



Sand City Newsletter

Fall 2017

Repair of the Coastal Observation Platform

The City recently applied for and was selected to receive funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Request for Public Assistance (RPA) program to repair the observation platform, walkways, and small storm water basin at the end of West Bay Street in Sand City. This infrastructure was significantly damaged during the winter storms of January and February 2017 and remains closed for use by the public. The City coordinated this effort through FEMA and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES). The City will be receiving reimbursement for the cost of the repair work including City staff and consultant time involved in the project. The City chose to pursue this funding opportunity because West Bay Street provides key coastal access and parking for public use.

Holiday Tree Lighting



The Sand City annual tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for Friday evening on December 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The South of Tioga Project

The South of Tioga Project is finally moving forward. Development applications and plans were submitted to the City by The Orosco Group in late April of this year. The City's Planning Consultant, EMC Planning Group, is assisting the City in reviewing this project, and is currently preparing the Environmental Impact Report.

The project site, fronting California and Tioga Avenues, is located in the central portion of the City, a transition zone between the "big box" commercial shopping centers and both the East Dunes residential area and the West End District. The project area



currently comprises of industrial/warehouse uses, commercial uses, fenced yards, undeveloped coastal dune, and several residential dwelling units.

The proposed development consists of 420 multifamily residential units and 216 hotel rooms. Various hotel and multi-family amenity areas, landscaping, and utility access improvements would also be included in this development. The proposed project establishes a new central internal roadway for internal access and the realignment of an improved East Avenue. The project also includes the establishment of two sand dune habitat preservation areas.

The first hotel would be located closest to the California/Tioga Avenue intersection, with 135 extended stay rooms with 143 surface parking spaces. The second hotel would be located in the southeastern portion of the site fronting California Avenue and East Avenue, with 81 rooms and 81 surface parking spaces. The first residential complex would be located in the northwestern portion of the site fronting Tioga Avenue near Metz Road, consisting of a 100 unit multi-family residential building with two garage levels providing 151 parking spaces. The second residential complex would be located in the southwestern portion of the site, consisting of 320 multi-family residential units with two garage levels providing 486 parking spaces.

Construction of the project site is anticipated to occur in three phases. Phase 1 is to construct new public roadway and general site improvements, Phase 2 for the development of the two hotels, and Phase 3 being the two multi-family residential developments. Hotel buildings will be up to four stories tall and residential buildings are proposed to five stories above two additional levels of parking.

PD for the 21st Century

The Sand City Police Department is exploring technology enhancements to bring greater transparency and efficiency to the organization in the form of two projects. The first project is the introduction of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) for all patrol officers. The Department is testing BWC's that will integrate seamlessly with the current in-car video systems used by the officers. The cameras will be used to capture the daily interactions officers have with the public to improve service to the community.

The second project is the introduction of in-car computing for officers in the field. This project would outfit all patrol vehicles with the capability to obtain detailed information regarding vehicles and license information as well as up to the second call details and mapping. The computers would integrate with our current report writing software for in-field report writing at the scene of an event. The system would potentially allow officers to use tablets for photographic evidence that could be seamlessly downloaded to reports as well.

The Department is exploring the use of grant funding to defray the costs of both of these technology projects. It is our goal to complete the BWC project within the next three months and outfit the patrol cars with in-car computing within the year.

Landscaping the City

The City continues to move forward with its landscape beautification projects throughout Sand City. The City recently completed two projects. First, the City Hall complex received a complete landscape remodel to improve the aesthetics of the facility. This included replacing the old, diseased trees and the planting of drought tolerant plants consistent with the other projects that have been completed over the past year. Sprinklers were replaced with drip irrigation to improve water efficiency and conservation. New LED lighting accents the design while saving energy. The City is very proud of the completed project and invites you to stop by and take a look.

The City also completed landscaping for the entrance to the City at the corner of Tioga Avenue and California Avenue. Old bushes and debris were removed and replaced with contemporary plants and stone to give the corner a fresh look that ties in well with the recent Porsche landscape project that joins the property. This project also used drought tolerant plants and drip irrigation for efficiency and water savings.



Hickory Street Construction Underway

The Hickory Street Improvement Project will beautify and enhance the pedestrian corridor between City Hall and the Public Plaza at the Independent building. This project is part of the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and includes the rehabilitation of street pavement by reuse of existing asphalt concrete and aggregate base followed by a new asphalt surface, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, curb extensions (often referred to as "bulb-outs") at intersections for pedestrian access and traffic calming purposes, on-street parking, storm drain improvements, landscaping, and decorative crosswalks. Monterey Peninsula Engineering (MPE) is the construction contractor, and the project is expected to be completed by time of the City's 16th Annual West End Festival. For any questions regarding the project, please contact City Hall at 831-394-3054.

Renewable Energy Upgrades The HERO Program

Through partnership with the City of Sand City, the HERO Program is available to property owners as an affordable way to make energy-efficient, water-efficient, and renewable energy upgrades to homes. With HERO, one can get a project started with no upfront costs. Payments are made through property taxes with fixed interest rates and flexible payment terms of up to twenty years. There are over fifty types of approved projects for every part of one's home; including solar panels, high-efficiency heating and AC systems, and windows and doors. HERO can also help find a licensed, verified contractor. The HERO Program upgrades not only benefit the community and the environment, but they can make the home more comfortable, lower utility bills, and increase a property's value over time. To get started, one can call the HERO Hotline at:

855-HERO-411
855-437-6411

Or visit:

www.heroprogram.com/ca/SandCity



Sand City's 16th Annual West End Celebration

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, August 25, 26, 27, 2017

The 16th Annual West End Celebration flashes back to the sixties with a weekend filled with art, love, and music. It all starts Friday night, with the annual kickoff party/fundraiser. Then, on Saturday and Sunday, the streets of Sand City come alive with over 100 artists and artisans of every genre— visual arts, performing arts, spoken word, and continuous live music on multiple stages. This unique three-day celebration of community, commerce, and culture transforms the streets of Sand City into a Celebration of the Arts of every genre. Thousands of residents and visitors will have an opportunity to purchase works from local painters, sculptors, and multimedia artists. Delicious, gourmet foods, and local, craft beer will be available, as well as wine tasting from local wineries.

Sand City's unique juxtaposition of art and industry has proven to be an ideal location to showcase Monterey County's artistic talent. The Sand City Council guides and encourages the growing artist community—as seen through its annual West End Celebration; its many artist studios; city mural projects and signage; its community garden, and its leadership. A number of Sand City's Councilmembers are artists themselves. In fact, Gregory Hawthorne, the world renowned sculptor who co-founded the West End Celebration, has just taken a seat on the council.



Keeping it Clean! Storm Water Management

Storm drain pollution is caused by motor oil, antifreeze, paints, fertilizers, pesticides, trash, and particulates from automobiles, construction debris, and household chemicals that are washed or poured down neighborhood storm drains. Everything entering the storm drain flows directly into creeks, waterways, and ultimately the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Unlike the water that goes down the drains in kitchens and bathrooms, storm drain water is NOT cleaned by sewage treatment plants.

Your business can be part of the solution to prevent storm water pollution by following these simple practices :

- Prevent leaks and spills from getting into storm drains
- Protect stored materials and waste containers from contact with rainfall
- Prevent leaves and garden chemicals from washing into storm drains
- Keep the outside of your facility free of trash
- Label and inspect storm drain inlets
- Prevent wash water and other pollutants from flowing into storm drains
- Recycle fluorescent lamps, batteries, and electronics
- Educate and train employees and contractors

Sand City, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea and County of Monterey have joined together to form the Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program (MRSWMP). Please visit www.montereysea.org for additional information, tips, videos, brochures, and more!

The Coastal Resorts – Where Do they Stand?

The Monterey Bay Shores Eco-Resort Project is still moving forward. The Developer, Ed Ghandour, is working to get an encroachment permit from the City and Cal-Trans to extend utility lines from the end of the Edgewater Shopping Center to his site. These Encroachment permits should be issued this Fall and work commencing shortly thereafter.

The Collections Project is in appeal with the California Coastal Commission. The latest news is that the Developer, King Ventures, is working closely with Coastal staff to reach a compromise on a project that Coastal Staff can support. It is anticipated that this new and reduced scale project will still provide the vital missing link in both the bike trail and Sand Dunes Drive between Tioga and Playa Avenues.

David K. Pendergrass A Mayor's Retirement

Mayor David K. Pendergrass served the City of Sand City for 39 years, from 1978 through to his retirement of 2017. During his tenure as Mayor of Sand City, he moved the City forward, transforming it from an industrial hub of manufacturing and warehouses into a more vibrant community; including retail, housing, tourism, and the artist's community that thrives here today. Some of his accomplishments include the City's desalination facility, the Sand Dollar and Edgewater Shopping Centers, a 'peace accord' with Regional Parks, adoption of the mixed-use zoning district, and support for the annual West End Celebration. In honor of Mayor Pendergrass, the City is renaming the street circumventing City Hall to "Pendergrass Way". The Council and Staff of Sand City wish him health and happiness in his retirement years.



Sand City Receives Clean Air Leader and Beacon Awards

The Monterey Bay Area Resources District hosted the Clean Air Leader Awards on Thursday, June 22nd from 6:30 – 8:30PM. The event was held at the Monterey Tides Hotel, 2600 Sand Dunes Drive, Monterey. The Monterey Bay



Area Resources District added a Special Award Presentation to honor the many jurisdictions that have actively worked and effectively achieved significant reductions in community-wide greenhouse gases and/or in significant reduction of energy use at their municipal facilities. These awards were presented to each jurisdiction at the awards ceremony where seventeen jurisdictions were recognized for their effective leadership supporting clean air through these efforts.

Salinas, Watsonville, Sand City, Seaside, Monterey Marina, Santa Cruz, and Hollister were recognized for significant reductions in both community-wide greenhouse gases and municipal energy use.



The Institute for Local Government will also recognize the City of Sand City to receive the prestigious Beacon Spotlight Award to address climate change, promote energy innovation and create sustainable communities. Sand City will receive the following honor:

- Platinum Level Award for 23% Community Greenhouse Gas Reductions
- Silver Level Award for 6% Energy Savings

The award will be presented to the City at a special reception, hosted in collaboration with the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative on September 14, 2017.

“Healing the Bay”

Annual City Beach Cleanup

Sand City Citizen's come join us and show your sense of community pride, by keeping our beautiful beach in Sand City safe and clean on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Location: West Bay Street, Sand City. Gloves and bags will be provided and light refreshments for volunteers. For more information contact Mayor Mary Ann Carbone at 917-6225.

Proposition 1 Funding

The City applied for, and was recently selected to receive, funding from the State Water Resources Control Board for storm water and water quality projects through the Proposition 1 Technical Assistance (TA) program. Proposition 1 (Prop 1) or the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, authorizes \$7.545 billion in general obligation bonds for water projects including surface and groundwater storage, ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, and drinking water protection. The Prop 1 TA funds are available to help small disadvantaged (less than 10,000 people) communities develop, fund, and implement eligible drinking water, wastewater, storm water, or groundwater capital projects. As a result, the City will be utilizing these funds to identify and develop preliminary storm water and water quality infrastructure projects that will benefit the community and improve water quality.



Sand City Vibrancy Plan

The City is continuing its effort to establish a Vibrancy Plan for the City's West End and South of Tioga districts. The goal is to implement the General Plan's vision of a vibrant pedestrian-friendly area with housing, restaurants, and entertainment, in addition to the arts community and the many service businesses that already exist. Visual changes may include new park and landscape areas, sidewalk improvements, building façade upgrades, public art, way-finding signage, and entrance monuments. The City will be exploring options for making the West End and South of Tioga more conducive to restaurants, retail shops, and entertainment venues, and facilitation of the West End Celebration and other events.

Public input on the plan will be sought at the West End Celebration and at a follow-up design workshop to be held in September. At the West End Celebration the City will have a booth with displays showing preliminary ideas for the plan, staff to answer questions about the plan, and a questionnaire to help gauge public opinion on a range of issues. The design workshop will focus on how the City should approach visual aspects of streets and buildings as these are improved or replaced over time.

The questionnaire will be available online, and your ideas can also be emailed to the City's planning department -- any ideas, large or small, are welcome. For additional information on the Vibrancy Plan, please visit the Vibrancy Plan's webpage on the City's website (www.sandcity.org). We look forward to your contributions.

MST Taxi Voucher Program

Monterey Salinas Transit (MST) is offering special services to the residents of Sand City including taxi vouchers for senior citizens and persons with disabilities and special out of county medical trips with funds received from Measure Q sales tax.



Sand City residents aged 65 or older, or certified by MST-RIDES can obtain MST taxi vouchers, free of charge, to travel nearly anywhere one-way within and between the cities of Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Seaside, or Pacific Grove when you present your voucher and make \$3.00 cash co-payment to an eligible taxi driver. The voucher is payment for the rest of that trip, regardless of the length, up to a fare meter amount of \$17.00. These vouchers will be available at City Hall starting in September 2017.

MST Special Medical Trips service provides medical transportation four days per month; two days to the San Jose area and two days to the San Francisco area. The program is open to all Monterey County residents. On the first Tuesday and Thursday of each month, passengers with reservations can take buses departing from Salinas Transit Center at 9:00 AM to visit Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, Stanford Medical Center, Lucille Packard Children's Hospital, and the Veterans Administration Hospital. Return trips depart from Palo Alto no later than 3:00 PM. On the third Tuesday and Thursday of each month, passengers with reservations can take buses departing from Salinas Transit Center at 9:00 AM to visit University of California San Francisco Medical Center and Mt. Zion Medical Hospital. Return trips depart San Francisco no later than 3:00 PM

For more details visit online at mstmobility.org or call 888-MST-BUS1 (678-2871).