



## Avalon City Council Weekly Update 10-25-13

### Budget

- Informal budget review sessions with individual members of the City Council were convened this week, and will continue into next week. FY 13 Harbor Fund Revenues were higher than expected, which will afford the City Council some options in addressing competing interests, such as the size of the budget deficit juxtaposed to the need to embark on key infrastructure projects and provide matching grant funds (Mole and Fuel Dock). Department Heads initially, and then later all City employees, will be engaged in the effort to help identify belt-tightening measures, department/organizational efficiencies, and enhanced revenue opportunities for the City. The budget is scheduled for City Council consideration at the November 5 meeting.

### Planning

- The planned meeting with the Island Company to discuss the development agreement was convened on Wednesday of this week. It was a candid, productive conversation. I am happy to individually review the action items stemming from this meeting with you if you are interested. The City of Avalon will be meeting internally on Monday to ensure progress on assigned action items. We have not (yet) established our next meeting with the Island Company to continue the discussion.

### Waste Management

- The second of two meetings was convened this week with CR&R and Los Angeles County to discuss areas of concern at the landfill and the MRF (Materials Recycling Facility). An additional meeting to gauge progress and next steps will be convened shortly. We are happy to provide you with specifics if you are interested.

### SCE

- A planned outage impacting City Hall that was initially scheduled for Tuesday of this week has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 12. Public Works is coordinating the effort of securing back-up generation to ensure City Hall is open for business during the outage, which is scheduled to take place from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
- Ron Hite is interested in providing one on one (or two on one, if you'd like me to attend with you) tour/question and answer sessions at SCE's Pebbly Beach Generating Station facility. This would be an opportunity for you to obtain first-hand knowledge and information directly from Ron to further bolster your understanding of our island utility operations – and related resource challenges. If you are interested in this type of meeting, please let me know, and I will schedule a session with Ron.

### Finance

- The auditor has been working on the FY 12 audit – staff has been responding to requests, and progress is being made.
- Offsite work has been done on the Successor Agency accounting and reconciliations to past reports for February 1, 2001 through June 30, 2013. Cindy will be meeting with the partner from White Nelson Diehl Evans and Ken Lee (RBF) on Monday to review the FY 12 accounting. Cindy and her staff will then be onsite on Tuesday to finalize FY 13 accounting, and begin reconciling to reports previously filed to the Department of Finance.

- The Finance focus next week will be on completing the accounting for the Successor Agency, and providing the Department of Finance with adjusted trial balances. In addition, finish preparations for the MTA audit, continued work on the FY 12 audit and continued work on year-end adjustments and preparation for the FY 13 audit will also occur.

Parks and Recreation

- We are working with the greater skateboarding community to advance progress at the skate park. The City will be taking on the removal of specified debris/attractive nuisance items, the securing of a ramp and vegetation management to improve the site. A check for fencing was cut today. We requested a date for a volunteer event to erect the fencing from the greater skateboarding community in order to foster interest and garner a large pool of free labor to assist with the effort. We will keep you posted.

Respectfully submitted,



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