



## Avalon City Council Weekly Update 12-06-13

### Risk Management

Betty Jo and I attended the PARSAC Executive Board and Board of Directors meeting yesterday in Sacramento. Two items of concern specific to the City of Avalon were reviewed and discussed by the board(s): Pebbly Beach Road and Hermosa v. the City of Avalon. Scott Campbell joined via telephone to discuss the City's efforts over the past year to meet PARSAC's conditions for the continued use by the public of Pebbly Beach Road and Casino Way. Scott did an excellent job of outlining our efforts (specifically our monitoring, data collection and road closure policy), and the board was pleased with our progress and understood the City's position that the road only poses a challenge during times of rain/storm (based upon our records and monitoring efforts). Separately, we (Mike Wroniak, PARSAC's assigned counsel) and I also provided the board with a status update re. Hermosa v. City of Avalon case following our most recent mediation session and Avalon City Council Closed Session.

### Nuisance Bird Abatement/Falconry Services

I have received a revised proposal from On The Wing Falconry (Rocky Post and Cynthia Shelton) for a reduced schedule for nuisance bird abatement and falconry service that falls within the range of what the City previously requested (reducing services to a couple days of week, a monthly expenditure of no more than \$1200, and housing and transportation not provided). The Island Company and the Chamber have also been recently approached by Rocky and Cynthia. I will be meeting with Randy and Wayne on Tuesday of next week to discuss our options (entering into a shared contract, drafting a request for proposal (RFP), etc.).

### Information Technology

Much progress has been made in updating the City's IT capabilities within the past couple of weeks. We have successfully installed and configured the new servers, which will ultimately allow for City use of new Microsoft Office screens and software with modern functionality - including calendar capability. We are waiting for Catalina Broadband to complete the fiber link to City Hall - once this is finished the City will realize enhanced security through a new firewall. Additional potential components of the City's IT upgrade that we will be exploring next include mobile website functionality and security cameras.

### Parks and Recreation

As a follow-up to the Joe Machado concession stand bid award at Tuesday's City Council meeting, we are drafting an RFP for concession stand (and possibly catering) services to operate out of that facility. We believe that the City will be able to derive ongoing revenue from a licensee using this facility with a commercial-grade kitchen.

### Public Works:

With an 80% chance of rain forecasted for tomorrow (Saturday, December 7), we will (as usual) be closely monitoring Pebbly Beach Road, Casino Way and other areas of town prone to rock slides. Earlier this week, we reviewed and re-distributed our Pebbly Beach Road Gate policy

wherein ANY City of Avalon Department (not just Public Works and/or Fire) has the authority to close Pebbly Beach Road in the interest of public safety. We have taken precautionary measures to mitigate the impact of any potential rock slide damage to temporary sewer lines in the area.

Construction on the Lower Terrace Road project started this week. We are looking at 120 days until completion. We have concerns about the need for two freshwater isolation valves (see the SCE update section, below).

Construction on the Pebbly Beach Gravity Main project is also underway. The contractor is working weekends and overtime in order to have the mainline portion completed prior to the Christmas timeframe.

#### SCE

We are discussing with SCE the need to install two isolation valves for the freshwater system as the City is undertaking the Lower Terrace Road project – an approximate \$25k potential cost to SCE.

#### Housekeeping

My sincere thanks to Denise, Scott, Dennis, Gina and Pat Grady for their personal generosity (read: cash out of their own pockets) to help offset costs and keep the expenses low for the City's Employee Christmas Party tonight.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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