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## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

### Memorial Day Events

Moreno Valley residents commemorated Memorial Day with two events.

West Coast Thunder rolled into Moreno Valley at approximately 10:15 a.m. For almost an hour, residents who lined up along Sunnymead Boulevard between Frederick Street and Heacock Street were able to be part of something special. Reports say nearly 10,000 bikers registered for this regionally significant event. The West Coast Thunder Bike Run is a fundraiser supporting Riverside National Cemetery efforts to honorably and respectfully bury indigent and lower income veterans.



At 2 p.m. *Remembering Our Heroes*, the City's Memorial Day ceremony provided a program to honor lives lost in service to the country. Families representing men and women killed in action were recognized with a rose ceremony, and several groups provided music and program elements that created a Memorial Day to remember. Mayor Tom Owings emceed the event, with Colonel Russell A. Muncy serving as the featured speaker. The following groups contributed to the program:

- Moreno Valley Master Chorale
- Moreno Valley Community Band
- North Ridge Elementary School Prime-Time Singers
- Canyon Springs High School JROTC Color Guard
- Moreno Valley Unified School District Students
- Knights of Columbus, A. F. Chelbana Assembly
- Semper Fi #1 Memorial Honor Detail

This annual event was an interdepartmental effort between the City Council Office, City Manager's Office, and the Parks & Community Services Department.



### *City Manager's Report*

The City Manager's Report is intended only to keep the City Council and City Department Heads current concerning ongoing and potential future matters. Much of the information contained in this Report is preliminary and subject to change. In particular, information concerning potential land use and/or economic development projects is to be considered tentative and preliminary (and in some cases may be speculative), subject both to change and to all future City review and approval processes. Nothing in this Report constitutes, evidences or implies City approval of any such project, nor City acceptance of any proposed terms of any agreement, contract or understanding referred to in this Report. All such matters remain fully subject to all normal City approval processes, up to and including public meetings and/or public hearings before the Planning Commission and/or City Council, at future dates.

### **MVTV-3**

#### Pet of the Week Re-launch

Working in conjunction with the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter, MVTV-3 has successfully re-launched the Pet of the Week video spotlight program. Each week, this video series highlights a dog and a cat available for adoption at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter. The goal for this program is to increase public awareness about pet homelessness and the value of pet ownership, and to encourage Moreno Valley residents to look to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter as the first resource when looking for a pet. Look for episodes of Pet of the Week exclusively on the [City of Moreno Valley's YouTube Channel](#).



#### New Programming

There are several new programs available to view on MVTV-3 and the City's YouTube Channel:

- [Pet of the Week: Episode #1](#)
- [Business Spotlight: Neighborhood Cyclery](#)
- [Business Spotlight: Crunch Fitness](#)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### ***Library***

#### Family Night

Library staff welcomed Moreno Valley City Council Members to Family Night programs in April. Family Night is held every Thursday at 6 p.m. Children participate in creative play activities at the beginning of the program and library staff read various easy reader books and picture books to children during this event. Interactive crafts and games are provided to reinforce literacy skills such as phonetic awareness and vocabulary. Members of the City Council have also been participating.



Staff is preparing for the Summer Reading Program, which begins Monday, June 16. The program includes activities and prizes for adults, children, and teens. Participants must visit the library during the week of June 16 to receive a reading log. Readers from all age groups will receive a prize after reading six books. The following businesses have donated prizes to the program:

- *Baker's*
- *Fiesta Village*
- *Hometown Buffet*
- *Islands*
- *Mimi's Café*
- *Old Spaghetti Factory*
- *Mulligan's*
- *Nubi*

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- *Ono Hawaiian BBQ*
  - *Palm Springs Tramway*
  - *Polly's Pies*
  - *Wendy's*

### Outreach Update

Library Staff attended the City's Spring Egg Hunt in April, providing information about library programs and services.

The Library Director attended the Moreno Valley Community Adult School College/Career Fair on April 17, which included representatives from various educational institutions, vocational schools, and workforce platforms. The goal of the fair was to provide local students with additional education and employment information. Library staff provided information about upcoming adult programs such as computer classes and the Summer Reading Program.

### Statistical Information for April

- Door Count - 26,798
- Hours Open – 288
- Reference Questions – 8,610
- Computer Usage – 25 computers/ 4,754 internet sessions
- Adult Programs – 7 programs/ 88 attendees
- Bilingual Story Time – 4 programs/ 111 attendees
- Family Programs – 4 programs/ 111 attendees
- Preschool Story Time - 4 programs/ 139 attendees
- Teen (YA Programs) – 4 programs/ 51 attendees

### Technology Updates

New computers have been installed in the Children's Room. Six internet computers will provide children with access to educational resources and word processing programs for the completion of school projects. These computers provide children with one-hour internet sessions.

Changes have been made to the library computer lab. Adult library patrons now have access to 30 internet computers. Two computers provide patrons with 15-minute internet sessions, three computers are available for 30-minute sessions and 25 are available for one-hour sessions. Many thanks to Technology Services staff who helped with the installation and setup of these new computers.

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## **Human Resources**



### Talent Management

Recruitments are underway for several positions within the City workforce. Recruiting and/or selection processes are underway for the following openings:

- Management Analyst, Capital Projects (PAM- 113 applications to date).
- Recreation Aide, Banquet Facilities (PT/Temp- 103 applications to date).
- Office Aide, Technology Services (PT/Temp- 178 applications). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Maintenance Worker I (PTC- 193 applications). Interviews scheduled.
- Sustainability & Intergovernmental Program Manager (PAM-183 applications). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Payroll Supervisor (PAM/Internal- 1 application). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Recreation Program Leader (PTC/Internal- 1 application). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Laborer (PT/Temp- 194 applications). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Recreation Aide (15) (PT/Temp- 145 applications). 14 candidates selected, recruitment closed.
- Code Compliance Officer I (PT/Temp- 212 applications). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Parks & Community Services Director (EM- 155 applications). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Accounting Technician, Capital Projects (FTC- 184 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Management Assistant FT/Temp (PAM- 105 applicants). No selection, recruitment closed.
- Planning Division Manager (DMG- 113 applicants). Recruitment closed. New recruitment to open.

Total: 14 recruitments

- New recruitments: 2
- Closed recruitments: 9
- Ongoing recruitments: 3

### Workers Compensation for April

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

Turnover Ratio: .25%

Employees: 408

Retirements/Separations: 0/1 = 1

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## New Hires:



Mark Mandel, Code Compliance Officer II on 4/12/14 (promoted to FTC from FT/Temp).



Mitchell Quinonez, Recreation Program Leader on 4/26/14 (promoted to PTC from PT/Temp).



Betsy Adams, Parks & Community Services Director on 5/10/14 (promoted to Executive from FT/Temp).

## ***Purchasing and Facilities***



### Senior Center

The Facilities Division has recently worked with the manufacturer of the movable wall system at the Senior Center to remove and re-skin wall panels as they were looking somewhat worn from years of use. Along with this cosmetic work, the mechanical parts of the operating system will be tuned up to provide efficient operation for years to come.

### Animal Shelter

Recently, Facilities staff worked closely with Animal Shelter management to spruce up the lobby, waiting room and reception counter. This work entailed painting the walls to give a fresh, clean look.

### eProcurement

Purchasing staff is working with the Public Group to experiment with using their Public Purchase eProcurement online bid system. This system will allow a broader vendor base and provide for efficient processing of our RFP/RFQ and bid needs. Look for more information to follow as we work towards implementing this system.

## ***Animal Services***

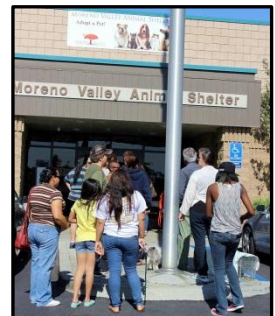


### Animal Services Division Participates at 2014 Public Safety Expo

Animal Control Officers Ashleigh Renz and Michael Motta participated in the City's 2014 Public Safety Expo. Officers Renz and Motta did a great job of displaying tools commonly used by Animal Control Officers in the field. They also interacted with many residents by answering questions related to their job duties and explaining how their efforts keep both the public and pets safe in the community.

### First Annual Cinco de Mayo Pet Adoption Event Proves Successful

In support of the First Annual Cinco de Mayo Pet Adoption Event, Mayor Tom Owings and Mayor Pro Tem Victoria Baca sponsored the first 5 dogs and first 5 cats adopted by the public at the beginning of the adoption event on Saturday, May 3. Residents lined up early Saturday morning waiting to find their lifelong forever pet. The three-day Cinco de Mayo pet adoption event proved to be a huge success for the 79 pets that were adopted (66 family adoptions and 13 rescue adoptions), the 6 pets placed with foster families, and the 3 dogs that were reunited with their owners.



### Sugar Hill Elementary School Makes Donation to Animal Shelter

Thanks go out to the students at Sugar Hill Elementary School, Diana Portugal (Second Grade Teacher) and Lyric McLucas, a student at Valley View High School, for their united effort in the Sugar Hill Elementary School – Animal Lovers Drive. Lyric's senior project involved rallying the Sugar Hill elementary students and promoting the donation drive from April 8 through April 18. Monetary donations and donated pet products were collected by students and presented to the Shelter on April 23. The donations will enhance the care provided to the animals at the shelter.



### Vista del Lago High School Seniors Help Shelter Pets

Congratulations to the seniors at Vista del Lago High School in choosing the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter for their school project. Seniors Alejandra Vasquez, Brenda Rodriguez, Linda



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Rubalcaba, Kavon Herd and Luis Angeles worked together in seeking donations, using the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter's Wish list.

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### ***Administration***

#### Aldi Foods

Aldi will occupy the approved Westridge Business Park, located west of the intersection of Eucalyptus Avenue and Redlands Boulevard. Aldi has begun grading and utility work on the project and building permit issuance is anticipated this month. Occupancy of the facility will occur late this year or early next year.

Aldi will directly employ approximately 200 workers and contractors providing service to the 825,000 square foot facility and will eventually employ several hundred more workers.

Aldi Foods is a national retailer with more than 1,200 stores in the United States. The Moreno Valley facility will be built in conjunction with Aldi's move into California to support up to 150 stores in California.

#### Harbor Freight Tools

Construction of the expansion to the existing Harbor Freight facility on Cactus Avenue in the Centerpointe Business Park continues to progress. A building permit for the project was issued on February 11. The 507,720 square foot expansion, when combined with the existing 779,016 square foot building, will result in a 1,286,736 square foot distribution facility for the company.

Harbor Freight also leases a building in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. With this expansion, Harbor Freight and Ross Stores will be the two largest industrial operators in the City.

#### 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 nearing completion. The structure of the building is well underway, with the final third of the building anticipated being released to the tenant this month for tenant improvements.

The facility has been leased to a Fortune 500 company that anticipates initially employing as many as 800 people at the site. Occupancy is anticipated this summer.

#### Liberty/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 building was recently sold to Liberty Property Trust, which is very bullish on leasing the property quickly. Liberty is

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assembling a portfolio in the Inland Empire, with this building among the first wave of properties acquired.

#### 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 nearing completion. Amazon was issued a temporary occupancy permit in late April.

Amazon has begun to advertise employment opportunities at the new facility on its website. Amazon anticipates full occupancy at the site in late summer and has announced plans eventually to hire at least 1,000 employees to staff the facility. Job opportunities may be accessed at [www.WorkAtAmazonFulfillment.com](http://www.WorkAtAmazonFulfillment.com)

Separately, Trammell Crow continues to pursue a nearby site assembly to accommodate another logistics project and has entered into agreements with all but one of the affected property owners. Staff is addressing questions raised by this last owner so that negotiations can continue.

#### 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 nearing completion. The company is expediting construction of a 555,670 square foot building due to active interest from several prospective tenants and has high hopes to identify a specific tenant, prior to completion, of the building.

#### Sares-Regis/Deckers

Sares-Regis was issued a building permit on January 24 to construct the first phase 800,000 square foot logistics building, which is leased to Deckers Outdoor Corporation (maker of UGGs boots and other high-end footwear), and which has an option for a second phase expansion of 200,000 to 400,000 square feet. Construction is proceeding at a rapid pace. The building will include the internet sales site for the business, resulting in the potential for a substantial amount of sales tax revenue to the City. Deckers anticipates occupying the building late this year.

The Sares-Regis project is located at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Grove View Road in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area.

#### Alere/Minka Lighting

Alere Properties received a temporary occupancy permit in early May for the 354,000 square foot build-to-suit facility for Minka Lighting. Minka will own the facility in the Moreno Valley industrial area. The lighting company has leased a facility for many years in a building located on Cactus Avenue. Ridge Property Trust is actively marketing the availability of that building for a new tenant to occupy the space when Minka Lighting moves to its new location.



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### Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from Realtor.com indicates a 4% decrease in the number of homes for sale in the City, and the median asking prices have increased by 2%. The median asking price was \$255,000, compared with \$250,000 in the prior month and \$190,000 in the same month last year.

As of May 1, 508 homes were listed for sale, compared with 529 at the start of the previous month, and 269 in the same month last year. Inventory has been steadily increasing since hitting a low of fewer than 300 in May 2013. The peak was at an all-time high of 2,068 in January 2009, which was at the onset of the last recession. This month marks the first decrease in inventory since December 2013.

The current inventory of homes for sale is less than a four-month supply. Anything less than a six-month supply of homes for sale is considered a limited supply. Therefore, the current trend indicates a shortage of homes for sale.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	May 2014	April 2014	Change	May 2013	Change
Homes for Sale	508	529	(4%)	269	89%
Median Asking Price	\$255,000	\$250,000	2%	\$190,000	34%

### Foreclosures

Information available from RealtyTrac.com for March shows an increase in foreclosure activity in the City and the County. The website reported one in 343 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or .30% of homes with mortgages in the City. A lower number (343) indicates a higher foreclosure rate (.30%). This compares to a rate of one in 461 units in the previous month and one in 431 units in the same month last year. Foreclosure activity is 34% higher than the previous month and 26% higher than the same month last year. Reports indicate that the foreclosure rates increased statewide as banks moved to clear foreclosures after establishing procedures based on recently enacted state regulations.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is higher than some surrounding communities and the county's average. In western Riverside County, Mira Loma had the lowest rate (1 in 1282) and Wildomar had the highest rate (1 in 306). Categorized by Zip code, 92551 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 203) and 92553 had the lowest rate (1 in 446). The foreclosure rate increased in Zip codes 92551, 92553, 92555 and 92557.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	March 2014	February 2014	Change	March 2013	Change
Foreclosure Rate/City	343	461	34%	431	26%
Foreclosure Rate/County	536	610	14%	468	(13%)

### Home Resale Market

Information available from DQNews.com indicates that the average home resale values in Moreno Valley have increased. In March, the average home resale value was \$231,963. This was a 2% increase from the value of \$226,606 reported for February and a 26% increase from the value of \$184,609 reported in the previous year—March 2013. Other nearby communities, such as Riverside, Hemet/San Jacinto, Murrieta, Temecula and Perris also experienced increases in property values in March by approximately 9%. Property values decreased in the city of Corona by approximately 1%.

The number of housing resale activities in the City during this reporting period increased by 13%, moving from 142 transactions in February to 160 in March. There have been a total of 451 transactions for the year thus far.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	March 2014	February 2014	Change	March 2013	Change
Resale Transactions	160	142	13%	184	(13%)
Home Resale Value	\$231,963	\$226,606	2%	\$184,609	26%

### Unemployment – March 2014

The unemployment rate in the City remained at 11.0% for first quarter 2014. The rate is a 1.2% decrease from the rate of 12.2% one year ago in March 2013, and a 3.2% decrease from two years ago, in March 2012, with a rate of 14.8%. March unemployment rates remained the same for much of the Inland Empire, including the cities listed below. A few experienced a modest decrease of 0.1%. The overall trend remains positive, with unemployment rates decreasing as business activity increases in the City and companies slowly increase their workforce.

It can safely be predicted that Moreno Valley's unemployment rate will be positively impacted during the upcoming weeks as tenants or new companies begin to occupy and staff the industrial facilities nearing completion, such as Amazon.com. Recruitment efforts for Amazon.com have already begun for the fulfillment center.

	<u>March 2013</u>	<u>March 2014</u>
California	9.4%	8.5%
Riverside County	10.5%	9.4%
Banning	12.0%	10.8%
Beaumont	12.0%	10.8%
Corona	7.70%	6.9%
Hemet	13.3%	12.0%
<b>Moreno Valley</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>
Menifee	11.2%	10.1%
Murrieta	6.9%	6.2%
Perris	16.4%	14.9%
Riverside	10.6%	9.5%
San Jacinto	15.90%	14.4%
Temecula	7.10%	6.4%

### ***Building & Safety Division***

#### Quick Statistics

The following statistics are activity comparisons for the Building & Safety Division.

	April 2013	April 2014
Customer Counter Visits/Total Daily Average	548/31	651/33
Building Permits Issued	154	193
Construction Valuation	\$964,264	\$4,713,515
Construction Inspections Performed	870	1071
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	10	14
Plan Check Activity	227	266
Monthly Revenue	\$178,784	\$129,735

### ***Code & Neighborhood Services Division***

#### Quick Statistics

The following statistics are activity comparisons for the Code & Neighborhood Services Division.

	April 2013	April 2014
Cases Initiated	299	382
Closed Case Investigations	303	484
Parking Citations Issued	1,786	2,032
Administrative Citations Issued	70	34
Counter Customers	264	316

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## ***Planning Division***

### Quick Statistics

The following statistics are activity comparisons for the Planning Division.

	April 2013	April 2014
Counter Customers	363	368
Major Case Submittals	2	9
Minor Case Submittals	58	60
Plan Check Submittals	68	64
Application Fees	\$ 81,497	\$ 135,057

### Planning Commission

At the April 24 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed/took the following actions:

- Recommended approval by the City Council for an industrial warehouse project consisting of six distribution warehouse facilities and totaling 2,244,419 square feet, located easterly of the Auto Mall and south of State Route 60. The project applications include a General Plan Amendment, a Change of Zone from several existing designations to Light Industrial for 117 net acres. The land use changes are required for development of the six distribution warehouse facilities, with building sizes that range from 160,106 square feet to 862,035 square feet. The applications also include a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide the project site into six parcels, corresponding to the six warehouse buildings. A General Plan Amendment is also proposed for changes to the City's Circulation Element and the Master Plan of Trails. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for the project. The applicant is Prologis, Inc.
- A revised Tentative Tract Map was approved, which makes modifications to an approved tentative tract map, including a reduction in the number of residential lots, from 138 to 115. Additionally, a Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development was approved. The project is located northeasterly of Manzanita Avenue and Covey Road.

At the May 22 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the following item:

- City's current hillside development standards.

### Administrative Approvals

- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the remodel of the Sizzler Restaurant at 25035 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is BMW Management.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for revision of the drive-up teller aisles at Visterra Credit Union, located at 23520 Cactus Avenue. The applicant is Raymond Sharpe.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the remodel of a vacant fast food restaurant building into a Burger King restaurant. The project is located at 24800 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is CDI Architects.
- An Amended Conditional Use Permit was approved for the modification of an

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existing wireless telecommunications facility. The project is located at 27905 John F. Kennedy Drive. The applicant is T-Mobile USA.

- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for a church, Sunday school and office in an existing commercial center at 14051 Indian Street, Suites F, J, K and L. The applicant is Celebration Worship Church.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for a new 992 square foot smog test only facility at 23180 Heacock Avenue, Suite 101. The applicant is Mr. Antonio Diaz.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for a new detached game room, office, bathroom, and wet bar for a residence. The applicant is Mr. David Sanchez.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for a 943 square foot addition to the existing residential dwelling. The applicant is Artemio Wences.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for a new fitness studio at 22640 Goldencrest Dr., Suite E109. The applicant is Jescelyn Villarreal.
- A Plot Plan was approved for an upgrade of an existing monopine communications facility to include replacement of 12 antennae and other minor modifications. The location is 21599 Box Springs Road. The applicant is Verizon Wireless.

#### Recent Case Submittals

- A Tentative Tract Map and a Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development were submitted for 127 detached homes at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Cactus Avenue. The applicant is Nova Homes.
- A Plot Plan application was received for construction of a 4,351 square foot doughnut shop/ convenience store at 21958 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Gary Wang and Associates.
- A Conditional Use Permit was submitted for a new telecommunications tower at 14315 Nason Street. The applicant is AT&T Mobile.
- A Pre-application was submitted for review of a proposal for development of 36 single-family units near Brodiaea Avenue and Quincy Street. The applicant is FH, II, LLC.
- A Pre-application was submitted for expansion of the parking lot at 24226 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is Alex Valenzuela.
- A Pre-application review was submitted for a 20-unit senior apartment complex at 24298 Webster. The applicant is Calchoice Investments Inc.
- A Conditional Use Permit for a new telecommunications site on a light standard was submitted at John F. Kennedy Park, 15115 Indian Street. The installation will improve cell phone service in the vicinity. The applicant is AT&T Mobility.
- A new telecommunications site was submitted for the northwest corner of Nandina Avenue and Indian Street. The applicant is Verizon Wireless.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for revisions of landscape plans for the senior assisted living and memory care facility currently under construction at the southwest corner of Brodiaea Avenue and Moreno Beach Boulevard. The applicant is Continental East Fund, VII.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for a new fitness studio in an existing building was submitted. The site is located at Goldencrest Drive and Elsworth Street. The applicant is Southbell Fitness, LLC.

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### 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 Moreno Valley residents and property owners, responsible agencies and environmental groups, including some received after the due date.

The EIR consultant has prepared responses to comments on the draft EIR. Based on the City's comments on the second review of the documents, the applicant is making additional modifications. 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 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 State Route 60, 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**

### ***Special Districts Division***

#### SCE 2015 General Rate Case Update

We are in the discovery process of submitting and reviewing data requests to Southern California Edison (SCE). Analysis of the data will help us prepare a response to SCE's 2015 application to increase its revenue requirements beginning in 2015. If SCE's application is approved as requested, the facilities fee for street light rates could increase by 17%, with an additional increase of approximately 70% (based on current rates) in 2018. Intervenor testimony is scheduled for June 4, but the Administrative Law Judge is expected to issue a ruling that would extend the date. While the date extension prolongs the process, it is welcomed as it provides more time for data collection.

Meanwhile, SCE has provided the first draft of the quarterly status report on street light outages (required as part of the 2012 settlement agreement). Staff is in the process of reviewing the data and will ask for modifications to the format of the report, so that it includes additional data that would help us ascertain the status of the repairs to street lights. According to the report, during the first 3 months of the 2014 calendar year, more than 350 street light repair requests were submitted to SCE for Moreno Valley lights.

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### Zone B and Some Zone E Transitions to Landscape Maintenance Districts (LMD)

Approximately 42,000 property owners were mailed a Public Hearing Notice (in English and Spanish) for the May 27 Public Hearing to discuss the transition of CSD Zone B and certain Zone Es to either a Lighting Maintenance District or Landscape Maintenance District (L/LMDs). The Community Services District is scheduled to consider the formation of the L/LMDs as part of the dialogue surrounding the use of Best Management Practices for the City's special financing districts.

This move would match the constitutional status of the parcel charges as real property assessments, with a procedural mechanism designed for the levy of such assessments. Provided the CSD Board approves the formation, work will begin on transitioning the balance of the CSD Zones to the financial structures that best represent their intent and purpose.

### ***Technology Services Division***

#### Citywide Camera System Update

The City's Citywide Camera System has contributed to the investigation of more than 200 suspected crimes in the last year. Moreno Valley Police Department's (MVPD) experience is consistent with a study performed by the Denver PD, where investigations involving video significantly reduce the investigative time relative to incidents without video evidence. With the experience gained from operating City cameras for a year, it is now possible to consider adding camera views belonging to other agencies and businesses.

There are costs associated with making additional views available on our camera system. The company that built the camera system, Avrio RMS Group (Avrio), has offered to absorb the costs of the first five participating agencies or businesses for the first six months of what would be considered a pilot program, in order to demonstrate its effectiveness. Avrio believes that a pilot program will demonstrate to the overall business community that there is significant value to purchasing the equipment and services necessary to place views from their cameras onto the Citywide Camera System.

The pilot program consists of one organization from each council district agreeing to make its existing camera feeds available to the Citywide Camera System. If MVPD receives any calls near participating businesses or agencies, the cameras in that location can be viewed within seconds. Additionally, those agencies or business owners will be able to view their cameras from any device connected to the internet (computer, phone, iPad, tablet, etc.) while enrolled in the pilot program. Over the next few weeks, Technology Services will contact those that were recommended by City Council members, to determine their interest in participating in the pilot program.

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## ***Treasury Operations Division***

### Fee Schedule Update for FY 2014-15

It is time for the annual review and update of the City's Fee Schedule. This process will give departments an opportunity to modify existing fees, propose the deletion of fees that are no longer applicable, or recommend new fees. As in the past, the Treasury Operations Division of the Financial & Management Services Department (FMS) will coordinate the Fee Schedule process and be responsible for presenting the updated Fee Schedule to the City Council for adoption.

Past practice is to annually update the fee schedule based on the change to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange Counties, then perform a full study every fifth year. As a result of the recession, the full study schedule was extended to seven years. We hired a consultant to help us perform the full cost analysis. This timing works well, since we are in the process of finalizing a new Cost Allocation Plan (CAP), which will form the basis for the fee study. It is anticipated that the data collection process will begin later this month, pending the completion of the CAP, with non-development fees expected to be reviewed by the Council in late September. Due to their complexity, we anticipate bringing development related fees to the Council in February 2015.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

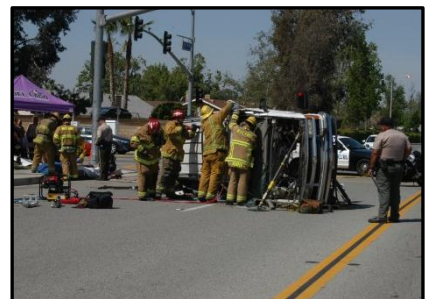
### ***Administration***

#### Every 15 Minutes Program

On April 21, Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65, Morrison Park Fire Engine 99, and Sunnymead Truck 2 participated in the annual "Every 15 Minutes" presentation at Vista Del Lago High School, in support of the Moreno Valley Police Department (MVPD) and the California Highway Patrol. The program is a real-life dramatization of the consequences that drinking and driving can have on an individual, and how it could change the life of a young adult who took that risk. A multi-vehicle accident was staged at the intersection of John F. Kennedy Drive and Lasselle Street with eight "patients" in the three vehicles.

The Fire Department demonstrated to the students its role in a multi-vehicle, multi-patient traffic accident, which included:

- Triaging patients;
- Providing advanced life support paramedic patient care;
- Utilizing various extrication tools that are carried on the Truck Company, which included the "Jaws of Life" to remove trapped victims from the vehicles; and
- Establishing a Landing Zone for the Mercy Air ambulance helicopter.





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Engine 65's company officer narrated every step of the mock scene with a representative of MVPD. At the conclusion of the presentation, all participating members of the fire department, law enforcement, and AMR were given a huge round of applause from the students.

### ***Office of Emergency Management***

#### WebEOC Training

In 2009, the Office of Emergency Management purchased Emergency Services Integrators' (ESI) WebEOC program, a web-based information management system that provides a single access point for the collection and dissemination of emergency or event-related information. The intent of this program is to support the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and general Emergency Management functions during a disaster or catastrophic incident. Some of the features of this program include requesting resources, generating situation reports, creating incident action plans, general documentation retention for cost recovery, and information sharing amongst departments. In April, OEM Program Manager Alia Rodriguez retained, and worked closely with, an ESI consultant to conduct an analysis of the City's current system. Due to this review, WebEOC was upgraded and renovated, in order to provide a user-friendly interface for use by City staff during emergencies. Furthermore, staff from OEM and Technology Services received in-depth training on WebEOC so that the program can be utilized to its fullest extent, should an emergency incident arise in Moreno Valley that requires the activation of the EOC.

#### Public Safety Expo

On April 12, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) participated in the Public Safety Expo. OEM Program Manager Alia Rodriguez provided tours of the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and discussed with the public the importance of having an EOC. The discussion included information on response and short-term recovery efforts from an incident or natural disaster, as well as outlining the core functions of an EOC.

Additionally, OEM staff and volunteers provided an overview of the Emergency Response Force (ERF) volunteer program, which included a display of the ERF vehicles and discussion of the volunteer's roles and responsibilities during an emergency event. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trailer was also on display at this event.

### ***Significant Events***

- On April 16, Sunnymead Fire Engine 2 and Truck 2 responded to a report of a person with a racing heart. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel were informed that a female patient had just returned home from an Inland Empire hospital, where she had been cardioverted by hospital staff. Cardioversion is a medical procedure by which an abnormally fast heart rate (known as tachycardia) or cardiac arrhythmia is converted to a normal rhythm using electricity or medication. The Firefighter

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Paramedics placed the patient on a heart monitor and determined she was in tachycardia as her heart was beating at 200 beats per minute. The paramedic from Truck 2 immediately began advanced cardiac life support treatment by establishing an I.V. and cardioverting the patient by way of medication. Upon arrival of AMR, the patient was placed on a gurney, and Fire Department personnel continued to provide advanced life support care during transport to the local area hospital. When patient care was transferred to the emergency room staff, the patient had a stabilized heart rhythm of 120 beats per minute.

- On April 20, units from College Park Fire Engine 91, Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65, Sunnymead Truck 2, and the Moreno Valley Police Department responded to a report of a traffic collision in College Park Fire Station 91's primary response area. Upon arrival, Engine 91 located a solo passenger vehicle that had struck a tree, with three confirmed patients inside of the vehicle. One male patient had major traumatic injuries, a female patient had moderate injuries, and another male patient had minor injuries. Advanced trauma life support care was provided to all three patients. The patients were quickly stabilized and loaded into ambulances for transport to the local area trauma receiving center. The Firefighter Paramedic from Engine 91, along with a Firefighter II Emergency Medical Technician, accompanied the patient with major injuries to the hospital. All patients are expected to recover.
- On April 22, units from Sunnymead Fire Engine 6 and Towngate Fire Engine 6 responded to a report of a cardiac arrest in Towngate Fire Station 6's primary response area. Upon arrival, bystander CPR was in progress on a 55-year-old male. The Fire Captain and Fire Apparatus Engineer from Engine 6 assumed CPR from the bystander while the Firefighter Paramedic initiated advanced cardiac life support care. The patient was not breathing independently, and he did not have a pulse. While the paramedic from Engine 6 placed an advanced airway into the patient, the paramedic from AMR established an I.V. After two rounds of cardiac medication were administered in the field, a pulse was re-established and the patient was able to maintain a stable blood pressure. The patient was placed on a gurney and Fire Department personnel continued to provide advanced life support care during transport to the local area hospital. When patient care was transferred to the emergency room staff, the patient was stable; however, he was placed on a ventilator. The outcome of this patient is unknown.
- On April 27, Sunnymead Truck 2 responded to a traffic collision (big rig rescue) in the Banning area. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel located a conventional flatbed tow truck that was embedded under a commercial semi-truck's trailer section. The trailer of the semi-truck had impinged on the cab of the tow truck, trapping both the male and female occupants inside of the vehicle. Truck 2 personnel assumed command of the extrication group and orchestrated the use of a 35,000-ton Heavy Wrecker to sling the embedded trailer section, while a second tow truck was positioned to place tension on the first tow truck. Once the stabilization efforts were successful, Truck 2 personnel began extricating the patients from the passenger compartment of the tow truck. The male patient was extricated approximately 22 minutes after Truck 2 was dispatched, and the female patient was extricated approximately 1 hour after dispatch. She was transported via Mercy Air due to the extent of her injuries. Both patients are expected to survive their injuries.

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- On May 3, Towngate Fire Engine 6, Sunnymead Ranch Fire Engine 48, Sunnymead Truck 2, and the Moreno Valley Police Department (MVPD) were dispatched to a traffic accident in Towngate Fire Station 6's primary response area. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel located one male patient pinned in the driver's seat area of his vehicle, due to a 12-15" intrusion by a tree on the driver's side door. The Firefighter Paramedic from Engine 6 initiated advanced trauma life support care, which included the establishment of two I.V.s, an ECG, oxygen therapy, and cervical stabilization. Truck 2 then arrived on the scene to perform the extrication of the male patient. During this time, officers from MVPD advised Fire Department staff that they had two subjects detained who were possibly injured. One subject had minor injuries and was transported to the local area hospital. The occupant of the vehicle was also transported to the local area hospital and is expected to recover from his injuries.
  - On May 6, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department responded to a report of a residential structure fire in Kennedy Park Fire Station 65's primary response area. The first arriving engine company found smoke issuing from the roof vents and suspected an attic fire. Further investigation revealed that a fire had originated in the chimney and had spread to a portion of the attic. Sections of the roof decking and ceiling materials were removed to access the fire. Salvage and overhaul were conducted simultaneously to protect the residents' belongings. The home was occupied at the time of the incident and the residents escaped without injury. Five fire engines, one Truck Company, one breathing support and one Chief Officer, for a total of 20 personnel, were committed to the incident for two hours.

## **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### ***Special Events***

#### Moreno Valley Wind Symphony

Thursday, June 5, the Moreno Valley Wind Symphony will be performing their annual *Patriotic Concert* in the Grand Valley Ballroom. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

#### MoVal Rocks Summer Concerts/MoVal Movies in the Park

Staff is planning for the upcoming MoVal Rocks summer concert series, followed by MoVal Movies in the Park. The series will run every Thursday from June 12 to August 7 (no concert/movie on July 3) at the Conference and Recreation Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. More than 750 residents are anticipated to attend each evening.

#### Fourth of July Parade and Family FunFest

Staff has secured \$9,000 in sponsorship funds and continues to solicit both in-kind and monetary donations from local Moreno Valley businesses. July 4<sup>th</sup> Advisory Board meetings have begun, and the Board is assisting department staff with donations and the recruitment of community stage performers and parade entries.

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## ***Parks Projects***

### Lasselle Sports Park

Staff continues to work with the contractor on resolving plant material issues, irrigation deficiencies, and ADA compliance at Lasselle Sports Park (District 4). Once the site is acceptable, the park will have a 90-day establishment/maintenance period. The opening date has been delayed until the Fall.

### Celebration Park

The synthetic turf that was installed at the playground at Celebration Park (District 3) was vandalized two days after the installation. A police report was prepared, and new synthetic turf will be installed. Staff is looking for ways to reduce or eliminate vandalism to the playground. Installation of the turf, as well as the adjacent tree planters, will reduce the amount of dirt and mud that gets tracked onto the splash pad. Additionally, the parking lot was seal-coated and restriped.

### Bayside Park

A purchase requisition has been submitted for the replacement play apparatus by Bayside Park (District 1). The new apparatus will meet current IPEMA, ASTM, and CPSC codes and is planned for completion by the summer.

### Cottonwood Golf Center

Staff is obtaining quotes to make renovations to the banquet room at the Cottonwood Golf Center. Staff plans to rent out the banquet room for weddings, meetings, and Quinceañeras.

### Conference and Recreation Center

Two more 8' planters have been received for the north facing wall of the Conference and Recreation Center (District 5). Staff will be installing plant material this month.

### ADA Concrete

Concrete replacement to meet ADA requirements is commencing at several sites. This will be an ongoing project as funding allows.

## ***Parks Maintenance Division***

### Work Completed

- Repaired and replaced lights at the skate park
- Sprayed weeds at parks and on trails
- Painted shelters
- Painted all doors on restroom and snack bar building at Sunnymead Park
- Replanted planters at TownGate I Park
- Groomed the Equestrian Center's main arena for April events
- Fertilized sports fields and parks

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- At Cottonwood Golf Center: repaired and painted benches, verticut all greens, sanded all greens, continued to troubleshoot valves, worked on irrigation coverage, and removed time off the clocks to reduce water consumption

### Projects in Progress

- Repair high spots in concrete at Morrison Park
- Install posts at Fairway and Ridgecrest Parks' restroom shelters (ongoing)
- Replace post on shelter at Sunnymead Park (ongoing)
- Irrigation checks in all parks (ongoing)
- Paint basketball poles that hold the backboards at Woodland Park
- Paint shelters at Hidden Springs and Sunnymead Parks
- Begin installation of 290 recycle trash containers at all park sites (10% complete)
- Complete EMWD cross connects at Vista Lomas and Celebration Parks
- Install new urinal in men's restroom at Morrison Park
- Weed and mulch planter at TownGate I Park
- Paint monument sign at Sunnymead Park
- Install new lights to north monument sign at Community Park
- Grade ball field infields at Morrison Park
- Remove dead trees in parks
- Irrigation checks at all parks
- Install plant material in March Community Center planters
- Participate in Vista Lomas Park Mayor's cleanup on May 19
- Install cameras at Celebration Park
- Cottonwood Golf Center: spray weeds, clean out storage rooms, paint back area where storage shed was located, finish painting on wrought iron fencing and handrails, paint the green trim in front of building, aerify and sand greens, and over-seed and sand tee areas.

### Vandalism and Graffiti

Vandalism and graffiti for April have been reported at the following areas: Aqueduct (\$895), Celebration Park (\$82), Community Park (\$898), El Potrero Park (\$81), Morrison Park (\$82), TownGate Park (\$954), Westbluff Park (\$29), and Weston Park (\$47), totaling \$3,068 for removal.

Approximately six full-time work days, or 53 staff hours, were used to complete removal. In 2014 alone, staff has worked 142.5 hours, which equates to approximately 15 full-time work days.

### Training

Staff training during April included Power Tool Safety on April 17.

### Court Referrals

Court referrals performed a total of 432 hours during April, which equates to approximately 54 full-time work days. The total hours for court referrals this year are 1,394, which equates to approximately 174 full-time work days.

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### Park Ranger Statistics

In April, the Park Rangers patrolled 2,320 areas, had 7,178 public contacts, and reported 144 violations such as curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol violations in the parks. Since January 1, the Rangers patrolled 8,989 areas, had 22,221 public contracts, and reported 289 violations.

### ***Recreation Division***

#### Time for Tots

Registration continues to increase as spring progresses. In April, participants enjoyed a fun-filled, educational, and creative-themed curriculum. Special activity days included Around the World Day, Popcorn Mania, Spring Celebration, Arbor Day, and Spring/Graduation Picture Day.

On April 17, the annual Spring Celebration was held, which included an egg hunt, carnival games, and potluck. Peter Cottontail was also in attendance.



Peter Cottontail's Visit



Time for Tots Egg Hunt



Time for Tots Egg Hunt

Staff is planning the end of the year Time for Tots activities and June 4 graduation ceremony. Staff is currently preparing the curriculum for the summer sessions, which begin June 16.

#### Valley Kids Camp

Recreation staff is planning activities for the Summer Valley Kids Camp that is scheduled to begin June 2. This summer will be action-packed with field trips, arts and crafts, organized sports, games, and other seasonal activities. Participants will enjoy a newly revamped program designed to entertain. Summer Valley Kids camp will be in session from June 2 to August 8.

#### Recreation Programs and Classes

Children from youth dance classes, including Dance Exploration, Ballet, Ballet/Acro, Hip Hop, and Cheerleading were eager to perform at the Spring Contract Class Performance held on May 21 at the Conference and Recreation Center.

With the summer quickly approaching, staff has been recruiting contract instructors for a variety of new classes and programs to begin in June. New classes being introduced

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include: Introduction to Anime, Introduction to Cartooning, Mixed Martial Arts, Shito-Ryu, Glee, Creative Brain Scienceworks, Robotics Camp, Spy Workz Camp, Zumba Fitness, and Yoga 101.

### Special Events

April was full of fun for the youth of Moreno Valley.

- April 12 - Easter Egg Hunt for youth ages 2 to 12 years at Sunnymead Park. More than 1,000 children collected 15,000 prize- and candy-filled eggs. The event was followed by the Bunny Brunch, held at the Senior Community Center. The two-hour event included crafts, specially prepared brunch, a puppet show (courtesy of Potter's House), a visit from the Easter Bunny, and carnival games. The Moreno Valley Morning Optimist Club donated their time to assist staff by preparing the breakfast for more than 85 youth. The fun continued with the Spring Pet in the Park adoption event held in conjunction with the Animal Shelter. This paw-friendly event was held at Sunnymead Park, and at least seven animals were adopted.
- April 15 - the Spring Junior Chef's Workshop was held at the TownGate Community Center. Approximately 40 youth attended the workshop and made holiday goodies.
- April 17 - the Hop Down the Craft Trail event was held at the TownGate Community Center. Thirty youth attended, making fun Spring crafts to take home.

### Staff Development

On April 19, Recreation staff attended the 2014 Institute for Early Childhood Education (IECE) Conference. Skills and techniques learned will be passed on to additional staff to continue to enhance community programs.

### Sports

- Pee Wee and Junior Flag Football completed their seasons with an end-of-year celebration banquet on May 19.
- The Adult Softball Program finished up with two teams from the competitive divisions winning first place. Staff is already prepared for the summer session.
- Staff is preparing for the start of the summer season Adult Softball and Pee Wee and Junior T-Ball Programs.
- Youth ages 8 to 12 are attending the basketball skills clinics on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Conference and Recreation Center to improve their skills and develop teamwork in the sport of basketball. The clinic runs for three weeks, preparing athletes for the Summer Youth Basketball League, which is available for youth ages 8 to 17.

### ***Senior Community Center***

#### Activities

- The April Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on April 24. This event was sponsored by the Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, who also provided a free meal and box of candy. Miller Jones Mortuary donated the cake and ice cream.

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- On May 5, the Center held its annual Cinco de Mayo barbecue for the seniors. There were 85 seniors in attendance, enjoying grilled chicken, rice, beans, salad, and tea. Prime Care sponsored the event.
  - On May 8, the Center hosted the Mother's Day Garden Party from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  - On May 15, the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with 70 people in attendance.

#### Tax Preparation

Free assistance for preparing taxes concluded on April 15. AARP sponsored this program.

#### Sewer Line Replacement

Staff attended the walkthrough meeting on April 29 to discuss the sewer line replacement at the Senior Community Center. The project should commence in early July and be completed by the end of August. The walkthrough involved an overall view of the project's scope and discussion on senior access to the banquet hall and Center during construction.

#### *Grant Program*

#### Earth Day

At the April 22 City Council meeting, five children from "A Child's Place" after school program received an award from the Moreno Valley Arts Commission for their outstanding Earth Day projects.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### ***Community Services***

The Community Services Unit with the Moreno Valley Police Department was involved in several community events, such as the West Coast Thunder parade and Operation Silver Star car and plane show. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is set for early June.

The Community Services Unit continues to 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;
- City Wide 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.



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### ***Problem Oriented Policing Unit***

The Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit is very busy conducting multiple programs and performing proactive enforcement. POP has recently received a grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to conduct several “shoulder tap” operations, in hopes of reducing alcohol sales to minors. This month, officers conducted an Alcohol Beverage Control seminar for our local businesses that was geared toward educating businesses on how to train their employees in identifying those juveniles attempting to purchase alcohol illegally.

POP officers are also continuing their efforts to conduct high visibility patrol in the Sunnymead Boulevard and Perris Boulevard corridors. Patrols include bicycle enforcement and vice operations geared toward illegal prostitution and illegal gambling.

Additionally, officers are very active in the crime-free multi-housing process and are educating apartment owners and managers on how to reduce crime through better screening practices.

### ***Special Enforcement Unit***

The Special Enforcement Unit is comprised of officers who are specialized in gang enforcement, drug enforcement and burglary/robbery suppression. Officers and investigators working this unit are very busy and are involved in various enforcement programs and specialized investigations.

- Gang Officers conduct weekly gang intervention programs and work closely with School Resource Officers and the Youth Accountability Team
- Drug Enforcement Officers are very proactive, making daily arrests related to drug usage, possession, transportation and sales of various drugs
- Burglary and Robbery Suppression Officers and Investigators are currently involved in more than 40 investigations.

### ***Traffic Division***

The Traffic Division conducted two DUI/safety checkpoints this month to improve the overall safety of the motoring public throughout the City. Traffic Division personnel have been very busy with efforts to ensure safety to the motoring public by also conducting distracted driving enforcement, primary collision factor enforcement, and DUI saturation patrols.

Additionally, Community Service Officers in Traffic are conducting monthly car seat fit stations to help the public ensure infants are properly secure in the correct car seat.

### ***Case of the Month***

In late April, officers responded to a burglary that occurred at a residence located in the 13000 block of Collie Court. They learned that more than \$50,000 worth of high end

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guitars and other items were stolen during a burglary. During the investigation, officers working in the burglary suppression team identified two businesses where suspects used stolen credit cards for purchasing items. Investigators were able to identify and obtain a photograph of one of the suspect vehicles. The photograph was distributed to Patrol officers and early this month, an officer stopped a vehicle matching the description of the possible suspect vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle because the adult male driver was on felony probation with search terms. During the search of the vehicle, the officer located one of the stolen guitars.

Through further investigation, officers were able to recover more than \$38,000 worth of stolen items and guitars at various locations throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Further investigation led to the identity of a second involved adult male suspect. Investigators wrote and obtained a search warrant for his cellular telephone, which was tracked to a residence located in the 26000 block of Bay Avenue. A storage unit at a business located in the 14000 block of Indian Avenue was also discovered by investigators, resulting in search warrants having been obtained and served at both locations. During a search, officers located more stolen items from the burglary, along with unrelated stolen items. Evidence of identity theft was also located at the residence. Both suspects were ultimately booked into jail and officers will be investigating further to identify potential victims involved in the identity theft.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### ***Capital Projects***

#### Hemlock Avenue and Graham Street Improvements

Hillcrest Contracting, Inc. completed the Hemlock Avenue and Graham Street Improvements at the end of April. This project included the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and driveway approaches along Hemlock Avenue, from Graham Street to David Place, and on Graham Street from Hemlock Avenue to David Lane, which currently do not fully exist. The project also included removal and construction of new asphalt concrete pavement for Hemlock Avenue and Graham Street within the project's limits and miscellaneous street improvements for this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target area. Staff has been receiving positive feedback from the residents as well as the general traveling public about this project. The project was completed ahead of schedule.



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### Cycle 2 Citywide Sidewalks and Access Ramps

Ruiz Engineering, Inc. completed the Cycle 2 Citywide Sidewalks and Access Ramps project at the end of April. The goal was to enhance safety and accessibility for pedestrians. The project involved the removal of existing sidewalk and the construction of access ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements at the following locations:

- All northeast and southeast corners of Sheila Street and Faye Avenue, Sheila Street and Yolanda Avenue, and Sheila Street and Juanita Avenue intersections;
- All four corners of Sheila Street and Gentic Avenue intersection;
- Northwest corner of Iris Avenue and Kitching Street intersection;
- Northwest and southwest corners of Leahy Drive and Singer Street intersection;
- Southeast corner of Fir Avenue and Tamara Drive intersection, including 156 feet of adjacent sidewalk to the east; and
- Construction of 200 feet of missing sidewalk on the east side of Lasselle Street, north of Avenida de Plata.

The project was completed ahead of schedule and within budget.



Before

After

### Indian Street Bridge over State Route 60

On May 1, the City took the first step in the application process to secure MAP-21 funds. The City is applying to Caltrans for the federal funds (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act) to replace the State Route (SR) 60/Indian Street Overcrossing Bridge. At the April 22 City Council meeting, Council authorized the submission of the grant application for funds in either the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) or Surface Transportation Program (STP) categories. The MAP-21 program replaced the former Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP). This program provides up to 80% of the total cost to replace the bridge. Due to the age, past damage, and low clearance of the existing bridge, it is necessary to start the replacement process now. The bridge will ultimately be replaced with four lanes, bike

lanes, and sidewalks. Improvements will better emergency response times,, as well as help, relieve traffic from the adjacent interchanges at Heacock Street and Perris Boulevard. Staff expects Caltrans to evaluate the application and respond by September.



### State Route 60/Nason Street Overcrossing Bridge, Hardscape, and Landscaping

The contractor has completed the bridge structure, freeway striping, and signal equipment installation. In April, the contractor and Caltrans were troubleshooting the traffic signal operations, getting them fully operational. Caltrans and the City coordinated the signal timing in May to optimize green time for Nason Street and to coordinate with the signals south of the project. The audible pedestrian buttons are now working, announcing the name of the street being crossed. For the hardscape and landscape work, the contractor is pouring the last 25% of the colored concrete bands (earth tones of gold, gray, and red in a wave pattern) this month. The contractor has connected to the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) water lines and installed irrigation pipes. The landscape work will begin once the water source is connected, and will consist of new low-water trees, shrubs, and ground cover. Plantings are expected to continue throughout June, depending on hardscape completion and favorable weather conditions.





### Cactus Avenue Eastbound Third Lane Widening Project from Interstate 215 Eastbound Off-Ramp to Veterans Way

The Cactus Widening Project will expand approximately 3,400 linear feet of Cactus Avenue, from the I-215 Cactus exit east to Veterans Way. The majority of the work will be adding an eastbound third lane along the southerly edge of Cactus Avenue. This project is made possible by the use of Development Impact Fee (DIF) Funds and a State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) grant successfully obtained by staff, totaling \$1,120,000. The proposed work includes:

- Construction of street improvements
- Traffic signal modifications (completed)
- Pavement markers and striping
- Drainage improvements and retaining walls

To date, Vance Corporation has completed the construction of the eastbound third lane along Cactus Avenue, between Veterans Way and Elsworth Street. The Contractor has installed a fresh layer of slurry along the full length of the Cactus Avenue Widening project, to increase the life of the pavement and to improve the contrast for the new 3-lane markings. The Contractor has also replaced eight pedestrian access ramps along the north side of Cactus Avenue, bringing them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All of the signal relocations and modifications and new detection loops at Elsworth Street and Veterans Way have been completed.

The main entrance into March Air Reserve Base (MARB), at Cactus Avenue and Elsworth Street, is fully functional, with a dedicated right turn pocket into the Base's main gate.



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### Civic Center Site Improvement (Exterior) Phase 2

The Civic Center Site Improvement project Phase 2 is being constructed to comply with ADA standards and to enhance the overall safety at the entrance to City Hall. The Civic Center Site Improvement Phase 2 includes the demolition of the existing Plaza hardscape, reconstruction of the Plaza concrete and installation of new concrete paver surfaces, including colored concrete bands. The project also consists of removal of existing trees, shrubs, landscape lighting, etc. and the installation of new trees, planting, concrete seat walls, retrofitting of existing irrigation and new landscape lighting.

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

The Civic Center Site Improvement construction contract was awarded to Principles Contracting, Inc. at the January 14 City Council meeting. Demolition work is scheduled during weekend hours, to reduce noise and impact to the City's daily business. Paver installation at the front entrance to City Hall continues, along with landscape work. Project construction will end by mid-June (weather permitting).



### Nason Street Improvements from Cactus Avenue to Fir Avenue

The Nason Street Improvement Project involves the widening of approximately 2 miles of Nason Street, from Cactus Avenue to Fir Avenue. The improvements include pavement rehabilitation, westerly parkway grading along Nason Street from Cactus Avenue to Fir Avenue, traffic signal systems at the intersections of Hospital Road, Alessandro Boulevard, Cottonwood Avenue, Dracaea Avenue, Eucalyptus Avenue, and Fir Avenue; street lighting system; and installation of traffic signal interconnect system.

Together with street widening, the project will include approximately 0.8 miles of undergrounding and installation of Southern California Edison (SCE) electric and other dry utilities for Nason Street, from Cactus Avenue to Bay Avenue. SCE power pole and overhead facilities shall be removed, and underground facilities will be constructed under SCE's undergrounding program, Rule 20A and 20B.

The subject work will include coordination with utility purveyors having facilities in the project area, including, but not limited to, SCE, Moreno Valley Utility (MVU), Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Verizon, Time Warner Cable, and Sunesys. The work will also include coordination with Riverside County Flood Control and Water

Conservation District (RCFC&WCD).

The bid opening was on April 9. The construction contract was to be awarded early in May. Construction will begin in early June and will last for 340 working days. Construction will end by November 2015 (weather permitting).



### Perris Boulevard Widening from Ironwood Avenue to Manzanita Avenue

Perris Boulevard, between Ironwood Avenue and Manzanita Avenue, is only a partially-improved arterial street. The existing improvements vary in width, consisting of a two-lane road with shoulders to areas that are fully built out, but striped for two lanes. This project will widen and improve the 1.2 mile segment of Perris Boulevard between Ironwood Avenue and Manzanita Avenue to an arterial highway standard, with a curb-to-curb width of 76-foot to 86-foot within a 100-foot to 110-foot right-of-way.

The improvements will include curb, gutter, storm drain, pavement, sidewalk, street lights, traffic signal, traffic signal modifications, signing and striping, and related road improvements.

Perris Boulevard connects with Reche Vista Drive, which leads to Reche Canyon Drive, an inter-county corridor between State Route 60 in Riverside County and Interstate 10 in San Bernardino County. Improvements will increase regional mobility, improve air quality and drainage, and enhance safety by creating four continuous travel lanes and completing the missing sections of street improvements.

The bid opening was on April 17. The construction contract was awarded on May 27. Construction will start in June and is projected to take 300 working days, with construction ending by September 2015 (weather permitting).





## ***Electric Utility Division***

### Substation

Work has begun on the construction of the substation at the southwest corner of Indian Street and Nandina Avenue. Completion is anticipated by mid-August. The new substation will improve the reliability and operational flexibility of the electric distribution system in the south industrial area of the City, and provide additional capacity to serve new customers such as Amazon, Deckers Outdoors, and the Panattoni project.

## ***Maintenance & Operations Division***

### Earth Day Mulch Event

A Mulch Give-Away event was held April 19 to celebrate Earth Day. The event was coordinated by the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Program and held at the City Yard from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The mulch that was given away was generated by City tree trimming services. There were more than 150 participants who received mulch as well as educational information regarding household hazardous waste. This helped to promote the City's Weekday Mulch Program, and the practices of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Mulch is available to City residents Monday–Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

## ***Maintenance & Operations Division – Solid Waste & Recycling Program***

### Used Oil Payment Program Funds for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The Public Works Department received a \$56,091 grant from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, to administer the Used Oil Payment Program (OPP). The Used Oil Payment Program grant is aimed at funding locally used oil and used oil filter collection and recycling programs. The funds will be used to support Used Oil Certified Collection Centers, provide oil drainers and oil rags at community events, host used oil filter recycling events, provide storm water pollution prevention education tools advertised in local publications, and help support recycling presentations at elementary and middle schools.