

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

March 20, 2020

ENGINEERING

El Corazon Aquatics Center – PCL has enacted workplace protocols in light of the emergency declared by the state and federal government. Underground utilities continue to be installed. Pool excavation continues. Work has been hampered by last week's rain event, but other work is being performed. Contractor submittals and approval continue.

Quiet Zone Update – A second train to address additional work required by the CPUC and FRA has been scheduled on the night of March 27 for movements within the pending Quiet Zone. Notifications and coordination remain on schedule for Quiet Zone establishment at end of April. Rain may delay some of the remaining work this week but should not prevent establishment.

PUBLIC WORKS

Harbor Dredging - As of March 16, 2020, Manson Construction has dredged 191,000 cubic yards of sand. There is approximately 160,000 to 185,000 cubic yards left to dredge in the entrance channel. The outlet pipe is currently located approximately 200' north of Tyson Street. More pipe is being delivered this week. Manson expects to move the outlet pipe approximately 500' south of Tyson street in the next couple of days. The equipment has been down for two days waiting on better weather and expect to start again on Friday, March 18. The current dredge cycle is expected to be completed by March 29, pending weather delays. Manson Construction had some minor reductions in staffing due to COVID 19, however, they do not expect that to impact their schedule at this time. Demobilization will begin as soon as dredging is completed and will take approximately 1 week.

WATER UTILITIES

Food Scrap Service Rollout Delay - In light of recent events with COVID-19 and state, local and CDC guidelines for social distancing, Waste Management **will be delaying the delivery of the food scraps containers and the start of these new services until May 2020**. The Zero Waste outreach team is contacting businesses who have already confirmed their new food scraps services to let them know the deliveries will be rescheduled.

Waste Management (WM) will keep all commercial landfill and recycling services the same prior to the adjustments made for food scraps services, to ensure businesses have adequate services. Additionally, for some of the commercial customers who may have had their bills adjusted already due to the City's advance billing system, WM and the City will reconcile any charges that may appear incorrectly and provide any applicable credits. Questions regarding the delay of the food scraps roll out or billing issues should be directed by email to oceansidefoodscraps@wm.com or by calling (760) 435-5457. For additional information or questions, please visit business.wm.com/oceanside, www.greenoceanside.org or contact the City of Oceanside zero waste team by calling (760) 435-4500 or emailing greenoceanside@oceansideca.org.

Waste Management Call Center Issues and Continuity of Services - Due to COVID-19, Waste Management has limited staffing at its customer call center. During this time, Oceanside customers are encouraged to email Waste Management at cssandiego@wm.com for any service needs or issues or visit home.wm.com/oceanside. Phone service on a limited basis is available at (760) 435-5457 for Oceanside customers. Customers should anticipate long wait times or delayed responses. Standard solid waste and recycling services for residents, businesses, and public facilities remain intact. In light of social distancing guidelines, and in abundance of caution, Waste Management has also postponed the delivery/roll-out of food scrap recycling containers and training to commercial customers until May. WM has closed local buyback centers in Oceanside and Carlsbad indefinitely. WM is continuing to hold its regularly scheduled Household Hazardous Waste event this Saturday at 2880 Industry St. for scheduled appointments, as this is a drive-through only event. WM is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and preparing plans to mitigate servicing impacts.

Green Oceanside Outreach Postponed and Cancelled - In an abundance of caution due to recent COVID-19 updates, Green Oceanside has decided to postpone the following outreach events in March and April; Landscape Workshop, Fix-A-Leak Workshop, Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, Used Oil and Oil Filter Exchange Event, Harvest Oceanside, Food Preservation Workshop, and Loma Alta Creek Cleanup. Green Oceanside staff has decided to cancel Earth Festival, and instead provide residents and businesses with the opportunity to celebrate the 50th Earth Day online. Staff is currently in development of the online engagement portals which will include activity sheets, surveys, contests and more. The Green Oceanside webpages will provide updated information on all of these events and activities.

Loma Alta Wetlands Enhancement Planning Project - Design work is moving forward for the Loma Alta Wetlands Enhancement planning project. Technical studies for CEQA are nearing completion. Additional hydraulic modeling work is required to assess feasibility of the proposed channel reconfiguration within the wetland. This work will be funded through the existing state grant and will be brought to the Utilities Commission in April for consideration.

Buena Vista Creek Habitat Restoration - Watershed Protection staff are working closely with Planning and the Carmax development applicant to coordinate permissions for a habitat restoration planning project along Buena Vista Creek near Lake Blvd. and Thunder Drive. The restoration plan will be funded entirely through a grant with the Department of Water Resources.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

CDBG - On March 16, 2020, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) held a webinar to inform jurisdictions that requests for deadline extensions of Community Development Block Grant and Consolidated Plan submittals would be considered for factors surrounding COVID-19. Due to the on-going impacts of COVID-19 and the State Executive Order to minimize the spread and mitigate effects of gatherings, the City asked for an extension of our submission deadline in order to ensure the public may have full participation in the Public Hearing. HUD has approved the City's request to extend the submission to August 2020. The new timeline to complete the public process is to hold a June Public Hearing, have a July 30-day comment period, and have an August 5 City Council approval. There is a statutory requirement to submit the plan by August 15, 2020 or the City will not receive funding. For questions, call (760) 435-3385.

Census 2020 Update - Amidst the recent developments and impacts of COVID-19, the Census invitations are arriving to individual homes and now is the time to be counted. To take the census, use the unique identifier mailed out to you by the Census, or type in your home address. People can take the census online at <https://2020census.gov/> or call in to be counted. For English call (844) 330-2020. For Spanish call (844) 468-2020.

For those that want to take the Census at an approved Questionnaire Assistance Center or Kiosk (QAC/QAK), the State has provided this link to locate these centers: <https://publicqacs.azurewebsites.net/>. In Oceanside, we have three Resource Centers that have computers with limited broadband access. We anticipate libraries reopening once the COVID-19 crisis dissipates.

The North County Media Event for the Census Kickoff that was planned for April 1 has been cancelled. City staff is still working with Census staff and homeless service providers to implement strategies to get an accurate count of our homeless population.

Any questions about the 2020 Census can be directed to Cecilia at (760) 435-3385 or email CBarandiaran@oceansideca.org

Virtual Recreation - Parks and Recreation is developing a Virtual Recreation program. This program will provide activities and contests intended to stay connected and engage patrons throughout the COVID -19 incident. The first activity will be an art contest with a different theme each day thru the end of March. Staff will connect with the public through social media and other platforms.

COMMUNITY EVENTS * SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- May 1-3 **Beach Soccer Championships.** 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Harbor Beach. (760) 802-1452.
- May 14 **Bike to Work Day.** Various Pitstops in Oceanside. [Info](#)
- May 16 **El Camino HS Wildcat Car Show.** 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (760) 805-2277.
- May 16 **Operation Appreciation.** Civic Center Plaza.
- May 27 **Law Enforcement/Special Olympics Torch Run.** 9:00-9:45 a.m. (619) 283-6197.
- Jun 6 **US Elite Taekwondo Championship.** Beach Community Center. (760) 712-6154.
- Jun 6 **VANC Car Show.** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 1617 Mission. (760) 722-1277.
- Jun 11 **San Diego EDC Annual Dinner.** 4:30-8:30 p.m. Petco Park. [Info](#)
- Jun 13 **Pride by the Beach.** 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Pier View Way/Civic Center Plaza. (760) 994-1960.
- Jun 19 **Concert in the Park.** 5:00-8:00 p.m. Rancho Del Oro Park. (760) 435-5041.
- Jun 13-20 **Race Across America.** Pier/Strand area. (720) 381-6053.

- Jun 26 **North County Economic Summit.** 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. CSUSM. [Info](#)
- Jul 8 **Heroes of Oceanside and Camp Pendleton Dinner.** 6:00-8:30 p.m. VANC.
1617 Mission Avenue. (760) 722-1534 ext. 104.
- Jul 17 **Concert in the Park.** 5:00-8:00 p.m. Rancho Del Oro Park. (760) 435-5041.