



**OFFICE OF  
THE CITY MANAGER  
MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 28, 2014  
**TO:** Mayor Harper and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Steve Duran, City Manager  
**RE:** City Manager's Weekly Report

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Saturday, March 1, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.</b>	Neighborhood Clean-Up	Report to Parking Lot of City Hall - 200 H Street (3rd & H Streets)
<b>Wednesday, March 5, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.</b>	Planning Commission Meeting	City Council Chamber 200 H Street
<b>Thursday, March 6, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	Board of Administrative Appeals Administrative Review Panel	City Council Chamber 200 H Street
<b>Tuesday, March 11, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.</b>	City Council Meeting	City Council Chamber 200 H Street

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP**

The Antioch Police Department is has scheduled the 50<sup>th</sup> installment of the Neighborhood Cleanup Program. This is a collaborative community effort which involves active participation from The Antioch Police Department Crime Prevention Commission; Neighborhood Watch Program; Volunteers in Police Service; community volunteers and the Public Works Department. Collectively, everyone who works and lives in the City Antioch can make a difference and improve the quality of life. It's our community and this program is a chance to make a difference.

The City of Antioch Neighborhood Cleanup program is not just for residential neighborhoods. It is a program that will change venues on a monthly basis and it will include business and commercial areas as well. Neighborhoods that are free of trash and refuse are inviting, and a clean community instills a sense of community pride.

The 50th Neighborhood Cleanup event will occur on Saturday, March 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Downtown area. Volunteers should report to the parking lot of City Hall located at 3<sup>rd</sup> and H Streets.

Volunteers will receive instructions and the equipment necessary to accomplish the goal. The targeted area is within walking distance. Excluding inclement weather, future Neighborhood Cleanup events are scheduled for the first Saturday of every month and the locations will be announced in advance.

## **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK UPDATES**

The Annotated Agenda for the City Council Meeting of February 25, 2014 have been posted onto the City's Website as well as the approved Minutes for the February 11, 2014 Council Meeting.

The application period for the Parks & Recreation Commission has been extended again to March 13<sup>th</sup> since we received two applications for the four vacancies advertised. **No applications were received this week.**

The Board of Administrative Appeals hearing was held on February 20, 2014. The Board upheld the decision and denied the appeal; however the administrative citation was reduced from \$1,100 to \$1,000. We do not have any appeals filed so the Board of Administrative Appeals hearing scheduled for March 6, 2014 will be cancelled. The next scheduled hearing will be on April 3, 2014.

The Board of Administrative Appeals interviews will be held on March 4, 2014. A total of six applications were received.

The Contra Costa County Mosquito & Vector Control Board of Trustees interview will also be held on March 4, 2014. One application was received.

The Contra Costa County Library Commission interview is in the process of being scheduled. Only one application was received.

The Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee interviews were held on Thursday (Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>), Wednesday & Thursday (Feb. 26 & 27). There were a total of 20 interviews.

We received six California Public Records Requests this week which were forwarded to the appropriate Departments for a response. Four have already been completed.

## **FINANCE UPDATES**

Eighteen interviews for the Sales Tax Citizen's Oversight Committee are scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Mayor Wade Harper and Council Member Gary Agopian will be conducting the interviews, with the Finance Director in attendance as the staff liaison. This will complete all remaining interviews.

The California State Department of Finance has started their review of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 14-15A (ROPS 14-15A) approved by both the City as Successor Agency and Oversight Board to the Successor Agency. Finance compiled and provided all supporting materials for the ROPS 14-15A and sent to the Department of Finance this week to assist in the review.

The City as Successor Agency to the Antioch Development Agency received the final report of the State Controller's Office asset transfer review of the former Antioch Development Agency. The State Controller's Office has ordered the return of \$1,858,958 to the Successor Agency from the City. \$871,458 of this amount relates to transfers made to the Marina Fund to meet conditions of a loan between the City, Redevelopment Agency and the State Department of Boating and Waterways. The City and Successor Agency are in disagreement with this finding and have met with the State Department of Finance. The State Department of Finance is currently reviewing this matter. The remaining \$987,500 of the amount relates to 2002 Lease Revenue Bond fund proceeds used for the Markley Creek Project. The City as Successor Agency will claim the use of these funds on a future ROPS once a finding of completion is received for the Successor Agency.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

### **Humphrey's Restaurant**

At the February 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting the City Attorney announced out of closed session that the City Council authorized the initiation of litigation related to Humphrey's. The restaurant has been closed since December 31, 2012. At this time the City owns the land, but not the building. The City has an interest in obtaining control of the building to initiate an RFP/RFQ process to place a new restaurateur. This facility is vital to our economic development efforts in the Downtown/Rivertown area. We will keep you and the public posted as this project progresses.

### **Strategic Planning Process**

On Wednesday, staff met with the Economic Development Commission Strategic Plan sub-committee and three representatives of the Chamber of Commerce Board to discuss the Economic Development component of the citywide Strategic Plan. We had a good discussion about developing a few core focus areas for the plan, reviewed a preliminary draft for discussion purposes, and identified additional topics key to economic vitality for

the City. We will be meeting again within the next few weeks and will provide the draft of this component to the full Economic Development Commission (EDC) for review/comment. A draft strategic plan will be the subject of a City Council workshop subsequently. Community input for the recent Community Cafes will inform the draft strategic plan.

### **Sustainable Communities Planning Grant**

The Economic Development and Community Development staff and consultants completed and submitted an application today for a state of California Sustainable Communities Planning Grant opportunity. We hope to receive \$500,000 in funding for development of a Downtown/Rivertown Specific Plan, focusing on re-inventing downtown Antioch as a vibrant transit-oriented community with superior public transit connectivity and walkability. This will be an important component to our economic development and revitalization efforts. Letters of support were provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Association of Bay Area Governments, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, State Assembly Member Jim Frasier and County Supervisor Federal Glover, among others. The details of this grant were included in the February 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Report, and discussed at the February 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

#### **Planning:**

- New land use applications were submitted for the following:
  - A 93 lot single family subdivision north of James Donlon Blvd. at Pintail Dr.
  - A 93 lot single family subdivision east of Somersville Rd., south of the Contra Costa Canal.
  - Bingo Hall at 2317 Buchanan Rd., Suite A.
  - Liquor Store at 1201 Auto Center Dr.

#### **Building Activity:**

- Number of permits issued..... 43
- Number of inspections..... 141

#### **Code Enforcement:**

- Code Enforcement Responded with Police to a marijuana grow house on Feather Way and posted the Structure sub-standard (red tagged).
- Code Enforcement was called by PD officers on scene to a report of a solid waste spill in the public right of way on Putnam Street. The home owner was served a Notice of Violation for the intentional illegal discharge and other related violations. City Crews were able to contain the intentional spill and performed a cleanup. The property owner will be billed for all fees associated with the clean up.
- Code Enforcement Staff attended a two part training session. Part one was presented by the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office who provided staff with direction on how to prepare cases of environmental crimes for prosecution. The

second part of the training was related to Bed Bugs and the roles of investigating agencies.

- This week: 21 New Cases Open  
14 Cases Closed  
63 Inspections  
6 Citations Issued  
3 Demand to Title Company for cost recovery  
30 Demand to property owner for cost recovery  
7 Special Assessment Liens Recorded for cost recovery  
2 Prepare & record Release of Liens for cost recovery  
29 Phone Messages on complaint line (779 7042)

### **Environmental Resources:**

- Energy Conservation - The City of Antioch has 5 locations signed up for Peak Day Pricing with PG&E. This involves being asked to conserve energy during high usage days on the grid. Due to the efforts of the Water Treatment and Police Department staff to conserve on the 9 PDP days over the summer and fall, the City saved an estimated **\$8,104**.
- Park Recycling- the installation of 50 new recycling receptacles should be completed by Pacheco Brothers this week. Next step will to begin evaluating the program. If the unseasonable warm and dry weather continues, that will start shortly after installation. If we get the rain that we need, we will hold off until the spring.
- Environmental Enforcement- a \$100 citation was issued to a shopping center with inadequate levels of garbage and recycling service this week. Additionally, 27 residential properties that have been previously abated for garbage service were mailed letters notifying/reminding them that they need to establish their own service with Republic or we will re-abate. Completed over 60 property site inspections to verify occupancy on addresses without garbage service and will be preparing abatement notices for those at that are occupied.
- Keep Antioch Beautiful Day is Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11am. Join us for the City's largest annual litter clean up! Sign up at [www.art4antioch.org/Keep-Antioch-Beautiful.asp](http://www.art4antioch.org/Keep-Antioch-Beautiful.asp) or 925-779-6137.

### **RECREATION UPDATES**

#### **Dance:**

- The Antioch Recreation Department School of Dance is holding its Winter Dance Recital on Saturday, March 8 at the El Campanil Theatre. Performances are at 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Tickets can be purchased March 3-6 at the Antioch Community Center, and Saturday, March 8 at the door.

**Senior Center:**

- Collaborated with local senior agencies to promote upcoming senior fraud prevention event on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Painted interior office/lobby area for facility updates and enhancements
- Hosted a senior Valentines celebration with over 100 senior participants in the month of February.
- Hosted Free tax services in conjunction with AARP, serviced over 135 senior and low income participants.
- Updated Active software database to include over 1,200 participants from the Antioch Senior Citizen's Club.
- Produced a 20 page marketing newsletter for the Antioch Senior Citizen's Club to promote senior services, events, trips, and activities to seniors in the community and surrounding east bay communities.

**Water Park:**

- Staff met with the American Red Cross to complete our updated Licensed Training Provider Agreement.
- Interviews were held for Swim Instructors for the Antioch Water Park.
- Quarterly, Annual, and Semiannual maintenance was performed on the "LAP" pool mechanical equipment in anticipation of opening on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual and quarterly fire sprinkler inspections were completed at the Antioch Water Park and the Antioch Community Center.
- Held certification course for returning lifeguards in Title 22 (First Aid for Public Safety Personnel).
- Paperwork submittal deadline for returning water park staff was this week. After review of received paperwork staff will be readily equipped to proceed through the recruitment for seasonal staff.
- Staff published an RFP for Recreation Department Concession Food and Supplies.

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## **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES**

### **Administration**

- In response to the BDCP (Bay Delta Conservation Plan) and BDCP EIR/EIS staff continues to work with our consultant team to review and respond to this 30,000+ page document. DWR (State of California Department of Water Resources) is the lead agency responsible for the effort to determine if a project to construct twin 40' diameter pipes a distance of 35 miles from the Sacramento River between Freeport and Courtland to Tracy will be environmentally and economically feasible. The review period for the Plan has been extended 60 days until June 13, 2014. The City has been on record for over 7 years providing information about the potential impacts to Antioch and our intake on the San Joaquin River. The City will be submitting written comment about the plan and our concerns about the inaccuracy of the model that projects impacts. Antioch's position continues to be that we need to be made whole related to the project's impacts to water quality and reliability, cost of obtaining water, and recreation and beneficial uses of the river that fronts our community.

### **Engineering and Development Services**

- Nelson Ranch Subdivision 6893 (102-unit single family home development by Standard Pacific Housing), located northeasterly of Wild Horse Road and Ridgeline Drive and southwesterly of State Route 4 is built-out, but not accepted to date. Staff conducted the pre-walk inspection to start the 90-day maintenance period for the completed Wild Horse Road landscaping. Staff is currently reviewing joint trench, street lighting and improvement plans for the Wild Horse Road extension from its current terminus to Slatten Ranch Road.
- Almondridge East Subdivision 8880 (81-unit single family home development by KB Homes) located between East 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Oakley Road, east of Phillips Lane and west of the State Highway 160 has completed its in-tract sanitary sewer, storm drain and water mains, and interior retaining walls. Lot services and catch basins are under construction. Phillips Lane sanitary sewer is 75% complete.

Construction of piers for retaining and sound walls along Phillips Lane is scheduled for completion this week and Phillips Lane joint trench has been staked.

- Davidon Homes Park Ridge Phase I consisting of 123 residential units located west of Canada Valley Road and east of Highway 4 final map and improvement plans have been returned to developer. Expecting resubmitted map, plans and conditioned items returned to the City for review.
- Lot line adjustments (LLAs) between Lots 5 & 6 and Lots 6 & 7 (3505 & 3509 Ram Ct. & 3601 Sita Ct.) of Golden Bow Estates Subdivision 8538 have been approved by staff and are being processed for recordation.
- Landscape Maintenance Parcels (LMPs) for Lots 327 & 328 of Hidden Glen Unit 4 Subdivision 8388 have been approved by staff and sent to the County Recorder's Office for recordation.
- The SR4 (Segment 0) Loveridge Road I/C construction is 99% complete. Staff has completed review of the Freeway Maintenance Agreement (FMA) for this segment and will present a staff report for approval at a future City Council meeting.
- An amendment to the Freeway Maintenance Agreement for Segment 1-Bypass is being reviewed by Staff and will be presented for City Council approval at a future meeting.

### **Capital Improvement Program**

- Bay Cities Grading and Paving is relocating the center median on Deer Valley Road, north of Lone Tree Way, as part of the left turn pocket expansion at this intersection.
- Staff met with RMC Water and Environment to discuss of the draft Technical Memorandum for Wastewater Collection System Master Plan. The Plan is on schedule to be completed in April and will be the basis for the City's 5-Year CIP (Capital Improvement Program) and Water and Sewer rate study that is currently in progress.
- Wilbur Avenue Bridge Widening is proceeding on schedule. The contractor has completed the asphalt paving, shifted traffic to the new bridge and working on installing the guard rails. The concrete crash walls along the railroad tracks are currently under construction. The project is scheduled for completion in April 2014.
- Staff has applied for TDA (Transportation Development Act) grant funding to install new handicap ramps along East Tregallas Road and met with the TDA committee to review the grant application.

### **Water Treatment Plant**

- The one-year warranty inspection for Larkspur tank was performed on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The paint had a few spots that needed touching up, this work was completed the same day.
- The Donlon tank's one-year warranty inspection will be performed on February 27<sup>th</sup>.



## **Water Distribution**

### **Distribution:**

- Staff completed an update of our Water Distribution Operations Plan. This plan includes Standard Operating Procedures, Emergency Operations, Policies and Construction Details.
- 1 fire hydrant was hit by an automobile. A police report and numbers were obtained for billing purposes for time and material to repair or replace fire hydrant, bacteria test and water loss.
- Water distribution staff will begin our dead end water line flushing program next week. Hydrant flushing is a critical function for the health of the distribution system. During this time of drought, only high priority areas will be identified and flushed.
- Staff repaired 2 irrigation leaks for the Parks department.
- Staff contacted multiple businesses to insure they remain open during business hours while replacing an 8" gate valve.

### **Stores:**

- Central Stores staff has identified 50-75 items in stock that were deemed obsolete or "slow movers" (stock that hasn't moved in 24 months) and will be selling off these items.
- Staff completed recertification of Marina fire extinguishers.
- Purchased new hardware for Prewett Water Park family restrooms; they are in transit.

## **Public Works Maintenance**

### **Facility Maintenance**

- Fire Sprinkler Inspections were conducted at the following locations:
  - P.D.
  - Senior Center
  - City Hall
  - Public Works Administration
- Repairs were made to the ventilation system at the P.D. shooting range.
- Replacement windows were ordered for 2 locations at the P.D where the existing windows are broken.

### **Landscape Maintenance**

- 4 lights were repaired at Chichibu Park.
- The defective lights were replaced with more energy efficient LED lights at the Mira Vista Park restrooms.
- The new turf at the City Park Soccer Field is 20% established
- Gentrytown Gateway bollards were replaced eliminating vehicle access off Hayes Way.
- Markley Creek Park vandalized restrooms have been sanitized and re-opened.

- Continued work on the GIS (Geographic Information System) Fire Abatement location mapping.
- ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION EVENT - April 25, 2014 at Mira Vista Park 3:00 pm. – Public Works Staff, Antioch Garden Club and members of the public will be holding an Arbor Day Tree Planting Event. This event takes place each year and is an integral part of our Tree City USA award designation for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Each year 1 or more trees are planted in different park locations around the City of Antioch. This is accomplished with Boy Scout volunteers, the Garden Club, as well as City Staff and our parks maintenance contractor, Pacheco Brothers. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.
- Continue working on National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) donation event, in partnership with Macy's, Inc. This event takes place from March 7, 2014 and ends on March 31, 2014. Between these dates, customers purchasing items at the local Macy's Department store at Somersville Town Center will be asked to make a donation to support their local park, in this case, Antioch City Park, 1000 A Street. All donations received will be matched dollar for dollar by Macy's Inc., up to a maximum match of \$250,000. These donations will be used for needed park improvements and maintenance.
- A contractor has been retained to trim the downtown trees. The project is in progress and is 50% complete.
- The Landscape Crew is 98% complete with their proactive weed pre-emergent program.
- The City's R.V. Storage Facility on Gentrytown Road was weeded and cleaned.
- Landscape staff has started the spring check of the turf irrigation. This will be an ongoing project throughout the spring months.
- Staff met with the Rainmaster representative to work on problems with the irrigation computer.

#### Street Maintenance

- The Street Crew replaced or repaired 57 signs throughout the City that were found to be in less than satisfactory condition and/or not up to reflectivity standards. Most of the respective signs being changed out were identified during the annual "Night Time" survey.
- Crews filled over 52 pot holes on various roadways throughout the City.
- Crews replaced or installed 52 blue fire hydrant markers.
- In an ongoing effort to improve the look of our community, Staff removed graffiti from numerous areas around the City.

#### Collections Division

- The "Collections Team" cleaned over 31,926 linear feet of sewer lines.
- 11 Cubic Yards of trash and debris were picked up out of various creeks and channels that run through Antioch.

## Marina

- Dolphin Charters completed 2 more delta bird watching cruises this weekend. These charters benefit from the use and location of the Antioch Marina. They held their last cruise on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be back in May to offer bird enthusiasts further delta cruises.
- The Marine Science Institute has operated their vessel the "Robert G. Brownlee" from the marina's guest dock. Several local students continue to benefit from the ecology and science cruises. Their last cruise is scheduled February 28.
- Tall Ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain to call Antioch on February 25. They will offer Adventure Sails and a rare 'Battle Sail' in which they will engage one another in a mock battle with spectacular gunfire along the shores of the delta, this much anticipated arrival will draw the public in masses to the Marina to see this rare event.
- Given the late notification of the arrival of the tall Ships, the Marina Staff urgently worked with the master of the Brownlee to trade dock space in order to accommodate all vessels. In addition, Marina Staff took preliminary soundings of the Marina entrance, fuel dock, and Launch Ramp in order to make contingency mooring accommodations to ensure that the tall ships have a safe berthing space available subject to tidal and current influences during their stay.
- Marina Staff repaired 4 inoperable light bollards in front of the Marina Building and Humphrey's Restaurant, adding greater security and safety lighting to the Marina area.
- Marina Staff removed several spots of graffiti on the "Sails" structure along the Marina pathway.
- Marina Staff cleaned, and in the process of outfitting the Marina work boat to ensure operational status by spring.
- Marina Staff cleaned and inventoried the Emergency Fuel Spill Kit area and in process of reviewing the Fuel Spill Plan for the Marina and will hold staff spill training.
- In process of updating customer accounts in Marina Software Program to ease billing procedures and save resources.
- Surveyed Marina Park and pathways to note any potential hazards and landscaping issues.
- Billing Completed for February.

## Fleet

- Performed 10 preventative maintenance services on scheduled vehicles.
- Staff made 13 miscellaneous repairs to City vehicles.

## GIS

- Collected Field Data of City open space areas.
- Created data for Economic Development on Downtown Riverfront Focus Area grant application.
- Completed Training on Government Outreach Public Reporting Software which will be rolled out to the community within the next month after beta testing. This

software will allow residents to download an application that will provide the ability to report numerous complaints such as illegally dumped trash, graffiti, potholes and more.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- We received a call that a car had crashed into the backyard of a residence and landed in their swimming pool. The homeowner stated that the driver was intoxicated and fled on foot. Suspect Taylor was located two hours later passed out on Deermeadow way. He appeared to be suffering from hypothermia. Taylor was transported to the hospital where he was treated and released.
- On 2/24/14 at approximately 1318 hours, APD officers were dispatched to the report of a collision involving a vehicle vs. a bicyclist on James Donlon Blvd east of "G" St. Upon arrival, officers found the bicyclist was suffering from major injuries and was transported from the scene, by air, to a local hospital. The driver of the vehicle was also on scene and cooperated fully with the investigation. It appears, based on witness statements that the bicyclist was at fault in the collision. There were no indications that there was any impairment on the part of the driver of the vehicle. The investigation into this collision is still on-going. During the investigation, both directions of James Donlon Blvd were closed to through traffic.
- On 2/24/2014 at approximately 2230 hours, an Antioch Police officer observed a motorcyclist traveling at a high rate of speed through a residential area and onto Auto Center Drive. The officer did not give chase but observed the motorcyclist intentionally leave the roadway and drive along the railroad tracks near Auto Center Drive out of sight of the officer. When the motorcyclist did not reappear officers began searching the railroad tracks on foot. Moments later, the motorcycle and driver were found. The driver of the motorcycle suffered from serious injuries as a result of having crashed his motorcycle into a drainage ditch. He was transported to a local hospital and was said to be in critical condition. The driver of the motorcycle is an adult male and Antioch resident. His identity is not being disclosed at this time.
- On 2/26/2014, a perceptive resident noticed two suspicious people enter his neighbor's rear yard. Knowing his neighbor was not home, this resident immediately called 911 and within minutes APD officers arrived on scene and found a side door had been forced open. Both subjects attempted to flee, but were quickly caught and arrested by officers who set up a perimeter around the home. 19-year old Kardell Smith (pictured), and a 17-year old Antioch resident, were both booked for residential burglary and sent to County Jail and Juvenile Hall, respectively.

## **CITY MANAGER NOTES**

I have attached for reference a copy of the letter that Assembly Member Frasier read into the record of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan hearing that he chaired in Sacramento and which Mayor Harper attended on behalf of the City.



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February 6, 2014

Assemblymember Jim Frazier, Chair  
Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 357  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: Fiscal and Economic Oversight Hearing on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)**

Dear Assemblymember Frazier:

The City of Antioch is pleased to submit comments to the Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee to be included in the record for the February 12, 2014 Fiscal and Economic Oversight Hearing on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). With a population of over 105,000 people, the City of Antioch is the largest city located on the Western edge of the Delta and relies on the Delta for 100% of its water supply. The Delta is not only crucial for the reliability and quality of our drinking water, but its healthy ecosystem and protection of beneficial uses are critical to the economy and quality of life for our community.

The three main points we submit to you for your consideration are:

- The technical modeling work used to identify the benefits of the Plan and the impacts of the Plan are flawed. The results of these flaws overstate the benefits and understate the impact – specifically the degradation of water quality. The Plan needs to be withdrawn and the models fixed.
- It took over six years to produce the Plan comprised of over 30,000 pages of reports and studies. The 120-day comment period needs to be extended so the public can fully understand the benefits, impacts, and the cost to taxpayers/water users for this \$25 billion effort.

- The Plan does not deal with water supply reliability caused by drought and climate change. It proposes to spend \$25 billion dealing with reliability impacted by water transportation issues – how to move water through the Delta – but ignores the greater reliability issue of water shortages caused by a lack of precipitation.

This hearing is correctly focusing on the Cost and Economic Impact of the BDCP on ratepayers and taxpayers. The proposed tunnels will add between \$1.5 and \$2.0 billion per year in fixed costs to water ratepayers whether or not water is available to be transported. The Plan would add these costs plus another \$10 billion in fees to restore the Delta's ecosystem. All of these costs will not produce more water – in fact the Plan as proposed will transport less water than has historically been pumped from the Delta. The bottom line is the Plan will result in higher costs, less water to spread the costs over, and no solution for water shortages caused by drought or climate change. This does not even take into account the higher costs Delta community ratepayers will incur to treat saltier drinking water caused by the proposed tunnels. Preliminary estimates indicate Antioch's costs could increase by over \$4 million per year.

The Plan only guarantees higher fixed costs for a small reliability improvement in water supply, no improvement for drought conditions, and saltier drinking water for one million Delta water users. All this for \$25 billion dollars which could be understated by 50% or more based on estimating accuracy.

The City of Antioch will be submitting detailed comments on the BDCP as part of the public comment period. We applaud you for your efforts to help the public become better informed about this Plan.

Sincerely,



Steve Duran  
City Manager