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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Debra Figone

SUBJECT: City Manager's July Activity Report **DATE:** July 31, 2009

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted for the month of July. Please note this document covers important activities in the month of July and is lengthier than usual.

The State of California's Credit Downgraded by Two Rating Agencies During the Month of July—On July 1, ***Standard & Poor's*** reaffirmed the State's 'A' rating, the sixth- highest of 10 investment levels. On July 6, ***Fitch*** lowered its evaluation of California's general obligation bonds by two steps to 'BBB' from 'A-', placing the debt two ranks above so-called high-yield, high- risk junk ratings. On July 14, ***Moody's Investors Service*** lowered California's general obligation credit rating two steps to 'Baa1' from 'A2' and said it could be reduced further if legislators don't quickly address the State's cash problem. The new grade is three levels above non-investment grade.

Moody's cited the following reasons for the State's rating downgrade: "***Moody's*** believes that as the days and weeks go by without enacted solutions to the current cash crisis and the $26 billion budget gap, the risk to priority payments, and eventually debt service payments, is increasing". "The downgrade incorporates the risk we believe exists at the current time, as well as the state's inability to solve the current difficulties in a timely fashion." Fitch said in a statement "The downgrade to 'BBB' is based on the state's continued inability to achieve timely agreement on budgetary and cash flow solutions to its severe fiscal crisis,"

The City has programs that depend on the State's ability to issue bonds, with the affordable housing and transportation capital program being two examples. If the State is unable to borrow to meet its commitments for these programs, projects may be delayed or disrupted and anticipated revenues may be delayed, reduced or eliminated. While this rating downgrade will not have an immediate impact on the City, the biggest impediment to the State's borrowing ability at the moment is the State's budget challenges, rather than its low credit rating. The State's budget woes will continue to have potential impacts to the City on several dimensions. Staff will continue to monitor the State's credit conditions and related cash flow challenges and any potential impacts to the City. For more information, contact Scott P. Johnson at 535-7000.

Plant Named America's 4th Largest Onsite Green Energy User/Producer – On July 27, the ***San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant*** (Plant) landed in 4th place on a list developed by the ***Environmental Protection Agency*** (***EPA***) of the nation's top 20 entities that generate and use the most green energy on site. The entities are among the 1,100 partners in the ***EPA's Green Power Partnership*** program that voluntarily purchase green power to reduce the environmental impacts of conventional electricity use. The top five partners are ***Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, City of San Diego, San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, and CalPortland***. By using more than 535 million kWh of onsite green power, these five entities prevented carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to that of about 70,000 cars per year. Specifically, the Plant – which consumes more energy than all city-owned facilities combined -- meets two-thirds of its energy needs with methane that is produced in the Plant's sludge digester tanks and at the neighboring landfill facility. ***KTVU Channel 2*** interviewed Mayor Reed and ESD Director John Stufflebean and ran a story in the evening news. For more information, contact Kirsten Struve at 975-2552.

Airport Passenger Activity Down 17% in June—Passenger traffic at SJC dropped 17% in June compared to June 2008, and the decline for FY 2008-09 is 15% compared to the previous fiscal year. Although the Airport's budget for FY 2009-10 assumed that the coming year's traffic would be flat with neither growth nor further reductions in passenger activity, that now appears to be an optimistic forecast in light of continuing steep declines in the aviation industry over the last several months and reduced airline schedules for the fall already posted. The Airport continues to identify methods to reduce costs and increase revenues in response to the prolonged and deep recession. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at 501-7600.

Updates on Terminal A and B Gates—Terminal A gates at Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) will be renumbered to allow for the continuous numbering of gates from Terminal A to B, there will be total of 28 gates between the two terminals. After the numbering change, Gate 1 will be at the far north end of Terminal A(currently Gate A-16). Gates at the south end of Terminal A, currently numbered A-1A and A-1B for international flights, will become Gates 15 and 16. The first gate in the new Terminal B Concourse is Gate 17, and Gate 28 will be at the far south end of Terminal B.

Six of the Terminal B gates were opened on July 15, marking a major milestone for the creation of a modern, efficient, and attractive international gateway for Silicon Valley. Southwest Airlines is using six of the twelve gates in Terminal B until the new facility is entirely completed next summer. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at 501-7600.

Improvement of Terminal A on Track—On July 17, the Terminal A airside expansion known as the "bump out," which will provide additional space for Airport shops, restaurants and waiting lounges partially opened. The upgrade of Terminal A is a critical element of the Terminal Area Improvement Program, and the "bump out" and new ticketing lobbies have already enhanced the quality of the SJC passenger experience. The next step is the relocation of the Terminal A security checkpoints with eight new and wider checkpoint lanes that will replace the current six lanes. Scheduled for opening in November, the new checkpoint will allow the TSA to handle passenger screening with greater efficiency and comfort. The checkpoint also has the flexibility and space to accommodate growth. The overall facelift of Terminal A is scheduled for completion early in 2010. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, at 501-7600

Airport Bond Rating Reaffirmed—On July 16, Moody's Investors Service reaffirmed the A2 rating on the City's Airport revenue bonds, but revised the outlook from stable to negative. The revised outlook does not affect the Airport's rating or interest rates of the Airport's existing bonds, and the Airport continues to be in a good position to meet all its financial obligations. Moody's outlook change reflects the 15% decline in passengers flying out of San Jose in the past year, coupled with the anticipated increased debt service due to the Airport's major capital improvement program. Airports across the nation are all facing similar financial pressures resulting from reductions in airline system capacity by carriers and reductions in business and leisure travel due to the current recession. SJC has responded by reducing its budget and taking prudent actions to keep airline costs at appropriate levels. Moody's also noted the Airport's longstanding and successful commitment to manage its operating and capital budgets conservatively, and that the modernization program remains on-time and on-budget which will put the Airport in a good position when the economy recovers. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at 501-7600.

New Airport Concessions Take a Step Forward—The transition to new shops and restaurants throughout the new airport took a significant step forward in July under the Airport's comprehensive new concession agreements. The Sharks Cage restaurant, Sunset News, CJ Olson's, and Sunglass Icon shops opened in Terminal B Concourse. In Terminal A, Gordon Biersch restaurant and Discover San Jose shop opened in the "bump out." California Pizza Kitchen, Burger King, Cinnabon, the south Starbucks, and San Jose Marketplace have been closed to make room for the construction of the new consolidated and expanded Terminal A security checkpoint. Over the coming year more concessions, with strong participation by local businesses, will be opening in both Terminal A and Terminal B Concourse. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at 501-7600.

TSA Augments Terminal A Baggage System Grant—This month ***TSA*** offered an amendment to its grant agreement for the Airport's Terminal A baggage system that will provide funding for the additional costs ($2,525,000) associated with TSA equipment delays. The ***TSA*** amendment brings the total value of the grant to $20,660,000, which exceeds the authority given to the Administration by Council last August by $360,000. The City Manager executed the amendment during the July recess under the authority of Resolution 62450 that allows her to execute contracts during Council recess if immediate action is needed to prevent detriment to the City caused by a delay.

The schedule for the baggage system project and the overall ***Terminal Area Improvement Program*** is dependent on the timely delivery of baggage screening machines provided by ***TSA***. In April this year ***TSA*** said it could not meet its commitment for the planned May delivery date and instead rescheduled the equipment for delivery in September. In order to maintain the critical path schedule and avoid costly delays to the June 2010 opening of Terminal B, the Airport now will proceed immediately with the implementation of a temporary baggage screening facility. ***TSA*** continues to be very supportive of the Airport and the modernization program, and its amendment to the agreement reflects its ongoing commitment to the City. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at 501-7600.

Enterprise and Government Solutions Lines—On July 20, ***Nortel*** announced that they entered into an agreement to sell their ***Enterprise Solutions and Government Solutions lines*** of business to ***Avaya, Inc.*** for $475 million. The two divisions being sold are the two lines of business most directly responsible for equipment sales and support of the City of San José's converged network. This announcement is the first step in a transition process that we expect will take several months to complete. We do not expect any changes in sales, support and/or service here in the City during this transition period. The long term impacts of this change are not known at this time. Staff from the IT Department will be meeting with representatives from ***Nortel*** and ***Avaya*** throughout the transition and will report on new developments as they occur. For more information, contact Steve Ferguson at 535-3560.

Storage Area Network—In July 2009, the IT Department completed a year long effort to modernize, consolidate and upgrade our citywide data storage capabilities. This was done using the latest in ***Storage Area Network (SAN)*** technology from ***Hewlett Packard*** and shared servers from ***Sun***. A total of 32 file servers were consolidated resulting in lower long term hardware and software costs with significant reductions in power consumption in the ***Network Operations Center***. The implementation of the new ***SAN*** and Servers was accomplished on budget and ahead of schedule. The new configuration supports all of the City's major enterprise systems including e-mail, and all our ***Oracle*** data bases. The project also included a modernization of our data backup and recovery capacity for improved redundancy and reliability. An additional benefit has been noted with an average 40% improvement in performance of major systems including Utility Billing, Finance and Payroll. For more information, contact Steve Ferguson at 535-3560.

San José Neighborhoods Commission—On July 8, the opening meeting of the ***City of San José Neighborhoods Commission*** took place at City Hall. Twenty-seven of the thirty Commissioners were officially sworn-in at the meeting. They were then welcomed to their official duties by Norberto Duenas, Deputy City Manager. Welcoming remarks were also made by Councilmember Rose Herrera, District 1; Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, District 6; Councilmember Ash Kalra, District 2; Councilmember Sam Licccardo, District 3 and Jose Salcido, Senior Policy Advisor to Mayor Chuck Reed. For more information, contact Ernest Guzman at 723-4114.

San José Residential Developments Awarded $60 Million in Proposition 1C Funds—On July 13, the ***Department of Housing and Community Development*** announced that $717.4 million in Proposition 1C funds were awarded throughout California for various affordable housing projects. Seven projects, totaling nearly $60 million, are located in San José. Among San José's awardees were four affordable rental projects: ***Rosemary Family and Rosemary Senior Housing, McCreery Courtyards, and Kings Crossing***, which will receive a combined total of $26 million. In addition, three affordable for-sale projects: ***Modern Ice, Tierra Encantada, and Monte Vista,*** will receive about $9.7 million for lower income, first-time homebuyers. The San José Redevelopment Agency was also awarded more than $24 million for the ***North San Pedro Project***. In all, these funds will help to fund affordable housing opportunities for about 1,200 households in San José. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

State of California Awards Bond Allocations to San José Developments—On July 22, the ***California Debt Limit Allocation Committee*** awarded tax-exempt bond allocations to three San José deal applicants: 1) ***Belovida at Newbury Park Senior Apartments***, a 185-unit project to be developed by ***The Core Companies***; 2) ***Brookwood Terrace Family Apartments,*** an 84-unit project to be developed by ***ROEM Development***, and 3) ***Orvieto Family Apartments***, a 92-unit project to be developed by ***ROEM Development***. The City Council has awarded more than $46 million to subsidize these three affordable rental housing projects. If the projects also are successful in obtaining conventional debt and equity funding commitments, all three would start construction in October or November 2009. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

Foreclosure Discussion with School District Human Resource (HR) Directors—On July 22, as an outcome of the ***Schools/City Collaborative*** meeting in June, City staff met with the HR Directors in the school districts most highly impacted by foreclosures. The City's Housing Department staff shared information on the ***ForeclosureHelp Center*** and provided informational material that list resources providing housing/foreclosure prevention assistance. The HR Directors were receptive of the information and have committed to assist the Department in sharing the information with their teachers and administrative staff. Housing Department staff will continue to work with the HR Directors to collaborate on how best to disseminate foreclosure prevention information to families, and will provide presentations and hand-out materials as needed. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP2)—On July 16, the Housing Department submitted a $25 million application in partnership with the ***Housing Trust of Santa Clara County and Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley*** for the ***NSP2*** program. The Consortium has created two Programs – the ***Purchase Assistance Loan Program***, which will set aside $5 million, and an ***Acquisition Rehabilitation Program***, which will set aside $18 million. An additional $2 million will go toward administration costs. Of the $25 million total, 25% will be used to benefit low-income households. Under the ***American in Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009***, $1.93 billion was made available on a competitive basis to supplement the ***NSP1*** funding under ***Housing Economic & Recovery Act (HERA).*** The ***U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)*** will make their selections and enter into contracts with grantees by December 1, 2009. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) Joint NOFA/RFP—On July 6, the Housing Department released a joint RFP with the ***County of Santa Clara Office of Affordable Housing*** to solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations to provide homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services to households at risk or currently experiencing homelessness. The City and County issued the joint RFP to create a coordinated network of homelessness prevention services and, in doing so, to maximize cross-jurisdictional collaboration, minimize any duplication of services, make the application and contracting processes more efficient, and align the program activities to be as consistent as possible across Santa Clara County. Through the RFP process, the City of San José will award $4,128,484 and the County will award $717,484. Responses are due on August 7, 2009. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

Certification of the Housing Element—On July 23, the ***California Department of Housing and Community Developmen***t certified that the ***City of San José's Housing Element*** for the 2009-2014 planning period fully complies with State law and is the first jurisdiction to receive approval in Santa Clara County. The ***Housing Element***, one of seven components of the City's General Plan, identifies San José's housing needs across income categories, and describes programs and policies to facilitate residential development in order to meet those needs. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851 or Laurel Prevetti at 535-7901.

Revision of Citywide Travel Policy—The training and development of our employees is always important, and particularly so during a time when many staff are moving to new responsibilities within the organization and budget reductions are being implemented. That said, it is also important at this time for the organization to be mindful of controlling the cost of travel and training. In response to a referral from the ***Rules and Open Government Committee*** on September 24, 2008, regarding updating the City's Travel Policy to include Web Based Technology, the following section was added to the revised policy: *3.5 Authorization for travel is limited to and shall only be approved for conferences, trainings, conventions, and other functions from which the City derives a specific benefit through attendance by the traveler. As reasonably and operationally practicable, travelers and Approving Officials shall consider other means of participation for training-related and other functions like use of webinars and conference calls in lieu of travelling.* This information is being provided to update the Council on how this referral was addressed. For more information, contact Debra Figone.

ICMA Awards City of San José Certificate of Excellence—Only July 7, the City was notified that it would be honored by the ***ICMA*** with a ***Center for Performance Measurement Certificate of Excellence.*** This certificate is the highest level of recognition given by the ***Center for Performance Measurement (CPM).*** The award is in recognition of the City's efforts in identifying and reporting to the public key outcome measures, surveying residents and employees, as well as the pervasiveness of performance measurement in the organizations culture. The presentation is scheduled to take place at the CPM Stakeholders Meeting on Sunday September 13, 2009 at the ***ICMA Annual Conference*** in Quebec, Montreal, Canada.

Workers Compensation Retreat—On August 7, Human Resources we will be conducting a staff workshop on Workers' Compensation. The workshop will be held at the Hayes Mansion from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the workshop to create an action plan for reducing the high costs associated with the City's Workers' Compensation Program. For more information, contact Mark Danaj at 975-1475.

San José Pension Plan Receives Certificate of Achievement—On July 24, the Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to The Federated City Employees' Retirement System and the Police & Fire Department Retirement Plan for their Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports. To be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR, whose contents must meet or exceed program standards. For more information, contact Russell Crosby at 794-1000.

Human Resources Workforce Development Division Co-Sponsored Successful Speed Coaching Lunch—On June 24, the Human Resources Workforce Development Division co-sponsored a successful Cal-ICMA Speed Coaching and Networking Lunch at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The annual event pairs aspiring leaders with senior managers from cities, counties and special districts for one-on-one coaching; this year's event had a total of 110 participants. Ten senior managers and ten aspiring leaders from San José participated in this year's event. Those City employees who participated not only felt the event was excellent but recommended that the coaching format be used to build a broader network with senior and middle managers in the City. For more information, contact Eileen Beaudry at 975-1491.

No City Impact Anticipated in Open Space Assessment Decision—A recent decision from the ***California Supreme Court*** struck down a $20 per-parcel assessment (***Assessment District 2***) put in place by the ***Santa Clara County Open Space Authority*** (***OSA***) in 2001 to supplement existing ***Assessment District 1*** funds. Staff waited for the court's decision on the status of Assessment District 2 funds before incorporating this funding into project recommendations. As a result, there are no City anticipated funding or projects impacted by this recent decision. The ***Santa Clara County OSA*** collects an annual assessment from single family homeowners, and commercial and industrial property owners for open space projects. ***Assessment District 1*** has been in place since 1994 and provides funding suitable for City trail projects that meet OSA objectives (most recently at Albertson Parkway). ***Assessment District 2*** was approved by a majority of voters in 2001. The courts recently determined that the second assessment is not permissible because it was not passed by a 2/3 majority of voters. As a result, property owners in Santa Clara County are now receiving notifications that they can request a reimbursement of past collections. For more information, contact, Matt Cano 535-3580.

Safe Summer Initiative Partners Serves Record Numbers of Local Youth—In partnership with 45 Community-based organizations, PRNS provided Educational Programs ranging from Academic enrichment to Art, cooking, and cultural enrichment and Recreational Programs including Field trips and sports and Museum outings, dance, drama, talent shows and visits to Local/county/state parks to over 7000 area youth this summer. In addition, PRNS recreational programs extended hours at City Swimming Pools and provided scholarships to 400 youth to participate in the Summer and Baseball camps. Staff is currently focused on the development and execution of the contracts with the community-based organizations. In addition to providing a safe and fun summer for San Jose youth, the program provided educational and recreational opportunities that many had never experienced. The service delivery model used ensured young people would be engaged throughout the summer months in all Gang Task Force Divisions (Western, Central, Foothill and Southern). For more information, contact Abraham Chacko 793-5560.

Golden State Challenge Wheelchair Tennis Tournament This Weekend—On August 1 and 2 PRNS' Therapeutic Services team, in cooperation with Far West Wheelchair Sports, will host the 9th annual Golden State Challenge wheelchair tennis tournament at Santa Clara University. This tournament is a United States Tennis Association sanctioned event with players ranging from beginner to internationally ranked athletes from California and Nevada. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering as a ball person, contact Sharon Kelleher at 408-369-6438 or 408-505-7906.

Media spotlight on Plant Master Plan—During the month of July, the master plan for the Water Pollution Control Plant (Plant Master Plan) made the news twice: After riding along on one of the public tours, reporter Paul Rogers from the *Mercury News* ran a Local section cover story on July 14 that discussed how adopting new wastewater treatment approaches enables new land uses on the Plant site. That same day, KCBS conducted a radio interview with ESD Director John Stufflebean, covering the same topic. For more information, contact Cheryl Wessling at 975-2552.

"Liquid Assets: The Story of Our Water Infrastructure" Airs Daily on Cable 26 in San Jose— Liquid Assets, the documentary on the infrastructure needs for water/wastewater across America is airing in San José daily at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. on Cable Channel 26. ESD staff worked to secure and locally distribute the documentary to promote awareness of infrastructure issues, particularly in light of our need to rebuild the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant. The 90-minute film is produced by ***Penn State Public Broadcasting*** and promoted by a consortium of civil engineering associations. For more information, contact Kristen Yasukawa at 975-2606.

San José Public Libraries Begin Lending Kill A Watt™Meters to Santa Clara County Residents—On July 20, the ***Silicon Valley Energy Watch***, a partnership between the City of San José and ***PG&E***, which provides energy efficiency outreach and assistance to all of Santa Clara County, began lending ***Kill A Watt™***meters to Santa Clara County residents with a San Jose Public Library card free of charge through selected San José public libraries. ***Kill A Watt™*** meters, or plug power meters, are designed to easily measure the electricity used by plug-in appliances. Users can determine which tools or behaviors use the most energy and when. Understanding energy use and the related costs can help save energy and money through simple acts of conservation or efficiency. This program is part of the City's ***Green Vision*** goal of reducing energy consumption community-wide. Meters can be checked out for three weeks, and are subject to normal late fees. Participating library branches are ***Dr. Roberto Cruz – Alum Rock, Evergreen, and West Valley***. For more information, contact Shayna Hirshfield at (408) 975-2531.

San Jose applies for U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Grant Funding to Promote Solar and Green Building Technologies—On May 28th, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced a grant funding opportunity for special projects targeted that include the up-front cost of installing solar technologies and the lack of information. To take advantage of this grant opportunity, the City of San Jose has developed a proposal for a short-term Green Vision Education and Demonstration Center (GV Center) that will include the 2009 Santa Clara University Solar Decathlon House and 10 -12 solar showcase demonstration projects to be located at the Redevelopment Agency's property on Santa Clara Street across from City Hall. The City has partnered with other organizations for donations of materials, labor, and in-kind services from private sector companies, labor unions, universities and non-profit agencies. To date a total of $600,250 of in-kind donations have been received. Grant funding awards will be announced at the end of August and implementation of the project activities would begin in January 2010. For more information contact Jessie Denver at 975-2588.

New tool on City's Website Allows Better Management of Public Litter Containers—On July 17, residents, businesses, other City departments and concerned members of the community were able to conveniently report vandalism, damage or overflowing litter containers to City staff through Environmental Services' public website. This is another tool that will allow staff to promptly resolve any community concerns in a timely manner. To access this form, please go to: http://www.sjrecycles.org/civic.asp. For more information, contact Christine Wolter at 975-2609.

City Wins Two State Recycling Awards—On July 13, the ***California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA)*** announced that the City's Environmental Services Department will be receiving two awards for its efforts at its annual conference. The ***Working Toward Zero Waste Award*** is being given to the City's ***Zero Waste Event Program*** and the ***Outstanding Closing the Loop Award*** is being given to the***Urban Compost Marketing*** program The ***CRRA Annual Conference*** recognizes programs and successes that go above and beyond in their efforts to prevent waste. This is the first time the City of San Jose has received these awards. Both awards will be presented at the ***CRRA Annual Conference*** on August 4. For more information, contact Janice Sitton at 975-2522

Speakers Bureau Encourages Shopping with Reusable Bags—On April 15, the Environmental Services Department began a ***Speakers Bureau*** to encourage shopping with reusable bags, reduce the use of single use disposable plastic and paper bags, and provide information on the proposed ***bag ordinance***. A letter was sent to over 200 organizations, businesses and residents informing them about City staff presentations on the subject and inviting them to request a presentation. As a result, over 40 presentations have been conducted at various public and neighborhood meetings, senior centers, business districts and association meetings. Over 5,000 reusable bags have been distributed at local meetings and other community events. Anyone interested in receiving a presentation on reusable bags can submit a request by visiting http://www.sjrecycles.org/bags/request-presentation.asp or by calling Emy Mendoza at 408-975-2554.

Two-day Watershed Protection Inspector Training Focuses on Improving Inspectors' Skills— On July 22 -23, the City's Environmental Inspectors from the Environmental Services Watershed Enforcement section and the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) section attended a training workshop. The workshop focused on improving the inspectors' skills, updating staff on standard operating procedures, and identifying practices that would improve both the quality and efficiency of inspections. For more information contact Steven Osborn at 277-5635.

Summer Issue of "Tributary Tribune" Goes to 1,250 Compliance Managers and Workers—On July 20, the summer issue of the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant's newsletter, ***Tributary Tribune*** was mailed to approximately 1,250 environmental compliance managers and workers assigned to activities that address compliance with local and federal Pretreatment Program requirements. This edition of the newsletter featured articles on water quality testing, successful industrial water reduction at Vishay/Siliconix, energy and carbon reduction technologies being explored by the new Plant Master Plan; answers to common questions on the Pretreatment Program; and a summary of this year's successful Industrial User Academy. For a copy of the newsletter or more information, contact John Mukhar at (408) 277-5696

Domestic Violence Community Debrief Meeting—On July 22, in response to the domestic violence related homicide/suicide that took place in early July off of Monterey Highway and Umbarger Road, the City Manager's Office in coordination with the San Jose Police Department organized a Community Debrief Meeting. The meeting was hosted by the ***ROEM Corporation***, the developer of the Montecito Vista townhouse community where this incident took place. The meeting consisted of a brief presentation by representatives from SJPD and a discussion that included grief counselors, advocates, and representatives from ***Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, Asian Americans for Community Involvement,*** A ***Turning Point, Santa Clara County Victim Witness, Center for Living with Dying, and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.*** Over 40 community members attended the two hour meeting. For more information, contact Eve Castellanos at 535-8101.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Golden State Challenge Tennis Tournament, Saturday, August 1st & 2nd,
9am – 5pm, Santa Clara University, Accolti Way off El Camino in Santa Clara. Admission is free.
Contact: Lauri Yarwasky, 369-6440.

Fairways at San Antonio Grand Opening, Scheduled for August 13th at 305 San Antonio Court at 9:30am

Retirement Outreach Meetings, Wednesday, August 26, from 6:30 – 8:30p.m. Committee Wing Rooms 118-119. Thursday, August 27, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Council Chambers.

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