



**OFFICE OF  
THE CITY MANAGER  
MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 16, 2015

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

**FROM:** Steve Duran, City Manager

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

**MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Monday, October 19, 2015 7:00 p.m.</b>	Crime Prevention Commission Meeting	Police Department Community Room 300 L Street
<b>Wednesday, October 21, 2015 6:30 p.m.</b>	Planning Commission Meeting	City Council Chamber 200 H Street
<b>Tuesday, October 27, 2015 7:00 p.m.</b>	City Council Meeting	City Council Chamber 200 H Street
<b>Tuesday, November 3, 2015 6:00 p.m.</b>	Economic Development Commission Meeting	City Council Chamber 200 H Street
<b>Wednesday, November 4, 2015 6:30 p.m.</b>	Planning Commission Meeting	City Council Chamber 200 H Street
<b>Thursday, November 5, 2015 3:00 p.m.</b>	Board of Administrative Appeals	City Council Chamber 200 H Street
<b>Saturday, November 7, 2015 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.</b>	Neighborhood Cleanup	TBD
<b>Tuesday, November 10, 2015 7:00 p.m.</b>	City Council Meeting	City Council Chamber 200 H Street

<b>Wednesday, November 11, 2015</b>	Veteran's Day  City Holiday	
<b>Monday, November 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.</b>	Crime Prevention Commission Meeting	Police Department Community Room 300 L Street

## **CITY CLERK UPDATES**

City Council agendas, including staff reports, are posted onto our City's website 72 hours before the Council Meeting. To be notified when the agenda packets are posted onto our City's website, simply click on this link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/notification-systems/> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the agenda information, click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> and then click 'City Council'.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Administrative Appeals meeting will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Board of Administrative Appeals meets on a monthly basis – the first Thursday of every month, in the Council Chambers beginning at 3:00 p.m.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES**

### Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- Lateral Police Officer Justin Hamilton started on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please join me in welcoming this new employee to the City of Antioch.

### Recruitment Updates:

- Oral Board interviews for Facility Maintenance Worker I/II were held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and the eligibility list was provided to the Department.
- Oral Board interviews for Associate Planner were held on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and the eligibility list was provided to the Department.
- Oral Board interviews for Police Trainee and Academy Graduate/Students were held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Oral Board interviews for Police Dispatcher were held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Police Corporal (closed/promotional, closes 10/23/15)

- Police Sergeant (closed/promotional, closes 10/23/15)
- Police Lieutenant (closed/promotional, closes 10/23/15)
- Community Services Officer (closes 10/30/15, or first 300 applications)
- Equipment Mechanic I/II (closes 11/2/15)
- Recreation Coordinator (closes 10/23/15)

The City's open recruitments can be found on the Human Resources page of the City website. Follow the appropriate link(s) to apply through NeoGov.

## INFORMATION SYSTEMS UPDATES

- Work orders opened/completed for the week: 131/148
- Email filter activity: 19,439 processed, 9,483 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.
- During the annual Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC) conference, the Information Systems department received a Quality I.T. Practices Award via our peers throughout the state. This award is based on having best I.T. practices and policies in place such as system documentation/maintenance, data protection and archiving.
- Team attended EOC training.
- Team setup document imaging accounts.
- Team imaged and configured new computers for water treatment plant.
- Team had conference calls with multiple vendors regarding Web certificates/Domain name issues.
- Team ran utility billing upgraded system compatibility checker against new server and sampling of typical workstations and virtual machines.
- Team import current City wide parcel information into building permit system.
- Team created system accounts for new PD staff.
- Team worked with vendor to setup training database for upcoming CAD/RMS upgrade.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

**Powerboat Championship Delta Boat Race and Car Show:** Brought to you by Antioch Rivertown Jamboree and Celebrate Antioch Foundation, this weekend in our beautiful downtown Rivertown will be two exciting events full of action and family friendly fun! Located at the Marina, **Saturday & Sunday**, is a memorial boat race in memory of former City Councilmember Gary Agopian. **Saturday only** on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, between G & I Streets, is a classic car show sponsored by Midnighters, including craft and food vendors. To register your car plan to arrive between 8-10am. There is a \$25 registration fee per car. Contact Information:

Delta Boat Race Saturday & Sunday  
Antioch Marina including Boat Launch and Parking  
7:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Phone: Boat Show call (925) 757-0972

Car show  
2<sup>nd</sup> street between G & I Street  
10:00am to 4:00pm  
Website: <http://celebrateantioch.org/>

**Free Umpqua Bank September & October Art Exhibit** - The Arts & Cultural Foundation of Antioch (ACFA) continues their partnership with Antioch's Umpqua Bank and features six artists in the upcoming exhibit. The bank is a perfect venue for local artists to showcase their work, which changes every two months. The featured artists are: Constance Chevalier, Dan McReaken, Danny Grace, Debbie Armes, Dianne Curtain and Rosalinda Grejsen. Umpqua Bank is located at 3700 Lone Tree Way and is open Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM, excluding bank holidays. ACFA is currently seeking artists for the ongoing exhibit. The Umpqua exhibit changes every two months.

For more information visit [www.art4antioch.org](http://www.art4antioch.org) or call Diane Gibson-Gray at (925) 325-9897. [Diane@Art4Antioch.org](mailto:Diane@Art4Antioch.org)

## RECREATION UPDATES:

- Last week, the Antioch Water Park supervisory staff attended the California Aquatic Management School (CAMS) and the World Aquatic Health Conference. Staff returned with the latest information and trends in programming, operations, staff development and training topics, as well as updated information on pool health and safety for prevention of illness, injury and drowning.
- On Monday, the Aquatic Staff started the planning process for new camps and training topics for camp leaders which will take place during the school district winter break.
- On Wednesday, staff met with an Aquatics Coordinator from The City of Pleasanton to discuss a lifeguard training partnership utilizing each agency's staff for real life based scenarios for summer 2016.
- Staff continues to work on the new revised Emergency Action Plan and Evacuation Procedures for the Antioch Water Park to improve overall operations and safety for all guests at the water park.
- On Wednesday, the City's Electrical contractor installed an upgraded emergency stop system for the water slides at the Antioch Water Park. This system replaced the aging system and will provide many years of quality service for the safety of all guests.

- Throughout the week, Recreation Maintenance staff worked on an overhaul of the winter maintenance program planning document. Utilizing a new electronic shared document will allow for a smooth flow of information and will increase the overall efficiency of winter maintenance tasks.
- On Wednesday, Recreation Maintenance staff met with a representative from a City electro-mechanical vendor. This vendor will be preparing a proposal for periodic servicing of a few of the many motors at the Antioch Water Park. This work is ongoing preventive maintenance and assures that the park is running at its optimal level during the season and helps to reduce potential down time of attractions.
- Throughout the Week, staff focused its graffiti abatement program at the Skate Park. Volunteers, skaters, and other park users are invited to come out and enjoy the Skate Park!
- On Thursday, the Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting. They reviewed the updated conceptual plans for Prewett Community Park and received a report on park improvement projects and health and recreation programs.

### Senior Center Services

- Last week, 405 affordable healthy meals were served through C.C. Café. This program helps prevent heart attacks, depression, asthma and congestive heart failure. No membership or income requirements are required to eat at the C.C. Cafe.
- According to the Contra Costa County Senior Nutrition Program, Antioch Senior Center has the highest number of site participants (402) as of September 21, 2015 for FY 15/16.
- On Tuesday, staff attended the monthly Senior Nutrition C.C. Café meeting. Staff was able to provide input on monthly meals selected, as well as share and collaborate with the other 18 cafes on day to day operation pitfalls and successes.
- Last week, 30 guests enjoyed listening to the Creative Writing group share their original stories, poems, readings and more. All the participants in the Creative Writing Class shared their creative works.
- Last week, 26 seniors participated in a FREE Tai Chi exercise class provided by Chinese Peer Counseling of Contra Costa County. This class combines traditional Chinese Tai Chi and simple movements to help develop a strong body and increase mind/body coordination.
- Staff collaborated with East Bay Regional Park District to schedule another field trip to Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve on Thursday November 5, 2015. Cost is free for 15 participants to attend and transportation will be provided by East Bay Regional Park District.
- On Monday, six seniors received Free Legal Aid from Contra Costa Senior Legal Services (A value of \$300 per person).
- Staff is finalizing the series of seminars and workshops for November Alzheimer's Awareness month which takes place in November. Promotional materials will be available soon.

- Staff continues to develop and design the November /December Antioch Senior Citizens Club Newsletter. The Antioch Senior Citizens Club newsletter serves as a key marketing piece to communicate all of the beneficial programs offered to the general public and club members.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

### Planning:

- Public inquiries responded to via email/phone/counter 72
- On October 13, 2015 the City Council upheld the appeal of Planning Commission approval of a use permit for a private school at 1700 Auto Center Dr.

### Building Permit Activity:

- Permits issued 38
- Inspections requested 154
- Public inquiries responded to via email/phone/counter 89

### Code Enforcement:

- Cases followed up on 153
- New Cases Open 65
- Posted sub-standard 2
- Citations Issued 5
- Warrants obtained and served 0
- Cases Closed 26
- Demand to Title for cost recovery 2
- Demands to property owners 6
- Special Assmt. Liens recorded 0
- Prepare & record Release of Lien 0
- Phone messages reporting violations 30
- Web reports 8
- Jefferson Way – Posted substandard.
- Cherry St. – Posted substandard.
- Open space to the rear of Sycamore Dr. – Code Enforcement along with Public Works and a City contractor worked together to abate the transient encampments on the property.

- Our new Code Enforcement web page is up and running. It is a growing page with more to come but it is a great start.

<http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/CommDev/Code-Enforcement/>

Please take a look at it for some useful information. In addition, there is a link within the site to report violations. This will be by far the most expedient way to have any future concerns inspected.

### **Environmental Resources:**

Environmental Enforcement: Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>: There were 73 actions taken on existing and new cases. 34 inspections to verify occupancy were completed. 12 properties were signed up for abated garbage service, 9 notices of violation were mailed out, 9 abatement notices were mailed out and 2 cases were closed.

### **Eco-Happened:**

- Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 8a-1p – Reuse Roundup, Somersville Towne Center. 83 vehicles came through the donation drop off and countless residents shopped the free pile. Thanks to volunteers that came out to help unload, sort and re-home the materials donated including: Antioch Animal Shelter, East County Veterans, Future's Explored, and Wave Mission Team. The volume of materials diverted is still being tabulated.
- Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm - Costume Exchange at Antioch Community Center. 35 people attended our 9<sup>th</sup> annual costume exchange. A special thanks to Audrey Davis for her help in getting us a space and to RC Ferris for her help with this event every year.

**Eco-Happenings:** Convert your Lawn to a Water-Smart Garden with Patrice Hanlon, Pittsburg Library Community Center, Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 10am - 2pm  
Convert your thirsty lawn to a beautiful water-smart garden. Garden Consultant Patrice Hanlon shows you the low-cost, SIMPLE method of lawn conversion, without digging up your old lawn! This hands-on class will guide participants through the step-by-step process of sheet mulching. You'll learn helpful resources and what types of plants to choose to create a picturesque drought-tolerant garden. Refreshments and healthy snacks provided! Register at [www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops](http://www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops)

### **CDBG:**

- Monitoring by Antioch and other Consortium members is commencing and will continue through December.

### **Housing:**

- Construction of a new Housing database and integration of all files is commencing with City Data Services (CDS). All housing loans, including single family homeowner rehabilitation, rental housing (single and multifamily) rehabilitation loans, previous first-time homebuyer loans, rental housing construction loans, and

minor emergency housing repair grants, will be entered into the system with a target date of December 31, 2015.

- Monitoring of Housing Successor assets continue through December to verify income and/or occupancy for all first time homebuyer loans, homeowner rehabilitation loans, and multifamily/rental properties, excluding Vista Diablo, which was monitored in October 2014.

#### **Homeless:**

- The quarterly Council on Homelessness meeting will occur Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> at the ZA Meeting Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The quarterly general membership meeting is a forum for communication and coordination about the implementation of the County's Strategic Plan to prevent and end homelessness, educating the community on homeless issues, and for orchestrating a vision on ending homelessness in the County, and advocating on federal, state, and local policy issues affecting people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. All are welcome.

#### **DROUGHT UPDATES:**

Here is a list of quick links to conservation and drought information:

1. 2015 Drought FAQ's : <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/Environment/Water/faqs-2015.htm>
2. How To Read Your Water Meter: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/PublicWorks/WaterDistributionDivision.htm>
3. Rebates - Antioch Eligible: <http://www.ccwater.com/157/Rebates>
4. Recycled Water for Residential Use: <http://www.ddsd.org/residents/recycled-water>
5. Prohibited Water Use: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/Environment/Water/>

#### **Irrigation repairs:**

- Chichibu Park: The Turf Rehabilitation Project is nearing completion. Irrigation has been reworked, and the new Turf has been established. The fence restricting access to the new Turf area is scheduled to be removed the week of October 12, 2015.
- City Park: The Playground and cement Picnic Tables all received a complete pressure-wash this week, to remove any dirt and sticky food particles, and for cleanliness.
- Contra Loma Estates Park: A new playground is in store for this park. Construction has already begun with the removal of the old play structure, and a new foundation begun. This Project will be on-going for the next 4-6 weeks.



- Antioch Community Park: 4 sprinklers were replaced. The drinking fountain by the snack bar was repaired, and a leaking toilet valve was replaced in the main women's restroom.
- Chaparral Park: A 4" Water main-line was repaired.
- Dallas Ranch Park: A leaking pipe in the men's restroom was repaired.
- Harbour Park: A leaking pipe wasting water was repaired. 4 new swing hangers were installed for safety reasons.
- Williamson Ranch Park: 1 leaking turf valve was replaced.
- Park Water Reductions: ALL City Parks have reduced water by another 25%, as of this week.
- Laurel Rd. – 39 sprinklers repaired, 78 wiper seals replaced and 3 sprinklers capped.
- Hillcrest Ave. – 9 sprinklers repaired, 2 lateral lines repaired, 7 sprinklers adjusted, 1 valve rebuilt and 57 wiper seals replaced.
- Lone Tree Way – 2 sprinklers repaired and 1 valve rebuilt.
- Slatten Ranch Rd. – 1 output board replaced.
- Golf Course Rd. – 1 controller reprogrammed.
- Canada Valley Rd. – 1 lateral line repaired.
- Davison Dr. – 12 sprinklers turned off.
- Steeplechase Ct. – 1 sprinkler repaired.
- Eagleridge Dr. – 1 sprinkler repaired.
- James Donlon Blvd. – 4 sprinklers repaired, 1 lateral line repaired and 1 valve rebuilt.

## **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES**

### Administration

- Staff attended a special meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) where a proposal by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to terminate ABAG's planning grant and transfer land use planning staff to MTC was discussed. After a lengthy discussion, the Executive Board approved a resolution that supported continued funding of ABAG planning staff while ABAG and MTC begin an open and transparent discussion on restructuring the relationship, including the possibility of a merger of the two agencies. The resolution also recommended hiring a consultant to act as an independent mediator during the discussions. The MTC Commission is scheduled to take action on the transfer proposal and the proposal to extend or not extend funding for ABAG planning and research staff to the end of FY 2015-16.
- In response to questions about the recently implemented rate increases, a water and sewer rate study FAQ has been posted on the city's website. Please visit <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/Community/announcements/FAQ-for-2015-Rate-Study.pdf> to review the document.

- The City of Antioch is being required to reduce its 2015 water usage by 28% in 2015 using 2013 as the base year. Outdoor water conservation will be the primary focus of the City's program as well as fines for wasteful practices as identified in the Water Conservation Resolution adopted by the City Council on May 12th. All Antioch customers will be mailed a letter explaining the program and prohibitions as well as 2013 monthly water usage. Examples of prohibitions are: three day per week residential outdoor watering, no watering between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, shut off nozzles required on all hoses and drinking water available only upon request at restaurants. Contra Costa Water District has incentives such as residential high-efficiency clothes washer rebates, water-efficient landscape rebates and smart sprinkler timer rebates. More information on water conservation programs and ideas on how to conserve water can be found at [www.ccwater.com](http://www.ccwater.com) or [www.antiochwater.com](http://www.antiochwater.com). Customers who are not in compliance with drought restrictions can be reported to the Antioch Drought Hotline at (925) 779-6140. **The City conserved 31.4% in the month of September and 28.3% since the beginning of October. Our cumulative reduction to date is 34.4%**
- Residents of Antioch, Bay Point and Pittsburg can now get free recycled water to use for irrigation of their yards and gardens at home. The Residential Recycled Water Fill Station located at 2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway will be open to residents on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. through the end of October. There is a 300 gallon maximum per visit with no limit to the number of visits. For more information, please see <http://ddsd.org/home/showdocument?id=1218>.
- Century Blvd. will have one lane closed and a flagger in the vicinity of the freeway from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7th - Friday October 9th. These closures are needed for BART work to install a temporary work platform. Please use caution when driving in these areas

#### Engineering & Development Services

- Almondridge East Subdivision 8880, an 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: Staff is reviewing plot plans for ongoing new home construction.
- 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: Construction of Phase 1 improvements are nearing completion. Phase 2 environmental clearances and USBR permitting is progressing.
- City Sports Club, located at 5001 Lone Tree Way: Recordation of lot merger and sewer easement quitclaim deed in progress. A building permit has been issued for the project and construction is underway.
- DeNova Homes Mixed Use Project at Hillcrest Ave./Wildflower Dr.: Application for mixed use project consisting of 9.5 acres commercial, 8 acres multi-family, and 2.2 acres single family development. The Planning Commission discussed DeNova's PDP-15-01 application on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

- Laurel Ranch, a 186-unit housing development by Richland Communities, located at the eastern terminus of existing Laurel Road and west of Highway 4: Staff is reviewing the final development plan and preparing project conditions of approval.
- Oakley Knolls Subdivision 9353, a 31-lot development by Discovery Builders, located north of Oakley Road 1,300 feet west of Phillips Lane: Staff prepared conditions of approval for a tentative map application.
- Park Ridge Phase I, a 123-unit housing development by Davidon Homes, located west of Canada Valley Road and east of Highway 4: Staff is reviewing 3<sup>rd</sup> submittal map and plans.
- Taco Bell, 1706 'A' Street: Building and encroachment permits have been issued and work is progressing.
- SR4 (Segment 2) Contra Loma Blvd. Interchange/'G' Street Overcrossing Project: Contra Loma Blvd./'L' St. Undercrossing median work is ongoing. Pedestrians and motorists are advised to exercise caution while travelling through this area.
- SR4 (Segment 3A) 'A' Street/Lone Tree Way Interchange, Cavallo Road/Garrow Drive Undercrossing Project: Bridgework continues at 'A' St./Lone Tree Way and Cavallo Road Overcrossings and Sunset Drive extension work is ongoing. Pedestrians and motorists are advised to exercise caution while travelling through these areas.
- SR4 (Segment 3B) Hillcrest Avenue Interchange and BART Tunnel Project: Work continues on the Hillcrest Avenue Bridge widening, the westbound Slatten Ranch Road on-ramp, the Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC) and the Maintenance of Works (MOW) Tunnel. Pedestrians and motorists are advised to exercise caution while travelling through this area.
- BART Parking Lot and Maintenance Facility: Staff approved the design for a proposed 12" sanitary sewer main from the new Maintenance Facility, north of the S.P.R.R. railroad line to the southerly extension of Willow Avenue and is reviewing easement documentation. Staff returned comments to BART's Ownership and Maintenance of Utilities Agreement for storm drainage improvements.
- Deer Valley Business Park, commercial development fronting Country Hills Drive between Lone Tree Way and Deer Valley Road: processing abandonment of existing easement.
- The Vineyards at Sand Creek, a proposed 641 unit housing development located on Sand Creek Road between Heidorn Ranch Road and Hillcrest Avenue: staff continues to meet with the developer to discuss various site and infrastructure issues. The tentative map has been submitted and staff is creating conditions of approval.
- Ranch, a proposed 1,667 unit housing development located between Deer Valley Road and Empire Mine Road: staff is preparing comments for preliminary development plans.
- Heidorn Village, a proposed 117 unit housing development located at the northwest corner of Prewett Ranch Drive and Heidorn Ranch Road: The tentative map has been submitted and staff is creating conditions of approval.

- Quail Cove, a proposed 32 unit housing located on the south side of Prewett Ranch Drive west of Heidorn Ranch Road: The tentative map has been submitted and staff is creating conditions of approval.

### Capital Improvements Division

- Marina Boat Launch Facility, Third Boarding Float: This project was accepted at the October 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
- Piping Reconfiguration of Canal Pumps 2 and 4 and Pump 2 Replacement: This project was accepted at the October 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
- Sunset Booster Pump Station Replacement: JMB Construction, Inc. is compiling shop drawings and material submittals.
- Water Main Replacement at Various Locations: Construction bids were publically opened on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The lowest responsive bid was received from D & D Pipelines, Inc., in the amount of \$585,000. The award of this project is scheduled to be considered at the October 27<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
- West Antioch Creek Channel Improvements: The Contra Costa County Public Works Real Property Division is continuing work associated with easement and property acquisitions. U.S. Fish and Wildlife is developing the Biological Opinion. The State Historical Preservation Officer is reviewing the updated Cultural Resource Study. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) are reviewing the Re-vegetation and Monitoring Plan. Contra Costa County Flood Control District is preparing a response to the revised Routine Maintenance Agreement drafted by CDFW. RMC Water and Environment continues to work with PG&E, AT&T and Comcast regarding the relocation of existing utility facilities.
- Water Treatment Plant Disinfection Improvements: CDM Smith is performing additional site investigations and beginning to refine project plans and details.
- Water Treatment Plant Electrical Upgrades: A proposal from TJC and Associates to evaluate the existing electrical systems at the City's Water Treatment Plant and for the preparation of system improvement contract documents was approved at the October 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
- Urban Water Management Plan Treatment: A proposal from West Yost Associates to develop the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan update and the Watershed Sanitary Sewer update was approved at the October 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
- Cathodic Protection Assessment: Contract negotiations with JDH Corrosion Consultants, Inc. to conduct a thorough assessment of all pipeline cathodic protection systems within the City and draft a comprehensive report summarizing the findings and providing remediation recommendations are scheduled to commence next week.
- 2015 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Grant: JD Partners is under contract to install 27 new curb ramps along Bluerock Drive and West Tregallas Road. Construction is expected to begin on October 17<sup>th</sup> and be completed by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Transportation Impact Fee Study: Staff is working with the consultant, EPS, to update anticipated land uses and the transportation network to be used in the traffic model. The draft Fee Study will be presented to the City Council for comments in November.
- Prewett Water Park Improvements: RHAA is under contract for the design of the final improvements at Prewett Water Park. RHAA is working on the 90% design of the spray ground and the play ground facility. Staff provided the City Council with a construction cost estimate update at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. RHAA is proceeding with the final design per Council direction. Construction is anticipated to start in January 2016 and be completed by June 2016.
- 2015 Rubberized Cape Seal: American Pavement Systems completed placing the rubberized chip rock and the final slurry seal layer. The contractor is in the process of completing the punch list items. The City Council will consider the final acceptance of the project at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- North East Annexation Infrastructure Improvements: Staff is drafting a Request for Proposal for consulting services to provide engineering services and to prepare preliminary plans, estimates and studies for the planning and the design of infrastructure improvements needed to serve the newly annexed Area 1 and 2B.

#### Water Treatment Plant

- Cleaned Solar Bees out on the municipal reservoir. Solar Bees circulate the water in the reservoir; cleaning the Solar Bees prevents weeds from restricting the circulation. Also cleaned the staff gage on the tower.
- California Department of Dam Safety inspected the municipal reservoir's Dam. Due to the drought some repairs will have to be made.
- Removed a chemical tank from the tank farm. Re-positioned a tank and we are in the process of running new piping to the re-positioned tanks. Also will complete a safety rail around the north and west side of the tanks.
- Cleaned the EQ tank with the assistance of the distribution crews.

#### Water Distribution

- There were 272 stops for water service including disconnections.
- There were a total of 84 USA tickets completed for utility location.
- Annual backflow test program continues and is on schedule.
- Meter reading for the month of October has now started and is on schedule.
- Water crews continue to monitor water meters, conservation and usage at all City buildings and parks.
- Water crews issued six drought violation tags.
- Water Distribution personnel continue to respond to drought hotline inquiries.
- Water crews continue to respond to customer calls and underground service alerts city wide.
- Water crews continue exercising/repairing main line valves in preparation for a Capital Improvements project on Country Hills Drive.
- Water crew 2<sup>nd</sup> shift continues with city wide fire hydrant rehabilitation project.

- Water crews repaired a fire hydrant on Stamm Dr.
- Water crews installed an air relief valve on L St.
- Water crews replaced a water service on W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- Water crews replaced a 1" water service on Yorkshire Dr.
- Water personnel attended Excavation/Competent Person training.
- Central Stores staff continues removing graffiti and debris from Amtrak station and Fulton boat ramp.
- Central Stores assisted Parks Division with purchase and staging of new playground equipment for Contra Loma Estates Park.
- Central Stores staff continues servicing fire extinguishers at all City facilities and vehicles.
- Central Stores staff replaced roll up door locking mechanism at Fulton Yard Code Enforcement Container.

#### Public Works Operations – Parks and Landscape

- Playground and Park Safety Inspections: Completed at Dallas Ranch, Eagleridge, Hansen and Harbour Parks.
- Antioch Community Park: Replaced four sprinklers. Repaired the drinking fountain by the snack bar and replaced a leaking toilet valve in the main women's restroom.
- Chaparral Park: Repaired a four inch water main line.
- Chichibu Park: The Turf Rehabilitation Project is nearing completion. The irrigation was adjusted and the new turf has been established. The fence restricting access to the new turf area is scheduled to be removed this week.
- City Park: Playground equipment and cement picnic tables were pressure washed.
- Contra Loma Estates Park: A new playground will replace the old play structure and construction of a new foundation has begun. The project is scheduled to continue over the next four to six weeks.
- Dallas Ranch Park: Repaired a leaking pipe in the men's restroom.
- Harbour Park: Repaired a leaking pipe and installed four new swing hangers for improved safety.
- Williamson Ranch Park: Replaced a leaking turf valve.
- Park Water Reductions: The City surpassed the State's mandatory 25% water reductions. All City park irrigation programs have been reduced another 25%.
- Tree Removal Permits: Issued a permit for 3246 Madrone St.
- Irrigation: Repaired 222 irrigation leaks on City property which completes 2,500 irrigation repairs since June 10, 2015.
- Trim Crews: Contra Loma rights of way, Vista Grande Dr., Indian Hills Dr., Golf Course Rd., Wildhorse Rd., Deerfield Corridor, Summerfield Dr., Lot at 8<sup>th</sup> and A St., and the Marina.
- Pre-emergent Spraying: Laurel Rd., Hillcrest Ave. rights of way, Prewett Ranch Dr., Indian Hills Dr., Golf Course Rd., and Vista Grande Dr.
- Litter: Vista Grande Dr. and Eagleridge Dr.

- Maintenance Services Corporation Yard: Successfully tested the viability of the old radio tower as the site for a new repeater for the central irrigation system.

#### Public Works Operations – Streets Maintenance

- Graffiti Abatement: Removed graffiti from City property in numerous areas.
- Signs: Installed three new signs and replaced 50 existing signs due to poor reflectivity.
- Striping: Painted six white stencils and 525 square feet of railroad crossings.
- Debris: Removed three yards of illegally dumped debris from City rights of way.
- Potholes: Filled two potholes.
- Saw Cut Service: Cut 357 linear feet of asphalt in preparation for paving utility service repairs.
- Parks Division: Assisted the Parks Division with their annual pre-emergent weed spraying.

#### Public Works Maintenance Operations – Collections Division

- Calls for Sewer Service: Received and responded to seven calls for service from the public, and responding crews televised 105 linear feet of public sewer laterals connecting to the City's sewer system.
- Sewer Mains: Daily preventative maintenance performed on over 20,647 linear feet of sewer main lines.
- Quarterly Sewer Main Cleaning: The route schedule is under review to increase inspection frequency of identified 'hot spots' and integrate a proactive preventative cleaning schedule for the hot spots.
- Sewer Lateral Maintenance Program (SLMP): Crews repaired three laterals that were severely damaged requiring immediate repair. Crews also televised two laterals.
- Manhole Inspection Program: Crews inspected 48 manholes. Manholes are inspected for loose lids, debris, locking mechanisms, and status of infrastructure for future maintenance and rehabilitation. We are updating the program and processes for integration in our computerized maintenance management system.
- Closed Caption Televising (CCTV): Crews televised 1,377 feet of sewer main lines. The CCTV Preventative Maintenance crew inspects sewer mains to identify the condition and causes of blockages and Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs).
- SSO Reduction Program: Staff is working on formal inspection criteria to inspect manholes in rural areas. The use of "SMART Manholes" in strategic areas will be utilized that will alert leadership staff within the division of potential SSO's. This program will also address the need for locking mechanisms.
- NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System): Crews removed 240 yards of green waste from pruned trees from creeks and channels. Cleaned and inspected 4,133 linear feet of v-ditches as well as removed 46 yards of debris from v-ditches. These activities ensure the City meets the Federal Clean Water Act requirements of municipalities discharging storm water into waterways. Proactive preventative maintenance is restricted to the months of April through October.

### Public Works Operations – Fleet Division

- Preventative Maintenance: 14 services on City vehicles as scheduled.
- Unscheduled Repairs: 25 unscheduled necessary repairs to City vehicles.

### Public Works Operations – Municipal Marina

- Responded to five berthing inquiries and gave three facility tours.
- The new Marina website is attracting web traffic with over 105 new views this week and over 1,400 total views. View the new Marina website at: <http://ci.antioch.ca.us/antioch-marina>.
- Continuing implementation of the new Marina computer program including transferring temporary berth information from the old system into the new system. Staff training for online bill pay and electrical meter readings was held on October 12, 2015.
- Removed hyacinth and debris from the Marina basin.
- Maintenance: Repainted the Marina entranceway, the area surrounding old Humphrey's restaurant and the marina office facade. Removed old vegetation from the front of the Marina office. New energy efficient LED lighting was installed in the Marina parking lot significantly enhancing night-time visibility.
- Advertising and outreach: Craigslist weekly ads posted in Sacramento, Bay Area, Stockton, Santa Cruz, and Monterey. A new advertisement displayed in the October issue of Bay and Delta Yachtsman Magazine reached over 40,000 boaters.
- The [Tall Ship Lady Washington](#) is calling the Antioch Marina home from October 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Tours and Daily Adventure Sails will be offered to the public.
- The [Delta Thunder VI Powerboat Races](#) are scheduled to be October 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> on the Marina grounds sponsored by the [Rivertown Jamboree](#).
- The [CSBA Fishing Derby](#) is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>. The derby will take place on Marina grounds providing youth with an exciting fishing experience while providing education on the ecology of the delta region.

### Public Works Operations – Facility Division

- Police Department: Relocated a file cabinet, supervised the painting project throughout the building and repaired a door in the jail area.
- Senior Center: Repaired a leaking toilet and changed the lights in Nick Rodriguez area.
- City Hall: Reset the inoperative elevator, changed lights outside of elevator, and assisted Honeywell in repairing the AC unit in the basement.
- Public Works: Reconfigured the file cabinets and other furniture items in the administrative copy/mail room and assisted a contractor who installed two garage doors in the storage area.



## GIS

- Collections System Lateral Layer Revisions: 20% complete.
- Collections Clean Out Data Collection Inventory: 17% complete.
- Street Sign Inventory Location Update: 25% complete.
- 2015 Parcel Dataset Update: Complete.
- Begin GIS Divisional Template
- Begin Sewer Utility Updates
- Begin Water Utility Updates

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- On 10/15/15 at midnight officers responded to Kaiser on the report of an assault victim. Officers contacted a 23 year old male who had numerous injuries including two lacerations to his head, with one requiring five staples to close the wound. Information from the victim is limited and no one else is providing any details. On 10/14/2015 at 1042 pm officers responded to the 911 call of numerous males in four separate cars fighting in the intersection of Deer Valley Road and Lone Tree Way. All parties were gone when officers arrived. This is believed to be the incident where the victim was injured.
- On 10/14/15 at 11: 30 am an officer conducted a traffic stop at Delta Fair Blvd. and Somersville Road for vehicle code violations. The driver, 29 year old Earl Prince, was found to have a parole violation warrant. Earl was arrested without incident and transported to County Jail.
- On 10/14/15 at 8:30 am 50 year old Monte Swindle was panhandling at A Street and Highway 4. He was arrested and sent to County Jail for likely to continue and violation of his probation.
- On 10/14/15 at 1 am an unknown driver was driving on West Tregallas Road when their vehicle jumped the curb and struck a fire hydrant. The driver and vehicle fled and were not located. The fire hydrant was sheared off at the base. Fire department personnel responded and turned the water to the hydrant off.
- On 10/13/15 at 11:30 pm officers were patrolling the area of Romi's Market on E 18<sup>th</sup> Street when they noticed a disturbance in the parking lot and were flagged down by a female. The female stopped at Romi's to purchase some food and 41 year old Omega Ford began accosting her and threatened to shoot her. When Ford was arrested for the threats he began threatening the victim again in front of the officers. Ford was sent to County Jail.

- On 10/13/15 at 10:30 pm, an officer made a traffic stop on Camby and Clearbrook Roads. Officers got consent to search the vehicle and located a methamphetamine pipe in the door. 31 year old Amanda Jackson advised she also had marijuana. By the time he finished his search, the officer located multiple bindles of suspected controlled substances. Jackson was taken into custody. The bindles turned out to be methamphetamine and had a combined weight of 5.3grams.
- On 10/13/15 Officer's worked a proactive detail directed towards panhandlers. 8 total arrests were made 3 subjects were sent to County Jail for various warrants, 5 subjects were cite released for either warrants, trespassing and/or panhandling.
- On 10/13/15 at 5:10 pm officers responded to Peppertree Way on a report of an occupied suspicious vehicle. Officers arrived and contacted 27 year old Antonio Poole who was walking away from the vehicle and officers. Poole was found to have a no bail warrant for his arrest. Poole was arrested without incident and booked into County Jail.
- On 10/13/15 at 11:45 am 50 year old Monte Swindle was panhandling on the westbound Highway 4 off ramp at A St. Swindle was contacted and was found to be in possession of a meth pipe. Swindle was cited and released.
- On 10/12/15 at 9 pm an officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop on 37 year old William Thomas. Thomas had five warrants for his arrest, 25 grams of methamphetamine on his person, and false identification in his possession. Thomas was arrested without incident and sent to County Jail.
- On 10/12/15 at 5:15 pm dispatch advised of a call for service in the front lobby of the Antioch Police Department in which 38 year old Heidi Clift stated she was here to pay a fine. Heidi became upset with the response time and started screaming and pounding on the service windows. When the officer arrived at the PD, Heidi was gone. A while later, dispatch saw Heidi jumping over the back fence of the PD parking lot. Heidi ran through the parking lot and got into the driver's seat of a patrol car. Officers responded to the parking lot and found Heidi inside the patrol car with the doors locked. They used a spare key to open the door and pull her out. She advised that she was trying to use the lights and siren to get our attention. We were unable to determine what kind of fine she was originally trying to pay. Heidi was arrested for trespass and vehicle tampering and sent to County Jail.
- On 10/12/15 at 4 pm Officer responded to the Bank of America on E 18<sup>th</sup> Street on a report of a man walking up to the ATM's after customers leave. Officers arrived and noticed the man looking over the shoulder of a female customer as she was at the ATM. When the female left, the man walked over to the ATM, noticed the officer watching him and walked away. Officers contacted 36 year old Mahdee Mahmoud and learned he had a \$920K warrant for his arrest. Mahmoud was placed in the

back of the patrol car and attempted to destroy some ATM receipts he had in his pocket. Another customer approached the officer and informed him that he was alerted by B of A that someone was attempting to withdraw money from his account via the ATM. The investigation revealed Mahmoud was that person. Mahmoud was arrested and booked into County Jail.

- On 10/12/15 at 6 am 32 year old Christopher Fraulino was bothering workers and customers at Starbucks on A Street. Fraulino was found to have a cite release warrant for his arrest. Fraulino was admonished regarding trespassing at Starbucks and was cite released on his warrant.
- On 10/12/15 at 3:30 am an unknown driver hit a city light pole with their vehicle causing their car to be disabled and the light pole to fall in the street. The driver fled on foot and was not located. PG&E responded for the pole.
- On 10/11/15 at 10:20 pm a 27 year old female was home alone and was inside of her bedroom when an unknown suspect entered her apartment on Delta fair Blvd. through an unlocked living room window. The suspect opened her bedroom door and turned on the light. She screamed and the suspect fled out the front door. She was not injured. She was only able to see that the suspect was a male, but did not know his race. There was nothing taken.
- On 10/11/15 at 5:30 pm the resident left his 12 year old son home alone on Bronco Court. As he returned home, he noticed that his house had been burglarized. The suspect kicked in a side garage door and made his way into the master bedroom where he stole jewelry and other items. The 12 year old son was in his bedroom wearing headphones and playing video games the whole time and never heard a thing. The suspect left his jacket behind, which was collected. The Officer swabbed the jacket for DNA. No One was harmed during this event.
- On 10/11/15 at 1:30 pm 38 year old Heidi Clift was caught stealing items by Raley's store loss prevention officers on Lone Tree Way. As she was escorted back into the store she began throwing items off of the store shelves. Earlier in the day she was seen going into a patient's room at Sutter Delta Medical Center and locked herself in the bathroom so she could take a shower. Raley's did not want prosecution and Clift was released.
- On 10/11/14 at 4:00 am, officers responded to the 911 call via Spanish translator of an assault on Spanos Street. Officers located a 33 year old male victim at the above location suffering from a 1" laceration to the head. We learned that Cero had been out drinking and was going to his brother's apartment when he was assaulted and robbed of his wallet. There are no suspects or witnesses.

- On 10/11/15 at 3:30 am officers responded to the 911 call of a burglary in-progress on Knollpark Circle. The homeowner took his wife and children into an upstairs bedroom and locked them inside. He looked out the window and saw the family dog, that's kept in the garage, running down the driveway. The suspect entered an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway and took the garage remote. The suspect raised the garage door and entered the garage and the dog ran out. The suspect opened the side door, which leads to the rear yard, and the alarm was activated. The suspect fled the residence and was not located by arriving officers. The loss was the garage door opener and other miscellaneous items from the car. The family was not physically harmed. There are no witnesses or suspects.
- On 10/11/15 at 7:40 pm 32 year old Jeventino Roblero-Perez lost control of his vehicle and took out a city light pole at Somersville and Buchanan Road. Roblero-Perez was still in the driver seat when officers arrived and displayed objective symptoms of intoxication. He performed a series of field sobriety tests and was found to be intoxicated. Roblero-Perez was arrested and provided a breath sample at APD. His blood alcohol content was found to be .19. He was transported to County Jail.
- On 10/10/15 at 6:30 pm 22 year old Andre Morgan walked into Cruiser's Bar on A Street and attempted to order a beer. The bartender recognized Morgan from causing problems in the past and had him thrown out of the bar. Morgan became upset and used a brick to vandalize a vehicle in the parking lot belonging to the bartender, causing several thousand dollars in damage. Morgan was located nearby and identified as the responsible. He was arrested and transported to County Jail.
- On 10/10/15 at 11:20 am 53 year old Ivory Nelson was contacted while panhandling at the off-ramp of highway 4 and A Street. Nelson had a warrant for his arrest and sent to County Jail.
- On 10/9/15 at 11:53 pm 40 year old Carl Grubb was contacted for having a warrant for his arrest near a walking path at Mira Vista Court in Antioch. When he saw officers he attempted to flee from officers on his bike. Unfortunately, he was quickly stopped by a hanging bungee cord on his bike and came to an abrupt stop. Grubb was searched incident to arrest and a fixed blade knife approximately 5 inches long was located in his right front pants pocket. Grubb also showed to be on felony probation. Grubb was transported to County Jail.
- On 10/9/15 at 11:45 pm dispatch received eleven (11) 911 calls of shots fired near Garrow Drive. Officers responded to the area and located six (6) 9mm spent shell casings in the westbound lane of Limewood Dr. No victims were located at the scene. No cars or homes were struck. All of the callers heard the shots but no

eyewitnesses were located. No arguments were heard in the area prior to the shooting and no vehicles were heard leaving the area.

- On 10/9/15 at 6:30 pm an Officer was patrolling the parking lot of the Executive inn on 18<sup>th</sup> Street when he observed 28 year old Carlos Montanez walking away from the parking lot towards room 116. Montanez quickly went inside the room and closed the door. The officer located a stolen Jeep in the parking lot where Montanez had been walking. Montanez came back outside and was found to have a felony warrant for his arrest. Officers reviewed surveillance video from the motel and were able to view Montanez drive up in the Jeep just prior to our arrival. As officers were contacting Montanez, 33 year old Lanetra Beard arrived and was pointed out as renting the room Montanez had come from. Beard tried to distance herself from the room and provided a false name. After sometime, we discovered her true identity and her outstanding warrants. She was found to be on searchable probation. 32 year old Jayson Threatt was contacted during the probation search of the room. He was detained and found to have several outstanding warrants including a \$1,000,000 dollar felony warrant for carjacking and robbery. During the search of the room we located a large black duffle bag which contained a black 357 single shot pistol, ammunition and two bullet proof vests. Threatt is convicted felon. All three were sent to County Jail
- On 10/9/15 at 3 pm a witness called APD after he observed 24 year old Ramiro Gomez driving a vehicle with a handgun on his lap. The witness provided Gomez's direction of travel and Gomez was located driving in the area of Mahogany Way. A high risk stop was conducted and Gomez was found to have a handgun and loaded magazine between the driver seat and driver door. Gomez also had his two year old son in his vehicle. The firearm was registered to Gomez who doesn't have any felony convictions. Gomez claimed that he has been shot twice and was in possession of the handgun for protection. Gomez was issued a citation and released.
- On 10/9/15 at 12 pm Antioch Unified School District staff requested a welfare check on the six year old victim due to suspected neglect. During a welfare check on Manzanita Way, it was found that the living conditions at the residence were uninhabitable. The six year old victim and the three month old victim were placed on a hold and were released to the custody of Children and Family Services. 64 year old Peter Gogue Sr. and 23 year old Larritta Oliver were both cite released for child neglect. 35 year old Peter Gogue Jr. is a felon and was in possession of ammunition. Gogue Jr. was arrested and sent to County Jail.
- On 10/9/15 at 4:15 am an anonymous concerned citizen called 911 to report several subjects with flashlights looking through a van parked on Campbell Street. Officers arrived and the van was gone, along with the subjects. The van was located and 29

year old Brian Ellis was contacted. Ellis was found to have a warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and sent to County Jail.

- On 10/8/15 at 10:20 pm an officer was conducting extra patrol at Slatten Ranch when he on viewed a Chevy Camaro involved in a "side show" in the parking lot behind Hobby Lobby. An enforcement stop was done and 19 year old Depak Sukhu was found to be the driver and only occupant. Sukhu was cited for the violation and his car was towed for 30-Days. Two 17 year old males were parked in a separate Ford Mustang recording a video of Sukhu. They were both cited for being a spectator at a "side show" and their parents were called to the scene to take custody of them.
- On 10/8/15 at 9:30 pm an anonymous concerned citizen called APD to report a suspicious male walking back and forth in the area carrying a bag and flashlight on Crescent Court. Officers arrived and contacted 36 year old Juan Vela and learned he was on county probation out of San Francisco with a search clause. A search of his person produced 1.1 grams of methamphetamine and a glass pipe. He was arrested and cited in the field with a notice to appear.
- On 10/8/15 at 9:30 pm officers conducted a pedestrian stop and asked 18 year old George Firestine if he had anything illegal on him. Firestine admitted he had "Oxy's" in his pocket. During a consent search, they located a small plastic container with 9 pills in a plastic wrapper inside of it. The pills were labeled consistent with oxycodone. Under Miranda, Firestine admitted to stealing the pills from an unknown subject's backpack at a local skate park earlier in the day. Firestine further admitted it was his intention to sell the pills for \$20 each. Based on his admissions, Firestine was arrested.
- On 10/8/15 at 8 pm officers were dispatched to Sutter Delta Medical Center regarding an 18 year old male being admitted in the ER for being struck with a pistol. The victim stated he was parked with friends in his Lexus somewhere off of Dallas Ranch Road. They were approached by two males as they sat in the car. The males opened the door and one began striking the victim with a pistol for no apparent reason. The victim was less than forthcoming and believed the pistol was fake due to it breaking apart during the incident. The males fled on foot and did not take anything or speak during the entire incident. The victim did not desire prosecution and was later released with only minor injuries.
- On 10/8/15 at 12:53 pm 63 year old Gloria Escobido decided to urinate on a neighbor's property in the 1300 block of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The victim witnessed the incident and it was recorded on his surveillance cameras. The victim signed a citizen's arrest and Escobido was cited at the scene.

Calls for Service & Arrest Data:

Time Period:	10/08/15 00:00:00 – 10/14/15 23:59:59		
Number of Calls for Service:			1,660
Number of Case Reports:			274
Number of Arrests:			101
	Felony:		26
	Misdemeanor:		73
	Infraction:		2
	Arrests with DUI charge:		3
<i>The data is based upon unaudited CAD/RMS data at time of report generation.</i>			

**CITY MANAGER’S NOTES**

Before my vacation last week, I attended the California League of Cities Annual Conference in San Jose. Mayor Pro Tem Ogorchock also attended as the City’s voting delegate. I attended a number of educational sessions on various topics, including Clean Water Legislation, Retail Strategies, Emergency Operations Communications, Charter City Issues, and Unfunded Pension Liabilities.

On Thursday, the City’s consultant conducted Emergency Operations Center (EOC) classroom training, which I attended with other staff. We are planning an “El Nino” storm and flood scenario for our next training exercise. In preparation for that session, our consultant will work with Public Works and the Police Department to consider potential problems with which we may have to deal. The preparation, as well as the training, will fine tune our preparedness for “El Nino” as well as other disaster scenarios.