

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

#### MindMixer

The Media & Communications Division is working with consultants from MindMixer to develop a website that is designed to engage the community in a new way. MindMixer is an online community outreach tool that can help move the City forward by soliciting great ideas and general feedback of a larger segment of the resident population than would ordinarily participate through a City Council meeting.

MindMixer sites attract a younger, socially diverse, technologically savvy population. For a closer look into the MindMixer application, please visit <u>www.mindmixer.com</u>. Media staff will be drafting a list of topics and encourage staff to brainstorm future dialog-inspiring questions where citizen participation and input is valuable. A springtime roll out is anticipated.

#### MVTV-3

#### Event Coverage

Santa Live 2013: On Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, MVTV-3 was on hand to provide video coverage of Santa Live. Many thanks to Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Molina, who made this year's on-camera introduction.

#### New MVTV-3/YouTube Programming

- "News Center: Holiday Craft Fair" <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X475N45P\_00</u>
- "Veterans Day Ceremony 2013" <u>http://youtu.be/ekW34Ny\_fV8</u>
- "Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business: Qi Hair Salon" <u>http://youtu.be/TMVaoOThwHs</u>
- "Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business: Integrated Care Communities" <u>http://youtu.be/mJfNIZ-9lh8</u>

#### Graphics

The Graphics office supports all City departments with their graphics needs. Graphics is currently creating a retail ad for CEDD, a 2014 Payroll Calendar, doorhangers and backflow tags for Special Districts, January Citylink, Summer Soaring 2014, confidential contact card update, APWA Project of the Year display for Capital Projects, and the 2014 Swearing-In Ceremony.

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The City Manager's Report is intended only to keep the City Council and City Department Heads current concerning ongoing and potential future matters. Much of the information contained in this Report is preliminary and subject to change. In particular, information concerning potential land use and/or economic development projects is to be considered tentative and preliminary (and in some cases may be speculative), subject both to change and to all future City review and approval processes. Nothing in this Report constitutes, evidences or implies City approval of any such project, nor City acceptance of any proposed terms of any agreement, contract or understanding referred to in this Report. All such matters remain fully subject to all normal City approval processes, up to and including public meetings and/or public hearings before the Planning Commission and/or City Council, at future dates.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Library



- Two librarians attended the California Library Association Annual Conference in Long Beach on Sunday, November 3 and participated in several professional development workshops.
- Thirty patrons attended the Crochet Classes in November, including several teens. The Crochet Class is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- The Library is now offering free basic computer classes. The classes cover beginning computer skills such as using a mouse, accessing the internet, and setting up an email account.
- Two **new** programs will begin this month with <u>Harry Potter Reading Club</u> for the 10-13 age group & a <u>Teen Book Club</u> for upper middle school & high school students. Both programs will take place on alternating Saturdays, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. <u>Harry Potter Reading Club</u> begins on Saturday, Nov 16th. The <u>Teen Book Club</u> begins on Saturday, Nov 23rd.
- Demolition work on the east and west end of the Library's covered patio areas has been completed. All insect damaged and water damaged patio roofing was removed and the remaining exposed wood beams were covered with freshly painted metal sheeting.
- Stater Bros. donated a \$2,000 check to the Library at the Grand Opening of the Pigeon Pass Store on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be use these funds to help reprint our English/Spanish Webster's Coloring Book.

#### Human Resources



Wellness Program The City changed VEBA Administrators and held a "Lunch and Learn" on November 7, 2013 to notify all participants of the change and new and improved services.

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

- Permit Technician/Sr. Permit Technician (FTC-0 applicants to date). Closes 12/15/13.
- Accountant I (FTC-137 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Child Care Assistant (FTC-92 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Planning Division Manager/Building Official (DMG-113 applicants). Applications under review.
- Senior Electrical Engineer (FTC-15 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Traffic Signal Technician (FTC-96 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Code Compliance Field Supervisor (FTC-114 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Recycling Specialist (FTC-157 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Code Compliance Officer I (FT/Temp-205 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Recreation Aide-4 positions (PT/Temp-125 applicants). Candidates selected, recruitment closed.

Total: 10 recruitments

New recruitments: 1 Closed recruitments: 7 Ongoing recruitments: 3 Workers Compensation for November: New claims: 2 Closed claims: 3 Ongoing open claims: 27

Turnover Ratio:

Employees: 400 Separations: 5 5/400\*100= 1.25%

## Facilities Division



Energy Efficient Upgrades

The Facilities Division is working with FESS Energy Inc., a subcontractor of

SCE, to perform an audit for energy upgrade needs and subsequently install energy efficiency items on City buildings. These items include occupancy sensors, interior lighting and solar film. These energy efficient upgrades will be installed at no cost to the City and are paid for utilizing Public Utility Commission funding.

#### An<u>imal Servic</u>es



Pet Story "Making A Difference" submitted to the 2013 Petco Foundation Holiday Wishes Grant Campaign

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter submitted the following story to the Petco Foundation Holiday Wishes Grant Campaign. Animal welfare organizations nationwide compete for the opportunity to receive the winning grant award of

\$100,000. Additional grants will be awarded in the following amounts: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$25,000 and ten runner-up organizations will be awarded \$5,000 and \$10,000 grant awards. Winners of the grant awards will be announced in late December. We think our story is deserving and we are excited to receive the results of our grant application. The unnamed Animal Services employee in the story who saved "Little Girl" below is the story; Margret Linne, Animal Services Assistant.

#### Making A Difference

She was found on a corner in a field, only hours old, with her umbilical cord still attached. It was imagined that her mother was in the process of giving birth when she was spooked and ran off leaving her first born pup cold and alone. Soon after, a passerby found her, put her in a child's shoe box and brought her to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter.

Though her outcome seemed unsure, she was beautiful with unique red merle coloring. It was impossible to determine this tiny pups' breed at such an early stage in life without a clue. The shelter staff's first thought was Australian Shepard because of her unique coloring, second thought was Catahoula Leopard Hound, whatever she was; we were going to try and save her.

Weighing in at a slight twelve ounces, and having no colostrum from mom, this new born would need round the clock feeding and care if there was any chance for her survival. First we needed some supplies; a kennel, hot pad, bottle, formula, and a cuddle toy to start. One of our staff members graciously took her home after work and began the process. She was fed every couple hours throughout the night and was kept warm and dry. The staff member caring for the pup would bring her to work so that all the staff had chances to hold the cute little pup and to everyone's surprise, she ate well and grew fast.

At about three weeks, everyone was definitely able to see what kind of dog she was. She was a Dachshund, a dapple Dachshund that already had personality. We named her "Little Girl". She liked to sleep through the night at this point, but in the morning she wanted attention. She was more than ready to eat and wanted some roaming time. Though Little Girl was still uncoordinated, her short front legs not quite working in unison with her back legs, she did not let this deter her; she was fearless.

As she grew, she liked playing with other dogs. She was adventurous by day and wanted to cuddle by night. Our staff member and her family cared for Little Girl for eight weeks. She was loved and comforted, fed and clean. During the week that she was turning 8 weeks, the shelter held an adoption event at a local business. Little Girl was the main attraction, the crowd's favorite, the highlight. Potential adopters returned to have their names submitted because there was going to be a drawing for her new forever family.

Little Girl's new family was a young family with a mom, dad and a little girl. Our Little Girl was going to have her own little girl to play and to cuddle with for the rest of her life. We had done it! We had made a difference in the life of a dog and the life of a little girl.



## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### Private Gym Facilities in TownGate

Three new private gym facilities will be opening in the TownGate area. Crunch Gyms is nearing completion of tenant improvements for their new location on the east end of the Moreno Valley Mall near Sears. Planet Fitness is also nearing completion of tenant improvements for their new location between Ross and BevMo! in the TownGate Shopping Center. 24 Hour Fitness has submitted building construction plans for review 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 still anticipate opening before the end of this year.

#### Miguel's Jr.

Miguel's Jr. drive-through restaurant is now open on Day Street, south of Portillo's, in the TownGate Square Shopping Center. The 2,868 square foot restaurant is fully staffed and is reporting good sales, especially at lunch time.

#### <u>Aldi Foods</u>

Aldi will occupy the approved Westridge Business Park, located west of the intersection of Eucalyptus Avenue and Redlands Boulevard. Plans for the modifications to the approved building were approved by Planning Division in late November. In early December, an appeal of that approval was submitted. The appeal will be scheduled for Planning Commission review in January.

Aldi will directly employ 200 workers and contractors providing service to the 800,000 square foot facility will employ several hundred more workers. The project grading is in plan check and company officials anticipate starting construction early next year.

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 expansion to the existing facility on Cactus Avenue in the Centerpointe Business Park is in building plan check, and site reconfiguration and site work has commenced. 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.

## Panattoni Development

Active construction for the 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 well underway. The developer also began street and utility improvements in Indian Street in October. The facility has been leased to a Fortune 500 corporation that anticipates initially employing as many as 800 people at the site. Occupancy is anticipated in mid-2014.

## USAA/Overton Moore Properties

The approved 522,772 square foot logistics building, located at the northwest corner of Cactus Avenue and Frederick Street, is complete. The owners of the building have reported that they are a finalist for a tenant. Staff is working with them to facilitate review of additional off-site parking required by the potential tenant.

#### Trammell Crow Properties/Amazon

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 recently finalized lease negotiations with Amazon. The revised plans to accommodate the tenant were approved by Planning in early September. Revisions to the approved building to accommodate Amazon are underway. Amazon anticipates starting operations at the site in mid-2014 and has announced plans to hire at least 1,000 employees to staff the facility.

Separately, Trammell Crow is seriously pursuing a nearby site assembly to accommodate another logistics projects, and has entered into agreements with all affected property owners.

#### First 36 Logistics

First Industrial Corporation's construction of the First 36 Logistics building on the east side of Perris Boulevard in the South Moreno Valley Industrial Area is well underway. The company is expediting construction of the 555,670 square foot building due to active interest from several prospective tenants.

#### Sares Regis/Deckers

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Deckers Outdoor Corporation to provide certain financial incentives to locate their North American distribution center in the approved 1,600,000 square foot Sares Regis project at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Grove View Road in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. Sares Regis will build and lease a first phase 800,000 square foot logistics building to Deckers, which an option for a second phase expansion of 200,000 to 400,000 square feet. The building will include the internet

sales site for the company, resulting in the potential for a substantial amount of sales tax revenue to the City.

Grading has commenced for the site, with building construction anticipated to begin early next year.

#### Polly's Pies

Polly's Pies purchased the former Red Robin restaurant recently and has completed their remodel. The restaurant opened for business in early December.

#### Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from the Realtor.com website indicates a slight decrease in the number of homes for sale in the City, along with a slight decrease in median asking prices. As of December 1, 2013, 534 homes were listed for sale, compared with 541 at the start of the prior month, and 390 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 to under 300 in May 2013. Homes for sale have been increasing since that time.

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

The median asking price was \$249,500, compared with \$250,000 in the prior month and \$169,000 in the same month last year.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	December 2013	November 2013	Change	December 2012	Change
Homes for Sale	534	541	(1%)	390	37%
Median Asking Price	249,500	\$250,000	(0.2%)	\$169,000	48%

#### Foreclosures

Information available from the RealtyTrac website for October shows a decrease in foreclosure activity in the City and in the County. The website reported one in 418 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or 0.24% of homes with mortgages in the City. A higher number (418) indicates a lower foreclosure rate (0.24%). This compares to a rate of one in 362 units in the prior month and one in 166 in the prior year month in 2012. Foreclosure activity is 13% lower than the prior month and 60% lower than the same month last year.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is somewhat higher than most local communities, and the County's average. Idyllwild had the lowest rate locally (1 in 1379) and Mountain Center had the highest rate (1 in 200).

By zip code, area 92551 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 323) and, area 92553 had the lowest rate (1 in 518). The foreclosure rate decreased in all areas: 92551, 92553, 92555, and 92557.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	October 2013	September 2013	Change	October 2012	Change
Foreclosure Rate/City	418	362	(13%)	166	(60%)
Foreclosure Rate/County	519	467	(10%)	205	(61%)

#### Home Resale Market

Information available from DQNews.com indicates the average home resale values in Moreno Valley continue to increase in 2013. In October 2013 the average home resale value was \$219,256, which was a 1% increase from the value of \$216,182 reported for the month of September 2013 and a 30% increase from the value of \$168,640 reported for the month of October 2012. The City of Corona also saw their property values increase by approximately 2.5%. Other nearby communities such as Riverside, Perris, Murrieta, Temecula and Hemet/San Jacinto saw property values decrease in September by approximately 1.3%.

The number of housing resale activities in the City during this reporting period decreased by 5% - going from 181 transactions in September to 172 in October 2013. There have been a total of 1,819 transactions for the year thus far.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	October 2013	September 2013	Change	October 2012	Change
Resale Transactions	172	181	(5%)	197	(13%)
Home Resale Value	\$219,256	\$216,182	1%	\$168,640	30%

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

#### **Quick Statistics**

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

	November 2012	November 2013
Customer Counter Visits- Total/Daily Average	585	474
Building Permits Issued	119	117
Construction Valuation	\$45,384,336	\$6,111,718
Construction Inspections Performed	824	677
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	5	11
Plan Check Activity	155	267
Monthly Revenue	\$78,170	\$175,135

#### Code & Neighborhood Services Division

#### **Quick Statistics**

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

	November 2012	November 2013
Cases Initiated	256	212
Closed Case Investigations	283	222

Parking Citations Issued	2,126	1,531
Administrative Citations Issued	147*	40
Counter Customers	248	183

\*Daily Enforcement of Marijuana Dispensaries

#### Planning Division

#### **Quick Statistics**

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

	November 2012	November 2013
Counter Customers	295	263
Major Case Submittals	15	9
Minor Case Submittals	76	52
Plan Check Submittals	29	39
Application Fees	\$ 118,294	\$ 79,263

## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission meeting was held on November 14, 2013. The Planning Commission reviewed the following projects and took the actions listed below:

- The State Route Highway 60 Corridor Study was reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Corridor Study identifies land use alternatives for future development within four designated sub-areas with consideration of highest and best use and compatibility with existing and proposed adjacent land uses. City Council review is scheduled for January.
- A proposed Specific Plan Amendment to the Towngate Specific Plan was approved which allows Senior Housing and Assisted Living facilities within the Office Commercial zones, and makes modifications to development standards related to these uses. The Amendment was reviewed and approved by the City Council on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Project Pending Before the Planning Commission

The following items were all approved at the December 12<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting:

- A Conditional Use Permit for a new 75 foot monopalm at the site of an office building at 21250 Box Springs Road. The applicant is AT&T.
- A Plot Plan to construct a 6,615 square foot automotive parts store in an existing retail center at 23334 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is O'Reilly Automotive Stores.
- A Plot Plan application for development of a 12,285 square foot medical office building on a 1.52 acre portion of an 18 acre site located adjacent to the Moreno Valley Community Hospital at 27300 Iris Avenue. The applicant is J.G. Stouse Constructors, Inc.
- A Conditional Use Permit application to build a 2,562 square foot Taco Bell with a drivethrough on a 36,680 square foot site. The project is located at the northeast corner of Fir Avenue and Nason Street in the Stoneridge Towne Center. The applicant is HC & D Architects.
- A Tentative Tract Map application for an eight-lot single-family residential subdivision and variance application for reduced minimum lot size and reduced side yard setbacks. The applicant is Habitat for Humanity.
- A Plot Plan for the construction of a 400,130 square foot warehouse building located on the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and San Michele Road on 17.69 acres. An Environmental Impact Report has been prepared and will be considered with the project review. The applicant is First Industrial LP.

Administrative Approvals

- An Amended Conditional Use Permit was approved to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility located on the southwest corner of John F. Kennedy Drive and Kitching Street. The applicant is Sprint PCS.
- A Custom Home application was approved for a residence at Indian and Manzanita. The applicant is Jose Cruz.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the installation of a 1,500-gallon automated underground fuel additive storage tank system at the Costco fueling station located at 12700 Day Street. The applicant is Barghausen Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- An Amended Plot Plan was approved for a second residential unit at 24789 Myers Avenue. The applicant is Innovative Home Design.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for Rising Stars Business Academy at 12125 Day Street, Suites M409-411. The applicant is Alicia Napper.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for two small security guard stations at 16850 Heacock Street at the Lowe's Distribution Center. The applicant is Gil Villasmil.
- A Plot Plan was approved for an employee drop-off area for the Walgreens Distribution Center at 17500 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is The Korte Company.
- A Phasing Plan was submitted for minor changes to an approved site plan for an industrial building. The applicant is Ridge Moreno Valley, LLC.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for an office for Herbalife products was approved for 24907-A Sunnymead Blvd. The applicant is Jose Ramirez.
- An Administrative Plot Plan and Amended Conditional Use Permit were submitted for architectural and construction phasing line changes for an assisted living and memory are facility on 7.33 acres located at the southwest corner Brodiaea Avenue and Moreno Beach Drive. The applicant is Continental East Fund VII, LLC.
- An Amended Plot Plan was approved for modifications to the elevations, color, and materials for the approved 24 Hour Fitness project on Day Street. The applicant is MacKenzie Architects.
- An Amended Plot Plan was approved for the project for an 800,430 square foot warehouse distribution facility to be built on a 55 acre site, westerly of Redlands on the north side of Fir Avenue. The applicant is Aldi Foods. The approval amends the previously entitled Westridge Commerce Center project.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for repainting of the Denny's Restaurant at 24952 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is Edward Meda.

Recent Case Submittals.

- An application was submitted for a custom home on Highland Boulevard. The applicant is Anthony Ujueta.
- An application was submitted for a custom home on Bradshaw Court. The applicant is William Redden.
- A Conditional Use Permit for an ambulance comfort station located within an existing commercial center at 13373 Perris Boulevard was submitted. The applicant is AMR.
- An application was submitted for 54-unit planned development on 5.5 acres at the northeast corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Charo Street. The applicant is Creative Design Associates.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for Speedy's 5 Dollar Pizza at 24430 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Francisco Salcedo.
- Sign applications were submitted for the Food for Less monument canopy sign for the approved service station at Alessandro and Indian.

• An appeal was filed of the Planning Commission decision on the Plot Plan for St. Christopher's Church on Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Roy Beckert.

#### World Logistics Center

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the World Logistics Center was released on Monday February 4, 2013. Comments on the DEIR were due on or before April 8, 2013. Approximately 140 comments were received from local residents, property owners, responsible agencies and environmental groups, including a number received after the due date. The due date provided for a 60 day public review period for the DEIR, well in excess of the 45 day review period required by State Law.

Some of the revised studies prepared in response to the EIR comments have been submitted to staff for review. The EIR consultant is continuing to review all comments received during that period and provide written responses for final review by City staff and the City's peer consultant. Those received shortly after the due date will also be provided with written responses, including a notation that they were late. 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 developer recently submitted a revised draft of the proposed Specific Plan. Most of the changes were minor. The most significant changes were the removal of approximately 100 acres at the southwest corner of the proposed project adjacent to Moreno Valley Ranch and Old Moreno, a reduction in the planned square footage by 1 million square feet, the realignment of the proposed Cactus Avenue extension, and modifications to the proposed multi-use trail system for the project to accommodate the mentioned changes.

The World Logistics Center is a Specific Plan for up to 40.6 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 the SR 60 Freeway, Redlands Boulevard, Gilman Springs Road and 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.

## **FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

#### Special Districts Division

# Renovation to Frederick Street Landscape Medians Complete (Zone <u>E-1)</u>

Landscape renovation of the two medians on Frederick, between Eucalyptus and Towngate (Zone E-1) has been completed. The renovation started in mid-September by killing off the existing vegetation. After removal of the dead debris and preparation of the soil, 562 plants (112 agapanthus and 450 variegated society garlic) were replanted in the medians. The new plants are succulent and have a better chance of survival in the event they are subject to unnecessary foot traffic. Further, they will fill in the planter area as they grow, decreasing the opportunity for weed seeds to germinate.



## Shopping Center Property Managers Partner for Landscape Maintenance

For the second consecutive year, the property managers of the shopping centers located at Iris and Lasselle have agreed to supplement the landscape maintenance provided to the parkway landscaping abutting their properties. These areas are within the CSD's Zone E-3 and had been receiving landscape maintenance at a reduced service level after property owners elected not to support an increase in their parcel charge in 2009. The property managers can ensure that their shopping centers are maintained more frequently and it comes at no additional cost to the property owners within Zone E-3.

#### Technology Services Division

#### FCC 800-MHz Transition

Nextel towers in the United States have caused radio interference with commercial and Public Safety 800-MHz two-way radio systems. To resolve the problems, Nextel and the Federal Communications Commission developed a plan, approved by the FCC, to relocate Nextel systems (now owned by Sprint) elsewhere in the 800-MHz band in order to reduce the potential for interference. Every City-owned Motorola, Kenwood radio and scanner is affected by this mandate. As a result, Technology Services-Telecommunications received notice in mid-August mandating the City reprogram all its radios to an alternate frequency. This is a national effort that must be completed within the next 120 working days.

Telecommunications staff prepared a scope of work and cost estimate necessary to complete the project; which includes the reimbursement of all costs to the City. Telecommunications will be initiating the plan in December and will continue until completed. Mike Box, our City radio technician, will be contacting everyone to schedule times for reprogramming all radios and scanners with the affected frequency. Please note that every City radio will need to be handled twice in this process so that we can maintain the minimum disruption of existing radio services. Telecommunication will be scheduling meetings at City Hall and at the Corporate Yard to meet with support staff and provide information on how we are planning to implement this project.

#### Treasury Operations Division

#### Partial Refunding of the 2005 Lease Revenue Bonds

As part of the City's ongoing effort to implement budgetary savings and reduce costs, staff has discussed the opportunity to take advantage of favorable levels in interest rates to refinance all or a portion the 2005 Bonds. The City has an opportunity to lock in a low and stable interest cost and the potential to create future savings in General Fund debt service through a refunding of the 2005 Bonds that funded various roadway, electric infrastructure and public safety building improvements.

Staff has worked with members of the finance team to pursue a transaction that will place the City in a position to capture savings in the near term. During its meeting on November 18 the Finance Subcommittee of the City Council considered the proposed refunding and made the recommendation to move this item forward for consideration by the full Council at the December 10 City Council Meeting.

#### Business License Renewal

The start of the business license renewal period has begun. There will be two mailings of information to businesses that will occur this year. During the week of December 4<sup>th</sup> a postcard mailing went out to remind businesses that they can renew their business license through an online portal. The use of the online portal has seen consistent growth since it was rolled out in 2010. The online portal provides an interactive renewal form that will reduce the amount of input required. It will automatically load the appropriate tax rate for that business and compute the related tax and any other

related fees, if any, for the renewing business. Each year there are many cases where businesses that have gross receipts below the taxable threshold still pay the tax. In these cases the City processes a refund, but it requires a few weeks, during which time the business could have utilized those funds.

The second mailing, which will go out the week of December 19<sup>th</sup>, will include the actual renewal notice and the PIN for businesses that will utilize the online portal. All business license renewals are due by Friday, January 31, 2014.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Staff has been initiating and finalizing inspections for major projects throughout the City including:

- Completing the final occupancy inspection for the new Polly's Pies;
- Completing the initial underground fire line inspections at the Renaissance Village senior housing project;
- Working with Parks & Community Services to address parking, access, and fire and life safety concerns at the new Lasselle Sports Park;
- Conducting final inspections on the first phase of the new Wildflower residential housing development;
- Completing the fire pump acceptance test at the new I-215 Warehouse which is home to Amazon.com, and
- Conducting initial inspections at the new Panattoni Warehouse which included inspecting, testing, and flushing the underground fire water supply lines on the entire 1.5 million square foot development.

#### Office of Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) completed a comprehensive Gap Analysis Survey issued by Riverside County Office of Emergency Services in early November to help determine the adequacy of equipment needs to respond to and recover from likely threats and hazards; as well as to prioritize and justify future use of federal funding for equipment needs. This Gap Survey will provide planners a comprehensive assessment of Riverside County Operational Area's (OA) specialized equipment by geographic region. This information will later be analyzed against scientific models of the five (5) most likely threats and hazards (e.g., Earthquake, Flood, Wildland Fire, Power Outage and Terrorism) to determine the overall adequacy of equipment resources throughout the OA. A final report will highlight significant equipment gaps and surplus by geographic locations, prioritize areas for improvements, and provide overall strategic guidance for future preparedness planning.

On November 21, the Office of Emergency Management activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to a Management Watch level in support of the storm/flooding events. This allowed Emergency Management staff to monitor the situation from the EOC and to receive and provide critical information to field staff in the multiple flooding incidents. OEM and Technology Services staff utilized the EOC's new innovative Audio Visual Crestron system, and the City Wide Ocularis Camera System, which proved instrumental in providing real-time on-scene incident updates as well as monitoring weather patterns in order to anticipate operational requests.



#### Significant Events

On November 4, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire responded to a report of an unconscious and unresponsive male patient at a local medical clinic in College Park Fire Station 91's primary response area. Upon arrival, Engine 91 found staff performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a 78 year old patient. Moreno Valley Fire Department Paramedics assumed patient care and initiated Advance Life Support (ALS) treatment on the pulseless and apneic patient. The patient was transported by AMR to a local area hospital with a Fire Paramedic maintaining patient care. While enroute to the hospital after effective CPR, advanced airway placement, defibrillation and drug therapy the patient regained a palpable pulse, a viable heart rhythm, a strong blood pressure and was breathing on his own.

On November 4, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire responded to a residential chimney fire in Sunnymead Ranch Fire Station 48's primary response area. Upon arrival, Engine 48 found heavy smoke issuing from around the chimney on the roof. An attack of the fire was made from the roof with the assistance of Sunnymead Truck 2. A search of the home was performed and no victims were found. Hall runners and



salvage covers were deployed, saving the resident's belongings from damage. The fire was confined to the interior of the chimney with very little damage to the structure. A total of five Engine Companies, one Truck Company, and one Chief Officer responded to the incident for a total of 20 personnel.

On November 6, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/ Riverside County Fire responded to a residential structure fire in Sunnymead Ranch Fire Station 48's primary response

area. Upon arrival, Engine 48 found a double-wide mobile home well involved with fire threatening adjacent units. A well-coordinated fire attack knocked the bulk of the fire down within 15 minutes of the first engine's arrival. Two adults were displaced as a result of the fire. A resident was treated on scene by Fire Department Paramedics for minor smoke inhalation. A total of five Engine Companies, one Truck Company and one Chief Officer responded to the incident for a total of 20 personnel.

personnel. On November 16, unit from the Moreno Valley Fire Department CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire, Moreno Valley Police Department and the California Highway Patrol responded to a reported traffic collision. Upon arrival firefighters found a single SUV which had rolled off of the freeway, down a steep embankment, behind the Moreno Valley Mall and came to rest against a large tree. Three occupants were trapped and required extensive extrication. Due to the precarious position that the vehicle landed, truck company firefighters needed to secure the vehicle to the aerial ladder truck using specialized hoist equipment before firefighters could begin advanced life support treatment for the victims and extrication actions. All three patients were extricated and transported to a local area hospital via ground ambulance with Firefighter Paramedics on board. All three patients were in critical condition with multi-system traumatic injuries. A total of three Engine Companies, one Truck Company, one Chief Officer and 3 ground ambulances responded to the incident.



On November 21, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/ Riverside County

Fire responded to a reported water rescue due to heavy rain near Hemlock and Pigeon Pass Road. Sunnymead Engine 2 responded to assist the owners of a blue Ford Ranger submerged in water. The vehicle was trapped in the drainage ditch that travels through the area. Upon arrival, Engine 2 found the male driver on top of his pick-up with the water level at about mid-door in depth. Truck 2 performed a "shallow water rescue" and was able to walk the victim with assistance to dry land for evaluation. The victim was uninjured and refused transport to the hospital. Moreno Valley Public Works was requested to the scene to evaluate the drainage issue.



On November 21, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/ Riverside County Fire were called to the scene for a water rescue in the area of Heacock Street and Gentian Ave. College Park Engine 91 arrived on scene to find two vehicles stranded in high water (approximately 4 feet) due to heavy rain and flash floods in the area. In one of the vehicles, a female victim was trapped with all others having self-extricated and removed to safety prior to the arrival of Fire Department Units. The female was extricated from the partially submerged vehicle by Engine 91 and escorted to a safe place on high ground. Moreno Valley Fire Department Paramedics evaluated the female victim who was determined to be uninjured. She refused further medical treatment and was not transported to a hospital. The area was secured and the incident was turned over to Moreno Valley Police Department.

On November 21, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/ Riverside County Fire responded to a report of residential flooding. Upon arrival, Morrison Park Fire Engine 99 found heavy mud and debris flow covering approximately a one mile section of Pigeon Pass Road. Engine 99 checked a total of 17 residences that were threatened from the flow. The firefighters from Engine 99 quickly mitigated the situation utilizing 50+ sandbags. During the sandbag operation Fire Department personnel were notified of a vehicle stuck in moving water; Engine 99 responded to the location a few blocks away and were able to successfully remove an elderly female from her vehicle which was trapped in 3 feet of mud and running water. After moving the driver to safety Engine 99 returned to finish the sandbagging operation.



On November 27, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/ Riverside County Fire responded to a report of a kitchen fire in Sunnymead Ranch Fire Station 48's primary response area. Upon arrival, Engine 48 found smoke coming from a two story single family structure. Fire Department personnel made an aggressive interior attack containing the fire to the kitchen. There was an initial report of a resident still inside the structure while it was on fire. After a primary and secondary search was completed, it was confirmed no one was inside the residence. A total of five Engine Companies, one Truck Company and one Chief Officer responded to the incident for a total of 22 personnel.

On November 30 at 9:30 p.m., units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire, Riverside City Fire, and California Highway Patrol (CHP) responded to a report of a traffic collision rollover on the Southbound lanes of I-215 at the Alessandro Boulevard off ramp. Upon arrival, Towngate Engine 6 located a vehicle that had rolled multiple times and landed on its

roof. The Firefighter Paramedic from Engine 6 was immediately met by a bystander, who handed him a two month old male child that was suffering from major trauma. The patient was placed on a Pedi-board and advanced pediatric trauma life support care was initiated. AMR arrived on scene shortly after Engine 6 and the infant was quickly loaded into the ambulance. The Firefighter Paramedic and Reserve Firefighter from Engine 6 continued to provide pediatric advance life support care to the infant during transport to the local area trauma receiving center. During the treatment of the infant, the Fire Apparatus Engineer from Engine 6 located two additional patients, an adult male and an adult female, that had been ejected from the vehicle. Both patients were unresponsive and suffering from major trauma. During the administration of advance life support trauma intervention, both patients regained altered level of consciousness. When AMR arrived with two additional ambulances, both adults were placed on gurneys and transported to the local area trauma receiving center. Firefighter Paramedics continued to administer advance life support care during transport. To ensure there were no other victims of the traffic collision, CHP utilized the Fire Department's thermal imaging cameras to conduct a search of the area as the accident had occurred in the evening. No additional patients were located. The final outcome of all three patients is unknown at this time.

## PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### Special Events

The Moreno Valley Wind Symphony performed their holiday program on Thursday, December 7 at the Conference and Recreation Center. The event was free to the public.

The final Movie in the Gym was held on December 14 with "Arthur Christmas."

Recreation staff worked hard preparing for the many holiday events in December including:

Letters to Santa: Local children dropped off their letters at the Conference and Recreation Center, just in time for the holiday. Children also received a specialized response from Santa Claus if they include a self-addressed stamped envelope with their letter.

Santa Live was held on December 9 on MVTV-3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The telephone lines were consistently busy with callers wishing to speak to Santa Claus and tell him what they would like for Christmas. Santa and Snowflake, the elf host, asked holiday trivia questions with winners receiving prizes.

The Jr. Chef Workshop was held at the TownGate Community Center on December 10. Children, enjoyed an evening of creative crafts that they took home to share with friends and family.

The Holiday Craft was held on December 12 at the TownGate Community Center. Children had a fun-filled evening getting their hands sticky putting together fantastic holiday treats.

The seasonal holiday events concluded on December 14 with two special activities for the youth. From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., community children ages two to twelve years were invited to attend Breakfast with Santa in the Grand Valley Ballroom. Participants enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared specifically for them. The children were entertained with a morning of crafts, music, games, and had a special visit with Santa Claus.

Also to the delight of community residents, Parks and Community Services produced a MoVal Snow Day for the local youth. Children ages 13 and younger were invited to play in snow brought in especially for them at the Conference and Recreation Center. Along with the wonderful snow, participants were entertained with live performances, crafts, and games.

#### Parks Projects

Lasselle Sports Park (District 3) is 95% complete. The remaining items are concerns due to delays in the landscaping and the switch to reclaimed irrigation. It is anticipated that these items will be completed by the end of the month. At that time, the park will have a 90-day establishment/maintenance period. The park opening is anticipated for April.

The Hound Town Dog Park (District 3) improvements are underway. The improvements include providing water and grass to the dog areas as well in incorporating benches and dog fitness equipment. The project commenced on October 1, with the anticipated completion date of December 30. Cost of this stage of the project is approximately \$30,000.

The Equestrian Center (District 3) received some panels that will be constructed into four corrals with gates. The corrals were donated by the Roy Rogers Rangers, and staff is attempting to secure additional materials so more corrals are available. It is anticipated that a total of seven or eight corrals will be installed. We anticipate having the corrals available for use within the next month with the help of the Oasis Church volunteers.

Installation of play equipment and playground surfacing at Bethune Park (District 4) began on November 25; and, at Fairway Park (District 3) and El Potrero Park (District 4) on December 9. All projects (weather permitting) are planned to be completed by December 23.

Landscape installation at the entryway at the Conference and Recreation Center (District 5) is underway. The planters have been received and planting materials is being purchased. Anticipated completion date is December 30.

Vista Lomas Park (District 4) will be receiving new playground surfacing. Due to the high cost of repairs to the existing surface, it is being replaced with synthetic turf. The new surfacing will perform better and reduce maintenance costs. The project began this month. Planned completion is no later than December 30. Due to the extensive use of space for staging construction, the site will be closed.

Rancho Verde Park (District 3) is in the design phase. This linear park is approximately 3 acres. Planned amenities will be a picnic shelter, tables, benches, drinking fountain, multi-use trail, turf, shrubs, trees, and security lighting. This project is expected to take 18 months for design, approvals, and construction.

#### Parks Maintenance Division

Projects completed include:

- removal of old and installation of new ET irrigation controllers at 19 park sites;
- weed abatement at Poormans and Festival sites complete;
- aerated tees and overseeded greens at golf course;
- added sandbags to trails;
- aerated and overseeded sport fields at JFK, Woodland, MARB Ballfields, Pedrorena and El Potrero Parks.

Projects in progress include:

- replant planters at TownGate;
- strip and paint shelters at Weston Park (ongoing);
- irrigate and turf dog park (ongoing);
- spread out the sand and put in the corrals at the equestrian center (75% complete);

- overseed and fertilize sports fields;
- repair shelters at Fairway and Ridgecrest Parks;
- trim palms at Bethune (Vista Lomas and Celebration complete; four left);
- install new barbecue at Vista Lomas;
- construction of Bethune playground;
- construction of Vista Lomas playground;
- spray for weeds in all parks;
- repair Celebration Park filters;
- repair and mark high spots in concrete.

Vandalism and graffiti have been reported at the following areas in November: Adrienne Mitchell Park (\$100), Aqueduct Bikeway (\$246), Community Park (\$194), College Park (\$41), Gateway Park (\$41), JFK Park (\$29), Sunnymead Park (\$173), and Towngate Park (\$91) for a total of \$915.00. Total labor hours for vandalism/graffiti removal were 18 hours, approximately 2.25 full-time work days.

Court referrals performed a total of 153 hours during November. The total hours for court referrals in 2013 are 3,639 which equates to approximately 454 full-time work days.

In November, the Park Rangers patroled 2,363 areas, had 3,639 public contacts, and reported 58 violations such as curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol violations in the parks.

#### **Recreation Division**

The Pee Wee/Junior soccer program begins in January.

The winter season Youth Basketball league is underway and runs through March.

Time for Tots program is going very well. In addition to the fall-themed educational curriculum, in November there were special activity days such as Election Day, Crazy Hair Day, Children's Day, and the annual Thanksgiving feast.

The Time for Tot's Winter Celebration was held at the Conference and Recreation Center on December 4. More than 115 participating children performed four holiday classic carols. The program's participants enjoyed a special visit from Santa Claus, who assisted with the exciting gift exchange. More than 500 of the children's family members enjoyed the holiday program.

Fall Valley Kids Camp was held November 25-27 and experienced a similar number of registrations compared to years past. Attending children spent their vacation from school creating creative holiday and seasonal crafts, playing fun-filled games and activities, and much more. Staff is now busy preparing for the upcoming winter camp available at the March Field Park Community Center from December 23 through January 10.

The annual Winter Contract Class performance was held on December 11 and featured performances from many of the youth and adult classes.

#### Senior Community Center

The Senior Center offered free watch repair on November 4.

On November 20, the Center held its first Car Fit program that is designed to custom fit seniors to their current vehicles and provide them with safe driving tips, proper setup in their vehicle, and

provide them with various devices that will ensure their driving safety. The Office on Aging provided multiple volunteers including a licensed physical therapist on site.

The November Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on November 21. This event was sponsored by the Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, which provided a free meal and a box of candy, and Miller Jones Mortuary donated the cake and ice cream.

The holiday barbecue was held on December 12, and the holiday party will be held on December 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### 21st Century Community Learning Center Program Grant

Park and Community Services Staff applied for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program grant this month. The grant in the amount of \$1,642,500 would increase the after school program by 40 students at ten sites and provide summer supplemental at 31 sites in Moreno Valley Unified School District and Val Verde Unified School District.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Citywide Camera System Update

The Citywide Camera System is fully functional and recording video twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. We are actively recruiting and training Police Department volunteers on running the new camera system. We currently have 15 volunteers trained on the Citywide Camera System along with 50 Police Department personnel. The Police volunteers are manning the system at various times throughout the day and night accompanied by light duty Moreno Valley Police Officers.

#### Community Services Recruiting Volunteers

The Community Services Unit with the Moreno Valley Police Department is continuing to actively recruit Moreno Valley Citizens to become volunteers. Volunteers work a variety of assignments including the following:

- 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 vandals.
- Front Office Assistant Assist front office personnel with day to day activities.
- Incident Call Out Respond to major incidents within the city to assist with perimeter security, road closures, and searching for lost hikers/missing persons.
- City Wide Camera System Monitor call board and review related camera angles to assist with gathering information on calls for service, proactive monitoring of parks and problem or high crime areas.

We currently have several new volunteers in the background process which will increase our volunteer forces by approximately 25 percent. The Community Services Unit will continue to actively recruit high qualified volunteers to assist the Moreno Valley Police Department in providing valued service to the citizens of Moreno Valley.

The Police Department and the Community Services Unit are gearing up for the busy holiday season. The Community Services Unit is currently reaching out to the citizens and businesses in Moreno Valley to seek donations and support for various community projects. These projects are geared toward helping our citizens and bettering the lives of many of our youth. Stuff the Bus, Christmas Cheer and Shop with a Cop are a few of the programs that would not be possible without the support of our community partners.

#### Problem Oriented Policing Unit

Our Problem Oriented Policing Unit is gearing up for a very busy holiday season. They will be conducting several operations geared toward preventing thefts at local business and parking lots. Our Problem Oriented Policing Unit and our Special Enforcement Team will be conducting high visibility patrol during the holiday season. Our Mounted Posse will be volunteering their time conducting high visibility patrol at the Moreno Valley Mall to ensure the safety of shoppers during the Holiday Season.

#### Safety Tips for the Holiday Season

The holiday season is a joyful and special time of the year. It is also a time when thefts, burglaries and frauds are on the rise making everyone vulnerable. During this time of the year everyone is very busy, distracted and become careless. Here are a few holiday safety tips to help keep you aware and assist in preventing you from becoming a victim:

## Shopping:

- When driving or parked keep all doors and windows closed and locked.
- If you shop at night, park in a well-lit area and remember where you parked.
- Never leave your car running if unoccupied, even if you're a few feet away.
- Do not leave valuables or packages in plain view, secure them in the trunk.
- Have visual of your purse at all times and do not leave it unattended in a shopping cart, even if you're a few feet away.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and displaying it.
- Locate your keys and have them in hand prior to walking to your car.
- While walking to your car if you see someone suspicious wait until they leave or, better yet, have security escort you.

#### At home:

- Be extra cautious and lock all doors and windows and set your alarm system.
- Make sure you have an interior and exterior light on at your residence.
- When leaving turn on a radio or television so your house looks occupied.
- When leaving for an extended time have a neighbor, friend or family member watch your home and pick up all newspapers and mail.
- Do not leave mail unattended inside of your mail box overnight.
- If there is a stranger at your door let them know you are there, however do not open the door unless you feel comfortable. This time of year criminals pose as couriers delivering gifts or individuals seeking donations for non-profit organizations.

The Moreno Valley Police Department wishes you, your family and friends a safe and peaceful holiday season.

#### Case of the Month

In late August our officers responded to a robbery at a business located in the 15000 block of Perris Blvd. During the robbery three adult males entered the business and smashed display cases and stole thousands of dollars in jewelry. Our Burglary Suppression Team viewed the Citywide Camera System and obtained suspect descriptions, a vehicle description and direction of travel. Our officers searched the area where the suspect vehicle was last seen driving and located it abandoned. Their investigation revealed the vehicle was stolen in Los Angeles a few days prior.

Our forensic technician collected DNA evidence and latent fingerprints from the vehicle and other items of evidence and submitted them for processing. Early in November Cal-ID confirmed latent fingerprint matches to three suspects, and the DNA evidence confirmed the identification of two of the three suspects. Through further investigation, our officers located one of the suspects at a residence in Riverside, where they also located evidence that the suspect was selling narcotics. That suspect was arrested for the sales of narcotics and the robbery. Our officers have are still searching for the two other suspects and they both have warrants for their arrests. Our officers are also working to locate the stolen jewelry.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

#### **Capital Projects**

## <u>Cactus Avenue Eastbound 3<sup>rd</sup> Lane Widening Project From Interstate 215 Eastbound Off-Ramp to</u> <u>Veterans Way</u>

City Council approved the Construction Agreement with Vance Corporation at their October 8, 2013 meeting for the widening of approximately 3,400 linear feet of Cactus Avenue from I-215 northbound off-ramp to Veterans Way. The majority of the work will be adding an eastbound third lane along the southerly edge of Cactus Avenue. The proposed work includes the construction of street improvements; traffic signal modifications; pavement markers and striping; drainage improvements; and retaining walls. This project is made possible with the use of Development Impact Fee (DIF) Funds and a State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) grant successfully obtained by staff, totaling \$1,120,000.

Staff held the Pre-Construction Meeting on October 22, 2013 to kick off the project. The meeting included several agencies including representatives from March Joint Powers Authority and March Air Reserve Base, the contractor, and several consultants. Extensive communication and coordination will be required between all parties to see this project to fruition.

The Notice to Proceed to Fulfill Preconstruction Requirements and Order of Materials was also issued on October 22, 2013. Staff is currently working diligently with the contractor to complete this phase of pre-construction and issue a Notice to Proceed with Construction to start construction in the next few weeks.

Pictured below are the two existing eastbound lanes of Cactus Avenue which will be widened to add a third lane to increase the level of service (LOS) during peak traffic congestion times.





#### Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements

The Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements is an important project aimed at improving the pedestrian experience for all users through the installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access ramps, sidewalk, pedestrian push buttons, and appurtenances at 11 locations (28 ramps) throughout the City. The project sites were selected from the City's Public Right of Way Access ADA Transition Plan priority list and from requests by disabled residents.

Staff issued the Notice to Proceed with Construction to PTM General Engineering Services and the project broke ground in early October. The contractor has progressed quickly and the project is already nearing completion. To date, 24 of the 28 access ramps have been constructed. Two access ramps remain to be constructed at the Centerpointe Drive and Center Plaza location in addition to two access ramps with spandrels at Cottonwood Avenue and Dilbeck Drive. The improvements are anticipated to be completed by mid-December, weather permitting.

This project is made possible by a matching grant from the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program (SB 821 grant) with local match from Measure A and Gas Tax funds. As a cost saving measure, the project was designed inhouse by Capital Projects Division staff.



Typical demolition of non-compliant curb ramp



Typical finish work on compliant curb ramp

The City opened bids for the remodel of the two City Hall first floor public restrooms on November 5, 2013, and staff is completing its review of the submitted bids. The two restrooms, located inside of City Hall's main entrance area, are designed to match the décor of the second floor public restrooms which were recently remodeled to comply with ADA standards to include sanitary touch free fixtures. Construction is expected to start this month pending arrival of materials, and will be completed within 60 calendar days thereafter.

The contractor will be directed to make every effort to avoid any construction during working hours that would interfere with City business, and it is anticipated that much of the work will be done on evenings, weekends, and during the holiday while City Hall is closed. However, we would like to express our appreciation to all City staff and the public, in advance, for bearing with any inconvenience this construction may cause.

Moreno Master Drainage Plan Line "F", Stage 2 Channel Project The Line F, Stage 2 channel crosses Nason Street at 900 feet north of Iris Avenue and has been under construction for 6 months. During that time the contractor has graded the channel, installed 3,400 linear feet of channel, and completed all the concrete slab work at the east end of the project.



*Channel bottom work continuing at the west end of the project.* 

The contractor is working on completing the westerly end of the

channels remaining 1,100 linear foot section to connect to the existing Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District trapezoidal channel. The project is expected to be completed by the end of December (weather permitting).

City staff continues to coordinate with the contractor, Bedon Construction, Inc., Eastern Municipal Water District, and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on the construction. Upon completion, the District will take over the ownership and maintenance of the improvements. The environmental firm for the project continues to monitor the Burrowing Owl and Bird Nesting activities as part of the mitigation measures.

This project will complete a majority of the public infrastructure in the City Center area, help reduce the flood insurance rates for adjacent property owners, help the City promote and attract new medical related developments, and continue to build upon the expansions underway by surrounding medical facilities.

#### The Wayfinding Signs Project

This project involves the fabrication and installation of 33 signs, 6 of the signs are "Welcome to Moreno Valley" signs to be located at key entrance points primarily at or near major freeway off-ramp locations. A total of 27 directional signs are being installed at various locations along major roadways to direct the community and visitors to various public buildings and sites, to include: the Civic Center, Animal Shelter, Library, Corporate Yard, Social Security office, March ARB, and the Post Office.



Sign on Gateway Drive east of Day St. facing east bound traffic

Sign on Perris Blvd., north of SR-60 facing south bound traffic

The contractor, Fusion Sign & Design Incorporated, has completed the construction and installation of 27 of the 33 signs. There is one "Welcome to Moreno Valley" sign and 5 directional signs still in progress which will be completed by the beginning of December. Some of the "Welcome to Moreno Valley" signs already installed are on the easterly side streets off of Day Street near the City limit line facing eastbound traffic. The nearest directional sign is on Frederick Street facing southbound traffic just north of Calle San Juan de Los Lagos. The below pictures are a sample of the installed signs.

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

The contractor is almost complete with the east side of the new bridge. The bridge deck concrete has cured, the concrete approaches have been poured, and the pilasters which will house fourfoot diameter full-color City seals were completed. In addition, there will be an installation of decorative light poles on



the bridge rail in mid-December. The sound wall along Elder Avenue and the grading in front and

back of the wall were completed. In December, the contractor will be opening the new east side to vehicles and pedestrians, and shift their work to finishing the barriers, pilasters, and lights on the west side. The contractor will also be finishing electrical work on the traffic signals and placing colored stamped concrete in the median in Nason south of the bridge. When the bridge is substantially complete, anticipated to be late December, there will be two lanes open in each direction between Fir and Elder, as well as sidewalks and street lights on both sides of Nason. Caltrans and the City approved the landscaping/hardscape plan, and the work has been added to the project, with an anticipated completion by April 2014.

#### Fire Station No.6 Multipurpose Annex.

The project constructs a new multipurpose building, 17'x32' in size, in the back parking lot of Fire Station No. 6 to replace an old shed. The new multipurpose building provides space for hoses, equipment and oxygen recharge station. The project construction includes relocation of the existing gas and water line, new electrical line installation for inside lighting, and installation of a rolling door. The project construction started in July. Construction will finish by mid-December (weather permitting).





#### **Electric Utility Division**

#### Demand Response Program

MVU is expanding its Ice Bear Program and is working with the Facilities Maintenance Division to

include city facilities that are served by MVU. The program involves the installation of Ice Bear units and potential replacement of existing air conditioning units, funded entirely by MVU. The Ice Bear Program is a program designed to shift the peak load from daytime hours to evening/night hours, benefitting both the customer and the utility.



#### Land Development Division

#### **Quick Statistics**

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

	October 2013	<u>October 2012</u>
Plan Checks Processed	46	15
Grading Permits Issued	3	1
Number of Inspections	242	132
Counter Customer Visit	126	115





## Maintenance & Operations, Solid Waste & Recycling Program

#### 2013 Used Oil/Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Annual Conference Public Outreach /Education Award

Public Works Department, Maintenance & Operations, Solid Waste & Recycling Program received the Public Outreach/Education Award for the program's Used Oil Recycling Commercial at the 2013 Used Oil/HHW Annual Conference on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Ms. Ariana Ayala accepted the award on behalf of the program. This award recognizes unique and effective outreach strategies via direct community action or videos/commercial/advertisements for either HHW, Used Oil or Conditional Exempt Small Quantify Generator (CESQG) services. The program thanks all who participated or whose family members volunteered in the project, which includes the Media and Communications staff (Tim Carroll, Rob Roseen, Bob Lorch), Liz Plazola from Land Development and Kandace Baptiste from the Police Department.

#### <u>California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery – Annual Diversion Report Approval</u> for 2012

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) governs the approval process to ensure municipalities meet the requirements set forth by AB939 (California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989). It requires all cities and counties within the state to reach and maintain a 50% waste reduction goal by the year 2000 and beyond. CalRecycle requires municipalities to divert solid waste from the landfill through recycling programs and outreach. A tonnage of solid waste per capita target is identified for each municipality. The actual tonnage landfilled per capita and the effectiveness of the jurisdiction's waste diversion and recycling

programs are taken in consideration to determine if jurisdictions have met the criteria for the requirements set forth in AB939.

CalRecycle performed a calendar year 2012 comprehensive jurisdiction review throughout the State of California. As part of the finalized jurisdiction review, CalRecycle found the City of Moreno Valley is in compliance with meeting AB939 requirements pursuant to the Public Resources Code Section 41825. (In 2012, the City's target was 4.4 pounds per day of solid waste per person, and the actual amount landfilled was 3.1 pounds, this results in an approximate diversion rate percentage of 65%).

City staff is committed to ensuring that the City remains in compliance with AB939 mandates and strives to continue the City's trend of achieving an increased diversion percentage. The City's diversion rate has climbed from 49%, in 2007, to a diversion rate of 65%, in 2012.

#### Composting Kits for High Schools

Public Works Recycling Program, in collaboration with Riverside County Waste Management Department, recently provided a "composting kit" to March Mountain/March Valley High School in an effort to facilitate the start-up of a campus composting program that is maintained by students. The kit included shovels, rakes, hoses, hoes, gloves, and other gardening tools. The composting kit is available to all high schools within City limits. The



City continues to seek opportunities to help reduce the community's carbon footprint and enhance the standard of living within the Moreno Valley community.

#### Sharps/Syringes Collection Program

In collaboration with Riverside County Waste Management Department, the City of Moreno Valley, Public Works Department is assisting with the promotion of a new sharps/syringes collection program expansion. The County has installed a kiosk at their facility located at 14310 Frederick Street (corner of Cactus Avenue). The kiosk is accessible to the public 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition, residents are still able to take sharps to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events and the Riverside County Agua Mansa Permanent Facility.

Collection containers are available Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the City's Corporate Yard front counter. Residents can also make their own sharps container by using a hard sided plastic container like a bleach or laundry detergent bottle with a secure lid. The container should be labeled

"biohazard". Needles, syringes and lancets can be placed inside. When the container is full it should be secured with the lid and tape. Free biohazard labels can be printed off of the Riverside County Waste Management Department's website. Pre-printed labels can be found at local Household Hazardous Waste Collection events, Agua Mansa Permanent Facility, the Riverside County Waste Management Department office located at 14310 Frederick Street, and the City Yard front office located at 15670 Perris Blvd.



#### Used Oil Filter Recycling Event

On November 16, the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Program hosted a Used Oil Filter Recycling Event at the O'Reilly Auto Parts store located at 24021 Alessandro Blvd.

In exchange for a used oil filter, residents received a new, free oil filter at the event. More than 100 filters were recycled. City staff attended the event and provided information and items to the public.

This event raised awareness regarding America Recycles Day. America Recycles Day, a nationwide initiative by Keep America Beautiful, is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to the promotion of recycling in the United States. Every year on or around November 15 (America Recycles Day), millions turn out to thousands of local events held throughout the country to celebrate and learn more about their recycling programs. The aim of the City's event was to raise community awareness and promote the significance of recycling hazardous waste through this outreach effort. This event was funded through grant funds received from the California State Department of Resources, Recovery, and Recycling.

#### Transportation Engineering

#### Grant Applications for Project Funding Successful

The federal Surface Transportation Act, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21), was signed into law on July 6, 2012. Under MAP-21, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) remains as one of the core Federal-aid programs. The purpose of this program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. In April 2013, Caltrans announced a Cycle 6 Call for Projects. Caltrans received a total of 389 applications, of which 231 projects were selected for federal funding, totaling \$150.4 million. Public Works received notice that two submitted grant applications were successful in receiving project funding in the amount of \$1,428,100. The project descriptions are as follows:

#### Median, Signal, and Channelization modifications

This project will provide for intersection enhancements at Alessandro Boulevard / Chagall Court and Alessandro Boulevard / Graham Street. Specifically, the existing median / channelization will be reconstructed to reduce vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian conflicts and the existing traffic signal will be modified to improve vehicular head placement / visibility and implement dilemma zone protection. Additionally, all existing access ramps will be reconstructed to be ADA compliant. The project has a total estimated cost of \$687,000, of which \$612,000 of federal funding was awarded. The City is required to provide the remaining matching funding in the amount of \$75,000.

#### Traffic Signal modifications / SRTS implementation

This project has two facets of work that will be implemented. The first element is to upgrade all existing traffic signals with pedestrian countdown timers and ADA compliant push buttons. The second component of the project is to expand the existing Safe Routes to School program city-wide. The project has a total estimated cost of \$907,000, of which \$816,100 of federal funding was awarded. The City is required to provide the remaining matching funding in the amount of \$90,900.