



## CITY OF AVALON

November 6, 2016

*"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause."*  
President Lincoln

TO: Mayor Marshall and City Council Members  
FROM: City Manager  
SUBJECT: **MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

### VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016



Each year a grateful Nation says thank you for all those who served their Nation in the U.S. Armed Forces.

In Avalon, many residents over the years served their Country with dignity and honor and their service is not forgotten.

"Veterans Day is an official [United States public holiday](#), observed annually on November

11, that honors [military veterans](#), that is, persons who served in the [United States Armed Forces](#). It coincides with other holidays, including [Armistice Day](#) and [Remembrance Day](#), celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of [World War I](#); major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the [Armistice with Germany](#) went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is not the same as [Memorial Day](#); Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who *died* while in military service." Source: Wikipedia

### DISPLAYING THE AMERICAN FLAG

Walking around town and seeing the United States flag posted on houses and buildings is always a special treat to behold. A special "thank you" to those honoring our Veterans by displaying the flag.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs offers the following guidelines for the display of the American flag:

*“Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag. It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions.*

*The flag should be displayed on or near the main building of public institutions, schools during school days, and polling places on election days. It should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.”*

## **FIT FOR A KING OR QUEEN: AVALON FIT TRAIL WORK BEGINS**



Construction began on Avalon’s Fit Trail Project last week at People’s Park. Dan Huncke, Director of Community Services, gives an updated report below. Because of the generosity of Supervisor Knabe and Los Angeles County, the Project can be built to further enhance our already beautiful community. The funds used for this project are restricted funds that are only available for this purpose.

- Original scope: Installation of fitness equipment and amenities.
- Revised scope: Installation of fitness equipment, synthetic turf, landscaping and related amenities.
- Original end date: 6/30/17
- Revised end date: 12/31/17
- Original funding: \$299,700.00
- Revised funding: \$337,700.00

## **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF WATERING AT THE AVALON MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

A written request has been made to Southern California Edison for a variance to allow the City to resume watering the Avalon Memorial Cemetery to prevent further damage to that sacred resting place.

## **PRIVATE DESALINIZATION PLANTS - REVISITED**



In our current Stage 3 Drought, as designated by Southern California Edison, new housing projects are unable to get an allocation of fresh water so that the projects can be completed and occupied. Innovative thinkers who live and work here have come up with suggestions for how to deal with this situation.

These suggestions include the installation of machines that make water from the moisture in the air as well as the use of state-of-the art private desalinization plants.

In regards to the latter, the City has been told that there are obstacles to the use of private desalinization as I have reported in these management updates. The major stumbling block appears to be related to the interpretation of existing wastewater discharge rules promulgated by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB).

On November 1, 2016, the City Manager wrote a letter to the Executive Officer of LARWQCB asking if he would be willing to initiate a conversation with City officials asking under what conditions could private desalinization plants be permitted.

City officials discovered in recent times that its stormwater collector system that discharges into the treatment plant is being infiltrated by tens of thousands of gallons of seawater daily from Avalon Bay along Crescent Avenue. The City is in the process of fixing this salt water infiltration flaw that will substantially reduce seawater from daily going into the wastewater treatment plant. This reduction in seawater will substantially reduce the salinity of wastewater treated at the plant and may create opportunity for use of private desalinization units.

## **REQUEST FOR HELP ON FRESH WATER SUPPLY ISSUES**

At its meeting of November 1, 2016, the Avalon City Council unanimously agreed to seek the assistance of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to assist City government in its efforts to gain the cooperation and support from Southern California Edison to create an adequate year-round and reliable water supply. City staff is planning to meet with CPUC staff to initiate these discussions in the near term.

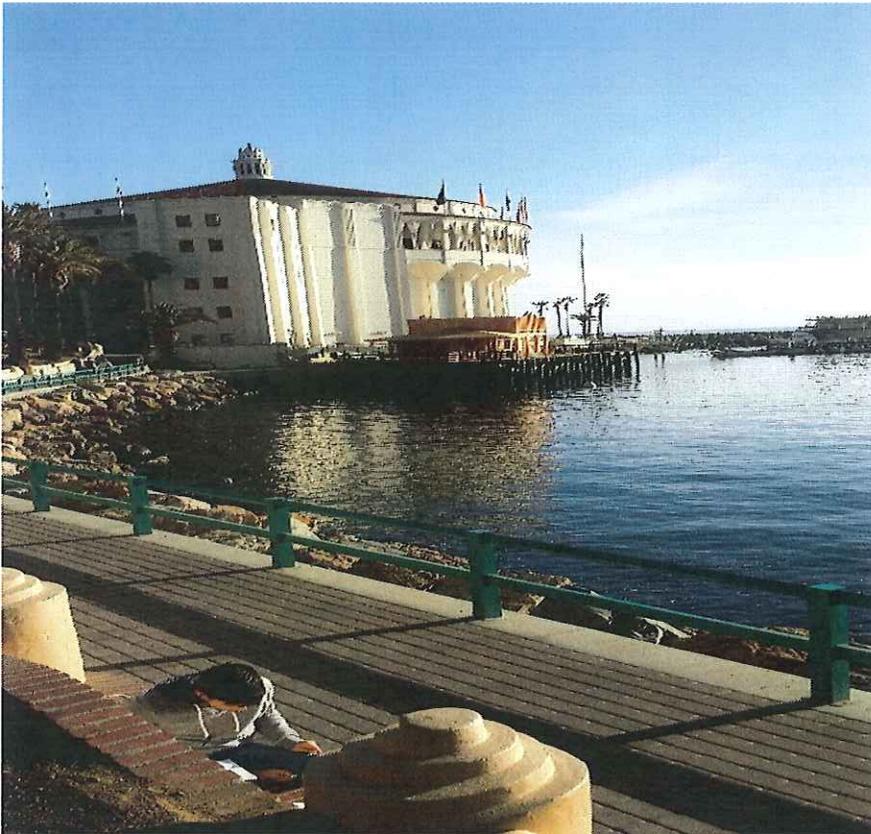
## THE GREEN GREEN GRASS OF HOME...FIELD



Work continues the installation of the state-of-the art synthetic turf at Jose Machado Field. The improvement after one week is amazing as Hallas Construction continues with this important recreation improvement and water conservation project.

The field is scheduled for completion by November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## CASINO FUEL AND RESTAURANT DOCK MOVING FORWARD



The Casino Fuel Dock and Restaurant Project has not been an easy one to undertake or complete. After many weeks of surprises such as unknown older fuel tanks, decaying adjacent sea walls in need of repair, and the need for completely new electric service to the Casino, fuel dock and future restaurant, work is proceeding now on a good pace.

In a related matter, the City Council has given instruction to City staff to complete negotiation with the Armstrong Family for a new Casino Dock Restaurant that will be constructed on the site at the cost of the lessee.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Jinkens, M.P.A.