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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

League of California Cities Conference and Policy Committee

This week Council Member Gutierrez and I will be attending the League's New Mayors and Council Members Academy in Sacramento. Sessions include Effective Advocacy & Key Issues, Relationship Between City Council and City Manager Staff, and Communications & the New Media. On Friday, I'll be participating in the League's Employee Relations Policy Committee meeting as a representative of the Riverside Division. The policy committee will be meeting with PERS policy consultants and discussing possible changes to economic and demographic assumptions as well as how pension changes affect cities.

Shanna Palau Continues on Moreno Valley Chamber Board

Management Analyst Shanna Palau will be sworn in to serve another year on the Board of Directors for the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce at their annual Installation and Awards Dinner on January 24. In addition to serving as a Director, Shanna also serves as a member of the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee.

Division Manager Working Groups

We have 17 very talented and skilled mid-managers with expertise in administering their respective Divisions. The Executive Team and I have established working groups comprised of 4-5 Division Managers tasked with developing policy to address various issues that may or may not be within these managers' typical area of responsibility. Maintenance and Operations Division Manager Robert Lemon recently led a working group that developed our policy to implement the new administrative leave option included as part of the July 1 MVCEA Memorandum of Understanding. This team also included Financial Operations Division Manager Dena Heald, Special Districts Manager Candace Cassel, and Traffic Engineer Eric Lewis. Other Division Manager Working Groups are developing policies and procedures for city employee uniforms and a City smart phone application.

Synthetic Drug Ordinance

Per Council Member Molina's request, staff is pursuing the development of a draft ordinance to prohibit the consumption, sales, administration, possession or distribution of any composition of illegal synthetic drugs. Bath salts or synthetic drugs are increasingly abused by youth. These new drugs, marketed to teens and young adults, are illegal to sell, but legal to use.

Unfortunately, the State's penal code does not specify that consumption of the drug is illegal and it also details that only a specific composition of the drug is illegal, creating loopholes in the penal code. These new drugs are commonly sold at gas stations or smoke shops in packages that are created to be attractive to juveniles, marketed as incense, potpourri, or glass cleaner.



The many dangers of this new brand of illegal drugs include troubled breathing, heart palpitations, panic attacks, hallucinations, vomiting, and seizures. There have also been reports of suicides resulting from hallucinations. Some of these drugs fail to show up in a traditional urinalysis, making them more attractive to users.



Due to Council Member Molina's concern about the rate at which this drug use is climbing, the December 2013 Public Safety Sub-Committee meeting included a detailed review of the topic. To be effective, the ordinance will require the prohibition of consumption, sales, administration, possession, and/or distribution of any composition of synthetic drugs.



Moreno Valley Hosts Mid-Managers Group

In an effort to connect regional agency mid-level managers in Southwest Riverside County, the City of Murrieta took the lead in November by hosting the first Southwest Riverside County Mid-Managers Luncheon. At that meeting, attendees helped shape the purpose, timing, and format of the new group. As a result, these informal, bi-monthly networking meetings will exist to provide a venue for sharing information and generating ideas based on particular projects/issues. Additionally, the group hopes to schedule guest speakers based on topics of interest or timing. The networking has already demonstrated benefits to Moreno Valley as staff was able to make use of a new for ideas that helped to propel a current project.

Building momentum for this emerging group, the City Manager's Office hosted the second meeting, on January 14 at the Conference and Recreation Center. Erin Sasse, the Riverside County representative for the League of California Cities, served as guest speaker and discusses the Governor's budget proposal and other legislative hot buttons for California cities. Approximately 25 participants were in attendance.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Swearing-in Ceremony

On the January 7 Special Meeting of the City Council, the City Clerk conducted the swearing-in ceremony for re-appointed Mayor Tom Owings and newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem Victoria Baca. A reception that was held after the ceremonial swearing-in was sponsored by the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Library



Improving Library Collections

Moreno Valley Public Library staff is working to improve library collections. The first project addresses children's collection development. In an effort to make room for new J EZ children's books, staff was able to remove damaged

materials from the children's library collection. It was a tremendous team effort that included 10 staff members working together to get this massive project completed in one week.

Book Sales

The Friends of the Library is planning future book sales. The next book sale event is called *The Hunt*. It will be held on Saturday, April 19, at Mountain View Middle School. The event will be hosted by Generation Church of Moreno Valley. Materials purchased from the Friends of the Library book sale will support library collection development and library programs.

Summer Reading Program

Moreno Valley Public Library staff is planning for the 2014 Summer Reading Program, set to begin in June. The theme of the Summer Reading Program is "PAWS to Read." The Summer Reading Program will feature activities for children, teens, and adults. The library recently received donations from Fiesta Village, Mulligan Family Fun Center, and Old Spaghetti Factory as prizes.

Workshop

Moreno Valley Public Library staff will be hosting a Financial Aid workshop on February 4th at 6 p.m. Targeting adults and teens, and hosted by the Moreno Valley City College Outreach Program, the workshop will provide information about what skills are necessary for college preparation. This workshop will also provide tips for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA).

Family Night

Moreno Valley Public Library staff created new programming for families. Family Night will be held every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Story Room. Programs will include various activities such as craft projects, music, and storytelling for family participation.

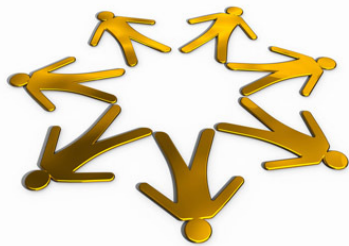
Teen Night

Moreno Valley Public Library staff has also created new programs targeting teens. Teen Night will be hosted every Wednesday at 5 p.m. Program events include book discussions, manga, poetry readings, and teen advisory board. Teen programs will be held in the Story Room.

Working with Elementary Schools

The Moreno Valley Public Library Director will be meeting with library media specialists at Moreno Valley elementary schools to learn more about the resources provided to students by their library media centers. This will help the Library direct materials purchases that will integrate with elementary school curriculum needs. Chaparral Hills Elementary School and Ridge Crest Elementary School are the first two schools scheduled.

Human Resources



workforce. Recruiting and/or selection processes are underway or have just closed for the following 6 positions:

Wellness Program

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

Talent Management

Robust recruitments are underway for several positions in the City

- Management Assistant FT/Temp (PAM-0 applicants to date).
- Accounting Technician (FTC-82 applicants to date).
- Permit Technician/Sr. Permit Technician (FTC-139 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Planning Division Manager/Building Official (DMG-113 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Accountant (FTC-137 applicants). Interviews scheduled. Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Child Care Assistant (FTC-92 applicants). Interviews scheduled. Candidate selected, recruitment closed.

Workers Compensation for November:

- New claims: 0
- Closed claims: 3
- Ongoing open claims: 24

Turnover Ratio: 1.20%

- Employees: 417
- Retirements & Separations: 5

Facilities Division



Recent Division Relocations

Facilities staff recently moved the Payroll Division to a new work area on the 2nd floor of City Hall. This move gives Payroll staff a more secure and private location for their work. Purchasing staff has also been relocated. They moved from the Corporate Yard to the office space where Payroll was previously located in City Hall. The Purchasing & Facilities

Division Manager's office has been consolidated into Annex #1 in the Facilities Division area. Having both groups of the division in the same general vicinity will provide for enhanced day-to-day management, while facilitating effective interaction with Finance staff.

Animal Services



Adoption Events

In addition to the December 7 vaccination clinic, Animal Shelter staff held a day-long adoption event at the Animal Shelter and participated in an adoption event at Bud's Tire Pros from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. In total, 25 pets were adopted and 1 was returned to its owner.

Special Pet Adoption Event Results - December 2013

The Animal Shelter held adoption events for three consecutive days. Animal Shelter staff promoted adoptable pets at Visterra Credit Union on Friday, December 13 at Secure Self Storage on December 14, and all day Sunday, December 15 at the Animal Shelter. After three days of pet adoption events, 72 pets were adopted and 14 pets were reunited with their owners. A big thanks to the Media & Communications Division for helping the Animal Shelter successfully promote these pet adoption events.

Results of the Low Cost Rabies Vaccination & Dog Licensing Clinic
 The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter held a low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinic On Saturday, December 7. Many residents braved the cold and wet weather to come out with their pets and take advantage of the reduced pet vaccination fees and purchase a new or renewed dog license.



Residents are shown here lined-up to take advantage of the vaccination clinic.

Results of the clinic shown below:

N Rabies Vaccination	33
5 in 1 Vaccination	44
Bordetella Vaccines (Administered to Dogs)	34
Dog Licenses Sold	20

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administration

Aldi Foods

Aldi Foods (Aldi) will occupy the approved Westridge Business Park, located west of the intersection of Eucalyptus Avenue and Redlands Boulevard. Plans for the modifications to the approved building were approved by Planning in late November. In early December, an appeal of that approval was submitted. The appeal was reviewed by Planning Commission on January 16, resulting in the approval of a building size modification from a 937,260 square foot facility to slightly smaller at 800,430 square feet.

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

Aldi Foods is a national retailer with over 1,200 stores in the United States. The Moreno Valley facility will be built in conjunction with Aldi’s move into California and the construction of several dozen stores in the state.

Harbor Freight Tools

Construction of Harbor Freight’s expansion to their existing facility on Cactus Avenue in the Centerpointe Business Park has commenced with grading, site reconfiguration, and site work. The 507,720 square foot expansion, when combined with the existing 779,016 square foot facility, will result in a 1,286,736 square foot distribution facility for the company.

Panattoni Development

Active construction for the 1,476,016 square foot logistics building, located at the southwest corner of Iris Avenue and Indian Street in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area, is well underway. The developer also began street and utility improvements in Indian Street in October. The facility has been leased to a Fortune 500 corporation that anticipates initially employing as many as 800 people at the site. Occupancy is anticipated in mid-2014.

USAA/Overton Moore Properties

The approved 522,772 square foot logistics building, located at the northwest corner of Cactus Avenue and Frederick Street, is complete. The owners of the building have informed Planning that

they have a finalist for a tenant. Staff is working with them to facilitate review of additional off-site parking required by the potential tenant.

Trammell Crow Properties/Amazon

Construction of the approved 1,252,276 square foot logistics building, located at the northwest corner of San Michele Road and Indian Street, is happening. Trammell Crow recently finalized lease negotiations with Amazon. The revised plans to accommodate the tenant were approved by Planning in early September. Revisions to the approved building to accommodate Amazon are in progress. Amazon anticipates initiating operations at the site in April and has announced plans to hire at least 1,000 employees to staff the facility.

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

First 36 Logistics

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

Sares Regis/Deckers Outdoor

On November 26, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Deckers Outdoor Corporation to provide financial incentives to encourage the company to locate their North American distribution center in the approved 1,600,000 square foot Sares Regis project at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Grove View Road in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area.

Sares Regis will build and lease a first phase 800,000 square foot logistics building to Deckers, with an option for a second phase expansion of 200,000 to 400,000 square feet. The building will include the internet sales site for the company, resulting in the potential for a substantial amount of sales tax revenue to the City. Grading has commenced for the site, with building construction anticipated in late January.

Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from Realtor.com indicates a decrease in the number of homes for sale in the City, along with a slight increase in median asking prices. As of January 1, 2014, 488 homes were listed for sale, compared with 534 at the start of the prior month, and 375 in the same month last year.

January 2010 marked the prior low point for inventory in recent years when 806 homes were listed for sale. Inventory fell sharply in 2009 from a high of 2,068 in January 2009, but increased throughout 2010 and early 2011 to a peak of 1,230 in March 2011 before steadily declining to under 300 in May 2013. The current inventory of homes for sale is less than a three month supply. Anything less than a six month supply of homes for sale is considered a limited supply. At less than half of a normal inventory, the current situation indicates a shortage of homes for sale. The median asking price was \$249,550, compared with \$249,500 in the prior month and \$169,500 in the same month last year. The trends are shown in the chart below:

	January 2014	December 2013	Change	January 2013	Change
Homes for Sale	488	534	(9%)	375	30%
Median Asking Price	249,550	\$249,500	.0001%	\$169,500	47%

Foreclosures

Information available from RealtyTrac for November shows a continued decrease in foreclosure activity in the City and in the County. The website reported one in 431 housing units or 0.23% of homes with mortgages in Moreno Valley was in some stage of foreclosure. A higher number (431) indicates a lower foreclosure rate (0.23%). This compares to a rate of one in 418 units in the prior month and one in 175 in the prior year in 2012. Foreclosure activity is 3% lower than the prior month and 59% lower than the same month last year.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is somewhat higher than most local communities and the County's average. Mira Loma had the lowest rate locally (1 in 1247) and Aguanga had the highest rate (1 in 145).

By zip code, area 92551 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 311) and, area 92557 had the lowest rate (1 in 510). The foreclosure rate decreased in all zip code areas.

The trends are shown here:

	November 2013	October 2013	Change	November 2012	Change
Foreclosure Rate/City	431	418	(3%)	175	(59%)
Foreclosure Rate/County	559	519	(7%)	248	(56%)

Home Resale Market

Information available from DQNews.com indicates the average home resale values in Moreno Valley continued to increase in 2013. In November 2013, the average home resale value was \$221,601, which was a 1% increase from the value of \$219,256 reported for the month of October 2013 and a 26% increase from the value of \$176,458 reported for the month of November 2012. Other nearby communities such as Riverside, Perris, Corona, and Hemet/San Jacinto also saw resale values increase in November by approximately 3.5%. The cities of Temecula and Murrieta saw their resale values decrease by approximately 6.5%.

The number of housing resale activities in the City during this reporting period increased by 0.6% - going from 172 transactions in October to 173 in November 2013. There have been a total of 1,992 transactions for 2013 through November.

The trends are shown here:

	November 2013	October 2013	Change	November 2012	Change
Resale Transactions	173	172	0.6%	201	(14%)
Home Resale Value	\$221,601	\$219,256	1%	\$176,458	26%

Unemployment – November 2013

The unemployment rate decreased in November for the City to 11.2%. The rate is a decrease from the October 2013 rate of 11.8% and is much better than the 13.9% reported one year ago in November 2012. Unemployment similarly decreased across the Inland Empire. The trend remains positive with unemployment rates decreasing as business activity increases in the City and companies slowly increase their workforce.

The comparison below highlights the changes in unemployment rate for Moreno Valley, surrounding cities, Riverside County and State of California.

	<u>October 2013</u>	<u>November 2013</u>
California	8.3%	8.3%
Riverside County	10.10%	9.6%
Banning	11.60%	11.1%
Beaumont	11.60%	11.0%
Corona	7.4%	7.0%
Hemet	12.8%	12.2%
Moreno Valley	11.8%	11.2%
Murrieta	6.6%	6.3%
Perris	15.9%	15.1%
Riverside	10.2%	9.7%
San Jacinto	15.4%	14.7%
Temecula	6.8%	6.5%

Business Roundtable Program

Economic Development includes both attraction of new business and retention of existing business. The Business Roundtable Program was designed to promote dialogue between the business community and city officials and luncheons are held annually in each City Council District. The District 4 Business Roundtable luncheon was held on Wednesday, January 8 at the Steer 'n Stein restaurant on Perris Boulevard. Luncheon attendees included business owners and managers representing retail, personal fitness, financial investment, distribution centers and industrial development firms. Council Member Yxstian A. Gutierrez welcomed the group and spoke of the importance of open communication between the business community and city officials to support economic success. John Terell, Director of Community and Economic Development, briefed the group on the current development activity within the City.

BAS Recycling / Environmental Molding Concepts

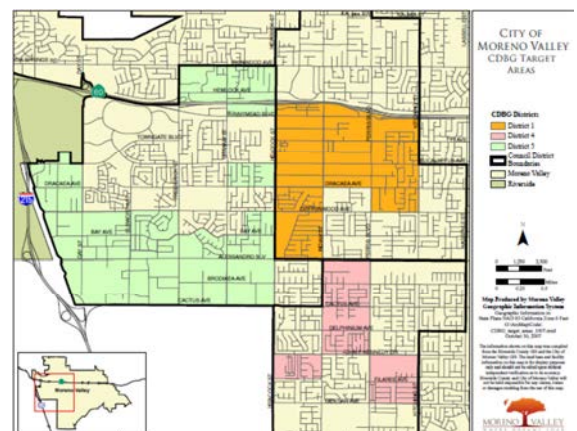
Moreno Valley is home to the largest rubber recycling facility in California. BAS Recycling moved from the city of San Bernardino to Moreno Valley in 2009 and is located at 14050 Day Street. Since moving to the City, over 13 million tires have been diverted from landfills, and recycled into several sizes of mulch, and sold to companies that produce a variety of products including landscaping, playground surfaces, and asphalt. Steel and fiber components removed from the tires are sold to support the manufacturing of additional products. Approximately 50 employees work across 3 shifts.

A second business, Environmental Molding Concepts (EMC), also operates at the site and manufactures rubberized mats for schools, industrial uses and solar roofing systems. Product expansion plans for the near future will increase their workforce and strengthen the Moreno Valley business community.

CDBG and HOME Applications Available

Applications for the 2014-2015 program year for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs were accepted from December 19, 2013 through January 22, 2014. Notification was sent to existing grantees and a public notice of funding availability was published last month.

Grants are available to area non-profits interested in partnering with the City to provide programs and services



that benefit the City's low-to-moderate income residents and distressed neighborhoods. City Departments that have eligible projects (per HUD regulation) also apply for funding. CDBG grant activities generally range from social services to code enforcement and capital improvements in Target Areas. HOME funds must be used toward the development of affordable housing programs. For more information on the grants or for an application, please see the CDBG webpage on the City's public website, under the subheading 'Becoming a Subgrantee' or contact Isa Rojas at isar@moval.org

Building & Safety Division

Quick Statistics

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

	<u>December 2012</u>	<u>December 2013</u>
Customer Counter Visits- Total/Daily Average	394/33	421/31
Building Permits Issued	108	191
Construction Valuation	\$5,839,049	\$55,462,978
Construction Inspections Performed	530	621
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	2	8
Plan Check Activity	155	255
Monthly Revenue	\$83,747	\$205,282

Code & Neighborhood Services Division

Quick Statistics

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

	<u>December 2012</u>	<u>December 2013</u>
Cases Initiated	126	119
Closed Case Investigations	307	228
Parking Citations Issued	1,601	1,260
Administrative Citations Issued	59	39
Counter Customers	168	144

Planning Division

Quick Statistics

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

	<u>December 2012</u>	<u>December 2013</u>
Counter Customers	181	201
Major Case Submittals	7	5
Minor Case Submittals	28	35
Plan Check Submittals	27	56
Application Fees	\$ 63,605	\$ 53,663

Planning Commission

A Planning Commission meeting was held on December 12. The Planning Commission reviewed the following projects and took the following actions:

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

Project Coming Before the Planning Commission

A Planning Commission meeting was held on January 16. The Planning Commission reviewed the following projects and took the following actions:

- The Planning Commission approved P13-111 to construct an 800,430 square foot warehouse distribution facility (Aldi Foods) in place of the 937,260 square foot warehouse facility originally approved for the West Ridge Commerce Center project. The project is located on the south side of State Highway 60 westerly of Redlands Boulevard.
- The Planning Commission recommended approval of the City's updated Housing Element to the City Council. The updated Housing Element was prepared in compliance with State Law (California Government Code Article 10.6 of the Government Code). The Housing Element is scheduled for City Council review on February 11.

Administrative Approvals

- A remodel and addition to Moss Bros. Toyota dealership was approved. The applicant is HC & D Architects, Inc.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for architectural review for Tract 31618. The 56-lot tract is located at the southwest corner of Moreno Beach Boulevard and Bay Avenue. The applicant is Frontier Homes.

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- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the demolition and addition to an existing dwelling. The applicant is Innovative Home Design.
 - An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for Speedy's \$5 Pizza located at 24430 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is All Bros. Corp.
 - An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the construction of outdoor seating and covered patios for Bravo Burgers at 21635 Eucalyptus Avenue. The applicant is Angelo Theodossis.

Recent Case Submittals

- A General Plan Amendment and Change of Zone was submitted from Community Commercial to R-30 (Multi-family) was submitted for a 2.68 acre site at 15795 Perris Boulevard, northerly of the Home Depot. The proposal does not include a development project at this time. The applicant is Jeff Weber.
- An Expanded Planning Review for plan checks was submitted for the Sares-Regis project. The project currently has grading permits. The applicant is Moreno Knox LLC.
- A tentative tract map was submitted for 235 single-family lots on 80 acres at the southeast corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Merwin. A General Plan Amendment and Change of Zone from RA-2 to R-5 is also proposed. The applicant is Winchester Associates.
- An application for two custom homes located near Redlands and Locust was submitted. The applicant is Jay Nelson.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for R.V. sales was submitted. The address is 21155 Box Springs Road. The applicant is Chuck Sisler.
- A pre-application review was submitted for 220 apartments in the vicinity of Lasselle and Cactus. The applicant is MV Bella Vista LP.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for a substation was submitted at the southwest corner of Nandina Avenue and Indian Street. The applicant is Moreno Valley Utility.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for the relocation of a propane tank was submitted for Supreme Truck Bodies at 22135 Alessandro Boulevard.
- A sign program application was submitted for Crunch Fitness in Moreno Valley Mall.
- An application was submitted for a Development Agreement Amendment for the TownGate project. The applicant is Palm Tree Communities Consulting, Inc.

World Logistics Center

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

The EIR consultant is continuing to review all comments received during that period and will provide written responses for final review by City staff and the City's peer consultant. Those received shortly after the due date will also be provided with written responses, including a notation that they were late. The draft EIR and Response to Comments will constitute the final EIR (FEIR). The FEIR will accompany the Specific Plan for the World Logistics Center for formal review by the Planning Commission and City Council.

The World Logistics Center is a proposed Specific Plan for up to 41.6 million square feet of high cube logistics warehouse space. High cube warehouses are large, high ceiling buildings built to accommodate modern, high efficiency logistics operations. The proposed Specific Plan includes nearly all of the property encompassed by the SR60 Freeway, Redlands Boulevard, Gilman Springs Road and the southerly City limits. In addition to the Specific Plan, the project includes a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, an Annexation for an 85-acre parcel at Alessandro Boulevard and Gilman Springs Road, a Development Agreement, a Tentative Parcel Map for financial purposes and an Environmental Impact Report.

FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Financial Operations Division

Payroll Updates

- Payroll staff timely processed the Public Service Recognition award payments in compliance with the current MOUs and these were distributed on the payday closest to December 1st.
- Payroll coordinated with Graphics to create the 2014 Payroll Calendar. Copies of this calendar are available in Human Resources. This year, we have a pocket calendar available.
- Staff attended a Government Tax seminar held by White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP.

Accounting Updates

- Fiscal Year 2012/2013 was officially closed with the production and approval of our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) in December. This report, for the first time in many years, was submitted to Council prior to December 31. This report has also been submitted to the Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) for consideration to receive a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting.
- Accounting staff coordinated the Single Audit engagement of Lance, Soll, and Lunghard, LLP and would like to thank all staff involved for prompt responses and attention given to the auditors.
- P&CS and Accounting staff finalized the Child Care Audit and related reports, as required, by December 15.
- Staff coordinated with MVU and Budget staff to restructure the Electric Utility funds to add clarity to operational revenue and expenditures in a more concise manner, improving the accuracy and understanding of this enterprise operation.

Special Districts Division

Replants in City's Landscaped Special Districts Nearing Completion

Replants are nearly complete for all the City's landscaped special districts. Once completed, approximately \$210,000 will have been reinvested into new plant material for the current fiscal year. The replanting process typically occurs during the fall (November) to ensure the greatest survival rate

for the plants. Replants are being performed in those areas that have funding to support the reinvestment.



Stoneridge Ranch before
(September 2013)



Stoneridge Ranch after
(January 2014)

SCE Files Application for Phase I (Revenue Requirement) of its 2015 General Rate Case (GRC)

On December 16 the Coalition for Affordable Street Lights* (CASL) filed a Response to SCE's application to increase its authorized revenues for electric service in 2015 and to reflect that increase in its electric rates (i.e. street light tariff). The Response was filed with the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) and is an expression of certain issues that are of concern to CASL. Filing the Response notifies the CPUC that CASL is an interested party and reserves our standing, allowing the City to be actively engaged in the GRC process. Preliminarily, we are interested in SCE's higher-than-historically completed street light luminaire replacements and higher forecast of new street light installations (each a cost driver in the street light tariff), as well as ensuring SCE is abiding by the terms of the Settlement Agreement for Phase II of its 2012 GRC (approved by the CPUC on March 21, 2013). It is anticipated that the assigned PUC Commissioner will schedule a prehearing conference sometime in January. During the prehearing conference, the scope of issues and proposed schedule for Phase I of the 2015 GRC will be discussed.

* In 2011, Moreno Valley spearheaded the formation of CASL in response to SCE's Phase II (Revenue Allocation and Rate Design) application of its 2012 GRC.

Technology Services Division

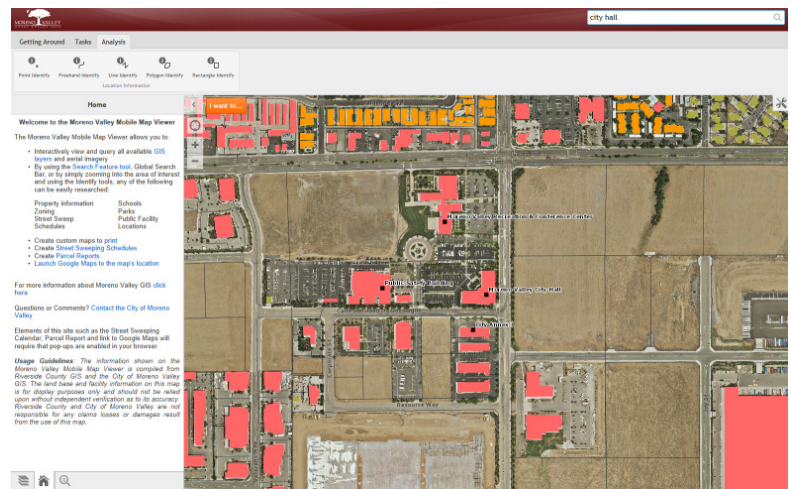
Certified GIS Professionals



Janice Nollar, Senior GIS Analyst, and Dale Mendenhall, GIS Technician, have achieved GISP (Geographic Information Systems Professional) recertification by the GIS Certification Institute. To receive recertification, Janice and Dale have both met the required standards for ethical conduct and professional practice as established by the GIS Certification Institute (GISCI). GISCI certification requires achievement in three areas: educational achievement, professional experience, and contributions to the profession.

Moreno Valley Mobile Map Viewer

To accommodate the ever-growing selection of computing devices, development of a mobile-friendly GIS site began immediately after the July release of the City's new full-featured GIS site. While its more compact format is designed to enhance the mobile computing experience, the new site can be viewed from the traditional desktop and it supports many browser options. The Moreno Valley Mobile Map Viewer can be accessed from a



variety of devices and is especially helpful for those who want to view GIS data on the go. The viewer, built with HTML5 technology, is robust and intuitive, and offers the convenience of researching parcels, viewing street sweeping schedules, creating mailing lists, and sharing GIS data from personal devices. With the release of this latest application, the GIS team completed the migration and upgrade of the mapping application project, which was initiated in January 2013.

Emergency Operations Preparedness

In an emergency, the City needs to be ready to respond to the unexpected. With this in mind, the Technology Services GIS group just completed the design and printing of a large array of physical maps, organized for easy access, and bound in large format binders for use if and when electronic maps are not available. These map binders provide basic City references while also identifying other important features such as Public Facilities, Emergency Shelter locations, Police Beats and City Council Districts. The binders include city-wide street atlases that provide EOC personnel with a simple way to view street and address information.

New Map Exhibits

Did you know that the various wall map exhibits that you see at locations throughout the City are almost a decade old? A GIS project to replace these maps was started late last year and replacement maps should be in place within the next 2 months. While not all of the maps are targeted for replacement, those that are will reflect the City's growth by utilizing the most recent aerial photography, the same Ortho-photography that is available on the City's new GIS websites.

Treasury Operations Division

Partial Refunding of the 2005 Lease Revenue Bonds

Per Council approval and as part of the ongoing effort to implement budgetary savings/ reduce costs, the City was able to take advantage of an opportunity to leverage the favorable interest rates currently available in the bond markets and refinance a portion the 2005 Bonds. On December 17 the City successfully issued \$12.8 million in refunding bonds. This refunding bond issuance process accomplished the following key objectives:

- The City received an "A" credit rating with a "positive" outlook from Standard and Poor's.
- The City received strong investor interest based on the financial strength, the positive outlook, and a diverse demand from institutions, money managers and private investors.
- The issuance generated a General Fund savings of \$540,000 that will be realized over the next two fiscal years.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spark of Love

The Moreno Valley Fire Department, in conjunction with Riverside County Fire Department / CAL FIRE and ABC-7, conducted its 21 Annual Spark of Love Toy Drive. The toy drive officially started November 18 and continued through December 24.

Staff and families from Moreno Valley Fire Department divisions, with the help from the Moreno Valley Community Assistance Program (CAP), volunteers from the community, Moreno Valley Fire Explorers distributed toys and sports equipment to more than 400 children.



December 23 was a special day for the children hospitalized at Riverside County Regional Medical Center (RCRMC) and their siblings as firefighters from Truck 91 and personnel from the Office of Emergency Management visited the medical center to distribute toys and spread holiday cheer. The nurses at RCRMC were ecstatic with the generosity of the donations from the community, which made the children's day a little brighter.



The Fire Department would like to thank all those who donated to our Spark of Love Toy Drive. With your help, the underprivileged children in our City enjoyed a very special and wonderful holiday.

Significant Events

On December 10, Moreno Valley Fire Department units along with CAL Fire/Riverside County Fire responded to a report of a residential structure fire at the Santiago Mobile Home Park. Upon arrival, the first fire apparatus noted that a total of two mobile homes were well-involved in fire with an immediate threat to four additional mobile homes. An additional threat to 25 neighboring mobile homes was also present due to a 25-30 mph north wind that was feeding the fire and pushing it in a southerly direction. Firefighters aggressively attacked the fire and were able to contain its spread to three units. A total of three alarms were requested to bring this fire under control. This substantial response resulted in the assignment of thirteen fire engines, three truck companies, one breathing support, five Chief Officers, one press information officer, two safety officers, and eight overhead personnel to the incident, for a total of 55 firefighters. This fire response demonstrated the strength of Moreno Valley's integrated, cooperative, regional fire protection system.



At 10:46 p.m. on December 21, the Moreno Valley Fire Department responded to a reported traffic collision with possible victim entrapment on Gilman Springs south of Alessandro Boulevard. The first arriving fire engine reported a three vehicle traffic collision with four patients trapped inside one vehicle. Upon further assessment of the scene, it was determined that there were two fatalities and three critical patients. Through a coordinated effort between fire engine and truck company personnel, all patients were extracted from their vehicles within thirty minutes of dispatch. Five advanced life support ground ambulance and one critical care unit from AMR transported the patients to three different local hospitals accompanied by Fire Department Paramedics.

At 6:10 p.m. on December 21, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department responded to a reported residential structure fire in the Morrison Park Fire Station primary response area. Battalion Chief Mike Smith was the first on scene and reported smoke showing from the front door of a single-family residence while the occupants were evacuating. The subsequently arriving fire engines and truck company initiated an attack of the fire, which was located in the front room of the home. Fire Department personnel conducted a search for trapped occupants, ventilated the home for smoke, and began salvaging the residents' belongings including wrapped Christmas gifts. The fire was quickly extinguished; however, there was significant heat and smoke damage to the home. Five fire engines, one truck company, and one Chief Officer (a total of 20 personnel) were committed to the incident for two hours.

On December 23, College Park Fire Engine 91 responded to a report of a person who had collapsed at home with by-stander CPR in progress in their primary response area. Upon arrival, Fire Department

personnel located a 73 year-old man in cardiac arrest. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 91 initiated advanced life support care as Morrison Park Fire Engine 99 and AMR arrived on scene. All three crews worked together to perform advanced life support measures that ultimately lead to a successful outcome as the patient regained his pulse and began breathing on his own while being transported to the local area hospital. The early intervention by the patient's son, combined with the defibrillation and paramedic advanced life support intervention proved to be the difference in the outcome for this patient.

On December 25, Sunnymead Paramedic Truck 2 and Moreno Beach Fire Engine 58 responded to a report of a patient suffering from a rapid heart rate in the primary response area for the Sunnymead Fire Station. Upon arrival, Truck 2 personnel located a 38-year old female with a medical history of Supra-Ventricular Tachycardia was complaining of chest palpitations. The patient, who was weak and dizzy, had a heart rate of 180. The firefighter paramedic from Truck 2 started an IV, obtained a 12-Lead ECG and placed the patient on oxygen. The firefighter paramedic confirmed the patient was in Supra-Ventricular Tachycardia and administered the cardiac medication through the IV. The patient had a positive outcome after the medication was administered as her heart rate returned to normal. The patient was transported to the local area hospital for further treatment.

On December 26, Towngate Fire Engine 6 responded in their primary response area to a report of a person having difficulty breathing. Upon arrival, the firefighter paramedic from Engine 6 performed an assessment on a 60 year-old male patient who was obviously in respiratory distress. The firefighter paramedic began administering advanced life support care which included continuous positive airway pressure to increase the oxygen saturation in the patient's blood. Upon arrival of AMR, the patient was placed on a gurney and Fire Department personnel continued to provide advance life support care during transport to the local area hospital.

At 12:21 p.m. on December 26, firefighters from CAL Fire/Riverside County Fire Department's Moreno Valley Battalion responded to a reported residential structure fire located in Moreno Beach Fire Station 58 primary response area. Upon arrival firefighters found moderate smoke issuing from the front door and a second floor window. Firefighters quickly gained access into the dwelling and located a kitchen fire extending to the second floor living area. Firefighters quickly contained the fire to the kitchen and living room area with no extension to the rest of the home. Five fire engines, one truck company, and one Chief Officer (a total of 23 personnel) were committed to the incident for two hours.



On December 29, Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65 responded to a person who had fallen in their primary response area. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel located an unconscious adult male with family members rendering care. The firefighter paramedic began administering advanced cardiac life support care, which included an ECG analysis, the establishment of an IV, and monitoring of vital signs. During the assessment the patient was found to have extremely low blood pressure and a slow heart rate, a condition known as Sinus Bradycardia. Cardiac medication was administered to the patient, who showed vast signs of improvement during transport to the local area hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the patient was alert and orientated.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Special Events

- Recreation Division staff planned and implemented a number of activities throughout the holiday season, beginning with Santa Live. On December 9, the Parks and Community Services Department, in collaboration with MVTV-3, gave young callers the opportunity to talk to Santa Claus live. Phone lines were consistently busy with youth of all ages telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas. Santa and his favorite elf asked holiday trivia questions with winners receiving prizes. Staff would like to thank Sergeant Butch Rassmussen and Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Molina for making this year's Santa Live a success.
- Children were also able to communicate with Santa by dropping letters off in Jolly old St. Nick's mailbox located at the Conference and Recreation Center. More than 350 children received responses from Santa Claus.
- On December 10, the Jr. Chef Workshop was held at the TownGate Community Center. More than 40 youth, ages four to twelve years, spent a fun-filled evening putting together fantastic holiday treats, including Grinch Floats, Festive Tree Cones, and Gingerbread Houses.
- On December 12, the Holiday Craft Session was held at the TownGate Community Center. Children ages four to twelve years old enjoyed an evening of creative crafts and gift making that they took home to share with friends and family. These celebratory crafts included Candy Cane Decorations and Gingerbread Story Placemats. Over 40 youth were in attendance.
- On December 14, holiday events concluded with three special activities for youth and local families: Breakfast with Santa, Snow Day, and the final seasonal MoVal Movie. The Breakfast with Santa had nearly 200 youth, in attendance. Activities included breakfast, courtesy of the 14th Rock Christian Ministries, plus crafts, music, games, a magic show, and a special visit with Santa Claus. Staff would like to thank fellow City employee Nick Henderson for his assistance as Santa Claus.



Snow Day featured over 40 tons of snow, contract class performances, local food vendors, craft and game booths, and visits with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Over 700 youth and their families attended the City's first snow play day. Staff would like to thank fellow city employee Mike Box and his wife, Robin, for their assistance as Santa and Mrs. Claus.



2013's final MoVal Movie completed the festive-themed day. Local residents enjoyed "Arthur Christmas," as well as themed decorations and activities.

Staff would like to thank the volunteers from Moreno Valley, Canyon Springs, Rancho Verde, Valley View, and Vista Del Lago high schools for their assistance with the fun-filled seasonal events.

Park Projects

- Lasselle Sports Park (District 3) is about 98% complete. The remaining items will be completed by the end of January. At that time, the park will enter a 90-day establishment/maintenance period. Park opening is anticipated for April or May.
- Modifications to the Celebration Park (District 3) playground will be starting approximately in March. Some components will be replaced by warranty and some will be changed to new components. Additionally, the surface material will be changed to synthetic turf.
- The Equestrian Center (District 3) received panels that will be constructed into four corrals with gates. The corrals were donated by the Roy Rogers Rangers and staff is attempting to secure additional materials so more corrals are available. It is anticipated that a total of seven or eight corrals will be installed with the help of the Oasis Church volunteers.
- Installation of play equipment and playground surfacing at Bethune Park (District 4) began on November 25. Installation at Fairway Park (District 3) and El Potrero Park (District 4) commenced on December 9. All projects were completed by December 23 and opened for school winter break.



Bethune Park



El Portrero Park



- Landscape installation at the entryway at the Conference and Recreation Center (District 5) is complete.



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- Vista Lomas Park (District 4) will be receiving new playground surfacing. Due to the high cost of repairs to the existing surface, it is being replaced with synthetic turf. The new surfacing will perform better and reduce maintenance costs. The project was completed December 23 and open for school winter break.
 - Rancho Verde Park (District 3) is in the design phase. This 3-acre linear park will be located at Cremello Way and Lasselle Street across Lasselle Sports Park. Planned amenities will be a picnic shelter, tables, benches, drinking fountain, multi-use trail, turf, shrubs, trees, and security lighting. This project is expected to take 18 months for design, approvals, and construction

Parks Maintenance Division

- Projects completed include: Repaired shelters at Fairway and Ridgecrest Parks, installed new barbecue at Vista Lomas Park, constructed Bethune Park playground; completed construction of Vista Lomas Park playground, sprayed for weeds in all parks, and stripped and painted shelters at Weston Park.
- Projects in progress include: Replant planters at Towngate I Park, irrigate and turf dog park (ongoing), groom equestrian center main arena, overseed and fertilize sports fields, repair trails; trim four palms at Bethune Park (Vista Lomas and Celebration Parks palm trimming complete); repair fence at March Skate Park, repair Celebration Park filters, repair and mark high spots in concrete, install posts at Fairway and Ridgecrest Parks restroom shelter repair playground at Celebration Park, paint shelters at JFK and Bethune Parks, and paint restroom at Bethune Park.
- Vandalism and graffiti have been reported at the following areas: Aqueduct Bikeway (\$202), Celebration Park (\$38), Community Park (\$159), Edison Easement (\$121), El Potrero Park (\$38), Fairway Park (\$79), JFK Park (\$285), Morrison Park (\$27), Towngate Park (\$146), and Weston Park (\$82) for a total of \$1,177.00. Staff worked 21½ hours, approximately 2.68 full-time work days on graffiti removal.
- Court referrals performed a total of 216 hours during December. The total hours for court referrals in 2013 were 3,855, which equates to approximately 481 full-time work days.

Recreation Division

- The Winter Youth Basketball League is underway with the fourth Annual Holiday Classic Pre-Season Tournament completed on January 3 and January 4. Twenty teams and nearly 200 young athletes have registered to rally for the championship in three different age divisions. The season concludes on March 1.
- Pee Wee and Junior Division players, ages 3-7, are gearing up for the start of soccer season, which begins on January 20. The six-week season will teach young athletes the concepts of fair play and good sportsmanship, as well as the fundamentals of soccer.
- The Winter Adult Softball League is finishing up its season with all three competitive divisions playing championship games through the month of January. The Adult Softball

League takes place at March Field Park on Sundays and Thursdays with the next season beginning in February.

- The Time for Tots pre-school program was full of activity for the month of December. In addition to the winter-educational curriculum, December also featured themed activity days including: Bring Your Favorite Book to School Day, Ginger Bread Day, Polar Express Day, and Pajama Day. The fun-filled experiences concluded on the last day of the 2013 session held, on December 19.



- Additionally, on December 4, Recreation Division staff organized the Time for Tots Winter Celebration to showcase the talents of more than 115 children ages 2-5 years. Youth performed four holiday classic carols: I'm a Little Snow Man, Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. The program's participants also received a special visit from Santa Claus, who assisted with a gift exchange. More than 500 family members and friends were in attendance. Staff would like to thank Santa Claus (Richard Behm) for his support and assistance with our Time for Tots program.



- Winter Valley Kids Camp was held on December 23 concluding on January 10. Youth spent their vacations from school creating holiday crafts, playing fun-filled games, activities, and much more. Approximately 20 youth were in attendance.
- Registration for youth contract classes increased over the previous month. Classes seeing a spike in registration included Dance Exploration, Hip-hop, Cheerleading, Ballet, Ballet/Acro, and Folkloric Dance. On December 11, participants from Hawaiian Dance, Hip-hop Jazz, Traditional Karatedo, and a number of other contracted activities participated in the Annual Winter Contract Class Performance. Approximately 150 performers showcased their talents for an audience of more than 900 family and friends.

Senior Community Center

- Free watch repair was offered to seniors on December 2.
- On December 6, the Senior Community Center held its annual tree trimming party. This event was sponsored by Health Net, which provided cookies and cider.
- On December 12, the center held a Holiday BBQ sponsored by Heritage. More than 150 seniors enjoyed food, music, and prizes.
- On December 19, seniors born in the month of December celebrated their birthdays amongst friends at the center. This event was sponsored by the Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, which provided a free meal and a box of candy. Miller Jones Mortuary donated cake and ice cream for the momentous occasion.
- On December 20, the center held its annual holiday party sponsored by Primecare. Snacks and refreshments were provided by Primecare. More than 150 seniors were in attendance.
- A Super Bowl Pizza Party is planned for January 30 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Citywide Camera System Update

The Citywide Camera System is fully functional and recording video twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. We are actively recruiting and training Police Department volunteers on running the new camera system. We currently have 15 volunteers trained on the Citywide Camera System along with 70 Police Department personnel. The Police volunteers are manning the system at various times throughout the day and night accompanied by light duty Moreno Valley Police Officers.

Community Services Recruiting Volunteers

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

- Citizens Patrol - Uniformed high visibility patrol in marked patrol units.
- Anti-Graffiti Patrol - Non uniform patrol in unmarked vehicles to assist in surveillance and reporting of graffiti vandals.
- Front Office Assistant - Assist front office personnel with day to day activities.
- Incident Call Out - Respond to major incidents within the City to assist with perimeter security, road closures, and searching for lost hikers/missing persons.
- Citywide Camera System – Monitor call board and review related camera angles to assist with gathering information on calls for service, proactive monitoring of parks and problem or high crime areas.

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

The Police Department and the Community Services Unit have just completed a busy holiday season. The Community Services Unit reached out to the citizens and businesses in Moreno Valley seeking donations and support for various community projects. These projects are geared toward helping our citizens and improving the lives of many of our youth. Stuff the Bus, Christmas Cheer and Shop with a Cop are a few of the programs that were very successful due to the support of our community partners. We would like to thank everyone involved in making this past holiday season a great success.

Problem Oriented Policing & Special Enforcement Team

Our Special Enforcement Teams were very busy this past holiday season. They conducted several operations geared toward preventing thefts at local business and parking lots. They also conducted high visibility patrol assisted by the Mounted Posse and volunteers to ensure the safety of shoppers during the Holiday Season. The operations and high visibility patrol were a great success with incidents of theft, robbery and burglary declining 15% from the 2012 holiday season.

Case of the Month

From mid to late December our officers responded to two robberies at businesses located in the City of Moreno Valley. During those robberies three adult males entered the businesses, brandished handguns and stole lottery tickets, cigarettes and cash. The MVPD Robbery Suppression Team linked the robberies to three additional robberies, in the cities of Riverside and Perris. While investigating the robberies, MVPD officers identified two adult male suspects. MVPD officers obtained photographs of the third involved adult male. However, he was not identified. MVPD officers also identified the vehicle used during the robberies and advised surrounding agencies.

On December 28, deputies with the Perris Sheriff Station responded to a robbery at a “Circle K” located in the 3000 block of Case Road, in the city of Perris. Responding deputies spotted the same suspect vehicle fleeing the scene and a vehicle pursuit ensued. Three suspects were ultimately taken into custody. Two of the suspects were the adult males MVPD had previously identified in committing our robberies. The third suspect was identified and was the same adult male that was involved in the two Moreno Valley robberies.

The MVPD Robbery Suppression Team authored and served two search warrants at residences in the City of Moreno Valley. Officers located evidence related to several of the robberies at both locations. Further investigation led to the identification of a fourth involved adult female. MVPD officers authored and served a search warrant at a residence located in the City of Beaumont. During the search of the residence, officers located additional evidence and detained the identified female. After the investigation was completed, officers filed five counts of robbery on each of the three adult males, and several counts of burglary on the adult female, with the District Attorney’s Office. All involved suspects were later booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Capital Projects

Civic Center Site Improvement (Exterior) Phase II

The project goal is to improve accessibility within the Civic Center Plaza entry way. The existing City Hall entry area flatwork has been displaced by tree roots posing continuing safety concerns and requiring constant maintenance. The Civic Center Site Improvement Phase 2 includes demolition of the existing Plaza hardscape, reconstruction of the Plaza concrete and installation of new permeable colored concrete paver surfaces. The project also consists of: removal of existing trees, shrubs, landscape lighting, etc. and the installation of new trees, planting, concrete seat walls and the retrofitting of existing irrigation and new landscape lighting.



The work also includes demolition of the existing trash enclosure in the adjacent parking lot. A new concrete masonry unit (CMU), a cement stucco plaster faced trash enclosure with pre-finished metal roof and steel gate will be constructed, in the adjacent parking lot to improve traffic circulation at the Civic Center area.

The construction contract for Civic Center Site Improvement was awarded to Principles Contracting, Inc. at the January 14 City Council meeting. Construction will start in February and end by June.

State Route 60/Nason Street Overcrossing Bridge

The contractor has completed the bridge deck and structure. The east side barrier of the bridge was completed, and all pedestrian and bicycle traffic was shifted onto the east sidewalk in early December to allow for final work on the west sidewalk, bridge lights, and pilaster towers. In January the installation of full-color City seals on all the bridge pilasters and the removal of the curing plastic from the completed sound wall along Elder Avenue was conducted. The contractor will be adding final finishing and anti-graffiti coating during early January, and the finishing of electrical work on the traffic signals, including a state-of-the-art “audible” pedestrian crossing system. In late January, the contractor expects to finally open two lanes in each direction on Nason Street between Fir Avenue and Elder Avenue. Southern California Edison will also be installing street lights on both sides of Nason Street. Caltrans and the City approved the landscaping/hardscape plan and the contractor is expected to start work mid-January, with an anticipated completion by April 2014.



Remodel of the Two City Hall First Floor Public Restrooms

The City opened bids for the remodel of the two City Hall first floor public restrooms on November 5. The bids were reviewed and ENL Service Inc. was identified as the lowest responsible bidder. The two restrooms, located inside of City Hall’s main entrance area, are designed to match the second floor public restrooms, which were recently remodeled to comply with ADA standards and include sanitary, touch-free fixtures.

The contractor was issued the Notice to Proceed to start construction on December 26 in order to reduce the impacts on staff and the public. As the included pictures show, the concrete floors have been removed, the plumbing was shifted, and the floors have been replaced in both restrooms. Reconstruction is continuing and every effort is being made to minimize the noise, mess, and inconvenience.

Capital Projects would like to express its appreciation to all City staff and the public for bearing with the inconveniences that result from working around construction. The contractor is expected to complete construction within 60 calendar days, approximately February 26. Signs have been posted directing staff and the general public to use the Council Chamber lobby restrooms while the City Hall main lobby first floor restrooms are under construction.



Men's Restroom



Women's Restroom

The Wayfinding Signs Project

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

The contractor, Fusion Sign & Design Incorporated, has completed the construction and installation of all 33 signs. Some of the “Welcome to Moreno Valley” signs installed are along the easterly side-streets off of Day Street near the City limit line facing eastbound traffic. These new signs welcome visitors into the City’s commercial center where they can enjoy the Moreno Valley experience. The nearest directional sign is on Frederick Street facing southbound traffic, just north of Calle San Juan de Los Lagos. The pictures below are typical of the new welcome and wayfinding signs that were recently installed.

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



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



Moreno Master Drainage Plan Line “F”, Stage 2 Channel Project

The Line F, Stage 2 channel crosses that Nason Street at 900 feet north of Iris Avenue has been under construction for 8 months. During that time, the contractor has graded the channel, installed 4,500 linear feet of channel invert, and completed over 8,000 linear feet of channel concrete walls.



The contractor is installing 5 junction structures to connect to the existing and future Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC & WCD) drainage facilities. The project is expected to be completed by the end of February, weather permitting.

This picture shows the contractor completing the westerly end of the new Line F Stage 2 channel connection to existing Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation Districts' drainage infrastructure.

City staff continues to coordinate with the contractor, Bedon Construction, Inc., Eastern Municipal Water District, and RCFC & WCD on the construction. Upon completion, RCFC & WCD will take over the ownership and maintenance of the improvements. This project will complete a majority of the public infrastructure in the City Center area, help reduce the flood insurance rates for adjacent property owners, aid the City to promote and attract new medical-related developments, and continue to build upon the expansions underway by surrounding medical facilities.

Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements

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



Staff issued the Notice to Proceed with Construction to PTM General Engineering Services and the project broke ground in early October. The contractor has progressed quickly, completing all 28 access ramps and the realignment of the Manzanita Avenue and Indian Street intersection. The realignment of Manzanita Avenue, along with the proposed crosswalk to be installed at the intersection of Manzanita Avenue and Indian Street enhances the safety of children en route to school and also improve the pedestrian experience for all users. The contractor will be addressing punch list corrections over the next few weeks to finalize the project.

BEFORE
Southeast Corner of
Centerpointe Drive and
Centerpointe Plaza

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



AFTER
Installation of ADA Compliant
Access Ramps & Pedestrian
Push Buttons at the Southeast
Corner of Centerpointe Drive and
Centerpointe Plaza

Cactus Avenue Eastbound 3rd Lane Widening Project

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

To kick-off the project, staff held the Pre-Construction meeting on October 22 and issued the Notice to Proceed to Fulfill Preconstruction Requirements and Order of Materials at that time. Since then, the contractor has completed preconstruction requirements and has been working with staff to complete the posting of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) on the California “Storm Water Multiple Application & Report Tracking System” (SMARTS) website. The posting of the SWPPP to the SMARTS website is required prior to the commencement of grading. The Notice to Proceed with Construction will be issued to Vance Corporation now that this final requirement has been approved by the State. Construction should be in full swing by mid-January.



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

Electric Utility Division

Solar Rebate Program

Moreno Valley Utility's (MVU) solar rebate program continues to gain the interest of our customers. As of the end of December 2013, staff has processed 49 residential applications for solar rebates, and receives inquiries daily. The total amount of rebates committed to these applicants is \$491,682 and represents 266 KW of solar watts expected to be installed in FY 13/14. It is anticipated that MVU will have a total of approximately 1.9 megawatts of solar systems installed since the program started in 2008.

Land Development

Quick Statistics

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

	<u>December</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2012</u>
Plan Checks Processed	27	20
Grading Permits Issued	6	5
Number of Inspections	214	130
Counter Customer Visit	126	69

Maintenance & Operations, Solid Waste & Recycling Program

Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful Certification Approval and Launch Event

In November, Keep America Beautiful presented the City of Moreno Valley with its official certification approval for the Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful (KMVB) program. The City underwent a yearlong process to compile the report that was submitted for certification.

The Executive Committee participated in a first-year action planning exercise in November, which was facilitated by Keep America Beautiful staff. Goals were established, which include initiatives to implement an Adopt-A-Street Program and an Adopt-A-Tree Program. The Executive Committee is comprised of staff from various City departments.

The KMVB mission is to build partnerships that inspire community engagement and to develop beautification programs that enhance the quality of life and civic pride in the City of Moreno Valley. The group is looking forward to serving the Moreno Valley community.

autoMotive

The vehicle maintenance staff of the autoMotive Preventive Maintenance Program recently completed the installation of First Aid Kits in each of the City's vehicles. Staff can now go about their daily business in a City vehicle with the essentials in the event of a minor injury while in the field.

Additionally, the vehicle maintenance staff of the autoMotive Preventive Maintenance Program completed necessary smog inspections on vehicles, plus particulate matter cleaning capacity tests on retrofitted medium and heavy-duty vehicles. These efforts ensure regulatory compliance and contribute to cleaner air. The vehicle maintenance staff appreciates the cooperation of each division utilizing vehicles, allowing these three processes to be completed.

autoMotive Safety Tip:

Is your battery ready to get you there? Make sure your vehicle's accessories are turned off when the vehicle is not in use to conserve the vehicle's battery. If you run your vehicle's accessories (i.e. the communication radio, head lights, etc.) with the engine off, the vehicle's electricity is then solely provided by its battery. After several hours, this exhausts the battery's charge, leaving no power to start the engine later. Additionally, in hot weather, if you don't drive the vehicle for several days, the battery slowly loses its charge. Make sure if your division has vehicles that are not assigned or frequently driven, that these vehicles have the engine started once a week and run for approximately 15 minutes to ensure a charged and ready battery.