

# CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

October 8, 2020

## ENGINEERING

**Street Overlay Project** – Work commenced for the Overlay Project on 8/3/20. Utility adjustments are being performed in the various overlay locations. The Contractor started full depth reclamation (FDR) in the Industry Street area on 9/23/20. The street has been pulverized and graded. Cement treatment operations will be performed 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. Remaining slurry seal work is scheduled in Districts 2, 3, and 4. Striping and pavement markings are being installed this week.

**San Ramon/Rancho Del Oro Traffic Signal** – Construction has started at the project site. Work for this week will focus on the southwest corner. Demolition of existing ramp, curb and gutter and cross gutter is currently in process. Construction of the new ADA ramp at the same corner in addition to new curb and gutter will take place this week. In addition, the foundations for the traffic signal poles will be poured this week and all conduit will be placed. All work to be done on the southwest corner, construction has been phased this way in order to maintain vehicular access into the Rancho Hermosa Neighborhood.

## WATER UTILITIES

**Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)** - On October 1, the City of San Diego and other newly formed CCAs in the County filed a rate protest with the CPUC relating to SDG&E's recent Advice Letter. The SDG&E Letter seeks to secure the approval of two Resource Adequacy (RA) purchase agreements and one power purchase agreement for battery energy storage systems to be constructed by a third party and owned and operated by SDG&E. The letter also seeks the ability to recover the cost of the contracts through Customer rates, thereby committing existing customers in the CCAs jurisdictions to costly fees for the new contracts in addition to exit fees,

which are charged as a result of changing from SDG&E as the procurement provider and opting into the local CCA.

An additional development of interest pertaining to CCAs is the recent request by the City of Palmdale to decertify their CCA due to similar Resource Adequacy cost factors. Palmdale would seek recertification as a Community Choice Aggregator after the COVID-19 pandemic and other market concerns change. Oceanside remains in a holding pattern until the exit fee filing and Resource Adequacy issues are finalized and then may move forward to refresh the financial Feasibility Study. As a recap, that study provided a 2% cost savings over current SDG&E rates after implementation of a joint CCA. It is unclear at this time whether any cost savings would still exist with the formation of an Oceanside CCA and is ultimately heavily dependent on the approval or denial of the Advice Letter from SDG&E by the CPUC.

**Oceanside Residents Save 9 Million Gallons** - During fiscal year 2019-2020, 351 Oceanside residents and 4 Homeowner's Associations participated in the regional water efficiency rebate program, wherein water utilities customers received reimbursement from Metropolitan Water District for purchasing updated, water-efficient devices such as high-efficiency clothes washers, rain barrels and irrigation controllers. Over \$320,000 in rebates were issued to these Oceanside customers, and the device upgrades are estimated to save a combined 6 million gallons of water per year. Additionally, 45 Oceanside residents completed turf removal projects last fiscal year, resulting in 73,532 square feet of grass removed and 3 million gallons of water savings per year. Staff are increasing outreach about the rebate program this year to encourage residents and commercial customers take advantage of the incentives through this program in order to further water efficiency in the community.

**Zero Waste Plan Industry Stakeholder Virtual Workshop on October 6** - On Tuesday, October 6, City staff hosted an internal stakeholder workshop for representatives of the recycling, processing, composting, and collection industry, as well as food recovery organizations, with over 30 participants joining the meeting and discussion. The workshop provided an update on the City's current solid waste and recycling services, as well as an upcoming new franchise agreement and RFP in compliance with State laws and in alignment with the City's Zero Waste Goals. Questions or comments regarding the Zero Waste Plan Update can be directed to [GreenOceanside@oceansideca.org](mailto:GreenOceanside@oceansideca.org).

**Zero Waste Plan Update – Business Sustainability Workshop, Public Workshop, and Community Survey** - The City's Green Oceanside team held two virtual workshops on October 5 and October 6 to solicit feedback on the Zero Waste Plan Update, future programming, service enhancement needs, and a draft marine debris ordinance, and had over 60 registrants for both workshops. If you were unable to participate virtually, the recorded workshops will be posted on the Zero Waste page at [GreenOceanside.org](http://GreenOceanside.org) by October 12. Additionally, the Green Oceanside team encourages the public to provide additional input through the Zero Waste Plan Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PWDCRJC>.

**Green Oceanside Staff Presented at the US Biogas Virtual 2020 Digital Conference and Exhibition** – On Tuesday, October 6, the City's Environmental Officer, Colleen Foster, presented to over 3,500 attendees during a panel presentation which discussed organics diversion opportunities for the food waste and wastewater treatment (WWTP) sectors at the US Biogas Virtual 2020 Digital Conference and Exhibition during a panel presentation.

**Waste Less, Enjoy More Virtual Workshop** - The Green Oceanside team had over 50 registrants for the "Waste Less, Enjoy More" virtual workshop on September 30, which included helpful strategies for shopping smarter, tips for storing food to last longer, and zero waste

cooking tricks to keep food on the table, not the landfill. San Diego Food System Alliance and City staff developed resources including recipe cards, food storage magnets, and date label reference sheets in both English and Spanish for attendees to use throughout their kitchen and home. The workshop may be viewed at [https://youtu.be/S57bOB\\_uHkw](https://youtu.be/S57bOB_uHkw).

## **UPCOMING COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

- Oct 12**      CANCELLED Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 13**      Parks and Recreation Commission - 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 20**      Utilities Commission – 3:30 p.m.
- Oct 26**      Planning 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 17-18**    Virtual – Oceanside Culture Fest. [Details](#)