$200,000, compared with \$190,000 in the prior month and \$159,500 in the same month last year.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	<u>June 2013</u>	<u>May 2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>June 2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Homes for Sale	297	269	(10%)	711	(58%)
Median Asking Price	\$200,000	\$190,000	+5%	\$159,500	+25%

#### Foreclosures

Information available from the RealtyTrac website for June shows an increase in foreclosure activity in the City and a slight increase in the County. The website reported one in 382 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or 0.26% of homes with mortgages in the City. A lower number (382) indicates a higher foreclosure rate (0.26%). This compares to a rate of one in 402 units in the prior month and one in 126 in the prior year month in 2012. Foreclosure activity is 5% higher than the prior month and 69% lower than the same month last year.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is somewhat higher than most local communities, and the County's average. Calimesa had the lowest rate locally (1 in 745) and Lake Elsinore had the highest rate (1 in 117).

By zip code, area 92555 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 324) and area 92553 had the lowest rate (1 in 449). The foreclosure rate increased in area 92557, stayed the same in area 92551, and decreased in areas 92553 and 92555.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	<u>June 2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>April 2013</u>	<u>June 2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Foreclosure Rate/City	382	402	+5%	126	(67%)
Foreclosure Rate/County	534	566	+6%	166	(68.9%)

# Home Resale Market

Information available from DQNews.com indicates the average home resale values in Moreno Valley continue to increase in 2013. In June 2013 the average home resale value was \$206,160, which was a 5.4% increase from the value of \$195,651 reported for the month of May 2013 and a 25.8% increase from the value of \$163,914 reported for the month of June 2012. Other nearby communities such as Corona, Riverside, Perris, Temecula and Hemet/San Jacinto also saw property values increase in February by approximately 3.4%. The City of Murrieta saw their property values decrease by approximately 0.1%.

The number of housing resale activities in the City during this reporting period decreased by -7.7% - going from 169 transactions in May to 156 in June 2013. There have been a total of 1,040 transactions for the year thus far.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

<b>June 2013</b>	May 2013	Change	June 2012	Change

Resale Transactions	156	169	(7.7%)	209	(25.4%)
Home Resale Value	\$206,160	\$195,651	+5.4%	\$163,914	+25.8%

### **Building & Safety Division**

#### **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics are for the Building & Safety Division for the months of July 2012 and July 2013.

	<u>July7 2012</u>	<u>July 2013</u>
Customer Counter Visits- Total/Daily Average	566	620
Building Permits Issued	155	199
Construction Valuation	\$1,310,909	\$3,430,202
Construction Inspections Performed	748	824
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	4	18
Plan Check Activity	135	244
Monthly Revenue	\$51,885	\$256,169

### Unemployment-July 2013

The unemployment rate increased in June for the City from 10.7% to 11.8%. Despite this increase, the rate decreased dramatically from the June 2012 rate of 14.6%. Unemployment similarly increased across the Inland Empire, contrary to a slight drop at the State level. Rates at the local level tend to be more volatile than the State and Federal rates which are based on a larger sample of households. That said, the trend remains positive with unemployment rates decreasing over time.

	<b>May 2013</b>	<u>June 2013</u>
California	8.6%	8.5%
Banning	10.5%	11.7%
Beaumont	10.5%	11.70%
Corona	6.7%	7.5%
Hemet	11.6%	12.90%
Moreno Valley	10.7%	11.80%
Perris	14.4%	16.0%
Riverside	9.2%	10.3%
San Jacinto	14.0%	15.5%
Temecula	6.2%	6.9%

# **Business Spotlight**

The Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business program seeks to increase the City's awareness of the many businesses that operate in Moreno Valley. The businesses that were showcased at the July 9 City Council were Don Patron Mexican & Seafood Restaurant and Tutu Barre. The businesses that will be spotlighted at the September 10 City Council meeting are Integrated Care Communities and Banig Restaurant

### Serta Mattress

Serta Mattress continues to experience success at the Moreno Valley plant. Success created two labor shifts but also brought a parking challenge. The site lacks sufficient space for employees shift changes, periods of overtime and sales events for company representatives. The company contacted the Business Support ombudsman and with her assistance and staff in the Transportation Division they received approval from the Transportation Division for employees to park on the north side of Brodiaea Avenue except on street sweeping days. This helped in the short term; however, the

parking challenge remained and they requested permission to park everyday on Brodiaea Avenue. Staff from the Business Support and Code Compliance Divisions visited the site and suggested that Serta arrange for bi-monthly sweeping on Brodiaea Avenue along their street frontage to eliminate city sweeping and citations. Serta agreed and are very pleased with staff's cooperation and solution-oriented approach.

# Code & Neighborhood Services Division

### 2013 JAG Grant

The Code and Neighborhood Services Division has been awarded the 2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The JAG program allows jurisdictions to address various enforcement needs including the prosecution of offenders, crime prevention and education of the community. The award of \$60,317 will be utilized for the continued funding of the Weekend Enforcement Program and the Foreclosure Strike Team.

# **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics are for the Code & Neighborhood Services Division for the months of July 2012 and July 2013.

	<u>July 2012</u>	<u>July 2013</u>
Cases Initiated	396	323
Closed Case Investigations	367	326
Parking Citations Issued	2,212	2,420
Administrative Citations Issued	92*	35
Counter Customers	262	259

<sup>\*</sup>Daily Enforcement of Marijuana Dispensaries

### Positive West Nile Virus in the Hidden Springs area

Code has been working with the Riverside County Environmental Health Department to clear brush and treating areas of concern. Pools that are in bad condition are being treated by Environmental Health in the Hidden Springs area prior to City abatements being conducted. Traps have been set in areas of concern by environmental health for further follow up and treatment.

#### Code Compliance and Parking Control

Code Compliance and Parking Control have been active in the Edgemont area for existing violations; several cases have been opened for parking on unimproved surfaces, as well as Property Maintenance and Junk, Trash and Debris issues. Code Compliance and Parking Control will continue to do enforcement of illegally parked vehicles, tow trucks and commercial vehicles parking on the street and on private property, and property maintenance issues.

### Planning Division

The following statistics provided are for the Planning Division for the months of July 2012 and July 2013.

	<u>July 2012</u>	<u>July 2013</u>
Counter Customers	325	290
Major Case Submittals	1	11
Minor Case Submittals	62	58
Plan Check Submittals	40	63
Application Fees	\$ 111,319	\$ 153,152

#### **Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission meeting was held on July 11, 2013. The Planning Commission took the following actions:

- The proposed Conditional Use Permit to allow for the construction of a four island fueling station to include a 240 square foot kiosk in the Neighborhood Commercial zone was continued to August 22<sup>nd</sup> for further study. The site is located at the northeast corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Indian Street.
- The proposed Development Agreement Amendment (fourth amendment of Development Agreement 102-89) to modify the terms of the agreement pertaining to the park site and extend the term of the agreement by five years was recommended for approval to the City Council. The agreement applies to Tentative Tract 24203, located northeasterly of Pigeon Pass Road and Lawless Avenue. Shadow Mountain Park was constructed under the terms of this agreement.

### Administrative Approvals

- An amended Conditional Use Permit was approved for a modification to the existing telecommunications facility removing the existing monopalm and replacing it with a monopine. The application is located at 11000 Redlands Boulevard. The applicant is Crown Castle for AT&T.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for an exercise/dance studio at 23846 Sunnymead Blvd. #14. The applicant is Eduardo Romero.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for an internet café at 12278 Perris Blvd. The applicant is Housam Alboufi.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for the installation of a lattice structure, new columns and railing at an apartment building at 13400 Elsworth Street. The applicant is Daniel Ward.
- An Amended Plot Plan was approved for revisions to a plot plan for a new retail store at 15105 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is O'Reilly Automotive Stores.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for minor exterior and landscaping modifications located at 22101 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is John Loper.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for a model home complex for Tract 32505 was approved. The tract is located at the southwest corner of Bay Avenue and Morrison Street. The applicant is D.R. Horton.

### **Recent Case Submittals**

- Applications were submitted for a Change of Zone and Plot Plan for the 16.07 acre site at the southwest corner of Veterans Way and New Hope. The proposal is for a 375,000 square foot warehouse building. The applicant is Shaw Development.
- A Conditional Use Permit application was submitted for a new 75 foot high monopalm at 21250 Box Springs Road. The applicant is Smartlink, LLC on behalf of AT&T.
- A Plot Plan, Tentative Parcel Map, and Conditional Use Permit were submitted for a commercial center at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Gentian. The project includes a 185,761 square foot Wal-Mart store on 22.28 acres. In addition, two additional parcels would be created that would allow either fueling station and convenience store, or a fast food restaurant and a small area of retail space.
- A Plot Plan application was submitted for a new auto parts store on Eucalyptus Avenue west of Moreno Beach Boulevard. The applicant is Auto Zone.
- Plot Plan and Tentative Parcel Map applications were submitted for a 1.4 million square foot warehouse building. The site is the southeast corner of Nandina Avenue and Heacock Street. The applicant is First Industrial.
- A Revised Tentative Tract Map and a Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development

- were submitted for a previously approved tract northeasterly of Perris Boulevard and Manzanita. The applicant is CV Communities, LLC.
- A Conditional Use Permit-Existing Structure application was submitted for an educational resource center. The resource center is located at 24021 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Diego Plus Corporation.
- A Variance application was submitted for landscape requirements for a proposed fueling station. This application is related to the proposed Conditional Use Permit that has been previously submitted and under review. The site is at the northeast corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Indian Street. The applicant is the Kroger Co.
- An Amended Plot Plan was submitted for various modifications to the site plan and elevations for an approved industrial building. The applicant is Trammell Crow.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for a church was submitted at 24210 Postal. The applicant is House of the Lord.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for a new church in an existing store front was submitted at 23750 Alessandro Blvd.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a new restaurant (Hibachi Grill and Super Buffet) in the Canyon Springs Plaza. The applicant is Nai Shou Jiang.
- A Pre-application for a fueling station in the existing parking lot for a Food 4 Less at the northeast corner of Perris and Heacock Street was submitted.
- An Amended Plot Plan for revised elevations for an O'Reilly Automotive Store was submitted at 15105 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc.
- An Amendment to the Sign Program was submitted for the signage for Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Ram dealership. The applicant is Moss Brothers.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for a tower archway sign was submitted at the Auto Mall. The applicant is Moss Brothers.
- A pre-application review for a gated community with 142 single-family homes was submitted. The applicant is Nova Homes.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a charter school/resource center.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for the reface of a gas station was submitted at 12301 Heacock Street. The applicant is Tesoro.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for building and site changes to Moss Bros. Toyota. The applicant is HC&D architects.

#### FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Financial Operations Division

### Payroll continues to reach out to staff with training opportunities

Payroll staff continues to reach out and offer assistance to employees on how to report their new work schedules electronically through eSuite. Reviewer and approver training was provided to Development Services management and supervisors primarily impacted by the modified work schedules put in place with the adjusting City Hall hours.

# Accounting setup completed to accommodate Land Development reorganization

New accounts were established to accommodate the move of Land Development from Community and Economic Development to Public Works. Communication was provided to management of the new accounting structure and payroll and accounts payable staff members are diligently working with Land Development to ensure expenditures as of July 1st are properly accounting for in the correct department's budget.

# Lance, Soll, & Lunghard, LLP (LSL) conducted FY 12/13 Interim Audit

Five members of the auditing firm LSL were on site over a three day period to conduct our FY 12/13 interim audit and internal control review. With the implementation of Logos for both Financials and Payroll, many processes were tested and reviewed. The results of this audit will be further disclosed at the completion of our fiscal year end audit which is scheduled for the first week of October.

### Special Districts Division

### 2013/14 Fixed Charges Submitted to County

The City's fixed charges have been prepared and were submitted to the Riverside County Property Tax Collector with no errors. There were 176,245 different charges applied to the 2013/14 property tax bills, at a value totaling \$14,150,227.06. The fixed charges are an important revenue source that aids in funding the city's street lighting program, special landscaping districts, the NPDES program, maintenance CFDs, debt service for CFDs, reimbursement for fire and nuisance abatement costs, and recovery of delinquent solid waste charges on behalf of Waste Management.

# Annual Tree Trimming Contract for Special Landscape Districts

The Council will be asked to consider approval of the annual Tree Trimming and Removal Contract for landscaped areas within CSD zones throughout the City at its August 27th meeting. To-date, staff has identified 1,743 trees to be trimmed and 124 trees to be removed as part of this year's cycle. Timing of tree trimming and removal is scheduled to avoid the migratory bird nesting season, which generally runs each year from January 15 to August 31.

#### Technology Services Division

#### Newly Designed GIS Intranet and Internet Websites

The City's Geographic Information Systems' newly designed Intranet and Internet websites are completed and available for use. The project required over a year of detailed work and both sites offer significantly improved functionality and provide staff and citizens with an intuitive, easy-to-use portal to the City's GIS. Frequently used features from the old site are simpler to use and generating exhibits couldn't be easier. Combine this with a complete redesign and an improved



toolset and you have a GIS that is a great reflection of the city it represents.

#### \$50,000 Saved in Professional Services

For the fifth year, Technology Services has assisted the Special Districts Division with their preparation of the City's fixed charges submittal to the Riverside County Tax Collector's office. By "in-sourcing" this project, the City has saved over \$50,000 in professional service fees. Working with Special Districts, the City's Applications and Database Administrator, Gordon MacDonald, is responsible for the electronic compilation of almost 200,000 records that represent over \$14 million in annual revenue for the City.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

# Moreno Valley's Battalion 9B, Silvio Lanzas

For the 32<sup>nd</sup> year, Firehouse Magazine shared nationwide statistics about company and department activity level statistics for the top 200 departments. This was the



first year that run statistics from Riverside County Fire/CAL Fire were submitted for consideration. We are proud to announce that Moreno Valley's Battalion 9B, Silvio Lanzas, was not only the busiest Battalion Chief for CAL Fire/Riverside County Fire, but also ranked 160 on the 2012 National Run Survey. Additionally, Riverside County/CAL Fire's Hazmat 34, which responds to hazardous materials incidents in Moreno Valley, was the 44<sup>th</sup> busiest hazmat unit in the nation.

#### Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention staff are involved with the following projects:

- Staff has met with the Fire Protection Consultant for the ongoing Harbor Freight Tools expansion project. This project involves a major tenant improvement to the existing building. Fire Prevention staff are working closely with the design consultants to select the best way to alter these systems.
- Staff has met with representatives from Moreno Valley College regarding an ongoing construction project at the campus. Staff provided consultation on fire department access issues and the location of fire lanes around this new expansion to provide optimal conditions for fire operations on site.
- Staff has met with members of Stater Brothers on August 7 to provide information on fire code requirements for occupying their newest location at the corner of Ironwood and Pigeon Pass. Staff will continue to work with them as they prepare plans for submittal.
- Staff has completed the certificate of occupancy inspections for the final phase of the Rancho Dorado Apartment Project. This final phase completes what has been a two phase, 150 unit construction project that Fire Prevention staff have worked on over the past 4 years.

Fire Inspector Paul Villalobos completed the National Fire Academy's course on Hydraulic Calculations for Water Based Fire Protection Systems. This course is an online course focusing on plan review of sprinkler systems and will aid Inspector Villalobos as we begin to train additional staff in the plan review process.

Fire Marshal Randy Metz attended that National Fire Academy's course titled "Executive Leadership" in Emmitsburg, Maryland in July 8-19. This course was the final class of the 4 year Executive Fire Officer Program. The Executive Leadership class focused on Public Policy and Adaptive Leadership issues affecting the fire service today as well as conducting case studies on public policy issues of the past.

Fire Prevention is actively working to complete recruitments for four new positions that were authorized as part of the City's budget adoption. Interviews were held for an Administrative Assistant on August 12. Interviews for a Fire Safety Specialist position will be conducted on August 19 and interviews for two Fire Inspector I positions will be held on August 28 and 29.

Fire Marshal Randy Metz and Fire Chief Abdul Ahmad attended the Business in Action meeting at the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce on August 7. Fire Marshal Metz provided a presentation on how to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for businesses relocating to our city as well as information on the Fire Department's Knox Box program.

# Office of Emergency Management



Office of Emergency Management staff along with volunteers from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Emergency Response Force conducted a CERT class from August 9-11. A total of 18 students attended this 2 ½ day training course

with our volunteers assisting with the disaster simulation exercise. Students attending this class learn disaster preparedness skills with an emphasis on decision making, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Lifesaving skills including first aid, sizing up hazards, fire suppression with a fire extinguisher, and light search and rescue are also taught to CERT members. Additionally, the students showed interest in becoming a part of the City's volunteer program both as members of CERT and the City's Emergency Response Force team. CERT is a grant-funded program that is conducted at a minimal cost to the City and it allows the Fire Department to provide essential disaster preparedness training to our citizens. These citizens will become valuable assets to the City when a disaster occurs.

# Significant Events

On July 10, Sunnymead Engine 2 and Truck 2 responded to a report of a cardiac arrest in their primary response area. Witnesses stated that the adult female patient had been in a hot tub when she lost consciousness and may have been submerged for three to five minutes prior to them noticing her on the bottom of the hot tub. One of the bystanders began CPR prior to the arrival of the Fire Department. Once on scene, both the paramedic from Engine 2 and the paramedic from AMR assumed control of patient treatment and began advance life support efforts as the patient was not breathing and did not have a pulse. After administering two rounds of cardiac medication and providing the patient with an airway, she regained a weak pulse on scene. The patient was placed onto a gurney and was rapidly transported to the local area hospital. Fire Department personnel continued to provide advance life support during transport, with the patient losing and regaining pulses while enroute to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, patient care was transferred to Emergency Room staff. When Fire Department personnel departed the hospital, the patient had normal heart rhythms. The final outcome of the patient is unknown.

On July 19, Fire Department units responded to a wildland fire in the primary response area for the Sunnymead Ranch fire station. Upon arrival, firefighters located a one to two acre wildland fire in "Poor Man's Reservoir". The fire had a moderate rate of spread and was threatening homes on both the north and south side of the reservoir. Firefighters quickly engaged the flanks for the fires in an effort to keep the fire away from the homes. With the assistance of CAL Fire's helicopter 301 as well as additional



engines and hand crews, the fire was quickly contained to 40 acres with no structure damage.

On July 28, Fire Department units responded to a residential structure fire in the primary response area for the Sunnymead fire station. Upon arrival, firefighters found a single family residence with



heavy fire issuing from several bedroom windows. Firefighters quickly initiated an interior attack with a simultaneous roof-top ventilation operation. While engaged in the initial firefight, a civilian occupant walked up to the Incident Commander with obvious lacerations to his hands. The injured occupant had broken a window to exit the burning dwelling prior to our arrival. He was treated by firefighter paramedics and transported to the local area hospital via a ground ambulance. Firefighters encountered "pack rat" conditions throughout the home with multiple

room additions and compartments. This made the initial firefight and the overhaul operation very labor intensive and extremely dangerous. Firefighters worked through the difficult conditions and were able to save the entire right side of the home including the garage and several rooms. A total of

five fire engines, one truck company, one Chief Officer, and one ground ambulance were committed to the incident for a total of 19 personnel.

On August 6, Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65 along with College Park Truck 91 and AMR responded to a report of a full arrest in the primary response area of the Kennedy Park fire station. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel located an elderly female in full cardiac arrest. Fire Department personnel immediately began providing advanced life support care including use of defibrillator, the administration of cardiac medication through an IV, and advanced airway care. Two shocks from the defibrillator were administered on scene prior to the patient being loaded into the ambulance. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 65 as well as the fire apparatus engineer accompanied the patient to the local area hospital. Advanced life support measures continued while the patient was enroute to the hospital and a heartbeat was reestablished prior to arrival. The final outcome of this patient is unknown at this time.

# **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### Special Events

#### Summer Movies in the Park

The last Summer Movie in the Park, "Here Comes the Boom," was shown at dusk on August 8 in the grass area of the Conference and Recreation Center.

# Park Projects

The exterior of the restrooms and concession stand at Lasselle Sports Park is 99% complete. The interior of the building is 95% complete, waiting mainly for fixtures. Site concrete work has been completed. An irrigation mainline has been installed, waiting for testing. Soil amendments are being installed, with plant materials to follow.





Towngate Park II will be having the rubberized play surfacing replaced with synthetic turf this month.

#### Parks Maintenance Division

Projects completed include: Troubleshot irrigation at Towngate II; trimmed hedges at all parks; put up handicap door at Woodland Park; and trimmed palms at El Potrero West park.

Projects in progress include: Remove old and install new ET irrigation controllers at 19 park sites (75% complete); Remove and Replace concrete at Morrison Park (75% complete); fertilize parks (50% complete); repair grade trail at Hidden Springs Trails; laser grade infields, remove, repair and reinstall turf at outfield; trim hedges at parks; strip and paint shelters at Weston Park (50% complete); service pumps at MVCP; finish weeding and spraying all trails (75% complete); add decomposed granite to trails (ongoing); clean city yard (90% complete); aerate and overseed tee boxes at golf course (60% complete); adjust irrigation at parks and golf course (90% complete); trim pines at Pedrorena Park West Coast; repair entrance El Potrero West park; repair roof at Woodland Park RR; Verticut greens and fairways, edge greens, fertilize and aerate greens at Cottonwood Golf Center; and aerate tee (80% complete).

Vandalism and graffiti have been reported at the following areas in July: Bethune (\$30), Community (\$202, El Potrero (\$65), Gateway (\$62), Parque Amistad (\$50), Sunnymead (\$30), Towngate (\$24), and Westbluff (\$24) for a total of \$487. Total labor hours for vandalism/graffiti during July were 9 hours, approximately 1 full-time work day.

The mobile stage unit was used on July 4 for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration and on July 20 for the Cristiana Church Health Fair.

Court referrals performed a total of 144 hours during July. The total hours for court referrals in 2013 are 3,018, which equates to approximately 377 full-time work days.

In July the Park Rangers patroled 2,079 areas, had 6,525 public contacts, and reported 249 violations such as curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol violations in the parks.

#### Recreation Division

The Time for Tots summer sessions continued to flow smoothly during July. The month's themed sessions included: America and dinosaurs, Storybook and On The Farm. Creative educational curriculum was created by staff to coincide with these themes. Those registered for the summer sessions have also been participating in Harkin's Movie Theater Summer Movie Fun. Each Thursday featured exciting movies that the children enjoyed, such as The Lorax, Ice Age 4: Continental Drift, Rise of the Guardians, and Charlotte's Web. The summer session closed on August 8.

Staff have also been preparing for the upcoming Time for Tots Open House to be held at the TownGate Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on August 15. This fun-filled event features an information booth, face painting, arts and crafts, a bouncer, police and fire vehicles tours, and light refreshments.

The fall sessions of Time for Tots will begin on August 19.

The Department is offering new classes in August including BMX Fundamentals, Jazz/Hip-Hop, MovieWorkz Television, a fall session of Minikickers, SpyWorkz, Yoga 101, and ZumbAtonic (Children's Zumba class). Join us for these exciting classes, as well as a variety of energetic instructors of continuing classes.

Valley Kids Camp was full of children in grades kindergarten through eighth from the Moreno Valley and Val Verde School Districts. The children are enjoying their summer vacation playing exciting recreational games, watching movies, playing video games, nurturing their creativity with arts and crafts, and experiencing fun-filled field trips to Glen Helen Regional Park, Round 1 Bowling, Raging Waters, and Fiesta Village, as well as onsite carnival-themed activities. The weekly registrations continued to be higher than the past several years and new registrations are continually accepted. The fun continued at Summer Valley Kids Camp through August 13.

Recreation staff attemded the Moreno Valley Mall's Summer Concerts Series to promote various classes and programs. Each week featured a different genre of music to enjoy as the community met with recreation staff to learn what was available from Parks and Community Services.

A FREE basketball clinic for ages 8-16 was held August 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kawhi Leonard, who starts for San Antonio Spurs, the team that played the Heat in the NBA Finals, was in charge of this event.

#### Senior Community Center

On July 11 the Center held its Texas BBQ for the seniors. Approximately 125 seniors enjoyed 70 lbs of BBQ chicken, 14 Tri-tips, 100 hot dogs, 50 cheeseburgers, 15 slabs of ribs, BBQ baked beans, Caesar salad and potato salad. There was live entertainment by Donovan (Elvis). The sponsor was Prime Care, which also provided gifts for the opportunity drawing for the seniors.

The Senior Prom was held on July 19. Chinese food was on the menu for dinner and live entertainment was provided by Dan Damon. The prom was sponsored by Prime Care.

The July Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on July 25. This event was sponsored by the Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, which provided a free meal, and Miller Jones Mortuary donated a cake and ice cream.

Additional events included a luau on August 15, plus we look forward to the Mexican Independence Day Celebration on September 16 and the Fall Festival on September 26.

### **ASES Grant**

The California Department of Education has announced the 2013-2014 After School and Education and Safety (ASES) funding, and the City of Moreno Valley will receive \$520,050 additional ASES funds each year for the next three years. This will allow us to serve approximately 385 additional students per year. Research has shown that not only do after school programs offer constructive alternatives to gangs, drugs, and crime, but can also help improve school day attendance, increase academic achievement, and boost graduation rates.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Citywide Camera System Update

The Moreno Valley Police Department is excited to report all the Citywide Camera System (CCS) cameras have been installed and they are all sending video to the Police Department Monitoring Room. The CCS contractor, AVRIO, is still fine-tuning the system and they will begin training Police personnel in the very near future.

### Community Services Recruiting Volunteers

The MVPD Community Services Unit (CSU) is actively recruiting Moreno Valley Citizen volunteers and there are several new volunteer applicants in the background process. MVPD volunteers enjoy a range of volunteer police service opportunities including:

- Citizens Patrol Uniformed high visibility patrol in marked patrol units.
- Anti-Graffiti Patrol Non uniform patrol in unmarked vehicles to assist in surveillance and reporting of graffiti vandalism.
- Mounted Posse
- Neighborhood Watch
- Front Office Assistant Assist front office personnel with day to day activities.
- Critical Incident Call Outs Response to major incidents within the city to assist with perimeter security, road closures, and searching for lost hikers/missing persons.
- Citywide Camera System monitoring.

We are determined to grow our community partnerships. Public Safety is everyone's responsibility and the Community Services Unit is dedicated to offering ways for Moreno Valley Citizens to partner with their Police Department.

#### Construction at the front lobby of the Public Safety Building

The bulletproofing construction in the Public Safety Building front lobby has been totally completed. The business office is offering all regular services to the public.

### Case of the Month

Our officers were dispatched to a strong arm robbery at a business located in the 25000 block of Alessandro Blvd. The victim, who was an employee at the business, reported a man had pushed her inside the business and demanded she open the safe. The victim told the man that the safe was on a timer and she was unable to open it. The suspect then stole her purse and ran to a waiting car and drove away. The victim followed the suspect and phoned Dispatch with a vehicle description and a partial vehicle license plate number. For the victim's safety, Dispatch told the victim to stop following the suspect and return to the business.

The Robbery Suppression Team took over the investigation and used the Citywide Camera System video to obtain the rest of the vehicle license plate number. With the new information, our investigators located the suspect car parked at a Moreno Valley residence identified and detained the robbery suspect. The suspect was later booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center. The suspect was believed to be assisted by a "get away" driver and the investigation into his or her identity is ongoing.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Capital Projects

#### State Route 60/Moreno Beach Drive Interchange - Phase 1

On June 20, 2013, the contractor opened the new, permanent, "straight" eastbound off-ramp, removed the temporary off-ramp, and subsequently erected and activated the new traffic signal at the eastbound ramp/Moreno Beach Drive intersection. In July, the contractor installed components of the updated traffic signal, at Moreno Beach Drive and Eucalyptus Avenue, and also relocated utilities in the area of the Eucalyptus extension. After a brief, partial roadway closure in early August, the contractor will complete the Eucalyptus pavement improvements and permanently connect to Moreno Beach Drive. The goal of the project is to realign the eastbound ramps and eliminate the gap closure at the existing easterly terminus of Eucalyptus Avenue, thereby providing better traffic circulation. Final acceptance of the project by the City and Caltrans is expected to occur in October 2013.

#### State Route 60/Nason Street Overcrossing Bridge

The west side of the new bridge was completed and opened in May, 2013, allowing the contractor to start on the east side of the new bridge. The contractor built the foundations, erected temporary supports over the freeway, put up formwork, and placed steel rebar for the east side of the new bridge during June and July. In August, the contractor started pouring concrete for the new bridge structure and deck. Moreno Valley Utility and Southern California Edison will install conduits in the new bridge in mid-August, enabling both utilities to have a new location to cross the 60 freeway, in order to better enhance electrical service to the community. The contractor will also be completing concrete pavement for the eastbound and westbound off-ramps. When the project is complete, there will be new lanes, sidewalks, street lights, and a median on Nason. The construction is expected to be completed in late winter 2014, with landscaping to follow.

# State Route 60/Theodore Street Interchange

The SR-60/Theodore Street Interchange project was approved by City Council in April 2013. On July 9, 2013, the City Council awarded a contract to RBF Consulting for project approval and

environmental documentation (PA/ED), in order to begin the Caltrans documentation and approval process. Ultimately, the goal is to replace the existing 2-lane bridge over the freeway with a wider/higher bridge, widen Theodore Street to meet traffic demand, reconfigure the ramps to accommodate future traffic, and provide related improvements. Part of the Caltrans process includes executing a Cooperative Agreement between the City and Caltrans which solidifies each agency's responsibilities for the PA/ED phase. It is expected that the agreement will be in place by September 2013. The PA/ED phase is projected to take 18 months and will include an environment document, evaluation of alternatives, and public outreach.

# Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "B" to Cactus Avenue

Construction of the Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "B" (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue project was substantially completed in July 2013, with only very minor signal modifications remaining. The roadway has been fully open to the public since June and now accommodates six lanes of through traffic. Completed improvements include curb, gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, cross gutters, driveway approaches, storm drain, paving for the street widening, slurry sealing of the existing roadway sections, relocation of all necessary traffic signals, and utility pole relocations.





# <u>Civic Center Side Improvement (Exterior)</u>

The project's Phase 1 will construct new sidewalk along the west side of City Hall to accommodate pedestrians from Calle San Juan De Los Lagos to

City Hall's main entrance. The project's Phase 2 will modify the City Hall entrance's hardscape, landscape, and area lighting systems. The project's Phase 2 also includes demolition of the existing trash enclosure and construction of a new trash enclosure at new location to improve traffic circulation at the Civic Center area. The City's Public Works Maintenance and Operations crew started Phase 1 construction on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Construction will finish by end of August 2013 (weather permitting). Phase 2 construction will start in December 2013.





#### City Hall Second Level Floor Rehabilitation and the Restroom Remodel

Another milestone was achieved on the renovation of the second level of City Hall with the completion of the carpet installation. The final construction phase to install the cubicles is well underway and new wideband data lines for phones and computers are being installed.

We are pleased to announce that the restroom remodel project on the second floor reached completion on July 29, 2013. The installation of the new tile, granite countertops, and all electrical restroom fixtures was completed on schedule.

The contractor, Rasmussen Brothers Construction, Inc., and Capital Projects Division staff would like to express their appreciation to all City staff for their understanding with any inconveniences the construction may have caused over the past few months. The cooperation of staff has resulted in a well-organized and smooth construction phase for the project. Operations to move City staff back to the City Hall Second Level and resumption of normal business on this newly renovated portion of City Hall began the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>. Cooperative efforts from all City staff and timely notification/coordination of Facilities staff work has been excellent during construction and these continued efforts will strongly support the "move-back" operations.







### Land Development Division

# **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics are for the Land Development Division for the months of July 2012 and July 2013.

	<u>July 2013</u>	July 2012
Plan Checks Processed	63	25
Grading Permits Issued	2	3
Number of Inspections	274	238
Counter Customer Visit	142	131

WQMP Approval

Preliminary-WQMP: 0

Final-WQMP: 2

NPDES Business Inspections performed: 0