

# CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

October 1, 2020

## PLANNING

**Cannabis Update** - The Conditional Use Permit application for Left Coast, a manufacturer of cannabis products, was continued at September 23 City Council hearing and will be heard by Council on October 7. The City's current open application period for new local licenses closes on October 1. Staff has yet to receive any new local license applications.

## ENGINEERING

**El Corazon Aquatics Center** – The Instructional Pool is at 75% complete while the Competition Pool is at 60% complete. The Splash Pad is at 20% complete at this time. Site work is at 65% complete. The East and West Buildings are over 70% complete at this time. Site infrastructure is at 80% complete. The project is on track for commission testing by late Spring/early Summer 2021.

**Quiet Zone Update** – At the October 7 City Council meeting, staff will recommend Council approval of \$2 million in additional funding for additional improvements and related construction engineering costs to establish the Quiet Zone. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2020 with a three-month testing period commencing thereafter.

**San Ramon/Rancho Del Oro Traffic Signal** – The construction of the San Ramon and Rancho Del Oro traffic signal is being coordinated with the City's annual asphalt overlay project in the Rancho Hermosa neighborhood. The City's paving project will be substantially completed this week. Cox has begun relocating some of their utilities that were in the location of the proposed traffic signal poles and shall be complete with their work this week. Therefore, work on the traffic signal is scheduled to commence Monday 10/5/20.

**Overlay Project** – Work commenced for the Overlay Project on 8/3/20. The Contractor started full depth reclamation (FDR) in the Industry Street area on 9/23/20. The street has been pulverized and is being cut and graded this week. This work will last several weeks, will impact on street parking (24/7) due to the extent and scope of work, and will also require a one-way westbound detour on Industry Street. This information is posted on the City [website](#).



**Street Slurry Seal Project** – The Slurry Seal Project started 8/24/20. The Contractor finished routing and sealing cracks in advance of the slurry work. Slurry seal work is scheduled in all Districts this week. The slurry seal project is approximately 70% complete. Weekly project schedules, day by day, will be posted on the City [website](#).



## **WATER UTILITIES**

**Food Scraps Recycling Program** - The City of Oceanside's Food Scraps Recycling Program has been implemented at over 587 businesses since the program roll out on August 17, 2020. To date, 72% of these businesses have realized cost savings due to right-sizing and downsizing, with a total savings of \$15,000 a month for the Oceanside business community. An estimated 697.6 cubic yards of organic materials are now being diverted from the landfill each week and turned into renewable energy; this is equivalent to taking 1,073 vehicles off the road in one month, further preventing greenhouse gas emissions. For the next several months, City staff will continue to deliver food scraps services to all remaining Oceanside businesses, and provide technical support with employee trainings, service evaluations, virtual workshops and videos.



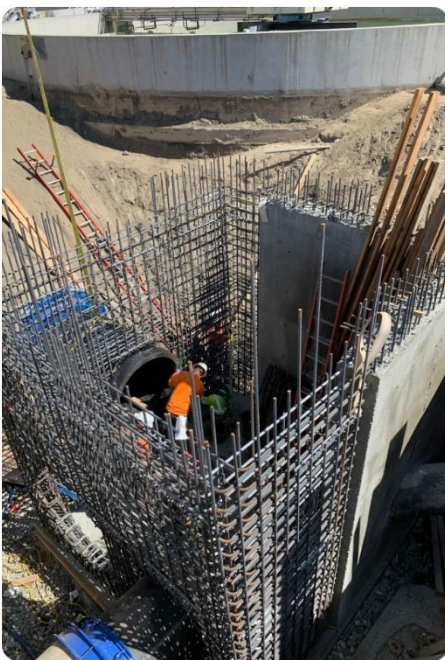
**City of Oceanside Zero Waste Plan Public Stakeholder Workshops/ Webinar Series** - The Green Oceanside team is hosting multiple virtual workshops in October to solicit feedback as the City updates the Zero Waste Strategic Management Plan (Zero Waste Plan). The focus of these workshops will be to discuss zero waste progress made, next steps forward, regulatory impacts,

as well as a draft marine debris reduction ordinance for consideration, that would limit the use of foam-based single-use disposable take-out ware and potentially require utensils upon request.

- **Business Sustainability Workshop** – October 5 from 12:00-1:00 p.m., registration [here](#).
- **General Public & Community Workshop** – October 6 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. registration [here](#)
- **Recycling, Composting, and Processing Industry Workshop** – October 6 3:00-4:30 p.m., (invitation only). This workshop is intended to work directly with our local industry and community partners to receive feedback on service needs, regulatory impacts, and future programs as the City updates its Zero Waste Plan. Attendees will include haulers, representatives from recycling, composting, and digestion facilities, as well as relevant organizations in North County and Southern California. For a full list of upcoming Green Oceanside events and opportunities, visit the [Green Oceanside Events page](#).

### Construction Continues for Pure Water Oceanside and Recycled Water Expansion -

Construction is occurring at the San Luis Rey Water Reclamation Facility and on North River Rd. and Douglas for the Pure Water Oceanside and recycled water expansion projects. We are also performing preconstruction activities for work along Pala and Coco Palms. As the directional drilling work under the San Luis Rey River begins, the contractor will be allowed to work on Saturdays. This portion of work will be done behind permanent traffic control barriers, so no additional traffic impacts will result from the extra working hours. Staff continues to engage with the businesses and residents to provide information on the projects. Staff created a [construction specific webpage](#), an online [interactive construction map](#), a project phone line (760) 435-4570, and social media posts. In the next several weeks staff will be sending direct mailers to residents/businesses that are impacted by construction, conducting door-to-door outreach and providing a virtual online workshop. For more information about construction and the project as a whole, please visit [www.PureWaterOceanside.org](http://www.PureWaterOceanside.org)



**Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project Update** - Project kick-off meetings have been held with the contractor, consultants and staff across multiple City departments. AMI Network deployment planning is underway, including site visits throughout the city with the vendors, consultants and City team including Water Utilities, Public Works, and Information Technologies. The Project Program Manager has started the effort to document existing City processes related to meter reading, billing, and customer service to prepare to re-design the business processes and plan for the future state after the AMI system is fully operational. Staff applied for the USBR WaterSmart grant for the AMI Project Phase III requesting an additional \$2M in grant funding for the Project. Outreach for the WaterSmart Meters program has begun. The City now has information about the project on the [website](#) and a FAQ document is available for customers. As the City begins to implement the AMI project, additional outreach to customers will occur; this includes direct mailers, door hangers, workshops, and more.

**Loma Alta Wetlands Enhancement Project Virtual Meeting Held** - On September 17, Water Utilities staff hosted a virtual public meeting via Zoom for the Loma Alta Wetlands Enhancement Project. The meeting included a presentation on the preliminary design of the wetland restoration and the completed Feasibility Study. Information was also provided on how to submit comments on the project's forthcoming CEQA document. Approximately 75 people attended the virtual presentation that was followed with an open forum Q & A session. Water Utilities staff will post the recorded presentation and associated documents on the City's website for those that couldn't attend the live virtual meeting.

**Oceanside Recognized as Utility of the Future Today** – Oceanside's Water Utilities Department has been recognized as a Water Resources Utility of the Future Today. This national recognition is for innovative and forward-thinking practices that provide sustainable, efficient, and value-added services to the community. The Utility of the Future Today program recognizes achievement that transforms traditional wastewater treatment systems to a resource recovery center and leader in the overall sustainability and resilience of the community. Utility of the Future Today was launched in 2016 by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Environment Federation (WEF), The Water Research Foundation (WRF) and the WaterReuse Association, with input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In lieu of the usual in-person award ceremony at the nationally attended WEFTEC conference, a video award ceremony will be produced and posted on YouTube on October 9, 2020.

**Water Education for Families** - Green Oceanside staff are working to provide educational resources for teachers and parents in Oceanside to assist with virtual-based learning for students. Throughout October, staff will be sharing activities online that focus on ways that water systems impact our lives and our community, along with a lesson plan for students to explore, log and calculate how much water they use in their daily lives. Residents and educators can visit [www.greenoceanside.org](http://www.greenoceanside.org) to access these resources, and staff will also reach out directly to OUSD teachers to provide the virtual-friendly lesson plan and offer additional support for their instruction needs.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Playgrounds Reopening** – The State of California released Guidance for the reopening of playgrounds this week. The County updated their Public Health Order to align. Most of the City's 26 playground structures are anticipated to reopen with the required signage by the end of the day Friday, with the exception of two (Ron Ortega Park and Harbor play structure). Ron Ortega

playground will reopen next week as there is some other work needed to coincide with the reopening. The Harbor playground won't be reopened until mid-November; staff have been replacing parts, repainting, and needs to replace the ground surface. This item will be brought to the Council shortly for approval. This play structure is currently fenced.

The State Guidelines recommend increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, daily as practicable, and handwashing stations or sanitizer to facilitate hand hygiene. 19 playgrounds have a public restroom nearby and 7 do not. Staff will order/install hand sanitizer stations in these areas, which will take some time.

**Pier Plaza Improvements** - Public Works Parks and Beaches staff have completed the Pier Plaza landscape improvements. A drip irrigation system was installed along with plant species suitable for the coastal environment. Aloe, agave, California native rush and grasses mixed with rock and gravel mulch have replaced the synthetic turf. This landscaping treatment is consistent with the work at Tyson Park, Seagaze Park and the upcoming Beach Operations and Restroom Project.



## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**2021 Benefits Open Enrollment** - This year's open enrollment period is scheduled to begin on October 12, 2020 and conclude on October 26, 2020. All benefit changes made during this open enrollment period will be effective January 1, 2021. In preparation for this event, HR staff will be hosting two 1-hour group information sessions via ZOOM (no RSVP required) on the following dates:

- o **Tuesday, October 13, 2020** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. via Zoom
- o **Tuesday, October 20, 2020** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Virtual Health Fair – The Human Resources Department** will be hosting a Virtual Health Fair on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. WellnessIQ will provide employees with an online and interactive platform to visit virtual vendor booths (e.g., Kaiser representative), to view and download benefits information and participate in a live chat. More information will be available as the event date approaches.

## **UPCOMING COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*All meetings follow the same format as the City Council.*

- Oct 12** Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 13** Parks and Recreation Commission - 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 27** Library Board of Trustees – 2:00 p.m.
- Nov 12** Brother Bennos Standing Committee – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Oct 5** Virtual Workshop. 12:00 p.m. Business Sustainability Zero Waste Plan
- Oct 6** Virtual Workshop. 12:00 p.m. Community Zero Waste Plan Virtual Workshop
- Oct 17-18** Virtual – Oceanside Culture Fest. [Details](#)