

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 14, 2014

**TO:** Mayor Harper and City Council Members

**FROM:** Steve Duran, City Manager

**RE:** City Manager's Weekly Report

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Date and Time	Event	Location
Monday, March 17, 2014 7:00 p.m.	Crime Prevention Commission Meeting	Antioch Police Department Community Room 300 L Street
Wednesday, March 19, 2014	Planning Commission	City Council Chamber
6:30 p.m.	Meeting - CANCELED	200 H Street
Tuesday, March 25, 2014	City Council Budget	City Council Chamber
Workshop at 5:30 p.m.	Workshop	200 H Street
Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	
Tuesday, April 1, 2014	Economic Development	Council Chamber
6:00 p.m.	Commission Meeting	200 H Street
Wednesday, April 2, 2014	Planning Commission	City Council Chamber
6:30 p.m.	Meeting	200 H Street
Thursday, April 3, 2014	Board of Administrative	City Council Chamber
3:00 p.m.	Appeals Meeting	200 H Street
Saturday, April 5, 2014 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Neighborhood Cleanup	Report to the Parking Lot of Antioch Middle School 1500 D Street
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Council Chamber 200 H Street

#### RELAY FOR LIFE - CITY OF ANTIOCH KICK-OFF EVENT

Thursday, March 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the City Council and City staff are invited to an Antioch City Team Rally for the Relay for Life, which will take place on June 21 and 22 at Deer Valley High School. If you are interested in volunteering to participate in this wonderful event to help the American Cancer Society fight cancer, please come to this March 20 informational rally and pledge to join the City's team and/or contribute to the cure. I am throwing for the first round of hors d'oeuvres. I hope to see you there!

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK UPDATES

The Annotated Agenda for the City Council Meeting of March 11, 2014 have been posted onto the City's Website as well as the approved Minutes for the February 25, 2014 Council Meeting. Also, the PowerPoint presentation given at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting during the Public Hearing for Agenda item 2A was provided the next day by the Community Development Director and placed on the city website.

The next scheduled Board of Administrative Appeals hearing will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. To date, we do not have any appeals filed.

Our office is now accepting applications for one (1) partial-term vacancy with the Economic Development Commission (EDC). The partial-term vacancy will expire June 2017. Here is the volunteer job description:

- The EDC's function is to address economic development issues within the City and make recommendations to the City Council and staff regarding policies, regulations, marketing, development strategies and planning activities designed to enhance the City's economic base and create quality jobs.
- 7 members; 4-year terms.
- Must be either City resident or owner/operator of a business located in the City.
- Regular meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the first Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, October and December, the third Tuesday in July, and on the first Tuesday on an as-needed basis only during the months of March, May and November. No meetings are held during January or August.
- Members of the Economic Development Commission are required to file an annual Statement of Economic Interest.

The deadline date to apply is 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. You can pick up an application from the Clerk's Office or go online to our City's Website: <a href="https://www.ci.antioch.ca.us">www.ci.antioch.ca.us</a>. We have received two applications to date.

The application period for the Parks & Recreation Commission (4 vacancies) had been extended and closed at 5pm on March 13<sup>th.</sup> We have received a total of (5) five applications. The applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews.

The Board of Administrative Appeals interviews were held. A total of six applications were received. The applicants will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

The Contra Costa County Mosquito & Vector Control Board of Trustees interview was held. One application was received. The applicant will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

The Contra Costa County Library Commission interview is in the process of being scheduled. Only one application was received. The applicant will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

The Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee interviews were held. There were a total of 20 interviews. The applicants will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

#### **FINANCE UPDATES**

The Oversight Board meeting for the Successor Agency to the Antioch Development Agency for March 17th has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 21, 2014 at 6p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Finance, Human Resources and the City Manager are continuing to have budget meetings with the departments. Finance is preparing information for the budget study session scheduled for 5:30p.m. on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

The draft Master Fee Schedule for the City was distributed to departments for requested updates. Revisions will be presented to the City Council in May and once approved will be effective July 1, 2014.

#### **INFORMATION SYSTEMS UPDATES**

Work orders opened/completed for the week: 137/111

Email filter activity: 12372 processed, 8478 automatically discarded do to violations pertaining to suspected virus's, spam, malware, fraudulent material, or isolated for staff to review and release, based on legitimacy

Test modems were installed in two VIP vehicles. These modems will be used to detail, map, and confirm high speed data access throughout the City.

The IS Director met with City Attorney and PD to discuss electronic records retention, and

proper procedures for data collection when employees leave City employment.

The IS Director attended conference call with LanLogic to discuss options on upgrading our virtual environment.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

**Note:** The March 19, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting has been cancelled.

## Planning:

 Current project descriptions, status, location, and submitted documents can be found at the following link:

http://ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/CommDev/PlanningDivision/docs/Project-Pipeline.pdf

## **Building Activity:**

- Number of permits issued...... 41
- Number of inspections....... 135

#### **Code Enforcement:**

- Code Enforcement Officers posted a property on Waterford Way as Sub-standard.
- Code Enforcement Officers served a warrant on W 5<sup>th</sup> Street for Property Maintenance violations.
- In a last and final effort to compel a bank to clear major violations at an unoccupied residential property on Merrill, a citation was issued for \$20,000 this week. If this does not compel compliance, an abatement warrant will be sought through the Contra Costa Superior Court.
- As part of the Suburban Poverty Task Force, Code Enforcement staff attended the meeting at the Antioch City Council Chambers where Pamela Singh of Concord Cares and LINC presented a model that has been created in Concord.
- This week: 8 New Cases Open
  - 15 Cases Closed
  - 42 Inspections
  - 2 Citations Issued
  - 7 Demands to Title Company for cost recovery
  - 9 Demands to property owner for cost recovery
  - 5 Special Assessment Liens recorded for cost recovery
  - 48 Phone Messages on complaint line (779 7042)

#### **Environmental Resources:**

 Contaminated carts - We have been having an issue with residents putting nonrecyclables items in their greenwaste and recycling carts. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>,

- Republic Services has sent out 566 letters to residential customers that have had contaminated recycling or greenwaste carts.
- Environmental Enforcement Staff mailed 44 abatement notices to properties stating that if they don't get service, we will abate for 6 months of service starting 4/1/14. Mailed 18 Notices of Violation for lack of residential garbage service. A \$500 citation was issued to a shopping center without adequate levels of garbage and recycling service. One new case was open for a residential water wasting violation.
- Student Intern For Wednesday and Thursday of this week, we had the pleasure of hosting an 8<sup>th</sup> grade intern from Antioch Charter Academy. Jessica has been very helpful in promoting the April 26<sup>th</sup> Keep Antioch Beautiful Day by writing school newsletter articles in English and Spanish for distribution to the school district. She also compiled the list of emails of previous cleanup participants and wrote the email blast that went out to almost 200 people.
- Compost workshops- We hosted a free home composting workshop on Wed., March 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm in Council Chambers. 5 people attended. Our next workshop will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am at Prewett Water Park.

## CDBG/Housing:

- The CDBG Subcommittee meeting was changed to Monday March 31<sup>st</sup>, as it was learned that HUD hopes to announce the 2014-15 CDBG grant allocations around March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Satellite Housing submitted its Tax Credit application for the Tabora Gardens Affordable Senior Apartment project to the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee and review is underway, to be completed by March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- On Thursday morning, the City hosted an informational meeting for key staff and on the issue of suburban poverty, which focused on ways to address homelessness. The keynote speaker was Pamela Singh of Local Integrated Networks of Care ("LINC"), which is working with the Contra Costa County and the City of Concord on "building a common servicing platform" to connect people in need to resources and programs that can help. Thanks to the Antioch Chamber of Commerce for bringing this group to Antioch and initiating the connection with the City, and to Contra Costa County for participating in the presentation. Staff will be following up with LINK and the county to help address these important issues.

#### RECREATION UPDATES

#### **Antioch Community Center:**

 Customer Service Training for Recreation Front Line Staff was held Wed. March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Antioch Community Center  7,000 Youth Program Flyers were delivered to 7 elementary schools promoting Spring Classes & Activities offered through the City of Antioch Recreation Department.

#### **Antioch Senior Center:**

- Received a Certificate from the Contra Costa County Office of Education in recognition of valuable contributions to the WorkAbility 1 Program which offers hand on experience with maintenance and volunteer work for 8-10 participants in a special education program.
- Provided pro bono notary services through a senior care manager to 2 senior participants from our community (Value of \$50).
- Provided 4 senior participants with pro bono Legal Services (a value of \$100 per participant).
- Provided 6 senior participants with pro bono Peer Counseling Services (a value of \$50 per participant).
- Offered beginning and advanced computer classes for the month of March- courses filled
- Provided tax services to 36 senior community members in conjunction with AARP
- Signed up 15 new & 25 renewal members for the Antioch Senior Citizen's Club
- Revamped senior pages in the Antioch Recreation Guide to increase information on services for the community and help market the Antioch Senior Center to Antioch residents
- Began March Madness Meal promotion to encourage senior participants to eat meals at the Antioch Senior Center Co Co Café, a nutrition program for low income seniors ages 60 and over where low sodium, healthy meals are provided by Contra Costa County. Approximately 80 participants signed up for this incentive program.
- Over 40 volunteer hours provided by current senior citizen's club members for the Co Co Café nutrition program this week
- Over 25 hours of volunteer maintenance provided by senior citizen's club members
- Over 30 hours of volunteer office assistance and clerical support provided by senior citizen's club members
- Senior Citizen's Club Facebook page received over 100 likes and counting as marketing efforts are made to promote the senior citizen's club

#### **Antioch Water Park:**

- Water Park Staff conducted the first swim tests and interviews for new lifeguards in preparation for our upcoming Water Park Season opening on Memorial Day 2014 at 4703 Lone Tree Way
- Water Park Staff interviewed applicants for Head Lifeguard positions for the 2014 Water Park Season.

#### Sports:

 The Youth Indoor Soccer program with 67 youth participants between the ages of 2 and 10 was held at the Antioch Community Center Gymnasium though the Antioch Recreation Department and completed on March 10<sup>th</sup>

- An adult softball tournament with 160 participants was held on Saturday & Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Antioch Community Park.
- A youth hardball tournament with 300 participants will be held this weekend March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at the Antioch Community Park.
- Registration was completed for the City of Antioch Recreation Department Adult Summer Softball League with 54 teams (over 1000 participants). Recreation staff developed schedules and manager's meetings for men's, women's and co-ed leagues.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES**

#### Administration

- As a reminder, Antioch is participating in a program where the National Recreation and Park Association have partnered with Macy's, Inc. on a program that will donate funds to Antioch City Park. The program began March 7<sup>th</sup> and continues through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Customers will be able to make donations of \$1 or more when making a purchase at the Somersville Towne Center Macy's. Additionally, Macy's will be matching the first \$250,000 raised, dollar-for-dollar. Distribution of the donation check is anticipated to occur by June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Staff attended a forum hosted by Restore the Delta on impacts of the BDCP (Bay Delta Conservation Plan) impacts on lower Delta water quality. The event was held at the Lone Tree Golf Course and Event Center which provides a beautiful venue for these types of events. The event was well attended with presentations made by Assemblymember Frazier, Supervisor Piepho and representatives from the North Delta Water Agency, and Restore the Delta.

## **Engineering and Development Services**

- 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, submitted model home plot plans for staff review. Staff is processing recordation of the Garage Sales Office Conversion Agreement.
- Buchanan Crossings Shopping Center, a 103,139 square foot commercial center on a 13.5-acre site located at the northwest corner of Somersville Road and Buchanan Road, submitted their on-site and off-site construction drawings for staff review.
- The SR4/SR160 Ramp Connector Project held its first Partnering meeting on March 11, 2014. RGW is the contractor and AECom is managing the \$32,000,000, 380-working days project on behalf of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA). The Project will construct two connector ramps: westbound (WB) SR4 to northbound (NB) SR160 (NB Connector) and southbound (SB) SR160 to eastbound (EB) SR4 (SB Connector). The NB Connector will exit from WB SR4 widening to two lanes and will cross over Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way. The SB

Connector will construct a 1,371 feet span involving large 13'-wide cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) concrete piles and complicated temporary falsework. The project widens one lane to the outside of NB SR160 from the proposed NB Connector ramp and will also widen one lane to the outside of SB SR160 from SR160/East 18th Street/Main Street Interchange.

- Crown Castle (Site #815874), which subleases to Verizon (Site #123587), was
  issued a consent letter allowing the replacement of nine existing cellular panel
  antennas under a building permit on City-owned property located at 75 Walton Lane
  site.
- Meritage Homes applied for a lot line adjustment (LLA) of Lots 6 and 7 on Braemar Street in Hidden Glen Subdivision 6909. Staff is reviewing the application for completeness.
- Davidon Homes Park Ridge Phase I, consisting of 123 residential units located west of Canada Valley Road and east of Highway 4, received City comments on their final map and improvement plans. The map, plans, and conditioned items will be returned to the City for review.

## **Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)**

- Water Main Replacement Knife River Construction has commenced asphalt pavement restoration on Campbell Avenue, Cataline Avenue, Brisdale Place, Stillwell Circle, Madill Circle, Hawthorne Avenue, West Madill Street, Lindberg Street, Norton Street, Lawton Street, Bryan Avenue, McGinley Avenue, Coventry Court and Madill Court.
- Lone Tree Way/Deer Valley Road Intersection Improvements Bay Cities Paving and Grading is modifying the traffic signal facilities at the intersection of Deer Valley Road and Lone Tree Way and relocating safety lighting in the center median on Deer Valley Road, north of Lone Tree Way.
- Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Repair contractor, J.D. Partners Concrete, continued to remove and replace deteriorating, damaged and uneven concrete throughout the city. Over the past week 677 square feet of sidewalk, 137 lineal feet of curb and gutter and 30 square feet of driveway approach were repaired.
- Pipe Reconfiguration of Canal Pump Nos. 2 and 4 Project plans and specifications for the rehabilitation and reconfiguration of the canal pump piping has been submitted for review to the Contra Costa Water District.
- 2014 Rubberized Cape Seal City Council awarded the project construction contract at the February 11 Council meeting. Construction is scheduled to start June 2, 2014. The project will include Asilomar Drive, Carpinteria Drive, Via Dora Drive, Longview Road, Hillside Road and all the adjacent courts.
- Fishing Pier Shade Structure The shade structure manufacturer has submitted the design plans for the building permit application process. Staff is working on developing the structure design and layout. Construction of the project is scheduled to start in June 2014.
- Wilbur Avenue Bridge Widening the contractor has completed the concrete deck railing and traffic on new bridge has been opened. The final concrete crash wall

- along the railroad tracks are currently under construction. The project is scheduled for completion in April 2014.
- Safe Routes To School Grant staff is soliciting proposals for survey services for the new handicap ramps along Cavallo Road, Garrow Drive, East Tregallas Road and Drake Street. Preliminary design plans and specifications have been submitted to Caltrans for review to confirm compliance with the federal grant requirements. Construction of the project is expected to start in July 2014.
- Surface Transportation Program Grant staff is soliciting proposals for survey services of the existing roadway condition along Ninth Street from "A" to "H" Streets. Preliminary design plans and specifications have been submitted to Caltrans for review to confirm compliance with the federal grant requirements. Construction of the project is expected to start in July 2014.
- Five-Year CIP Budget Met with the Finance Department staff to review and update the current fiscal year expenditures for each CIP funding source and the projected fund balance. Staff is in process of developing the draft 2014-2019 CIP manual and budget.

#### **Water Treatment Plant**

 Installed a new set of scales for the disinfection feed system. This will provide the ability to operate the plants at higher flow rates during the summer months.

#### **Water Distribution**

#### Stores:

- Storekeeper met with our induction lighting reps on Thursday. We have been
  experiencing premature failure on some of the lights provided by a particular
  supplier. Some insight was provided, as to how we could check the lamps to see if
  they were indeed bad or if another component was failing. This troubleshooting
  technique could result in reduced maintenance costs.
- Warehouse/Maintenance Worker maintained his high standards of excellence while checking, cleaning and restocking restrooms at City Hall, PD and the Maintenance Service Center. He also modified two globes for a downtown streetlight, at the request of a citizen, which allows more light onto the street and less into the apartment building at that particular location.
- Storekeeper assisted in updating construction details related to streetlights.

#### Distribution:

- We have installed 8 new meters and certified the backflow preventers at these new addresses.
- We are currently mapping out water for our water main under the new train trestle at Wilbur Avenue.
- We are working with the finance department on tightening up communications between the departments to ensure that service to water customers is optimized.
- We have repaired 4 sewer laterals.

- Distribution staff has replaced one failed water service.
- We have started our hydrant flushing program for this quarter to maintain water quality.

#### **Public Works Maintenance**

## Landscape Maintenance

- A contractor has been retained to trim the downtown trees. The project is 100% complete.
- The Landscape Crew is 100% complete with their proactive weed pre-emergent program.
- Landscape staff has started the spring check of the turf irrigation. This will be an ongoing project throughout the spring months. The initial check is 20% complete.
- Landscape Staff installed replacement locks on all entrances to the Mokelumne Trail within the City limits.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter recycled water inspection was completed and passed. (Chichibu, City, Fairview and Mountaire Parks).
- Replace lamp fixtures at Mira Vista and Meadow Creek Park. New and more efficient LED lamps were also installed.
- Numerous irrigation leaks were attended to and repaired.
- Staff Leadworker attended Tree Risk Assessment training to better serve safety.
- Lighting lamps were replaced at Chichibu and Heidorn Park restrooms.
- City Park Soccer Field #1 new turf seed germinated and is 50% established for play.
- Staff did a safety inspection at Chichibu and Mountaire Parks that included the playgrounds.
- Landscape leadership staff is partnering with the GIS team to plot the Fire Abatement locations. This is approximately 60% complete Citywide.
- Talks with PG&E continuing for ongoing tree mitigation and tree replacements in numerous city parks where trees have been are proposed to be removed where they are located under high voltage power lines.
- The initial Wildhorse Streetscape landscaping inspection adjacent to the Nelson Ranch Subdivision was completed.
- ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION at Mira Vista Park Friday April 25, 2014 at 3 pm. The City and the Antioch Riverview Garden Club work together to make this a great event and all are welcome to attend. This year we will be dedicating a bench to a past Garden Club member who had volunteered countless hours in efforts to make our City better. The Cub Scouts will also be on site to plant the ceremonial Arbor Day Tree. Staff will have the BBQ Grill on hand and work with the Club members to cook up some hot dogs and burgers. Most participants bring a dish to share.

#### Street Maintenance

 The Street Crew replaced or repaired 83 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 401 potholes on various roadways throughout the City.
- Staff removed graffiti from numerous areas around the City.

#### Collections Division

• The "Collections Team" cleaned over 31,100 linear feet of sewer lines.

#### Marina

- Marina Staff adjusted security cameras and lighting for optimization on the Fuel Dock.
- Additional security lighting placed over south gate entrance to aid with camera viewing at night.
- Landscape Contractor completed cut back overgrowth bushes and trees to improve lighting and visibility for public safety.
- Landscape Contractor picked up parking lot of excessive debris (tree branches) that fell in the last storm.
- Marina Staff painted interior of the Marina Office presenting a more professional look to our customers.
- Marina Staff adjusted facility light timers for Daylight Savings Time in order to save on electricity costs.
- Held meeting with contract janitors to address changes to cleaning procedures.
   Using better cleaning products and insuring that cleaning is complete to our customer's satisfaction.
- Marina Staff held a detailed meeting with Finance to streamline several issues including Berther deposits. Specific business shortfalls and offering better customer service were addressed.

#### Fleet

- Performed preventative maintenance on 16 vehicles as scheduled.
- Staff made miscellaneous repairs to 12 City vehicles.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES - Week Ending March 13th 2014

Mayor Harper swore in Brittany Crites, our newest Antioch Police Officer, on Thursday morning. Chief Cantando presided over the event, which was attended by Officer Crites family and friends, as well as Antioch PD officers and staff. Brittany was born and raised in Antioch and has always wanted to be a police officer.

The next "Coffee with Cops" is scheduled for Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Holy Rosary Church on A Street from 9:30 to noon. Spanish translation will be provided. This is something that Chief Cantando does semi-regularly, moving the location throughout the community.

#### Other Police Activities of note:

On March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:40 am, an officer spotted Charles Coan in the area of 221 Wilbur Ave. He knew Mr. Coan had warrants for his arrest and detained him. In doing so, he located over an ounce of methamphetamine on his person. He was arrested and booked at the police department and later transported to the Contra Costa County Jail. On March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:32 am, an Antioch resident reported that her adult daughter never arrived to visit her after planning to fly to SFO from southern California. The mother of the victim was especially concerned because her daughter is separated from her husband. Antioch Officers took the original report and conducted extensive follow up, which included speaking to the estranged husband, who provided an odd statement which heightened suspicions and concern for the missing woman. First thing that morning, Antioch detectives also began working on the case. Through their investigation the missing woman was located yesterday afternoon in a south bay city. The agency that made contact with her placed her on a 5150 W&I hold.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:52 pm, an adult male was walking away from the skate park when he was confronted by two males as he neared his car. Both males were armed with handguns and demanded his property. He defied their orders and began yelling for help. Both armed males eventually fled on foot. Officers checking the area for the suspects attempted to detain a male who matched the description of one of the suspects. He fled from officers and was caught. He was found to have a loaded 9mm pistol in his waistband. This suspect was also identified as one of the armed males from the attempted robbery. He was later booked at Juvenile Hall on the charges attempted robbery, using a firearm during a felony, conspiracy, and being in possession of a loaded concealed firearm. The second suspect is still outstanding.

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 - In a collaborative effort between Public Works and the Police Department, and ongoing review of our fleet is being conducted. As part of that review, it was determined we could eliminate one of the three Animal Services vehicles, and that future purchases should be vans instead of pickups in order to prevent injuries related to lifting and moving animals. This will save approximately \$4000 a year in vehicle related costs and hopefully prevent future injuries to employees as well as animals.

#### **CITY MANAGER NOTES**

I attended the East Bay Leadership Council's Water Forum in Pleasanton last Friday. The key topic of discussion was the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

I was honored to speak to the Antioch Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning. The key topic of discussion was economic development.

I attended the suburban poverty presentation by Local Integrated Networks of Care Thursday morning along with Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro-Tem Rocha, and key City staff. I attended the Swearing in of Officer Brittany Crites Thursday morning.

Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) made a presentation on their "Pipeline Pathways" project to the Contra Costa County Public Managers Association (PMA) on Thursday afternoon. The PMA membership consists of the 19 City Managers in the county and the County Administrator. The PG&E project includes clearing any and all obstructions within ten feet of underground utility mains and clearing trees that could impact overhead electric lines. While everyone supports PG&E making certain that the power delivery system is as safe as possible, the way they are going about it has lacked transparency and has not considered significant impacts to the communities they serve. East Bay cities are experiencing a lack of timely information from PG&E, as well as a reluctance on the part of PG&E to pay appropriate municipal fees, to reimburse cities for staff time, or to adequately mitigate damages for the removal of old growth trees and the like. The PMA has asked that this be a discussion item at the next Mayor's Conference and is also following up with all the City Attorneys and Mayors, among other tasks. I will be reviewing potential Antioch impacts and mitigations with Ron Bernal.

My wife and I plan to attend the Antioch Chamber 2014 Inaugural Gala and Awards Ceremony at the Lone Tree Golf and Event Center this evening.