



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

MEMORANDUM

TO: RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER *C. J. Adams*
DATE: AUGUST 14, 2013
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 13-32

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August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>7:00 pm—Shakespeare by the Sea “All’s Well That Ends Well” @ Hesse Park</i>	5 <i>7:30 am—Mayor’s Breakfast @ Coco’s (Brooks/Misetich)</i>	6 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	7	8 <i>8:00 am—Regional Law Enforcement Committee Meeting @ RH City Hall (Brooks/Misetich)</i>	9	10
11	12	13 <i>7:00 pm—Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park</i> CANCELLED	14	15 <i>7:00 pm—Emergency Preparedness Committee</i> CANCELLED	16	17
19	19	20 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park</i> CANCELLED	21 <i>12:00 pm—Mayor’s Lunch @ The Depot (Brooks)</i> <i>1:30 pm—Sanitation District Meeting (Brooks)</i>	22	23	24
25	26 <i>7:00 pm—Traffic Safety Committee Meeting—Community Room</i>	27 <i>7:00 pm—Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	28 <i>9:00 am—2:30 pm—LCC 3rd Annual Economic Development Conference @ Crown Plaza, San Pedro (Knight)</i>	29	30 <i>7:30 am—Mayor’s Breakfast @ Coco’s (Brooks/Duhovic)</i>	31

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Labor Day Holiday— City Hall Closed</i>	3 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>4:00 pm—6:00 pm—40th Anniversary Founders Reception @ Trump National</i>
8	9	10 <i>7:00 pm—Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	18 <i>12:00 pm—Mayor's Lunch @ The Depot (Brooks) 1:30 pm—Sanitation District Meeting (Misetich)</i>	19 <i>7:00 pm—Vector Control Board Meeting - Culver City (Brooks)</i>	20	21 <i>9:00 am—12:00 pm—CA Coastal Cleanup Day @ Abalone cove Beach</i>
			LCC Conference— Sacramento (Brooks)			
22	23	24 <i>7:00 pm—Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>7:30 am—Mayor's Breakfast @ Coco's (Brooks/Campbell)</i>					

October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	2	3	4	5
6 <i>6:00 PM—PV Pastoral Event @ Terranea (Brooks/Campbell)</i>	7	8 <i>7:00 pm—Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>7:00 pm—City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	16 <i>12:00 pm—Mayor's Lunch @ The Depot (Brooks)</i> <i>1:30 pm—Sanitation District Meeting (Brooks)</i>	17	18	19 <i>8:00 am—2:00 pm—Paper Shredding Event @ City Hall</i>
20	21	22 <i>7:00 pm—Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>7:00 pm—Traffic Safety Commission Meeting—Community Room</i>	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>		



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER *CL*
DATE: AUGUST 14, 2013
SUBJECT: WEEKLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MONTHLY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MESSAGE – AUGUST 2013

Wildfires! The heat gets turned up in August, but in Southern California fires can be a threat year-round. Stay vigilant and protect your home. Think “Ready, Set, Go!” For more information check these websites:

- www.fire.lacounty.gov/SafetyPreparedness/ReadySetGo/home.asp
- www.fema.gov (Federal Emergency Management Agency)
- www.calema.ca.gov (California Emergency Management Agency Cal-EMA)
- www.noaa.com (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)
- www.firesafecouncil.org (The Fire Safe Council)
- www.fire.ca.gov (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection)

PENINSULA REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME STATISTICS

Attached for the Council’s information are pertinent excerpts from the statistics presented at the Peninsula Regional Law Enforcement Committee meeting held on August 8, 2013. The data presented is for the second quarter of 2013 (April through June).

While residential burglaries stayed the same during the second quarter of 2013 compared with the same period in 2013, a very significant increase was seen in burglaries from unlocked vehicles. These are generally crimes of opportunity and are often the easiest to prevent. The Lomita Sheriff’s Station has embarked on a campaign to remind residents to lock their cars and removal all valuables, such as purses, computer tablets, cell phone and portable navigation devices from the vehicle, or at the very least, remove them from sight inside the car. All community members are being urged to “Lock It or Lose It!”

Attachments:

Part 1 Crime

Law enforcement agencies across the county use the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system to collect and report crime statistics. Part 1 crimes consist of the eight most serious offenses including homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Part 2 Crime

Part 2 crimes include 22 categories of offenses ranging from simple assaults to vagrancy.

Traffic Statistics

Please note that the "Traffic Enforcement Index" is a ratio of the number of hazardous traffic citations issued to the number of injury collisions. An index higher than 20 is considered to be good.

Sheriff Response Time Performance

The Sheriff's goals for response times are under 7 minutes for Emergency Calls, under 20 minutes for Immediate Calls and under 1 hour for Routine Calls.

Ambulance Response Statistics

The ambulance company's goal for response times is 90% under 9 minutes.

STATUS OF AB 66 (MURATSUCHI)

As the City Council may recall, Staff presented an overview of Assembly Bill No. 66 (AB 66) at the April 2nd City Council meeting. The City Council subsequently directed Staff to send a letter in support of AB 66 to the bill's author, Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi. AB 66 would require the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to require investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to report specific reliability information and require the CPUC to mandate cost-effective remediation of reliability deficiencies in the same geographic region.

After the State Legislature returned from its summer recess, the bill was heard and amended in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2013 (see attachment). Once the bill leaves this committee, it will be considered by the full State Senate. Staff will continue to monitor and report on the status of AB 66 in the future.

STATUS OF SB 556 (CORBETT)

At the August 6th City Council meeting, the City Council directed Staff to send letters in opposition to Senate Bill No. 556 (SB 556) to Senator Ted Lieu and Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi. The attached letters from the Mayor were transmitted on August 7, 2013. The following day, the League of California Cities sent out a "call to action" soliciting letters in opposition to SB 556. As the City Council will doubtless recall, SB 556 would require the vehicle and uniforms of private contractors providing services on behalf of public

agencies—such as PV Transit—to include “conspicuous displays” that such vehicles and personnel are “NOT OPERATED BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.”

In responding to the Mayor’s letter, Senator Lieu noted that the bill currently before the Assembly differs markedly from the bill approved in the Senate on May 29th (for a comparison, see the attached May 29th and July 1st versions of SB 556). Most notably, the Senate-approved version dealt with public agencies’ assumption of liability for private contractors where the contractors’ vehicles and uniforms include agency logos or insignia that would give the public the impression that the contractors’ vehicles and personnel were actually those of the agency. This would only have applied to new contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2014. However, in the Assembly Judiciary Committee on June 19th and July 1st, SB 556 was effectively gutted to remove the issue of public agency liability and add the current provisions requiring “conspicuous displays” of disclaimers on contractors’ vehicles and uniforms.

SB 556 has been scheduled and rescheduled for third reading in the full State Assembly several times within the past week. Once the bill leaves the Assembly, we understand that it will be it will be reconsidered by the Senate for concurrence on the Assembly amendments to the bill. Staff will continue to monitor and report on the status of SB 556 in the future.

NOTICE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SALE 2013A

At the City Council meeting on August 6, 2013, the City Council authorized Staff to pursue the acquisition of two (2) parcels in the vicinity of Cherry Hill Lane that have been offered for sale as a part of Tax-Defaulted Property Sale 2013A. Staff submitted the necessary request to the County to begin the process to purchase these properties on August 13, 2013 (see attachments).

In addition to the Cherry Hill Lane parcels, Staff noted that Tax Sale 2013A included two (2) small fragmentary parcels located within private street rights-of-way in the *Portuguese Bend* community. Although there would be no public value in City ownership of either of these parcels, they might be of some value to an abutting property owner and/or to the Portuguese Bend Community Association (PBCA). Staff provided courtesy notice of the sale of these parcels to the four (4) abutting property owners and PBCA (see attachment).

ELECTION REPORT NO. 4

Qualified Candidates & Candidate Statements

At the close of the filing period the following three residents qualified as candidates for the November 5th election: Anthony Missetich, Brian Campbell and Ken Dyda. Two candidates (Missetich and Campbell) submitted candidate statements to be included in the Sample Ballot booklet. These candidate statements are available for public examination in the City Clerk’s Office. If you are interested in reviewing the candidate statements, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (310) 544-5208.

Randomized Alphabet Drawing

On August 15, 2013, the Secretary of State will hold the Randomized Alphabet Drawing which determines the order of candidates' names to appear on the ballot. The City Clerk's Office will update the election information on the City's website as soon as this information is available. Please check the following link for election updates:
<http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/cityclerk/general-municipal-election.cfm>

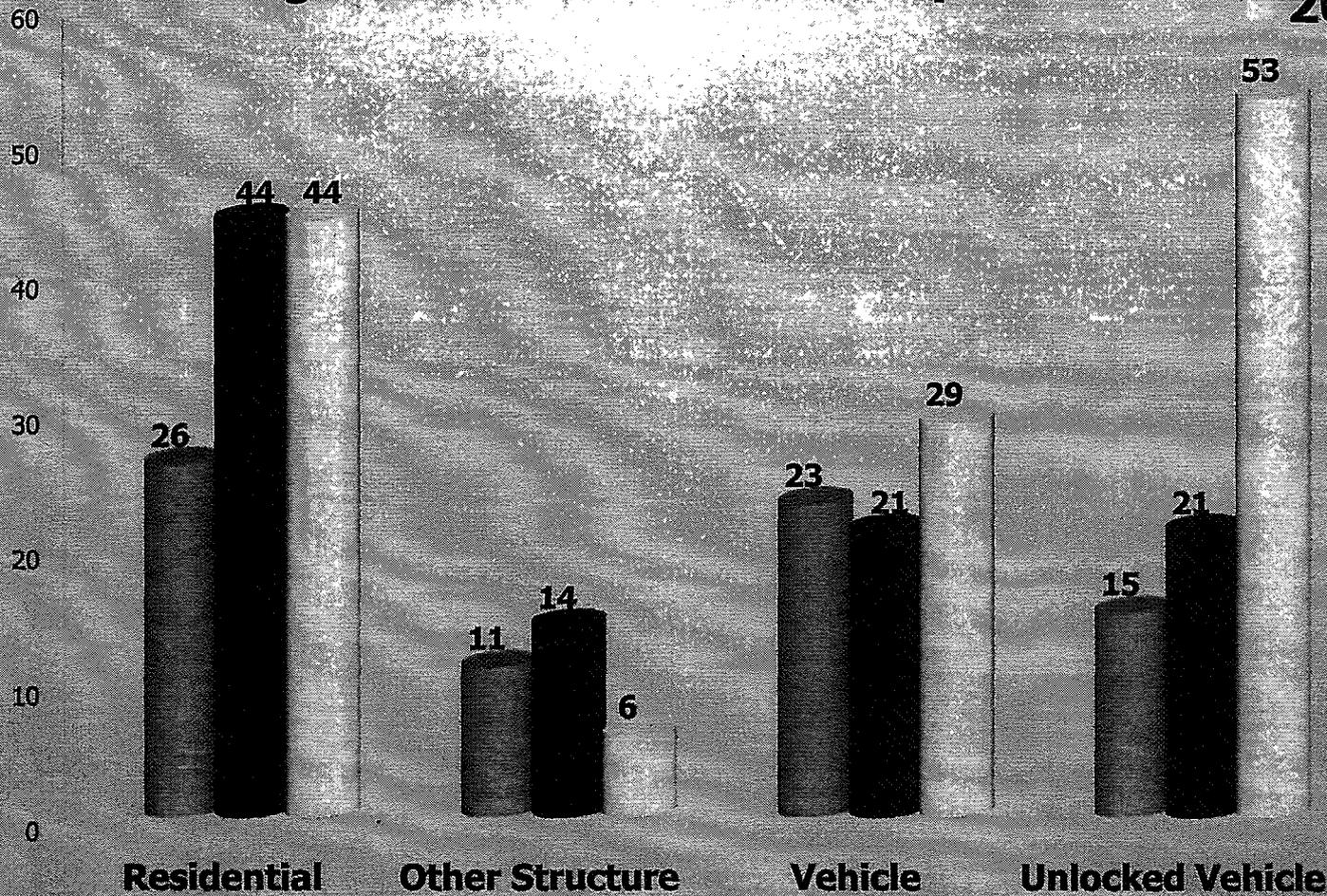
2013 Part I – 2nd Quarter Comparison Rancho Palos Verdes

	2013	2012	Change	% Change
Homicide	0	0	0	0%
Rape	2	0	2	200%
Robbery	0	2	-2	-100%
Aggravated Assault	4	10	-6	-60%
Burglary, Residence	44	44	0	0%
Burglary, Other Structure	6	14	-8	-57%
Vehicle Burglary	29	21	8	38%
Theft from Vehicle	53	21	32	152%
Other Larceny / Theft	36	32	4	13%
Grand Theft Auto	9	6	3	50%
Arson	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	183	150	33	22%

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Burglaries Year to Date Comparison

■ 2011
■ 2012
■ 2013



Part II Crime Activity Comparison

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2nd QUARTER
2013 2012 2011

	2013	2012	2011
Forgery	6	3	4
Fraud/Identity Theft	41	49	36
Sex Offense, Felony	2	0	1
Sex Offense, Misdemeanor	0	0	0
Non-Aggravated Assault	17	16	8
Weapon Laws	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family	1	3	4
Liquor Laws	0	0	0
Drunk-Alcohol/Drugs	4	0	3
Disorderly Conduct	3	1	6
Vagrancy	0	0	0
Gambling	0	0	0
Drunk Driving-Vehicle/Boat	5	10	2
Vandalism (Non-graffiti)	17	30	19
Vandalism (Graffiti)	0	3	1
Receiving Stolen Property	0	0	0
Federal Offenses w/out money	0	3	0
Federal Offenses with money	2	2	7
Felonies, Miscellaneous	6	2	6
Misdemeanors, Miscellaneous	3	1	5
TOTAL CRIME	107	123	102

DEPUTY GENERATED ARRESTS

	2013	2012	2011
Narcotics	5	7	11
Vehicle & Boating Laws	10	13	9
Warrants	10	9	12
TOTAL ARRESTS	25	29	32

RANCHO PALOS VERDES TRAFFIC STATS

2011

2012

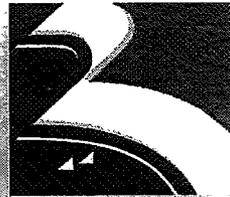
2013

	Apr	May	Jun	Average	Apr	May	Jun	Average	Apr	May	Jun	Average
Total Collisions	17	20	10	16	14	27	16	19	22	12	26	20
Injury Collisions	7	8	3	6	8	15	3	9	7	2	6	5
Enforcement Index	76	62	167	102	23	10	67	33	34	104	42	60
Hazardous Cites	529	497	499	508	180	147	200	176	239	208	256	234
Non-Haz Cites	35	31	45	37	20	33	32	28	16	11	17	15
Parking Cites	26	46	25	32	10	10	9	10	4	6	3	4
DUI Arrests	0	0	2	0.7	3	1	5	3	2	0	1	1
DUI Collisions	0	0	1	0.3	3	1	2	2	3	0	1	1
Fatal Collisions	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

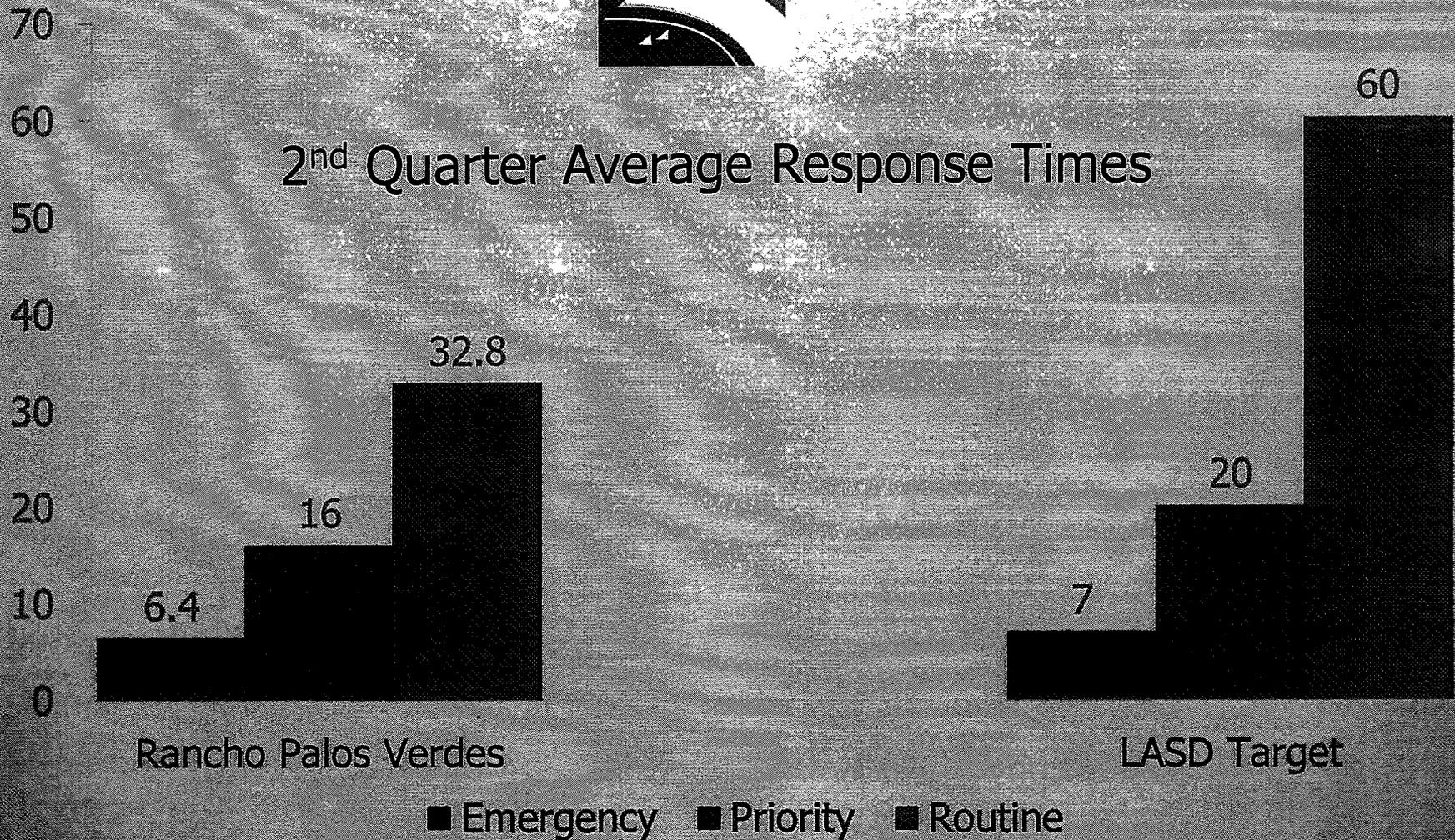
*Traffic Enforcement Index: Haz.Cites + DUI Arrests / Fatal + Injury Collisions (20:1)

2nd Quarter Comparison

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2nd Quarter Average Response Times



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RPV April 2013 - June 2013							
DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL	ENTRY	ENROUTE	ARRIVAL	RESP TIME MIN	TAG
04/01	DAUNTLESS DR	BURG TO RESD	0644	0645	0645	10	37
04/04	VIA RIVERA	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	0743	0745	752	9	30
04/06	WHITLEY COLLINS DR	POSS MISSING PERSON	0059	0100	0106	6	3
04/06	LOS VERDES DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	0635	0636	0641	6	20
04/06	HAWTHORNE/GRANVIA ALTI	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	0800	0801	0815	15	27
04/06	MARGUERITE DR/PV DR W	BRUSH FIRE	1317	1317	1325	8	59
04/07	BAYRIDGE RD	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	1727	1727	1734	7	86
04/07	COASTSITE DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	2229	2230	2235	6	107
04/08	VIA RIVERA	POSS BURG TO RESD	0535	0539	0543	8	26
04/08	ELDENA DR	ATTEMPT SUICIDE	0853	0855	0856	3	49
04/10	BRONCO DR/PV DR E	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1501	1503	1507	6	118
04/11	TOSCANINI DR/WESTERN AV	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	0744	0746	0753	9	40
04/12	HAWTHORNE/HIGHRIDGE RD	PERSON DOWN	2056	2057	2057	1	142
04/14	INDIAN ROCK RD	POSS BURG TO RESD	0559	0600	606	7	11
04/14	PEACOCK RIDGE RD	PANIC ALARM	1523	1523	1524	1	66
04/14	PARK WESTERN/WESTERN	PERSON DOWN	2005	2008	2011	6	98
04/15	PV DR S/TERRANEA WY	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1814	1815	1819	5	114
04/18	COASTSITE DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	0313	0316	0317	4	24
04/18	RAVENSPUR DR	911 HANG UP	0752	0753	0759	7	47
04/18	MARNE DR	BURG TO RESD	1751	1752	1755	4	189
04/19	INDIAN PEAK RD	MEDICAL RESCUE	0701	0702	0713	12	43
04/19	PV DR WEST	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	2007	2008	2009	2	128
04/20	WINDPORT DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	2009	2010	2018	9	134
04/21	ENROSE AV	MEDICAL RESCUE	0736	0736	0739	3	26
04/21	SEAMOUNT DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	1344	1344	1348	4	63
04/21	OCEAN TRAILS DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	1425	1427	1431	6	72
04/21	PV DR EAST	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	1818	1818	1821	3	112
04/22	RIDGECOVE CT	MEDICAL RESCUE	0352	0353	0354	2	20
04/23	RIDGECOVE CT	KITCHEN FIRE	1114	1114	1120	6	58
04/23	HONEY CREEK RD	ATTEMPT SUICIDE	1343	1343	1345	2	81

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04/23	MIRALESTE DR	AUTO FIRE	1417	1418	1426	9	91
04/26	WESTERN AV	ATTEMPT SUICIDE	1724	1725	1728	4	112
04/26	KINGSRIDGE/MIRALESTE DR	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	2300	2303	2306	6	158
04/27	DELASONDE/PONTERVEDRA	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1232	1232	1238	6	58
04/28	AVENIDA FELICIANO	MEDICAL RESCUE	0924	0925	0930	6	42
04/29	COOLHEIGHTS DR	POSS BURG TO RESD	0152	0153	0155	3	8
04/30	PV DR SOUTH	POSS BURG TO RESD	2234	2236	2245	11	167
05/01	STIRRUP RD	MEDICAL RESCUE	0349	0350	0355	6	33
05/02	SATTES DR	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	0055	0056	0100	5	3
05/03	CHANDELUER/MIRALESTE DR	FIRE	1800	1801	1806	6	140
05/03	CRENSHAW BL/PARK RD	POSS BURG SUSPECTS	2312	2314	2319	7	189
05/04	MARNE DR/VALLON DR	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	0207	0210	0215	8	10
05/04	CALLE AVENTURA/TARAPACA	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1428	1430	1431	3	76
05/06	CORSINI PL	BURG TO RESD	0231	0232	0233	2	11
05/06	HAWTHORNE BL/PV DR W	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	1938	1939	1943	5	147
05/06	HEADLAND DR/PV DR W	POSS DRUNK DRIVER	1939	1940	1956	16	148
05/07	VALLON DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	2325	2330	2335	10	168
05/11	WARNICK RD	MEDICAL RESCUE	1249	1249	1251	2	77
05/11	SCHOONER DR/PV DR S	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	1944	1947	1954	10	124
05/12	GOLDEN MEADOWS DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	1829	1831	1838	9	105
05/13	TRUMP GOLF COURSE	MEDICAL RESCUE	1234	1235	1237	3	70
05/13	WESTERN AV	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1358	1359	1410	12	84
05/14	GREEN HILL/WESTERN AV	MEDICAL RESCUE	1809	1810	1813	4	129
05/14	HOMEWORTH DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	1843	1850	1852	9	132
05/16	ALAFLOA DR	BURG TO RESD	0920	0920	0924	4	66
05/16	TRUDIE DR/WESTERN AV	PERSON DOWN	1815	1816	1819	4	219
05/16	SEAGATE DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	2221	2221	2227	6	248
05/17	VIA COLINITA	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2252	2253	2259	7	189
05/18	COOLHEIGHTS DR	ASSAULT	0212	0213	0225	13	18
05/19	CREST RD/HIGHRIDGE RD	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1029	1029	1031	3	57
05/19	CERTA DR	BURG TO RESD	1350	1352	1357	7	75
05/20	AMBER SKY DR	POSS BURG TO RESD	0821	0822	0826	5	44

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05/20	LOS VERDES DR	FAMILY DISTURBANCE	0933	0934	0940	7	54
05/23	TERRENEA WAY	FIRE	0131	0131	0132	1	7
05/23	RHONE DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	2018	2019	2022	4	119
05/26	HAWTHORNE BL	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	0130	0131	0134	4	11
05/26	PARK WESTERN/WESTERN	ASST LAPD CALL	1526	1528	1531	5	82
05/26	RIDGEBLUFF CT	MEDICAL RESCUE	1944	1945	1948	4	118
05/27	HAWTHORNE BL	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	1107	1109	1113	6	42
05/30	PV DR EAST	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	2030	2030	2034	4	128
05/31	VIA SIENA	MEDICAL RESCUE	2323	2325	2327	4	163
06/01	GRANDPOINT LN	MEDICAL RESCUE	2144	2145	2156	12	121
06/02	WHITLEY COLLINS DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	1621	1623	1629	8	74
06/02	PV DR EAST/PV DR SOUTH	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1718	1720	1724	6	86
06/03	VIA COLONITA	911 HANG UP	1455	1502	1506	11	81
06/04	ROCKINGHORSE RD	PERSON DOWN	0033	0034	0037	4	5
06/07	ARMAGA SPRING RD	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2223	2225	2226	6	198
06/09	DEL CERRO PARK	MEDICAL RESCUE	1357	1358	1359	2	82
06/09	CONQUEROR DR/PV DR S	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1428	1429	1430	2	87
06/12	HAWTHORNE BL	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	1815	1817	1820	5	114
06/12	STALWART DR	SHOTS HEARD IN AREA	1937	1939	1948	11	127
06/15	ADMIRABLE DR	BURG TO RESD	2247	2248	2258	11	165
06/16	SILVER ARROW DR	MEDICAL RESCUE	0029	0030	0034	5	3
06/16	SCHOONER DR/PV DR S	POSS FIRE	1603	1604	1610	7	96
06/17	WESTERN AV	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1317	1320	1333	16	82
06/17	VIA RIVERA	FAMILY DISTURBANCE	2252	2254	2304	12	163
06/18	VIA LORADO	BURG TO RESD	0438	0439	0448	10	20
06/22	LA VISTA VERDE	POSS BURG TO RESD	0317	0318	0323	6	16
06/22	CLIPPER RD	ATTEMPT SUICIDE	0042	0043	0050	8	2
06/24	AVENIDA TRANQUILA	POSS BURG TO RESD	2258	2301	2304	6	137
06/25	TERRENEA WAY	MEDICAL RESCUE	0741	0741	0749	8	42
06/30	BERRY HILL DR	POSS BURG TO RESD	0416	0416	0421	5	25
06/30	GRANDPOINT LN	MEDICAL RESCUE	1045	1045	1049	4	50



Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

Rancho Palos Verdes

April 2013

Date Period	1-6	7-13	14-20	21-27	28-30		Total
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	
0:00 to 8:59	28	33	24	36	5		126
9:00 to 14:59	5	4	6	6	3		24
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0		0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
Total Responses	33	37	30	42	8	0	150
Total On Time	28	33	24	36	5	0	126
Total Late	5	4	6	6	3	0	24

Total Compliance: 84.0%



Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

Rancho Palos Verdes

May 2013

Date Period	1-4	5-11	12-18	19-25	26-31		
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
0:00 to 8:59	17	25	29	31	23		125
9:00 to 14:59	3	5	5	2	4		19
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0		0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
Total Responses	20	30	34	33	27	0	144
Total On Time	17	25	29	31	23	0	125
Total Late	3	5	5	2	4	0	19

Total Compliance: 86.8%



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June 2013

Date Period	1	2-8	9-15	16-22	23-29	30	Total
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	
0:00 to 8:59	6	34	36	28	40	5	149
9:00 to 14:59	0	7	6	5	6	1	25
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
Total Responses	6	41	42	33	46	6	174
Total On Time	6	34	36	28	40	5	149
Total Late	0	7	6	5	6	1	25

Total Compliance: 85.6%

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 12, 2013

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 25, 2013

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 11, 2013

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 8, 2013

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 14, 2013

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 66

Introduced by Assembly Member Muratsuchi
(Coauthors: Senators Hill and Pavley)

January 7, 2013

An act to add Section 2774.1 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to electricity.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 66, as amended, Muratsuchi. Electricity: system reliability.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations, as defined. The Public Utilities Act authorizes the commission to ascertain and fix just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, measurements, or service to be furnished, imposed, observed, and followed by specified public utilities, including all electrical corporations. If the commission finds after a hearing that the rules, practices, equipment, appliances, facilities, or service of any public utility, or of the methods of manufacture, distribution, transmission, storage, or supply employed by the public utility, are unjust, unreasonable, unsafe, improper, inadequate, or insufficient, the act

requires that the commission determine and, by order or rule, fix the rules, practices, equipment, appliances, facilities, service, or methods to be observed, furnished, constructed, enforced, or employed. Under existing law, a violation of the Public Utilities Act or any order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission is a crime.

This bill would require the commission to require an electrical corporation *to include in annual reliability reports, required by a specified decision of the commission, that are due after July 1, 2014, information on-system the reliability of service to end use customers* that identifies the frequency and duration of interruptions in services and ~~list~~ *indicates* areas with both the most frequent and longest outages, using geographic regions determined by the commission. The bill would require the commission to use the information to require cost-effective remediation of reliability deficiencies if the report, or more than one report, identifies repeated deficiencies in the same geographic region. The bill would require the electrical corporations to *conspicuously* post their annual reports on their Internet Web site. Because a violation of any order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission is a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program by expanding the definition of a crime.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2774.1 is added to the Public Utilities
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 2774.1. (a) (1) The commission shall require an electrical
- 4 corporation *to include in an annual reliability report, required*
- 5 *pursuant to Decisions 96-09-045 and 04-10-034, information on*
- 6 ~~system reliability~~ *Decision 96-09-045, information on the reliability*
- 7 *of service to end use customers* that identifies, but is not limited
- 8 to, the frequency and duration of interruptions in services. This
- 9 information shall ~~list~~ *indicate* areas with both the most frequent

1 and longest outages, using geographic regions determined by the
2 commission. *The commission, in consultation with the electrical*
3 *corporation, shall ensure that the geographical boundaries of*
4 *regions do not split up circuits.* The information shall be
5 sufficiently aggregated to both maintain electrical system security,
6 and be of use and relevance to affected customers of the electrical
7 corporation.

8 (2) Before July 1, 2014, the commission shall determine the
9 geographic regions for the purposes of paragraph (1).

10 (3) The requirements of paragraph (1) shall apply to annual
11 reports due after July 1, 2014.

12 (4) The electrical corporation shall *conspicuously* post on its
13 Internet Web site the annual report required pursuant to ~~Decisions~~
14 ~~96-09-045 and 04-10-034~~ *Decision 96-09-045.*

15 (b) (1) The commission shall use the information contained in
16 an electrical corporation's annual reliability report to require
17 cost-effective remediation of reliability deficiencies if the report,
18 or more than one report, identifies repeated deficiencies in the
19 same geographic region as determined by the commission pursuant
20 to paragraph ~~(3)~~ (1) of subdivision (a). In requiring cost-effective
21 remediation, the commission ~~shall~~ *may consult with the electrical*
22 *corporation and* consider mitigating factors that may impede an
23 electrical corporation from implementing required cost-effective
24 remediation, including, but not limited to, local permitting matters
25 or other events or conditions or public policy considerations that
26 may present higher priority safety or reliability issues.

27 (2) *The commission shall determine the procedures for using*
28 *the information contained in the electrical corporation's annual*
29 *reliability report to require remediation of reliability deficiencies*
30 *and shall continue to exercise its discretion as to how to remediate*
31 *those deficiencies.*

32 (3) *The commission may suspend an electrical corporation's*
33 *remediation of reliability deficiencies if the commission finds that*
34 *expenditures by the electrical corporation for those purposes are*
35 *not justified or reasonable or that the remediation measures*
36 *undertaken by the electrical corporation are not effective at*
37 *improving safety and reliability.*

38 (c) (1) The commission may order an electrical corporation to
39 make more frequent trend analyses of regional service reliability
40 and to make those analyses publicly available.

1 (2) The information made publicly available shall provide
2 sufficient confidentiality for purposes of protecting electrical
3 system security.

4 (3) The commission may make those analyses publicly available.

5 SEC. 2. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature in adding Section
6 2774.1 to the Public Utilities Code, that the required system
7 reliability information be included in the annual report required
8 by the Public Utilities Commission in Decision 96-09-045
9 (September 4, 1996), while preserving the discretion of the
10 commission to modify an electrical corporation's reporting
11 requirements.

12 (b) *It is the further intent of the Legislature that the existing*
13 *reporting limits be revised to accomplish both of the following:*

14 (1) *To require an annual reliability report to include and*
15 *differentiate both sustained outages and momentary outages, as*
16 *defined by the commission.*

17 (2) *That the geographic boundaries used in an annual reliability*
18 *report not split up circuits, but will still use boundaries that are*
19 *understandable to the general public.*

20 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
21 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
22 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
23 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
24 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
25 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
26 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
27 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
28 Constitution.

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CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

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August 7, 2013

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi, Assemblyman
66th State Assembly District
State Capitol, PO Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0066

SUBJECT: Opposition to Senate Bill No. 556 (Corbett)

Dear Assemblyman Muratsuchi:

On behalf of the entire Rancho Palos Verdes City Council, I am writing to urge you to oppose the passage of Senate Bill No. 556 (SB 556). Although I understand that this ill-conceived bill is scheduled to receive a third reading in the Assembly today, I implore you take whatever steps you can to prevent this bill, offered by Senator Corbett from San Leandro, from making it to the Governor's desk.

While the ostensible purpose of SB 556 is to require that private contractors who provide services for public agencies include "conspicuous displays" of the disclosure "THE OPERATOR OF THIS VEHICLE IS NOT A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE" on agency vehicles and "NOT A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE" on employee uniforms, the actual effect of SB 556 would be to stigmatize private contractors in the eyes of the public. In a July 18th editorial, the *Sacramento Bee* stated that SB 556 would be "costly, unnecessary and meddlesome – a legislative solution in search of a problem." Closer to home, SB 556 would adversely affect our own Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority (PVPTA), which uses private contractors in order to keep down costs and provide exceptional service to the Peninsula's senior citizens, school children and other residents and visitors. I would also point out that PVPTA vehicles—which are operated under contract by members of Teamsters Local 572—already display "OPERATED BY" decals.

My City Council colleagues and I hope that we can count on you to make sure that this ridiculous bill does not become law in California.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Brooks
Mayor

cc: Rancho Palos Verdes City Council
Carolyn Lehr, Rancho Palos Verdes City Manager
Martin Gombert, Administrator, PVPTA

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August 7, 2013

The Honorable Ted Lieu, Senator
28th State Senate District
State Capitol, Rm. 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814

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CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
ADMINISTRATION

13 August 2013

Kathy Gloster, Assistant Treasurer & Tax Collector
Los Angeles County Treasurer & Tax Collector
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
225 N. Hill St., Rm. 130
PO Box 512102
Los Angeles, CA 90051-0102

SUBJECT: 2013A Tax Sale – Request to Purchase APN 7572-004-020 (41 Cherry Hill Lane) and APN 7572-008-014

Dear Ms. Gloster:

At a regular meeting held on 6 August 2013, the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council authorized Staff to pursue the acquisition of the following tax-defaulted properties located within our jurisdiction through a Chapter 8 Agreement: APN 7572-004-020 (41 Cherry Hill Lane) and APN 7572-008-014.

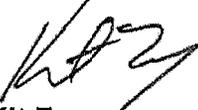
The properties are both parcels in the vicinity of Cherry Hill Lane, located in the active Portuguese Bend landslide area inland of Palos Verdes Drive South, between Peppertree Drive on the west and Portuguese Canyon on the east. The purpose of the acquisition would be to increase the City's access from Cherry Hill Lane to the bottom of Portuguese Canyon where there are existing City drainage improvements. Maintenance of existing and future drainage improvements is critical to the effectiveness of the City's landslide abatement efforts in this area, including the stabilization and maintenance of Palos Verdes Drive South in passable condition for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians through the active landslide area.

As instructed, a copy of the City's Mission Statement and a \$200.00 check for the preliminary research fees for both properties are enclosed. Please provide the City with the necessary agreements and instructions to purchase these properties. The City understands that the offer of sale is subject to change or revocation due to the redemption of the defaulted taxes or the initiation of a legal process, such as a bankruptcy filing.

Kathy Gloster
13 August 2013
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (310) 544-5226 or via e-mail at kitf@rpv.com.

Sincerely,



Kit Fox, AICP
Senior Administrative Analyst

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- City of Rancho Palos Verdes Mission Statement
- Check No. 52259

cc: Carolyn Lehr, City Manager
Carolynn Petru, Deputy City Manager

CORE VALUES STATEMENT

The primary purpose of City government is to provide service. As your City government, our commitment is to wisely use our resources to provide competent, responsive and reliable services in an atmosphere, which demonstrates our commitment to accessibility, customer service, honesty and integrity. In all we do and in every decision we make we will ask ourselves, "Is this best for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes?"

VISION STATEMENT

Vision: After an extensive community outreach program, the City Council hereby affirms that the City's vision for Rancho Palos Verdes is to have a community that has the following qualities:

A safe community where citizens can enjoy their property and community amenities without fear for their safety;

Both public and private property will be maintained in a manner that will be compatible with the aesthetic setting of the Peninsula;

A sound community economic base will be developed and maintained;

As part of the economic base, the City will provide an opportunity for the development of quality recreation facilities;

There will be a high "customer satisfaction" level among users of City services;

A commitment to maintaining open space and public access in a manner that will not harm critical resources.

Adopted by the City Council
September 21, 1993

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Check No. 52259

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

30940 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD
RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275

DATE
08/13/13

PAY*Two hundred dollars and 00/100

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CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
ADMINISTRATION

7 August 2013

SUBJECT: Courtesy Notification of Tax-Defaulted Property Sale 2013A

Dear Interested Party:

Pursuant to State Revenue and Taxation Code, properties that are determined to be in default for unpaid property taxes for five (5) years or more are periodically put up for sale at public auction by the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector. However, if it is determined that a parcel is needed for public purposes, the City may request to have the parcel removed from the auction and acquire title to the property.

The City has received notice that Assessor's Parcel Nos. 7572-002-020 and 7572-002-023 will be offered at public auction by the County on October 21 and 22, 2013, as a part of Tax-Defaulted Property Sale 2013A. An aerial photograph showing the approximate locations of these parcels (highlighted in yellow) is enclosed. The minimum bid for the APN 7572-002-020 is \$4,838 and the minimum bid for APN 7572-002-023 is \$5,479.

The City does not believe that there would be any public value in City ownership of either of these parcels. However, these parcels might be of some value to an abutting Narcissa Drive or Vanderlip Drive property owner and/or to the Portuguese Bend Community Association (PBCA). Therefore, the City is providing this courtesy notification of Tax-Defaulted Property Sale 2013A to the four (4) abutting property owners and PBCA.

If you have any questions about Tax-Defaulted Property Sale 2013A and/or the procedure for registering to bid, please contact the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector at (213) 974-2040 or visit their website at <http://ttc.lacounty.gov>.

Sincerely,



Kit Fox, AICP
Senior Administrative Analyst

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cc: Carolyn Petru, Deputy City Manager

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**Tax-Defaulted Parcels, Tax Sale 2013A
Vanderlip Drive Area**

ITEM NO	NSB#	LEGAL DESC	CURRENT ASSESSEE	LOCATION	MIN BID.	IMPS	MB CURRENT PRIOR	PG PARCEL	PCL PARCEL
5962	573	L A CO ASSESSOR MAP #			\$4,838		7572	002	020
51 LOT COM AT W TERMINUS OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO S IN S LINE OF LOT 117 HAVING A RADIUS OF 2010 FT AND A LENGTH OF 139.84 FT TH W ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO S RADIUS EQUALS 2010 FT 162.85 FT TH S 60°51'19" W TO N LINE OF TR # 14500 TH E THEREON TO SE LINE OF LOT 115 TH NE THEREON TO BEG PART OF LOT 115 ASSESSED TO GONZALEZ, LOUIS E LOCATION CITY RANCHO P V PROPERTY ADDRESS: VACANT LOT									
5963	573	L A CO ASSESSOR MAP #			\$5,479		7572	002	023
51 LOT COM AT MOST E COR OF LOT 116 TH S 26°01'50" W 35 FT WITH A UNIFORM DEPTH OF 185.89 FT N 63°58'10" W PART OF LOT 116 ASSESSED TO RUGGIERO, ROBERT LOCATION CITY RANCHO P V PROPERTY ADDRESS: VACANT LOT									
5964	573	TRACT # 14118 EX OF ST			\$51,089	Y	7572	004	020
LOT 41 BLK 1 ASSESSED TO 25 OAK LLC LOCATION CITY RANCHO P V PROPERTY ADDRESS: 41 CHERRYHILL LN RNCHO PALOS VRDS CA 90275-5901									
5965	573	TRACT # 14118 LOT COM			\$4,673		7572	008	014
AT MOST W COR OF LOT 31 BLK 1 TH N 37°50'22" E 141.82 FT TH S 83°20'29" E 126.18 FT TH S 13°20'11" E 21.28 FT TH N 83°20'29" W 10.64 FT TH S 13°20'11" E 85.19 FT TH W 20.55 FT TH N 13°20'11" W TO N LINE OF LOT 32 SD BLK TH W 204.57 FT TO BEG PART OF LOT 31 BLK 1 ASSESSED TO CROUSE, MILO F LOCATION CITY RANCHO P V PROPERTY ADDRESS: VACANT LOT									


CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

TO: CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER
FROM: *for* LES M. JONES II, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
DATE: AUGUST 14, 2013
SUBJECT: WEEKLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT



RPV CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL (CCT) PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The City's contractor (Land Forms Construction) has begun work on another segment of the Coastal trail which is located at Palos Verdes Drive South between Lower Point Vicente and Pelican Cove. Work includes grading and placement of Decomposed Granite (DG) over the trail surface; installation of landscaping and irrigation system on the parkway (the area between the trail edge and the road curb).

The City's segment of the CCT extends the entire length of the City's coastline between the boundary lines of the City of Palos Verdes Estates and the City of Los Angeles. The total length of the RPV segment of the CCT is approximately 9 miles. This project will improve 2.5 miles of this segment. The rest of the trail length has either been improved previously or is part of the naturally compacted surface trails which exist in the City's Preserve.





TO: CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER

FROM: JOEL ROJAS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2013

SUBJECT: WEEKLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Marymount University Parking Update

Back in June, the temporary gravel parking lot that was installed to temporarily address student street parking while the permanent parking lot was being constructed was removed and the site restored to its pre-existing condition. The gravel base material used for the temporary parking lot was hauled by Marymount to Abalone Cove Shoreline Park and repurposed throughout the Park's existing parking lot. As a result, the \$40,000 trust deposit posted by Marymount to ensure the temporary parking lot is removed and the site restored was recently refunded back to Marymount.

The permanent parking lot that was constructed in the former location of the athletic field was completed this summer but the permit was not finalized by the City because of some outstanding items. Some of these items included adjusting the parking lot lighting, removing debris material, completing the landscaping, removing construction fencing, and removing the contractor's construction trailer. The outstanding items were recently completed and the final permit was issued by the City last week. The newly constructed permanent parking lot provides an additional 120 parking spaces on-site for use by students, faculty and staff. According to the 2010 Council adopted Conditions of Approval, the use of this parking lot is limited to daytime hours (closed between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.). A control gate has been installed to ensure the parking lot is closed every evening at 7:00 p.m. Vehicles that are already parked in the parking lot after the parking is closed are allowed to exit after 7:00 p.m. Lastly, the existing parking spaces adjacent to the properties along San Ramon Drive will remain dedicated for faculty and staff.

Pursuant to Condition No. 158, Marymount recently provided the City with the required Parking Management Strategy that documents the 2012-2013 achieved parking demand reductions and identifies strategies for the 2013-2014 academic school year. According to this year's report, with 120 additional parking spaces available on campus in combination with the strategies to be implemented for the upcoming academic year, Marymount believes that "reduced on-street student parking is achievable and realistic." The Parking Management Strategies to be implemented by Marymount include the following:

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- Dedicated carpool parking spaces
- Shuttle service
- Parking Fees (\$15 for the school year for students and \$10 for faculty)
- Restricted Campus Access from University Housing Sites
- University Staff at driveway entrance

Once the new fall term begins on August 26th, City Staff will be observing the parking situation at Marymount to assess the effectiveness of the parking management strategies. City Staff will provide the Council with a follow-up report on this matter a few weeks after the fall term commences.

Applications of Note

Attached is a table with a summary of the applications of note that were submitted to the department between Wednesday August 7, 2013 and Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

Attachments

- Applications of Note



Applications of Note as of August 14, 2013

Case No.	Owner	Street Address	Project Description	Submitted
ZON2013-00336	LEUNG, ALBERT & LEY I	.LOT 72T253 KNOLL VIEW DR	Planning Certification Letter	8/12/2013
<i>Planning Certification Letter</i>				
ZON2013-00340	YORK POINT VIEW PROPERTIES, LLC	6001 PALOS VERDES DR S	Construction of a 332 square foot restroom/storage building in the cook shack/event garden area of the Point View property.	8/14/2013
<i>Site Plan Review</i>				

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CAROLYNN PETRU, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER / INTERIM DIRECTOR, 
RECREATION AND PARKS
DATE: AUGUST 14, 2013
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Little Critter Afternoon Tales

Little Critter Afternoon Tales was held on Wednesday, August 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Hesse Park. This hour of story time fun included songs, stories, and a craft in a relaxed indoor park setting.

This monthly enrichment program is held the second Wednesday of every month, courtesy of the Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation and Parks Department and the Palos Verdes Library District Young Readers Department. Although this free program is geared to children 2 to 5 years old, children of all ages are welcome. It is designed for parents and children to attend together, and no registration is necessary.

August Pet Adoption Totals

We are pleased to announce that three dogs and one cat were adopted at last Saturday's pet adoption event at Hesse Park.

Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park

Recreation Class Rentals (August 12th - August 18th)

- Parent & Infant Music Class (Fireside Room): Monday
- Music N Motion Camp (Activity Room, Kitchen Patio): Monday - Friday
- Cooking for Kids Classes (Activity Room): Monday - Friday
- Aerobic Dance Lite Classes (McTaggart Hall): Monday, Wednesday
- Duplicate Bridge Classes (Activity Room): Monday, Friday
- Mommy & Me Classes (Activity Room, Fireside Room): Tuesday, Thursday
- Bones for Life Class (McTaggart Hall): Tuesday
- Bridge Instruction Class (Fireside Room): Tuesday
- Palos Verdes Strings Classes (Fireside Room): Thursday

- Basics of Fine Arts Class (Activity Room): Saturday
Community Groups/Private Rentals/City Programs (August 12th - August 18th)
- AARP-Sponsored Driver Safety Class (Fireside Room): Tuesday, Thursday
- Peninsula Seniors Weekly Lecture (McTaggart Hall): Wednesday
- Peninsula Seniors Mah Jong Class (Fireside Room): Wednesday
- RPV Seniors Bridge Club (McTaggart Hall): Thursday
- Private Rental (Fireside Room): Saturday
- Non-Profit Group Meeting (Fireside Room): Sunday
- RPV Coed Adult Softball League (Baseball Field): Sunday

Ladera Linda Community Center

Recreation Class Rentals (August 12th - August 18th)

- Adult Tap Dance Class (Multipurpose Room): Tuesday
- Mommy and Me Class (Room C): Wednesday

Community Groups/Private Rentals/City Programs (August 12th - August 18th)

- Private Rental (Multipurpose Room)

Point Vicente Interpretive Center

Los Serenos Docent-Led Tours

On Tuesday morning, August 13th, three docents led a tour of thirty students from a Manhattan Beach Afterschool Program through the museum.

On Thursday afternoon, five docents will lead a tour of fifty adults through the museum.

Facility Use

On Thursday, August 15th, the Sunset Room will be rented for a PVPUSD Administrators Workshop.

On Saturday evening, August 17th, the Sunset Room, Amphitheater, and patio will be rented for a wedding ceremony and reception.

On Sunday evening, August 18th, the Sunset Room, Amphitheater, and patio will be rented for a wedding ceremony and reception.

Robert E. Ryan Community Park

Recreation Class Rentals (August 12th - August 18th)

- Super Soccer Stars Classes (Grass Field): Saturday
- SMARTech-nology LEGO Camp (Activity Room): Monday – Friday

Community Groups/Private Rentals/City Programs (August 12th - August 18th)

- Private Rental (Activity Room): Saturday

REACH Program

On Monday, August 12th, REACH participants and staff met at Hesse Park to enjoy an outdoor picnic dinner. Following the meal, participants played several rousing games of BINGO.

REACH participants and staff will head out Wednesday night, August 14th for an evening of pizza and pins. Rizzo's Pizza will be the first stop of the evening, followed by a few games of bowling fun at Palos Verdes Bowl.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Note: Time Estimates include 45 mins. for the first section of the agenda (Mayor's Announcements, etc. through the Consent Calendar) and 15 mins. for the last section (Future Agenda Items through Adjournment).

September 3, 2013 - (Time Est. – 3 hrs 25 mins)

Closed Session:

Mayor's Announcements: RHE Mayor Zerunyan Presentation re: 40th Anniversary; Presentation of Gala Proceeds to Los Serenos de Point Vicente Docents and Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy; Emergency Preparedness Month (September); Sheriff's Dept.-Neighborhood Watch

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Continuing Appropriations & Year-End Adjustments
Award Pavement Striping Maintenance Contract
Authorize Professional Services Agmt for Citywide Street Lighting Audit
Application for Trail Grant for Fourth Supervisorial District
HERO and Figtree Pace Program
Gifts for Parks
Revocable License Agmt between City and York & Adoption of Amdmt. to Mgmt Agmt
NOC for Ryan Park Restroom Improvement and Accessibility Compliance Project
NOC for FY2011-12 Residential Streets Imp Project
Purchase Agmt for Malaga Canyon (May)
Purchase Agmt for Malaga Canyon (Giani)

Regular Business

League of California Cities 2013 Annual Conference Resolutions (10 mins)
Agreement with Bank of the West (20 mins)
CEDARS Agmts (20 mins)
Options for Reinstating the Equestrian Committee (30 mins)
Abalone Cove Shoreline Park Project Update (15 mins)
Urgency Ordinance regarding Prolonged Construction Projects (20 mins)
Long-Range Property Management Plan (with SA) (30 mins)

September 17, 2013 - (Time Est. – 2 hrs)

Closed Session:

Study Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Award Professional Services Agreement for Enhanced Watershed Mgmt Plan
Award Professional Services Agreement for Stormwater Master Plan

Public Hearings

Housing Element Update Review (30 mins)
City Tree Review Permit Code Amendment (15 mins)

Regular Business

Agreement with Tyler for Financial Software (15 mins)
Employee Health Insurance Premiums for 2014 (15 mins)

October 1, 2013 - (Time Est. -)

Closed Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent
Public Hearings
Regular Business

October 15, 2013 - (Time Est. -)

Closed Session:

Study Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent
Public Hearings
Regular Business

November 6, 2013 (Wednesday) - (Time Est. -)

Closed Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent
Public Hearings
Regular Business

November 19, 2013 - (Time Est. – 1 hr 20 mins)

Closed Session:

Study Session:

Mayor's Announcements:

City Manager Report:

New Business:

Consent

Public Hearings
Adoption of New Building Codes (20 mins)

Regular Business

Future Agenda Items (Identified at Council Meetings)

July 3, 2012 – Consideration of Implementation of a Wireless Master Plan (Campbell) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

August 21, 2012 – Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline (Duhovic) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Mayor Pro Tem.]

City Maintenance Yard – View, Location and Safety Issues (Campbell) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

November 20, 2012 – Compensation Value Model for Senior Management (Misetich) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

March 19, 2013 – Explore outreach program to residents to incorporate 100% participation in Neighborhood Watch Program (Misetich) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

April 2, 2013 - Transparency regarding Labor Negotiations (Campbell) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

Revisit Policy regarding Naming of Public Facilities and establish a protocol for acknowledging the passing of former City officials, civic leaders, and military personnel (Campbell) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

Revisiting the Skateboarding Ordinance (Brooks) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Mayor.]

April 30, 2013 – Council Allocations & Expense Reimbursement (Brooks) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Mayor.]

June 4, 2013 – Clean-up language regarding the City Council Rules of Procedure (Campbell)

July 16, 2013 – Review Code and discuss code enforcement regarding the time period trash receptacles may be placed at curb (Brooks) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Mayor.]
Policy regarding use of the City Attorney's time (Brooks) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Mayor.]

August 6, 2013 – Discussions with Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District regarding use of recreational facilities (Misetich) [Pending receipt of memorandum from Councilman.]

Future Agenda Items Agendized or Otherwise Being Addressed

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Week of 08/14/13 - 08/20/13
Wednesday through Tuesday

6:00 AM - 6:30 AM	Peninsula Fitness - DeDe Daniels - Yoga	3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Yoga for Seniors
	Yoga for Seniors	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Playing the Field - Dodgers Past and Present
6:30 AM - 7:00 AM			
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Peninsula Beat 23- News Program - San Ramon Canyon, Peninsula Seniors, Back to School, Bowling & Crafted	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Playing the Field - Dodgers Past and Present
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Peninsula Beat 23- News Program - San Ramon Canyon, Peninsula Seniors, Back to School, Bowling & Crafted	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Peninsula Fitness - DeDe Daniels - Yoga
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Playing the Field - Dodgers Past and Present	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Yoga for Seniors
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Playing the Field - Dodgers Past and Present	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Peninsula Beat 23- News Program - San Ramon Canyon, Peninsula Seniors, Back to School, Bowling & Crafted
09:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Around the Peninsula - Urinary Incontinence	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Peninsula Beat 23- News Program - San Ramon Canyon, Peninsula Seniors, Back to School, Bowling & Crafted
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Around the Peninsula - The International Bird Rescue	7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Peninsula Seniors: Bringing the Space Shuttle Endeavor to L.A.- Dr. Kenneth Phillips
10:00 AM - 10:30AM	Armchair Traveler - Red Car Trolley	7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Peninsula Seniors (continued)
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Armchair Traveler - U.S.C.G.	8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Around the Peninsula - Urinary Incontinence
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Peninsula Beat 23- News Program - San Ramon Canyon, Peninsula Seniors, Back to School, Bowling & Crafted	8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Around the Peninsula - The International Bird Rescue
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Peninsula Beat 23- News Program - San Ramon Canyon, Peninsula Seniors, Back to School, Bowling & Crafted	9:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Peninsula Beat 23- News Program - San Ramon Canyon, Peninsula Seniors, Back to School, Bowling & Crafted
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Peninsula Seniors: Birth of the Information Age - Akrevoe Emmanouilides	9:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Peninsula Beat 23- News Program - San Ramon Canyon, Peninsula Seniors, Back to School, Bowling & Crafted
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Peninsula Seniors (continued)	10:00 PM - 10:30 PM	Rancho del Mar High School Graduation 2013
1:00 PM - 1:30PM	Peninsula Beat 23- News Program - San Ramon Canyon, Peninsula Seniors, Back to School, Bowling & Crafted	10:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Rancho del Mar High School Graduation 2013
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Peninsula Beat 23- News Program - San Ramon Canyon, Peninsula Seniors, Back to School, Bowling & Crafted	11:00 PM - 11:30 PM	Rancho del Mar High School Graduation 2013
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Around the Peninsula - Urinary Incontinence	11:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Rancho del Mar High School Graduation 2013
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Around the Peninsula - The International Bird Rescue	12:00 AM - 1:00 AM	Community Announcements
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Peninsula Fitness - DeDe Daniels - Yoga	1:00 AM - 6:00 AM	Community Announcements



PVPTV35 Programming Schedule Guide
Week of 08/19/13 to 08/25/13

Monday, August 19

3:00PM Palos Verdes Library Dist.
6:00PM PVP Coordinating Council
7:00PM PVPUSD Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 20

7:00PM City of RPV City Council Meeting - Live

Wednesday, August 21

7:30PM City of PVE City Council Meeting, 8/13/13

Thursday, August 22

7:00PM

Friday, August 23

6:00PM PVP Land Conservancy Nature Walk
7:00PM City of RPV City Council Meeting , 8/20/13

Saturday, August 24

10:00 AM City of PVE Planning Commission, 8/20/13
7:00PM City of RPV Planning Commission, 8/13/13

Sunday, August 25

7:00PM City of RPV City Council Meeting , 8/20/13

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT- LOMITA STATION
REPORTED CRIMES & ARRESTS BETWEEN 8/4/2013 - 8/10/2013**

LOMITA:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
BURGLARY (VEHICLE)	13-02811	1710	8/4/13-8/5/13	1800-0720	1900 BLK LOMITA BL	UNK, NO SIGNS OF FORCED ENTRY	WALLET W/AN OWL ON FRONT, CDL, "MICHAEL KORS" WATCH, "DODGE" CHARGER VEH KEY, "APPLE" PINK IPOD, "MICHAEL KORS" PURSE	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
BURGLARY (VEHICLE)	13-02839	1710	8/6/13	0245-0339	24100 BLK STANHURST AV	DRIVER SIDE WINDOW SMASHED	BLK HTC "EVO 4G" CELL PHONE	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
PETTY THEFT (BICYCLE)	13-02850	1710	8/7/13	2200-2300	25100 BLK NARBONNE AV	N/A	"SCHWINN" BICYCLE-WHI W/BLK IN COLOR LETTERS	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
GRAND THEFT (AUTO)	13-02806	1711	8/2/13-8/4/13	2130-2200	2300 BLK LOMITA BL	UNK	2011 BLK KAWASAKI NINJA 2X6R MOTORCYCLE	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
GRAND THEFT (AUTO)	13-02859	1711	8/8/13	0100-0800	24700 BLK NARBONNE AV	UNK	1997 SIL BUICK LESABRE	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN. VEH RECOVERED
PETTY THEFT	13-02877	1711	8/9/13-8/10/13	1530-0700	25500 BLK NARBONNE AV	N/A	TIKI TOTEM POLE	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
BURGLARY (BUSINESS) / GRAND THEFT (AUTO)	13-02860	1712	8/8/13	0115-0800	24700 BLK NARBONNE AV	HOLE NEXT TO THE FRONT DOOR	CHEVY & CADILLAC KEY, BUICK KEY & 1997 TAN BUICK LESABRE LTD	SUSPECT: MB/20-25/THIN BUILD/WRG TAN SHIRT/BLK PANTS STOLE VEH KEYS FRM BUSINESS AND STOLE VEH. SUSPECT GOT INTO A HIT AND RUN AND FLED THE SCENE. VEH RECOVERED.
PETTY THEFT (UNLOCKED VEHICLE)	13-02835	1713	8/4/13	0000-0400	26000 BLK CYPRESS ST	UNLOCKED VEHICLE	"CHRISTIAN DIOR" SUNGLASSES, PERSONAL CHECKS, SWEATER, MISC PAPER WORK, COSTUME JEWELRY, MISC CD'S, PHONE CHARGER	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
BURGLARY (VEHICLE)	13-02874	1713	8/9/13	2300	PV DR NORTH / WESTERN AV	PASSENGER SIDE REAR WINDOW SMASHED	NOTHING TAKEN	SUSPECT: MH/508-510/160-165lbs/THIN BUILD/WRG BLK BASEBALL HAT/WHI SHIRT/BLU JEANS/DK BACKPACK
ROBBERY (SIMULATED HAND GUN)	13-02792	1714	8/4/13	0110	1800 BLK PCH	N/A	CASH REGISTER TILL, \$80, "APPLE" IPHONE 5	1 SUSPECT ARRESTED
ARRESTS: DISORDERLY CONDUCT-1, ROBBERY-1, WEAPONS-1								

RANCHO PALOS VERDES:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
BURGLARY (RESIDENTIAL)	13-02820	1730	8/5/13	1845-2030	6000 BLK MONTE MALAGA DR	BATHROOM WINDOW SCREEN REMOVED AND ENTERED THROUGH UNLOCKED WINDOW	UNK AT TIME OF REPORT	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN

BURGLARY	13-02819	1734	8/5/13	1800-1947	28700 BLK DOVER RIDGE DR	SLIDING GLASS DOOR SHATTERED BY UNK OBJECT	UNK AT TIME OF REPORT	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
PETTY THEFT (PARKING STRUCTURE)	13-02864	1734	8/8/13	1200-2230	5900 BLK ARMAGA SPRINGS	OPEN PARKING STRUCTURE	"PELICAN" KAYAK CART, (3) BLU TARPS, "RAZOR" SIL SCOOTER, KAYAK CARRIER	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
PETTY THEFT (FROM VEHICLE)	13-02812	1746	8/4/13-8/5/13	2200-0745	1900 BLK JAYBROOK DR	N/A	(15) GALLONS OF FUEL	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN. SUSPECT(S) SIPHONED GAS OUT OF A PARKED VEHICLE.
BURGLARY (VEHICLE)	13-02843	1747	8/7/13	1100-1144	1700 BLK WESTMONT DR	FRONT PASSENGER SIDE WINDOW SMASHED	PURSE, WHI GOLD WOMEN'S BRACELET W/DIAMOND HEARTS AND OVAL SAPPHIRES, CHECKBOOK, "TORI BIRTCH" WOMEN'S GLASSES	2 MALE SUSPECTS WERE SEEN BREAKING INTO VICT'S VEH AND THEN LEAVING THE LOC IN A DK COLORED SUV W/O LICENSE PLATES.
ARRESTS: DRUGS-1								

ROLLING HILLS:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NO CRIMES DURING THIS TIME								
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CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NO CRIMES OCCURRED DURING THIS TIME								
ARRESTS: DISORDERLY CONDUCT-1								

SAN PEDRO:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
BURGLARY (RESIDENTIAL)	13-02810	1750	8/2/13	0150-0220	900 BLK 7TH ST	CLIMBED FENCING	NOTHING TAKEN	1 SUSPECT ARRESTED
BURGLARY (GARAGE)	13-02849	1750	8/6/13-8/7/13	1430-1230	200 BLK BANDINI ST	GARAGE DOOR PRIED OPEN	"ACER" LAPTOP, SIRIUS RADIO WIRES, MISC HAND TOOLS	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
NO ARRESTS DURING THIS TIME								

WESTFIELD:

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NO CRIMES DURING THIS TIME								
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Pictured left to right, Dina Friedson, Barbara Gleghorn and Betty Field Strauss were among the women who led efforts to incorporate Rancho Palos Verdes in 1973. Photo by David Rosenfeld

This Fourth of July, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes not only celebrates the birth of a nation, but the birth of a city. Forty years ago, a group of tenacious women led efforts to incorporate one of LA County's last untouched coastlines and form what is today RPV.

It didn't come easy, recalled Betty Field Strauss, Barbara Gleghorn and Dina Friedson, three of the original members of the effort spearheaded at the time by the League of Women Voters. The three reminisced recently about what the coastline may have resembled had they not succeeded and how far the city has come in the decades that followed.

"If the county had continued to have control over development, Abalone Cove and Lower Point Vicente would have been developed as would much of the Portuguese Bend landslide area," said Friedson, who did much of the research at the county recorder's office.

At the time, Friedson made the 21-mile trip downtown frequently to look up records. Since it was before the days of copy machines, she hand-copied details of the zoning records. And what she found shocked her fellow residents, who envisioned huge hotels like in Miami Beach sprouting up along the cliff side.

"Most of that coastline was open space and county planners had put a hold that could have allowed very heavy density with hardly any limits," Friedson said. "Depending on the size, on some of the larger parcels they could have had buildings up to 74 stories tall. It would have been very bad."

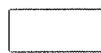
In 1967, league members began canvassing the neighborhoods and educating their fellow residents about the need for incorporation and greater control over development. Some of the ladies pushed baby carriages as they walked house to house.

"Most of the men worked off the hill, and so they didn't particularly want to go to meetings. So we decided we needed to be the ones who helped raise people's consciousness," said Field Strauss "The women really responded. They were wonderful and we all passionately cared about it."

The women's group of course had some help from noteworthy men and other community groups including Fred Hesse, Ernie Howlett and the non-profit Save Our Coastline. Later the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy helped take up the mantle of preserving open space.

"We were fighting the [Board of] Supervisors who really had an old boy's network," Gleghorn said. "So we had zero influence on the planning commission and among the supervisors. They were nice guys, but the idea that one could influence open space and control your environment really didn't take place until Save Our Coastline came along."

At the time in the late 1960s, women's involvement in politics wasn't the most comfortable thing for some people though they can only recall a few instances where someone publicly objected. Capping their achievement, Marilyn Ryan, the League's former president, was elected the first mayor of RPV and later went on to become an assemblywoman.



Women led RPV founding 40 years ago

“The women really did most of the work,” Gleghorn said. “In the beginning we knew we had to unite the peninsula behind the effort. We had to draw the political parties and the cities together and sell the public because people, like now, don’t really tune in to what’s happening, so it just took a lot of educating.”

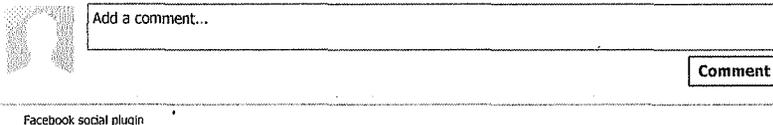
When the group first appealed to the county to grant incorporation they were rebuffed because greater weight was given to votes based on property values. Local attorney Jim Herbert appealed the case to the California Supreme Court and won. The incorporation then went to the voters and in 1973 roughly 88 percent of the residents approved.

All told it took 43 separate battles with county and state officials, said Mayor Susan Brooks.

“Now, 40 years later it remains the responsibility of city officials to remain ever vigilant about preserving the dream of maintaining a high quality, low density environment amid the most acreage of open space preserve in the South Bay and throughout most of greater LA,” Brook said. “We are truly blessed to live in the paradise called Rancho Palos Verdes.”

As for the ladies that helped get it all started, they say they’re extremely pleased.

“The edge of a continent is irreplaceable,” said Field Strauss. ER



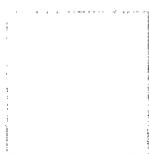
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Off Palos Verdes Peninsula, purple sea urchins devour kelp forest

The urchins are ravaging kelp at a time when the giant green foliage is making a comeback elsewhere along the California coast.

By Tony Barboza

7:43 PM PDT, August 11, 2013

Below the gently rolling waves off the Palos Verdes Peninsula, a spiny purple menace is advertisement ravaging what should be a thriving kelp forest.

Millions of sea urchins — scrawny, diseased and desperate for food — have overrun a band of the shallow seafloor, devouring kelp and crowding out most all other life at a time the giant green foliage is making a comeback elsewhere along the California coast.

In an effort to remedy the situation, scientists and divers will spend the next five years culling the urchins from more than 152 acres of coastal waters degraded years ago by pollution. Once the purple, golf ball-size creatures are under control, young kelp should be able to take hold on the rocky seafloor and grow into the undulating canopies that sustain hundreds of species of marine life.

"Trillions of kelp spores are out there, falling on the seafloor," said Tom Ford, director of marine programs for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation, the nonprofit leading the project in conjunction with environmental groups, aquariums, fishermen and research institutions. "They just can't get established because they're getting mowed down."

Last month, divers started killing an estimated 4.8 million purple sea urchins — which rarely are harvested for food — striking through their pincushion-like exoskeletons with pointed-tip geology hammers. The goal is to reduce their density from as many as 70 per square meter to two. The thinning will leave behind fewer, healthier urchins, clearing the way for kelp to re-establish naturally in a place where it has declined by more than half.

Over the years, environmental groups have repeatedly attempted to restore kelp forests by removing urchins and transplanting healthy seaweed. But the scale of this latest endeavor reflects the growing belief that some ecosystems have been so altered by humans that they require radical intervention to function again.

"We don't want to wait until it's gone so we have to start planting kelp," Ford said. "Let's go in there now while there's still something to build" on.

A fast-growing alga, giant kelp is the backbone of a rich coastal ecosystem. Its translucent green blades, held afloat with gas-filled bladders, tower up from the seafloor to form canopies that provide shelter and nutrients for a diverse marine community.

Yet over the last century, kelp declined steeply off the California coast as storm runoff, erosion and other shore-based pollution clouded the water and made it harder for sunlight to penetrate. As kelp struggled — and predators like sheephead, lobsters and sea otters declined — sea urchins moved in.

"Now these [urchin populations] are so large and so well-established that few predators will enter," said Dave Witting, a fish biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who is working on the project.

On a recent series of dives, half a dozen scientists aboard the *Xenarcha*, a 28-foot research vessel, pulled on hooded wetsuits and descended 50 feet below the chilly water's surface to the seafloor.

First they examined a healthy kelp forest just down the coast from the urchin zone, taking inventory of the sea life amid the swaying green columns: rockfish, surf perch and kelp bass, among other species. Then they motored over to a corner of the desolate "urchin barren" and got to work, following a 2-meter-wide path and hammering away at the slow-moving creatures that clung to the rocky reef.

It's the beginning of a project that will take years, with twice-a-week expeditions by as many as a dozen dive boats working in a grid pattern to thin the urchins and monitor whether the kelp takes hold and sea life returns.

The project also is drawing on the expertise of commercial divers based in San Pedro, who have joined the urchin culling in hopes of establishing more viable harvesting grounds. The invading purple urchins have gobbled up nutrients and stunted the growth of red urchins, whose bright orange gonads — known as *uni* — are harvested to supply restaurants and sushi bars.

"There's no nutritional value in an empty sea urchin, and that's what you have in an urchin barren," said Bob Bertelli, chairman of the California Urchin Commission.

Regionally, kelp has been making a slow but steady rebound as pollution controls in recent decades have cleaned up coastal waters. A period of cold, nutrient-rich water has accelerated that resurgence in the last several years, with aerial surveys showing the kelp forest more widespread than it's been in decades.

Once a giant kelp anchors itself to a reef, it can grow up to 2 feet a day. But in the barren zone off Palos Verdes, urchins have sat stubbornly in the way of recovery.

Smaller urchin removal efforts — off Malibu, for example — were able to bring the canopies back within a year, Ford said, giving his group confidence to move ahead with a larger endeavor.

Other scientists, however, warn that removing urchins does not guarantee the return of kelp.

"You need to shift the system back, but in the long run some of these areas will just remain urchin barrens no matter what you do," said Ed Parnell, who studies coastal ecosystems at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla.

Other experts said the culling project was reminiscent of past efforts that ultimately proved ineffective, such as the 1970s' practice of scattering quicklime, a caustic white powder, over the water to kill urchins and boost production for the kelp-harvesting industry.

"In retrospect that seemed really unnecessary," said Gordon Hendler, who studies sea urchins for the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. "I don't know whether cleaning urchins off specific reefs is really going to make a difference in the big picture."

Kelp's revival will also probably be hindered by the next El Niño, which brings ashore warm, nutrient-poor water and churns up severe winter storms that can tear the algae from the seafloor.

The \$2.5-million Palos Verdes effort is being funded by the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program, a group of state and federal trustees that have set aside money for fish habitat restoration under a 2001 settlement with industrial polluters who dumped toxic DDT and PCBs into the ocean off the peninsula from the 1940s to the early 1970s.

If the restoration succeeds, backers have their sights set on more isolated waters that have lost kelp forest to urchins, such as around Southern California's offshore islands.

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PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUESTS -TRACKING LOG 2013

DATE OF REQUEST	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
1/1/2013	1/2/2013	Ken Dyda	PRA request for Employee name/title/salary and additional payroll information	1/11/13 14-day extension letter sent. 1/12/13 Mr. Dyda sent response letter. 1/18/13 Staff sent follow up letter to Mr. Dyda's 1/12 letter. 1/19/13 Mr. Dyda sent follow up email & hardcopy letter. 1/25/13 Determination letter sent calling out production dates. 1/29/13 Received response letter from Mr. Dyda. 2/7/13 sent response letter to Mr. Dyda- received response from Mr. Dyda on 2/8/13. 2/19/13 sent response letter to Mr. Dyda regarding third/final production. 2/21/13 Mr. Dyda picked up and paid for 3rd/final production. Completed. On 3/11/13 Mr. Dyda submitted questions regarding his initial PRA request. Completed. **Note- On 6/25/13 Kathryn posted the 2012 State Controller's Compensation report to the City Manager's webpage.
1/3/2013	1/3/2013	Krista Johnson	PRA request for information regarding employee hours/ wellness accrual/ comp time etc	1/11/13 14-day extension letter sent. 1/21/13 City Clerk Morreale sent email to Ms. Johnson asking if she would be coming in soon to reiew samples as stated in 14 day letter- Ms. Johnson came in later that day. 1/25/13 Determination letter sent calling out production dates. 2/19/13 sent email with details of production- awaiting payment and response. 3/4/13 Ms. Johnson met with staff at City Hall- all productions provided. Ms. Johnson selected 370 pgs, paid \$85.10. Completed.
1/22/2013	1/22/2013	Edward Teyssier	PRA requests regarding Processing fee on business licenses.	1/30/13 Emailed letter - awaiting response. 2/7/13 received payment-mailed documents. Completed.
1/30/2013	1/30/2013	Horner & Associates	PRA for documents relating to Highridge Road and Crest Road	Compiling documents. 2/8/13 Provided documents to requestor. Completed.
2/6/2013	2/6/2013	Ruthee Goldkorn	PRA for copy of charter on ballot in 2011.	Provided copy. Completed.
2/12/2013	2/12/2013	Brad Austin	PRA for unrefunded checks.	2/19/13 sent response letter via email and USPS awaiting clarification from requestor.
3/1/2013	3/4/2013	Paul Seeley with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	Employment Records for Aladdin Dinaali	3/5/13 Sent letter. Completed.

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DATE OF REQUEST	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
3/25/2013	3/25/2013	SmartProcure LLC	PRA for PO Vendor Information	4/4/13 14-day extension letter sent. 4/18/13 received payment for requested documents. Completed.
3/28/2013	3/28/2013	Ken DeLong	PRA request for Vehicle Purchase information	4/5/13 14-day extension letter sent. 4/16/13 Final determination letter sent awaiting response from requestor. 4/18/13 Requestor met with City Clerk, reviewed documents, and paid for those selected. Completed.
4/1/2013	4/1/2013	Brad Austin	PRA request for unclaimed checks/ tax overpayments/ unclaimed funds	4/3/13 Final determination letter sent. Completed.
4/1/2013	4/1/2013	Brad Austin	PRA request for excess proceeds due to foreclosure / excess proceeds due to probate	4/3/13 Final determination letter sent. Completed.
4/2/2013	4/2/2013	John Freeman	PRA request regarding Lower Hesse Park Improvement Project	4/8/13 Emailed that no records exist. Completed.
3/28/2013	4/5/2013	Augustin Barragan with Center for Contract Compliance	PRA request regarding Ryan Park Restrooms Improvement & ADA Compliance. Requesting copy of original bid advertisement with proof of publication; signed contract; complete subcontractors list; payment & performance bond information; and project manager information.	4/8/13 PW Associate Engineer responded that this was completed on 4/4/13 - requestor had incorrect contractor listed. 4/10/13 Requestor contacted the City Clerk for an update and was informed that this was completed on 4/4/13. Requestor called back on 4/11/13 and was directed to speak to Bindu Vaish (Assoc. Eng). 4/15/13 City Clerk confirmed with requestor information received. Completed.
4/8/2013	4/8/2013	Lawrence P. Adamsky Esq.	PRA request for Business Tax Applications, or current Business Tax Licenses, or Tax Certificates issued for businesses in five different categories.	4/18/13 14-day extension letter sent. 4/30/13 Final Determination letter sent - awaiting payment from requestor. 5/2/13 Received payment. Completed.
4/8/2013	4/10/2013	Thomas Fanchild	PRA Request for a list of all unclaimed "stale dated" checks which are 6-36 months old and over \$1,500.00 in value; and a City form which can be used to apply for ownership.	4/15/13 Sent letter to requestor that no records exist. Completed.

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5/3/2013	5/3/2013	Ken DeLong	PRA re: Gala Event ticket sales etc.	5/13/13 Emailed 14 day extension letter. 5/28/13 Sent determination letter to requestor. Mr. DeLong will meet with City Clerk Morreale on 6/3/13 at 10AM. Mr. DeLong reviewed the documents and selected and paid for one copy. Completed.
5/3/2013	5/3/2013	Nima Bahrami	PRA re: new businesses (hotels/restaurants/bars) for SiRV's information gathering - they are a Digital Signage Products company	5/13/13 Emailed 14 day extension letter. 5/15/13 Emailed final determination letter. Completed.
5/8/2013	5/13/2013	Center for Contract Compliance	Inspection Logs/Daily reports and Certified Payroll records for the Ryan Park Restroom Improvements/ADA Compliance	5/16/13 Sent certified letter to ZK Construction regarding requests. 5/23/13 Sent final determination letters - awaiting payment from requestor. 6/6/13 Payment received. Completed.
5/23/2013	5/23/2013	Laura Connolly	PRA for City Manager employment agreement	5/23/13 Sent requestor link to website. Completed.
5/23/2013	5/23/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #1 San Ramon Canyon pipe issues/writings etc.	5/31/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/13/13 Letter sent via email and USPS 1st production due 6/13/13; 2nd production due 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber reviewed 1st production of documents and paid for those selected. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed 2nd production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
5/28/2013	5/28/2013	Sunshine	PRA request for ICLEI and Subgroup information	5/29/13 Associate Planner Mikhail emailed response to questions. Completed.
5/29/2013	5/29/2013	Edgepoint/Nick Jacobs	PRA request for unclaimed checks/ tax overpayments/ unclaimed funds	6/3/13 Completed sent determination letter. Completed.
5/30/2013	5/30/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #2 San Ramon Harris & Assoc Engineering Change/ Bids from all contractors etc.	6/7/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/13/13 Letter sent via email and USPS 1st production due 6/13/13; 2nd production due 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber reviewed 1st production of documents and paid for those selected. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed 2nd production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
5/31/2013	5/31/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #3 Questions regarding Kennedy Jenks	6/10/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter, 1st production due 6/13/13; 2nd production due 6/20/13. Ms. Yarber reviewed 1st production of documents and paid for those selected. On 6/20/13 email sent to Ms. Yarber no additional records available for 2nd production. Completed.
6/3/2013	6/3/2013	Joe Olivares c/o Richardson Haran Ober	PRA Any and all records relating to 20 Rockinghorse Lane APN No. 7556-014-008	6/13/13 letter sent awaiting response from requestor. 6/21/13 Requestor paid and picked up documents. Completed.

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6/5/2013	6/15/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #4-1. Please provide a copy of the contract between the City and Kennedy/Jenks (excluding all exhibits). As I am sure this is readily available I would like to pick up a copy tomorrow morning. Please advise me today if this will be ready by around 7:45 A.M. tomorrow. If not available tomorrow please let me know when it will be available as soon as possible;	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
6/5/2013	6/5/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #4-2 Please produce for me the letters from the attorney for Mike Bubalo Construction regarding the rejection of its bid as late and the all correspondence (in paper or electronic form) or other writings from the City or the City Attorney in response thereto;	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
6/5/2013	6/5/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA#4-3. Please provide a copy of the portion of the bid package that sets forth the date and time deadline by which bids had to be received by the City;	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
6/5/2013	6/5/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #4-4 Please provide a copy of all notes, correspondence, memoranda or other writings (in electronic or in paper form) reflecting communication of any nature between anyone on staff and anyone at Kennedy/Jenks or anyone at L.H. Woods with regard to retaining the services of Kennedy/Jenks. Please provide me with a copy of any invoices that have been received by Kennedy/Jenks and copies of any checks or wire transmittals in payment of same.	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.

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6/5/2013	6/5/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #4-5 Please provide for me copies of all written information in possession of the City that discloses that Harris & Associates is not a steel pipe specialist, including reports, articles, communication to or from Harris & Associates or any other documentation or materials that supports the statement in the staff report.	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
6/5/2013	6/5/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #4-6 Please provide all written materials that discuss the condition of the pipe or the pipe lining installed at McCarrell Canyon from January 1, 2011 through today's date, together with all records of all inspections of the pipe and its lining by City staff or anyone retained by the City during that timeframe, including dates performed and observations noted.	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
6/5/2013	6/5/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #4-7. Please provide all reports, writings, notes, correspondence and other documentation between Permalok and the City with regard to the damage to the pipes for McCarrell Canyon sustained during transport.	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
6/5/2013	6/5/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #4-8. Please provide all reports, writings, notes, correspondence or other documentation between the City and Harris & Associates regarding whether the proposed pipe was an exact equal of the Permalok pipe.	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
6/5/2013	6/5/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #4-9. Please provide a copy of all records pertaining to the dates upon which inspections, if any, were made and the dates when any calibrations were performed on the date and time stamp used by the City to record when the bids were received on this project.	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.

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6/5/2013	6/5/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #4-10. Please provide me with a copy of all documents that detail how the savings of \$630,000 (approx.) was calculated, including all breakdown information as between pipe, lining, labor, etc.	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
6/5/2013	6/5/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #4-11. Please provide me with a copy of the formal submittal, if any, received by the City from L.H. Woods requesting approval of the value engineering revision, together with a copy of the submittal of same to Harris for review.	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed 14 day extension letter. 6/27/13 Letter sent via email and regular mail, documents are available today 6/27/13. Ms. Yarber will be in tomorrow 6/28/13 to review. On 6/28/13 Ms. Yarber reviewed production of documents and paid for those selected. Completed.
6/10/2013	6/10/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #5 Value Engineering change orders for McCarrell Canyon	6/13/13 Emailed and mailed letter. Completed.
6/17/2013	6/17/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #6 Request for information relating to rejected bids.	6/25/13 City Clerk Morreale sent email response. Completed.
6/19/2013	6/19/2013	Sharon Yarber	PRA #7 Costs associated with San Ramon PRA	6/20/13 Response emailed to Ms. Yarber. Completed.
6/27/2013	6/27/2013	Devin Ralston	PRA Employee Salary Reporting information	7/3/13 Emailed response to requestor. Completed.
6/30/2013	6/30/2013	Dillan Betts SmartProcure	Preprogrammed Software reports for purchasing	7/8/13 Sent email to requestor. Awaiting response/payment. 7/18/13 received payment. Completed.
7/3/2013	7/3/2013	Daniel Simon	PRA request for transcripts or video for Dr. Roth from the late 80s	7/3/13 Administrative Analyst Cloke emailed requestor for clarification. Awaiting response/payment.
7/7/2013	7/8/2013	Professional Finders Jeff Koch	PRA request for stale/uncashed checks; Cash deposits/Perf Bonds Prop Tax Overpayment	7/17/13 Sent letter via email/USPS. Completed.
7/7/2013	7/8/2013	John Jensen	PRA- 4th of July Helicopter flyovers	7/17/13 Sent letter via email/USPS. Awaiting response. 7/19/13 Requestor met with Deputy City Clerk Takaoka today. Completed.
7/9/2013	7/9/2013	Allison Faris	PRA Ocean Trails	7/22/13 Requestor reviewed documents, selected some and will pick up and pay for them week of 7/29/13. 8/1/13 Requestor paid and picked up documents. Completed.
7/12/2013	7/12/2013	Donahoo & Associates Letitia Sorensen	PRA Records pertaining to Unique Performance Generator System Installation	7/22/13 Letter sent to requestor via email and USPS. Awaiting response/payment. 7/31/13 Payment received. Completed.
7/15/2013	7/15/2013	Sungard Karen Colvin	PRA for proposals or ERP Systems	7/23/13 Response letter sent via email and USPS. Response pending.
7/18/2013	7/18/2013	City of Torrance Gillian S. Studwell	PRA for residential street inspection	7/22/13 Sent letter to requestor via email and USPS. Completed.

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7/19/2013	7/19/2013	Center for Contract Compliance	PRA for Contractor information regarding RPV California Coastal Trail	7/22/13 Letter sent to requestor - completed (Vaish).
7/15/2013	7/22/2013	Great West Financial	PRA or service agreements; /Assets/457s	8/1/13 sent 14 day extension letter to requestor. 8/8/13 Final Determination letter sent. Awaiting payment. Check Payment of \$2.53 received 8/12/2013. Mailed 8/13/2013.
7/18/2013	7/22/2013	Center for Contract Compliance	PRA Certified Payroll records for ZK Cnstruction	8/1/13 sent determination letter to requestor - awaiting payment.
7/18/2013	7/22/2013	Center for Contract Compliance	PRA Certified Payroll records for ZK Cnstruction's subcontractor Service First Contractors Network	8/1/13 sent 14 day extension letter to requestor.