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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Administration

Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

On December 5th the Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MVHCC) inducted their Board Officers for 2015. Council Member George Price, Assistant to the City Manager Michele Patterson and I were pleased to attend and see Julie Reyes, Sustainability and Intergovernmental Program Manager, sworn in as a member of the MVHCC Board. The Board President for 2015 is Gilbert Espinoza.

Orientation Briefings with Council Members

The Department Heads and I have been meeting with Council Members Giba and Jempson to provide them with orientations on department functions, projects and programs. Additionally, Community and Economic Development Director John Terell provided a tour to the Council Members to see the newest development projects throughout the City. We will also schedule tours of the various City facilities for the newest Council Members.

League Mayors and Council Members Academy

On January 14-16, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Members, City Attorney, Assistant City Manager and I will be in Sacramento to participate in the League of California Cities New Mayors and Council Academy. This conference is held annually for newly elected officials and for veterans wanting a refresher course on the basic legal and practical framework in which city officials operate. The League academy provides critical training on important, fundamental topics for local government taught by subject matter experts and seasoned elected officials. The program also provides the state mandated AB 1234 Ethics course. To accommodate travel to Sacramento, the City Council meeting scheduled for January 13 will be rescheduled to January 6.

Holiday Decorating and Employee Ugly Sweater Contests

On December 18th City employees participated in the Second Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. Special thanks to Council Members Giba and Price for performing the very difficult task of selecting the Ugliest Sweater "Winner." Markita Smith, Senior Recreation Program Leader in the Parks and Community Services Department won the trophy this year. City staff

also showed off their holiday spirit in our Department Decorating Competition. The City Clerk's Office took top Sweepstakes honors this year with their "Be An Angel, Adopt a Senior" theme, combining the spirit of giving into their decorations. Thank you to Council Member Price and Moreno Valley Noon Rotary President Sandy Ferguson for judging.



"Deck the City Hall"

In addition to the Holiday Department Decorating Contest, staff worked together to bring the spirit of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa to the City Hall lobby. Waste Management generously purchased and donated a Christmas tree that was displayed at the Annual Festival of Trees event this year. In addition, a Menorah is on display that was donated by Dori Lienhard and Aminah Mears assisted with the Kwanzaa display.



Keep America Beautiful National Conference

Keep America Beautiful (KAB) offered free airline tickets to the 2015 National Conference in Washington, D.C, through a partnership with US Airways and its Miles of Hope Program. The goal of the KAB conference is to encourage and strengthen individual leadership of KAB Affiliates and provide professional development opportunities. Julie Reyes, Sustainability and Intergovernmental Program Manager, submitted a scholarship application and was the only recipient to receive a scholarship in the state of California. Julie will attend the National Conference in January on behalf of the City and Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful. The Conference will include an Executive Director's training session, along with breakout sessions that will focus on programs to abate litter, engage community involvement, and improve our current recycle and outreach programs.

Media & Communications

The Big 3-0!

The City's 30th Anniversary Celebration event was a success even as the skies threatened to bring rain and wind. More than 450 people attended the celebration, which honored grass roots community organizations for their role in building what it means to be a community. Thanks to Mayor Jesse Molina for leading the celebration and to the City Council for their support. Additionally, Moreno Valley Unified School District, Moreno Valley College, Boy Scout Troop # 214, Girl Scout Troop #1716, and City Parks & Community Services contributed to the celebration by providing the program participants who did a fantastic job! The community groups honored were:



- American Youth Soccer Organization
- Bill's Special Kids
- Boy Scouts of America
- Canyon Springs Little League
- Catholic Charities, Community Assistance Program
- Diamond Girls Softball Association
- Family Service Association
- Friends of the Moreno Valley Library
- Friends of the Moreno Valley Senior Center
- Girl Scouts
- God's Helping Hand
- Jr. All American Football League
- Ladies with Purpose Foundation
- Moreno Valley Amateur Radio Association
- Moreno Valley Aquatics
- Moreno Valley Black Chamber of Commerce and Foundation
- Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Moreno Valley Cultural Arts Foundation
- Moreno Valley Community Band
- Moreno Valley Elks Lodge #2697
- Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Moreno Valley Historical Society
- Job's Daughters Bethel No. 35 Moreno Valley
- Moreno Valley Little League
- Moreno Valley Master Chorale
- Moreno Valley Morning Rotary
- Moreno Valley Pop Warner Football
- Moreno Valley Resource Center-ARC Riverside
- Moreno Valley Rockets Track and Field Team
- Moreno Valley Youth Federation Pony Baseball
- Morning Optimist Club of Moreno Valley
- P.W. Enhancement Center
- Salvation Army Moreno Valley Corps
- Soroptimist International of Moreno Valley
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 8547

The celebration was recorded and can be viewed on MVTV-3 and the City's YouTube Channel at the following link: <http://youtu.be/NGAU5FB1p04>.

MVTV-3

2014 Veterans Day Ceremony

On November 11th MVTV-3 was on hand to provide photographic and video coverage of the 2014 Veterans Day Ceremony. The event featured members of the Moreno Valley City Council, Semper Fi #1 Memorial Honor Detail, the Moreno Valley Master Chorale, Tuning Sounds violinists, and keynote speaker Senator Richard D. Roth. The full length video of

this event is available on MVTV-3 and the City's YouTube Channel at the following link: <http://youtu.be/tGhwVr7o3ws>.

Moreno Valley Wind Symphony – Holiday Soundscape

The Moreno Valley Wind Symphony joyfully awakened the holiday season on December 4th with their annual Holiday Soundscape program. MVTV-3 is bringing the joy of the season into the homes of Moreno Valley residents by airing the Holiday Soundscape performance in its entirety on MVTV-3. This festive performance airs daily at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and is also available on the City's YouTube Channel at the following link: <http://youtu.be/7caq4YT1KXk>.

Next year the Moreno Valley Wind Symphony's entire season will be available on MVTV-3. Music lovers are encouraged to attend the February 19th presentation of "Marches, Movies, and Musicals."

Santa Live

On Monday December 8th MVTV-3 welcomed Santa into the studio for this year's "Santa Live" program. This is a joint venture program between the MVTV-3 and the City's Parks & Community Services Department. This year more than forty-five children were able to announce their holiday wishes and speak to Santa live on MVTV-3.

New Programming

There are several other new and exciting programs available to view on MVTV-3 and the City's YouTube Channel:

- [Pet of the Week: Episode # 33 \(The Holiday Episode\)](#)
- [Veterans Day 2014](#)
- [Spotlight of Moreno Valley Business – Lighthouse Social Service Centers](#)
- [Spotlight of Moreno Valley Business – Live Scan Plus](#)

Waste and Recycling Program

Free Paper Shred Event - America Recycles Day

To celebrate America Recycles Day 2014, the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Program hosted a Free Community Paper Shred event on Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the City Corporate Yard. More than 100 Moreno Valley residents and businesses brought their confidential documents to the City Corporate Yard for on-site shredding. Participants also received educational information regarding the City's Waste and Recycling Program services. The goal for this event was to raise community awareness and promote the significance of paper recycling and proper disposal of sensitive documents through this outreach effort.

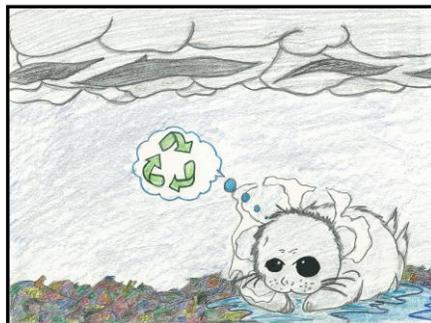
The Community Shred Event also helped to promote America Recycles Day, a nationwide initiative by Keep America Beautiful. This is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to the promotion of recycling in the United States. Every year on or around November 15th (America Recycles Day), millions turn out to thousands of local events held throughout the country to celebrate and learn more about their recycling programs.

Recycle Art Calendar Contest

Twelve students from the City of Moreno Valley were named winners of an America Recycles Day calendar art contest, sponsored by a Waste Management Think Green® Grant, for their illustrations of improved recycling practices for a cleaner environment. The contest challenged participants from Moreno Valley and Val Verde Unified School Districts to depict the theme “Give Your Trash Another Life—Recycle Often and Recycle Right!” and incorporate small acts that increase the number of recyclables put to reuse.

Moreno Valley Mayor Jesse Molina, Janet Duhaime from the Moreno Valley Morning Optimist Club and Waste Management Recycling Manager Diesel Navarro chose the 12 winners to create a 2015 City calendar. The judges selected the winners based on interpretation of theme, creativity, originality and age appropriateness. Combined, the students earned \$1,800 for their school and an ice cream party for their home room classrooms:

- 1st Place: Cheyenne James, Vista Heights Middle School
- 2nd Place: Liliana Farias, Vista Heights Middle School
- 3rd Place: Genesis Madrigal, March Middle School



School Recycling Message Presentations

In coordination with the Val Verde Unified School District (VVUSD), the City hosted a school recycling presentation on November 17th at Bethune Elementary School. Students learned how to “recycle right” in the City of Moreno Valley. The presentation included all 4th grade classes and was attended by approximately 132 students. A representative from Waste Management, Inc. assisted with the presentation and activity.

The presentations included education on the topics of trash, recycling, green waste, and household hazardous waste. The interactive presentation included a chance for the students to test their knowledge by participating in a Recycling Robot building activity. One winning group from each class received a recycling themed t-shirt and all students received recycling promotional items such as pencils made from recycled rubber tire material, magnets detailing three residential bins (trash, recycling and green waste), and upcoming recycling event flyers.



This was the first time the City has presented and hosted an activity with VVUSD. The program received positive feedback; therefore, City staff will continue the program during the 2014-2015 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Library



Library Programming

- **Covered California Open Enrollment:**
The Covered California Bus Tour visited the Moreno Valley Public Library on November 12th. The event was scheduled to call attention to the kick-off of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) open enrollment period. Covered California is the health insurance marketplace where California residents can shop for health plans that meet their individual and family needs. The Library was one of only three Southern California stops. Attendees included Covered California Executive Director Peter Lee and members of the Riverside County African American Chamber of Commerce.
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- **Veterans:**
The Library hosted various veterans events for teens in November, including a *Veterans Discussion Panel* on November 5th, a *Veterans Book Discussion* on November 12th, and a *Veterans Creative Writing Project* on November 19th. Library staff would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for supporting these successful programs:
 - Inland Library System
 - Moreno Valley Unified School District
 - Panelist John Newman from Therapy International
 - Panelist Lee Crisp from Habitat for Humanity
 - Panelist Mark Houck from PW Enhancement Center
 - Riverside County Library System
 - Riverside Public Library
 - Val Verde Unified School District

Additional programs in December include Bilingual Story Time on Thursdays at 11 a.m., Crochet Club on Mondays at 6 p.m., Preschool Story Time on Tuesdays at 11 a.m., Teen Night on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and a special visit from Santa Claus on December 16th at 11 a.m. There will be no programs during the week of December 21st and December 28th due to December holidays.

Social Media Pages Expand Library's Reach

The Library's social media pages are now accessible to patrons. The Facebook page features library program information, the Pinterest page provides customers with new library material information such as DVDs, fiction, eBooks, and eResource titles, and the Twitter page features alerts related to award winning titles and other literary news.

By the Numbers

The statistics for November are:

- Door Count – 35,820 library patrons
- Items Checked Out (Circulation) – 30,670 library materials
- School Visits – 11 classrooms
- 15 Minute Computer Sessions – 570 sessions
- 30 Minute Computer Sessions – 401 sessions
- 60 Minute Computer Sessions – 3,531 sessions
- Children's/ Literacy Computer Sessions – 634 sessions
- Adult programs – 12 programs, 344 attendees
- Bilingual Story Times – 3 programs, 93 attendees
- Family Programs – 3 programs, 46 attendees
- Preschool Story Time – 2 programs, 94 attendees
- Teen (YA Programs) – 3 programs, 73 attendees

Human Resources



HR Continues Work to Fill Vacancies

Recruiting and/or selection processes are underway for the following openings:

- Lead Parks Maintenance Worker (FTC-93 applicants).
- Community and Economic Development Director. Interviews Underway.
- Park Ranger (FTC-137 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Equipment Operator (FTC/Internal-3 applicants). Selection pending.
- Code Compliance Officer I (FTC-188 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Telecommunications Engineer/Administrator (PAM-14 applicants). 2nd round interviews scheduled.
- Telecommunications Technician (FTC-57 applicants). 2nd round interviews scheduled.
- Lead Parks Maintenance Worker (FTC-218 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Traffic Signal Technician (FTC-48 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Recreation Aide, 5 positions-Sports (PT/Temp-54 applicants). Four candidates selected, recruitment closed.

Turnover Ratio - November 1.41%

Employees: 425

Retirements/Separations: 0/6 = 6

New Hires:



Joseph Bolognesi
Animal Control Officer
ASD/Animal Services



Joseph Prieto
Parks Maintenance Worker
Parks & Community Services

Workers Compensation for October & November:

New claims: 3

Closed claims: 5

Ongoing open claims: 31

Facilities Division



Pardon Our Dust

The Facilities group has started the process of reconfiguring the City Hall first floor work space. One new office is almost complete and additional relocation of cubicles has commenced. Construction has been done on weekends and in the evenings after City Hall is closed. Facilities staff is working with Technology Services to pull all new communications wiring on the first floor. This element of the project will include pulling thousands of feet of cable in the ceiling to a new connection point in the Technology Services area. Each work station will have a new connection with upgraded wiring by the time this project is completed. Another aspect of this project is to create a new conference room off of the Council Lobby. Furniture has been ordered, the room has been painted, and new carpet installed. All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of January.

Traffic Management Center Will Showcase City System

Facilities staff is working with the Public Works Transportation Division to coordinate construction of a new Traffic Management Center near the main City Hall entrance. Once fully operational, this center will allow Traffic Engineering staff to remotely monitor many of the City's busiest intersections and to make adjustments to signal timing and otherwise help manage traffic flow. The walls of the center will be glass so that members of the public can see the facility in action.

Animal Services



Animal Shelter Donates Pups for Chamber Fundraiser

A cute three-month-old pup was a big hit at the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce & Moreno Valley Salvation Army's Fundraiser on Friday, November 7th. The puppy, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi (pictured) was an owner-surrendered pet that was a perfect candidate for



placement into a new forever home. In addition to the Corgi, another pup, an Australian Shepherd mix (pictured), was hand selected by Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Oscar Valdepena for the fundraiser. Both dogs found their forever homes on November 7th and helped to contribute to a very worthy cause during this Holiday Season.



Two-Day Pet Adoption Event Proves Successful

The Animal Shelter participated in the 7th Annual "Super Pet Adoption Festival 2014" at the Rancho Mirage Community Park on Saturday, November 15th and Sunday, November 16th, hosted by Loving All Animals, a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal rescue organization located in Palm Desert. In addition to the off-site pet adoption event in Rancho Mirage, the Shelter hosted a special 2-day adoption event this same weekend. The off-site event resulted in 13 dogs being adopted, while at the Animal Shelter, another 15 pets were adopted, making this an extremely successful adoption promotion. As a follow-up to the weekend adoption promotion, our rescue partners adopted an additional 40 pets on Monday, November 17th.

Licenses and Vaccinations Provided at Low Cost Clinic

On Saturday, November 15th, the Animal Shelter held a low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinic at the Animal Shelter. Dog and cat owners took advantage of the reduced pet vaccination fees, along with being able to renew or purchase dog licenses.

Results:

Number of Dogs Receiving Rabies Vaccination	50
Number of Dogs Receiving a 5 in 1 Vaccination	46
Number of Bordetella Vaccines Administered to Dogs	38
Number of Dog Licenses Sold	20
Number of Cats Vaccinated for FVRCP	1

Special Promotion Nets Impressive Results

In an effort to stimulate more positive outcomes for our feline friends, "Five Dollar Fridays" was launched during the month of November. Every Friday, all cats and kittens were made available for adoption for the reduced fee of \$5. This special adoption fee included the spay/neuter surgery, microchip and a 3 in 1 vaccination. Since the Animal Shelter was closed on Black Friday, November 28th, "Five Dollar Fridays" was moved to Saturday, November 29th, where 16 cats were adopted while 1 cat was placed into a foster home and 1 cat was reclaimed by its owner. As a result of this special promotion, cat adoptions for the month increased by 25% as compared to November 2013.

FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Financial Resources Division

Budget Development for FY 2015/16 – 2016/17

With the holidays upon us, it is time to start planning for the next fiscal year. City staff has begun the development process of the City's next two-year budget for Fiscal Years 2015/16 – 2016/17.

The prior two-year budget for FY 2011/12 and 2012/13 was based on the concept of implementing a previously approved three-year Deficit Elimination Plan (DEP). The DEP envisioned a strategic process of expenditure reductions that would occur in a phased manner as revenue sources stabilized. The goal was to create a stabilized budget by FY 2013/14. As adopted in May 2011, the DEP focused on elimination of a \$14.2 million deficit that existed in the City's General Fund. Although successful in significantly reducing the deficit and slowing its growth, the goal of deficit elimination had not been fully realized through implementation of the DEP.

In charting a new fiscal course for the City, the City Council directed that the budget be fully balanced in FY 2013/14. This goal was achieved in the adopted two-year budget for FY 2013/14 and 2014/15, but with significant consequences. By far, the majority of the reductions were in public safety services. This was necessary as Police and Fire represented approximately 72% of the General Fund. With an approximate 50% reduction to non-public safety personnel and operational budgets as part of the DEP implementation, there were few options to attain the amount of reductions required without making large cuts in public safety. In the case of Police, there was a reduction of 27 sworn personnel in FY 2013/14. This reduced the number of sworn personnel from 181 to 154. The impacts resulted in reductions to the special team forces that address issues such as traffic, gangs, narcotics and specialized detective activities. In the case of Fire, the major impact was the defunding of Truck 91 during FY 2013/14. This resulted in the reduction of 8 fire personnel.

From now through June 2015, the City will be conducting study sessions, public meetings and public hearings to assure that the public is aware of the upcoming challenges and the decisions and impacts leading to the final adopted budget.

Special Districts Division

Annual Tree Trimming Cycle Begins

In mid-November, the annual tree trimming began within the City's landscape districts. The contractor is scheduled to trim or remove approximately 2,100 trees this year. Tree trimming/removals are scheduled to occur outside the bird nesting season, which generally runs September 1st through the middle of January. Trees are trimmed every 3-5 years or 5-7 years, depending upon the service level the landscape district is currently receiving. The current drought impacts the ability of



Special Districts staff to accomplish normally scheduled re-plantings. This provides an opportunity to focus on tree trimming and removal during this time of the year.

Treasury Operations Division

Adoption of EMV Credit Card Processing Technology

The credit card payment industry has set October 1, 2015 as the target date for the implementation of the upgrade to EMV (Europay, Mastercard and Visa) chip technology. The EMV cards use a microchip to store account information as opposed to storing cardholder data on the magnetic strip located on the back of the cards. The EMV technology is expected to significantly reduce the opportunity for fraudsters to copy cardholder data. While merchants will be allowed to process transactions using the current readers, those merchants that continue to do so will bear the responsibility for any losses related to a fraudulent transaction. In cases where the EMV technology has been implemented, any risk for losses from a fraudulent transaction will rest with the credit card processing companies as it does today. In order to protect our customers, City staff has already begun to transition to the EMV readers. By the end of December, these new readers will be deployed at the Animal Shelter and the Golf Course. By the end of January, we anticipate having these credit card readers in place at the Library, as well as providing a new payment option for visitors to the Library. In other areas, like City Hall, the Community & Recreation Center and the Senior Center, the card readers are connected to Point of Sale systems (POS) which may require modifications to the programming in order to migrate to the new technology. These areas will be the next area of focus as we work to have all credit card readers meet the EMV standards by October 2015.

Bond Financing Team Request for Proposal (RFP)

On November 6th the City issued an RFP for the purpose of establishing a Bond Financing Team. Responses were due to the City Clerk's office by December 4th. On the closing date, the City received proposals from 11 firms seeking to provide financing related services such as Financial Advisors, Bond Counsel, Underwriters and Dissemination Agents. These responses will be reviewed and evaluated by a review committee during the end of December, and interviews of firms that provided the highest rated proposals will be conducted between early and mid-January 2015. The evaluation committee is expected to develop a list of firms that are recommended to comprise the Bond Financing Team by January 30th.

Technology Services Division

Supporting the Start-up of a New Flexible Spending Benefit Program Administrator

Technology Services has completed work for the Human Resources division to reprogram and test a new file layout for The Advantage Group (TAG), the City's new flexible spending program administrator. The switchover from TASC/Benesyst to TAG goes into effect on January 1, 2015, with the first "live" contributions file due for the payroll of January 8th.

Updated GIS Map Tools for Animal Services

While completing Animal Services' request for replacement wall maps, the Technology Services GIS group took the opportunity to develop three new ways they could further assist the division's efforts. Aerial maps were designed and produced for each supervisor, providing them with a visual overview of the City, officer assigned areas and City facilities. Street atlases were developed for the dispatchers to locate incident sites more quickly, and assigned areas were added to the Moreno Valley Map Viewer GIS layers. These new tools should assist the division's ongoing efforts to provide great customer care for Moreno Valley's two- and four-legged citizens.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Administration

Spark of Love Toy Drive

The Moreno Valley Fire Department, in conjunction with Riverside County Fire Department/CAL FIRE and ABC-7, began its 21st annual Spark of Love Toy Drive on Monday, November 10th. Boxes with the Spark of Love Poster have been distributed throughout the community and are rapidly filling up.

Two pallets of food and one pallet of toys were donated to the Moreno Valley Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive by the Amazon fulfillment center, which hosted its own drive November 8th-17th. Skechers has also generously donated two pallets of toys and Harbor Freight hosted a toy drive from December 1st - 8th.



Walmart coordinated with our Fire Department to host a "Stuff the Truck" event, which occurred November 29th and 30th. The Fire Department had twelve Fire Explorers, four Reserve Firefighters, community volunteers, and numerous paid staff rotating through the location each day. This event received tremendous community support, including the donation of over 1,000 toys, \$1,105 in cash from the community, a \$2,500 grant

from Walmart, and food from various local restaurants to feed our volunteers who were staffing the event. All cash donations and grant funding will be used to purchase additional sports equipment and toys as the need in the community is so great.

The Spark of Love Toy Drive will continue to run through December 24th, with sports equipment and toys being distributed to the community on December 21st and 22nd. Toys will also be distributed at Riverside County Regional Medical Center on December 24th to the children who are hospitalized. Families will also continue to receive assistance after December 22nd, should more donations become available.

Fire Prevention

Recruitments

Iliana Gonzalez joined the fire prevention team on November 25th as a part-time Fire Prevention Technician. Ms. Gonzalez will investigate tumbleweed and overgrown vegetation complaints within the city on an as-needed basis throughout this Fall and Winter. She will also conduct the City's annual hazard reduction program this Spring.

David Larez, the new Riverside County Fire Systems Inspector, joined the team on December 11th and is in the process of finalizing an internal transfer for a vacant Fire Safety Specialist position to assist with plan review and inspection services

Development

Staff met with the team from Aldi Foods on November 10th to introduce Adria Reinertson as the new Fire Marshal, to assure them that their existing level of service will not change as a result of the county transition.

Inspections continue on Amazon, Deckers, Sherwin-Williams and Aldi foods, as well as annual inspections of a variety of occupancies. A total of 283 inspections were conducted in the month of November by Fire Prevention staff.

Fire Operations

Fire Department Significant Events

- November 11: Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65 and College Park Fire Engine 91 responded to a person reported to be unconscious and not breathing. Engine 91 arrived on scene and located a 76-year-old male in cardiac arrest with a pair of bystanders performing CPR, guided by Riverside County Fire Department dispatchers via a cell phone. Fire Department personnel assumed patient care and began administering aggressive advance cardiac life support care, which included obtaining an airway, establishing an IV, administering cardiac medications, and monitoring the patient's heart rhythm. While on scene, the patient regained a viable heartbeat. Fire Department personnel continued to provide advance life support care during transport to a local area hospital. Although the disposition of the patient is unknown, his chances of survival were undoubtedly enhanced by the actions of bystanders and the direction provided by Riverside County Fire Department dispatchers utilizing Emergency Medical Dispatch guidelines.

- November 12: Moreno Valley Fire Department Units, the Police Department, and members of the City's Building & Safety Division responded to a traffic collision in Kennedy Park Fire Station 65 primary response area. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel located a minivan that had backed into a house, narrowly missing the occupants of the home, and causing a 5' x 6' hole in the exterior wall of the location, with major damage to the kitchen area. Urban Search and Rescue 2 was utilized to secure the hole in the exterior wall while firefighters isolated the electrical circuit damage to the house. Building Official Allen Brock responded to the location and determined that the house could be occupied due to the actions of the firefighters to stabilize the scene.



- November 15: Units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire in Moreno Beach Fire Station 58 primary response area. The first arriving Fire Department unit reported fire was emanating from 75% of a two-story, residential structure. An interior attack, combined with a vertical ventilation operation, was initiated by Fire Department personnel. All residents escaped the home without injury; however, one firefighter sustained a minor burn injury during the fire fight. Five fire engines, one truck company, a breathing support, and one chief officer, for a total of 21 personnel, were committed to the incident for four hours. The cause of the fire was due to ceremonial candles catching a decorative plant and fabric on fire.

- November 23: Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65 was dispatched to an emergency call for service for an adult male in respiratory distress. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel began to assess the patient and assist him with breathing when he suddenly stopped breathing and no longer had a heartbeat. The firefighter paramedic and the engine crew immediately began administering aggressive advance cardiac life support care, which included obtaining an airway, establishing an IV, administering cardiac medications, and monitoring the patient's heart rhythm. Per protocol, the patient was transported to the closest area hospital, accompanied by the paramedic firefighter who continued to provide advance cardiac life support care in conjunction with AMR's paramedic. The patient regained a viable heart rhythm upon arrival at the hospital, where his care was assumed by Emergency Room staff. The final outcome of the patient is unknown.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Administration

- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), at no cost to the City, recently installed a bottle water fill station at the Conference & Recreation Center (CRC) next to the gymnasium. The wall-mounted fill station is flanked by an ADA compliant traditional drinking fountain. EMWD also provided signage for the fill station, which describes the benefits of drinking tap water and provides information on EMWD's "Tap Into" campaign. The water bottle fill station has been well received by residents and visitors to the CRC.
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- Preliminary discussions with the National Parks Service (NPS) on the possible use by the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) of the old child care center at March Field Park (MFP) have been positive. The NPS requested the City submit a letter detailing how this use complies with the approved Program of Utilization (POU), which is included in the deed of conveyance for MFP. If the NPS determines that the use complies, the City may proceed with negotiating terms of use for the building with the YOC. If the NPS determines the use does not comply, then a POU change would be required, which can be a lengthy process.
- The Department conducted three training sessions to introduce the City's Customer Care Standards to all Parks & Community Services employees, including part-time and temporary employees. Staff utilized tools provided by the Customer Care Steering Committee. The training sessions were interactive, informative, and well received.
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Community Services Division

Community Events

- Moreno Valley Wind Symphony performed their **Holiday Soundscape** concert in the Grand Valley Ballroom on December 4th for a standing room only crowd. The concert was recorded by MVTV-3 to be aired during the month of December on the City's cable TV channel. This concert is the first in a series of four concerts ending in June 2015 with an annual patriotic concert. These free concerts are sponsored by the City of Moreno Valley.
- The Fall series of **MoVal Movies** concluded on December 5th with the showing of "The Lego Movie." Approximately 200 residents enjoyed this movie in the gym at the Conference & Recreation Center.
- It was another successful year for **Santa Live** on December 8th. Local youth had the opportunity to call Santa, say hello, and give him their wish list through the phone. The callers were able to answer holiday trivia questions and win cool prizes. Thanks go out to Mayor Molina for providing the live introduction and welcome, and to Sgt. Rasmussen for volunteering as Santa.



- Five hundred people attended **MoVal Snow Day and Breakfast with Santa** on December 13th at the Conference & Recreation Center. Wristbands were used this year that included a 45-minute session of snow play and visits to Santa's Workshop, which featured a bounce house, arts and crafts, carnival games, and photo opportunity with Santa.



Community Services

- The Winter/Spring issue of the SOARING Activity Guide was released to the public the week of December 1st. Copies were sent to more than 57,000 residences and businesses throughout the City. Highlighted items include the department's Spring Events, Flag Football League, renovation of the Cottonwood Golf Center's Banquet Facility, and the introduction of Footgolf.
- Two applications for the marketing and communications category were submitted for the 2014 California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS) awards (Summer 2014 issue of the SOARING Activity Guide and the public service announcement for the 2014 MoVal Haunting event). Winners of the award will be announced in March 2015.

Recreation Programs

- **Time for Tots** Fall session continues with many new tots ages three to five years in the program and several classes filled to capacity with some filled through February. Special activity days in November included the annual M&M Election Day, Thanksgiving Potluck, and Children's Day. December activity days include Favorite Book Day and Polar Express Day before the winter holiday break. The annual Winter Performance was held on December 10th in the Grand Valley Ballroom and included a special performance by the tots, along with Santa visits and a gift exchange.



- **Valley Kids Camp** Winter session will be held December 22nd through January 9th at March Field Park Community Center. Local children ages 5 to 12 years can spend their holiday break at camp with exciting new themed recreational games, watching movies, and nurturing their creativity with arts and crafts.
- Fifty youth are anticipated to participate in this year's **Junior Chefs Holiday Workshop** and **Holiday Craft Session** at the TownGate Community Center on December 16th and 18th. Youth will participate in games, create holiday treats, and make special gifts for their loved ones.
- The **Sunshine Social Club**, the department's program for developmentally challenged adults, enjoyed special activity days in November that included bingo, pajama day, charades, and a cooking class.



Senior Community Center

- The Moreno Valley Senior Center held its annual **Tree Trimming** event on December 4th. Approximately 20 seniors helped decorate the lobby holiday tree and enjoyed apple cider and cookies provided by Health Net.



- Forty-five seniors participated in Riverside Community College's **Mature Driving Course** held on November 20th and 21st.
- The **Annual Craft Fair** was held on November 22nd at the Senior Community Center.

Sports

- **Footgolf Opening Day Celebration** is planned for January 24th at 10:30 am at the Cottonwood Golf Center. Free Footgolf, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., will be offered after the ceremony.
- **Winter Youth Basketball League** is underway. The teams, totaling 160 youth participants, will practice through December. Games begin in January with the annual Holiday Classic Pre-Season Tournament.
- **Pee Wee and Junior Soccer League** is currently taking registrations and will begin on January 20th at the Community Park soccer fields.

Parks Maintenance Division

Following projects completed:

- Weed-abated Morrison Park and Equestrian Center.
- Painted fire lane curbs in Zone 1.
- Trimmed hedges and sprayed weeds in Zones 3 and 4.
- Winterized Celebration Park water feature.
- Fertilized Lasselle Sports Park.
- Aerified, fertilized and top dressed greens at Cottonwood Golf Center.
- Aerified fairways and overseeded at Cottonwood Golf Center.

Following projects are in progress:

- Install posts at Fairway and Ridgecrest Parks' restroom shelters.
- Replace post on Sunnymead Park shelter.
- Paint Hidden Springs and Sunnymead Parks' shelters.
- Install 290 recycle trash containers at all park sites (70% complete).
- Plant additional trees and plants at Towngate II and Shadow Mountain Parks (75% complete).

- Fertilize parks in Zones 1 and 2 (40% complete).
- Plant trees at Cottonwood Equestrian Staging Area (ongoing).
- Trim trees at North Aqueduct.
- Trim flower beds at Lasselle Sports Park (30% complete).
- Weed abate Lasselle Street open spaces.
- Groom equestrian center main arena.
- Overseed ballfields and fertilize.
- Dig FootGolf holes.
- Sandbag and repair trails (south).

Vandalism and Graffiti

Staff spent 26½ hours abating vandalism and graffiti at 12 park sites. Through November (calendar year 2014), 373 hours (46 work days) were required to abate/repair damage to park property due to vandalism and graffiti.

Park Ranger Program

Park Rangers patrolled 2,105 areas, had 3,819 public contacts, and issued 128 citations such as curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol. Through November (calendar year 2014), patrolled 23,070 areas, 58,233 public contacts, and 1,726 citations issued.

Court Referral Workers

Court referrals worked 1,176 hours (147 work days). Through November (calendar year 2014), court referrals worked 5,613 hours (701 work days).

Parks Projects Program

Completed Projects

- Installation of new flooring in the Cottonwood Golf Center Banquet Room was completed.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant concrete was installed at the Cottonwood Golf Center for improved access to the patio drinking fountain. ADA compliant parking space was added in the Golf Center parking lot in anticipation of increased need due to future Cottonwood Banquet Room rentals.
- Obsolete sports field lighting at Morrison Park was replaced with high efficiency, high pressure sodium lights and fixtures.



New Fixtures



Old Fixtures

- Application for 2014 California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS) Award for Excellence in Design – Park Planning was submitted for Lasselle Sports Park.

Projects in Progress

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements are planned for Woodland Park in early 2015.
- In partnership with Technology Services and the Moreno Valley Police Department, preliminary design and pricing of a camera system for Lasselle Sports Park has been completed. Information will be used to develop a capital project budget request for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.
- Lighted monument sign for Cottonwood Golf Center will be installed by mid-January.
- ADA compliant drinking fountains will be installed at Sunnymead Park in January.

CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAMS

A Child's Place

- Children in “A Child’s Place” after school program prepared artwork for the City’s Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th.



- Ross Distribution Center has adopted 24 children from the “A Child’s Place” program this holiday season and will provide the children with clothes this year.
- “A Child’s Place” staff is preparing for the upcoming school winter break, December 22nd through January 9th, during which full-day child care, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., is provided for the children in the program.

After School Education and Safety (ASES)

- Jacob’s Dream Foundation provided an abstract art lesson for students attending the after school program at Rainbow Ridge Elementary on November 7th and on December 5th for students attending the after school program at Cloverdale Elementary.



FACILITY RENTALS

Conference & Recreation Center

During November, the Grand Valley Ballroom (GVBR) at the Conference and Recreation Center was rented for several large events:

- Riverside County Office of Education hosted two days of California High School Counselor Financial Aid Training in November. The training was provided by the California Association of Student Financial Aid and California Student Aid Commission. The purpose was to increase financial aid to high school students in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.
- Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual fundraiser, "Celebrate Moreno Valley." Part of the proceeds was donated to the Salvation Army and entertainment was provided by local comedian Scott Woods.
- Riverside County Office of Education hosted Operation Recognition, a program that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who missed completing high school due to service in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or internment in World War II Japanese-American relocation camps.
- Riverside County Office on Aging hosted a conference, "Family Care Giving Today," which provided information and training for family care givers. The conference provided training and resources to aid the growing number of adult care givers.
- Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) hosted a "Self-Sufficiency Leadership Forum." This training included executive updates, goal discussion, and attracting, developing and retaining quality staff. DPSS uses the CRC three times a year for various trainings.
- Riverside County Probation Department hosted their Deputy Probation Officer Graduation.
- Moreno Valley Black Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Business Expo. The theme was the Ultimate Business Challenge and included a session offering a step-by-step guide on how to implement online marketing into your business.
- Salvation Army provided their Annual Thanksgiving Meal. They provided a sit-down turkey lunch to 447 people and volunteers and delivered another 210 meals to the community. Food for both of these was prepared in the GVBR kitchen. Lunch guests were served by volunteers and sent home with canned goods and extra food.

Senior Community Center

- The Senior Community Center had 9 rentals in November, including a memorial service, church services and school district training.

TownGate Community Center

- TownGate Community Center had 22 rentals in November, including church services, holiday parties, an anniversary party, a wedding, and a Sweet 16 birthday.

Cottonwood Golf Center Banquet Room

- Staff continues to promote the City's newest banquet facility, where renovations are anticipated to be completed at the end of December. The department will be hosting a Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce Connections After Hours event on April 9th at the Cottonwood Golf Center to showcase the improvements made to the banquet facility.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Case of the Month

Late last month, officers responded to a robbery that occurred in the parking lot of a business located in the area of zone 1. During the robbery, the victim was walking through the parking lot when he was approached by two suspects who pulled up in a vehicle. The suspects became physical with the victim and demanded cash and a briefcase containing a laptop computer. The victim was punched several times during the robbery. The suspects left the scene in a vehicle and were followed by concerned citizens. As officers were responding to the robbery, the suspects crashed their vehicle, causing one of the occupants to be ejected into a dirt field. As officers arrived on scene, citizens advised them of the suspects' description and direction where they ran.

Additional officers responded to the area and established a perimeter. All three suspects were observed running in different directions. Officers with the Moreno Valley Police Department's K-9 unit responded and assisted with tracking the suspects. One of the suspects was located in the area and was detained after a brief foot pursuit. An additional suspect was tracked and located hiding inside of a garage of a residence. He was detained without further incident. A third suspect was located while hiding inside of a trash can in front of a residence. The suspect was subsequently bitten by the police K-9 and detained without further incident. After further investigation, the four suspects were all positively identified. They were arrested and booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center.

Community Services:

The MVPD Community Services Unit is involved with several events including:

- **Stuff the Bus:** This event is held annually to raise money for Operation Safe House, which provides emergency shelter, intervention and outreach services to runaways and youth in crisis. The MVPD Community Services Unit accepted donations from residents and businesses throughout the City of Moreno Valley during the month of November. The event was a great success.



- Coffee with a Cop: These events are held in casual environments to help promote communication and build relationships between MVPD and residents. At these events, there is no agenda, only conversations about any concerns regarding public safety. The most recent event was held at Farmer Boys restaurant, located at 15991 Perris Blvd.
- Community Zone Policing meetings: These meetings are held to discuss specific issues in specific zones within the City. The most recent meeting was held in Zone 3, located at the Moreno Valley Ranch Community Center at 16010 Rancho Del Lago.



Volunteers

MVPD relies heavily on volunteer forces to assist with providing valued service to the citizens of Moreno Valley. MVPD volunteers logged more than 1200 hours this past month. Below is a list of current positions where we rely heavily on our volunteer forces:

- Citizens Patrol - Uniformed high visibility patrol in marked patrol units;
- Anti-Graffiti Patrol – Non-uniform patrol in unmarked vehicles to assist in surveillance and reporting of graffiti vandals;
- Front Office Assistant - Assists front office personnel with day to day activities;
- Incident Call Out - Responds to major incidents within the City to assist with perimeter security, road closures, and searching for lost hikers/missing persons;
- City Wide Camera System – Monitors call board and reviews related camera angles to assist with gathering information on calls for service, proactive monitoring of parks and problem or high crime areas.



Citywide Camera System:

The Moreno Valley Citywide Camera system has assisted in more than 700 investigations since its implementation. The Camera system has assisted in solving everything from missing persons to petty theft and homicides. The monitoring of the Citywide Camera System is conducted by light duty officers and volunteers. Camera System volunteers have logged over 200 hours this past month.



Traffic Division:

Enforcement events the traffic team is involved with include:

- Motorcycle Enforcement.
- Pedestrian decoy programs / one conducted this past month.
- DUI Saturation Patrols
- DUI Checkpoints: On November 7th, 2014 at Alessandro Blvd. and Pepper Street. 1407 vehicles passed through, 5 DUI arrests were made, 46 arrests for subjects driving on a suspended or no driver license and 21 additional citations written for various violations.



Problem Oriented Policing Unit:

The multi-focus team is currently working on:

- High visibility patrol on Sunnymead Blvd. corridor
- Bicycle Patrol
- Vice operations
- Illegal gambling
- Shoulder tap/ABC compliance operations
- Crime Free Multi-housing meetings
- Assisting with zone meetings
- Currently working on twenty specific zone complaints throughout the City

Safety tips for the holiday season:

Vehicle

- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables in plain view.
- Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside of a business or a well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

Shopping

- Keep your eyes on your purse or wallet at all times.
- Even though you are rushed, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.

At Home

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer or motion activated.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.

Beware of Charities

It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved. Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate. Donate to a recognized charitable organization.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Capital Projects

Cycle 1 Citywide Pavement Resurfacing

The pavement resurfacing and access ramps reconstruction improvements on Dracaea Avenue, Cottonwood Avenue, Bay Avenue and Alessandro Boulevard have been completed. Striping and pavement markings are in the final stage of construction. The project is on schedule, to be completed by end of December 2014.



Perris Boulevard Widening from Ironwood Ave. to Manzanita Ave.

The northbound lanes from Kalmia Avenue to Pico Vista Way have been paved. Traffic control has been adjusted in order to start stage two of the paving on Perris Boulevard. In addition, the contractor has started constructing retaining walls, curb and gutter, traffic signals, storm drains, and sidewalks. Staff anticipates project completion in October 2015 (weather permitting).



Nason Street Improvements from Cactus Avenue to Fir Avenue

The project construction is on schedule. The City's contractor, Hillcrest Construction, has completed the installation of the ducts and structures for Southern California Edison Rule 20B and the relocation of five Eastern Municipal Water District fire hydrants. The Gas Company is near completion of the 8" gas line along Nason Street from Cottonwood Avenue to Cactus Avenue. The contractor continues grading for curb and gutter and sidewalks from Cactus Avenue to Cottonwood Avenue. Construction will conclude by October 2015 (weather permitting).



Fire Station No. 48 Remodeling

The construction contract for Fire Station No. 48 Remodeling was awarded to E. Avico, Inc. The project includes a new exercise room and day room, which will be approximately 845 SF in the existing patio area, interior remodeling of the kitchen, bathroom, sleeping dorm, and the dining room. The project improvements also include replacement of a new HVAC system, generator in the Fire Engine Apparatus Room, and new Tremco roof for exercise room and existing low roof replacement.

Temporary Living Quarters have been set up with all utilities for the Fire Station Crew during construction. Construction starts December 2014 and is expected to be completed in May 2015 (weather permitting).



Corporate Yard Facility Phase 1- Administration Building

This project includes construction of a new office building, which will be approximately 5,264 square feet. It will be located in the vacant area at the City Yard. The project will provide a parking lot, decorative steel fence, landscaping and main entrance to the building on Santiago Drive. The project also includes a Photovoltaic System and Engine Wash Out area as Additive Alternates.

The construction contract award is scheduled for City Council in January 2015. Construction is expected to begin in February 2015 and be completed by February 2016 (weather permitting).



State Route 60/ Nason Street Overcrossing Bridge Project Wins APWA Project Award of the Year

The project has won an American Public Works Association (APWA) Project of the Year award. Each year, the APWA Southern California Chapter reviews applications and analyzes merits of completed construction projects in the combined counties of Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Orange. They have chosen the SR60/Nason Bridge project for an award, which is notable given the number of projects completed in this large geographic area. The Mayor, City Manager, and project team accepted the award at the APWA luncheon in Lakewood on December 11th.



Delphinium Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

The City's contractor, Mamco, Inc., completed the construction of the Delphinium Avenue Sidewalk Improvements in November 2014. The project improvements included new sidewalk, curbs and gutters, and miscellaneous street improvements on the north side of Delphinium Avenue and Perris Boulevard. This project was constructed to enhance safety for students walking to and from Chaparral Hills Elementary School and Badger Springs Middle School.



Alessandro Median from Indian Street to Perris Boulevard

Construction has been completed on this project. Improvements consisted of installation of landscaping, decorative concrete, associated signs, traffic striping and markings, reconstruction of ADA curb ramps and traffic signal modifications.



Heacock Street Widening

Staff conducted the bid analysis and Hillcrest Contracting submitted the lowest bid of \$1,173,781.00. The City Council awarded the construction contract on December 9th. The project limits are from San Michele Road to Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral A. The project consists of widening Heacock Street to a four-lane arterial and upon completion will improve the street level of service on one of the City's major truck routes. Start of construction is scheduled for early 2015.



Cycle 5 ADA Access Ramps Improvements at Various Locations

According to current City and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, this project will construct 33 ramps at 16 intersections within the City's designated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target area. The improvements will include: curb, gutter, pavement, sidewalk and curb ramp improvements; replacement of pedestrian, crosswalk push buttons; and other related pedestrian enhancements.

The 33 ramps are to be constructed at the following locations:

Intersections	Number of Ramps
• Alessandro Boulevard and Courage Street	2
• Alessandro Boulevard and Day Street	2
• Bay Avenue and Sunbright Drive	3
• Calle San Juan de Los Lagos and Corporate Street	2
• Cottonwood Avenue and Cheshire Drive	2
• Davis Street and Sandy Glade Avenue	2
• Delphinium Avenue and Cloverfield Road	2
• Delphinium Avenue and Wintergreen Street	2
• Eucalyptus Avenue and Running Deer Road	2
• Eucalyptus Avenue and Sunbird Drive	2
• Frederick Street and Alessandro Boulevard	1
• Frederick Street and Calle San Juan de Los Lagos	3
• Indian Street and Marilyn Street	2
• Perris Boulevard and Eucalyptus Avenue	2
• Perris Boulevard and Sunnymead Boulevard	2
• Perris Boulevard and Sunnymead Boulevard	2
Total Ramps:	33

The construction is entirely grant funded and made possible by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) CDBG Program. Construction is anticipated to begin January 2015 and be completed by April 2015.

Aqueduct Trail Project from Moreno Valley Mall Area to Lake Perris State Recreation Area
On November 5th, a non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held at City Hall to allow all prospective bidders the opportunity to inquire about the project. Twenty-one consultants attended the meeting. Proposals are due December 8th.

The consultant will be studying the entire trail route and developing a comprehensive plan for a multi-use (pedestrian/bicycle) trail, including addressing gaps in the existing trail, improving access to adjacent areas, developing street crossings, and providing a connection to Lake Perris.

Cycle 3 Pedestrian Access Ramps Enhancements
On December 1st the City Clerk received three (3) bid proposals. A recommendation to award a construction contract will be presented to the City Council at their first regular meeting in January. This project will remove and reconstruct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access ramps and sidewalk, installation of pedestrian push buttons, and construction of other related street improvements.

Reche Vista Drive Realignment
On December 10th a public outreach/community information meeting was held in the Council Chamber from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to provide the public an opportunity to review the project, as well as offer comments and suggestions. This project will replace the existing winding alignment portion of Reche Vista Drive from the intersection of Perris Boulevard and Heacock Street to the north city limits with new, straight roadway alignment. The improvements will also consist of grading, asphalt paving to provide two twelve-foot wide

travel lanes (one each direction), eight-foot wide paved shoulders (each side), a center twelve-foot-wide turning lane at intersections, a traffic signal at Heacock Street and Perris Boulevard, miscellaneous storm drain improvements and other appurtenant improvements. KOA Corporation consulting firm has been retained to provide updates to the project's bidding documents and to obtain validation for all environmental clearances and permits prior to advertising the project for bids in early January 2015. The construction is tentatively scheduled to start in April 2015 and to be completed by April 2016.

East Sunnymead Boulevard Storm Drain

The City conducted a public outreach/community information meeting for the East Sunnymead Boulevard Storm Drain on November 6th, to provide the public an opportunity to review the project. The project includes the installation of two parallel 36-inch-diameter storm drain lines on the north side of Sunnymead Boulevard between Indian Street and SR-60/Perris Boulevard Eastbound Off-Ramp. The purpose of the project is to mitigate the frequent flooding on Sunnymead Boulevard and minimize flood related damages to public roads and private properties, as well as to enhance safety for pedestrians and drivers using Sunnymead Boulevard. The proposed storm drains include a number of catch basins on both sides of the street, which allow the system to effectively convey and discharge storm water runoffs during a storm event. Miscellaneous street improvements are also included in this project to accommodate the proposed storm drain. The project is funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The project is scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in early December 2014. Construction is anticipated to commence in February 2015 and be completed in June 2015.

Transportation Division

Student Recognition Banners

The City has agreements with Val Verde Unified School District (VVUSD), Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD), and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) in support of a City-wide Student Recognition Banner Program. This program recognizes outstanding student achievements within the community and affords the opportunity for both the City and the school districts to promote high school graduation and encourage college level education. Public Works staff completed the installation of fifty-seven banners on existing street light poles in front of seven high schools. Each banner displays the student name, grade point average, and college of attendance and will remain for a period of one year. The school districts reimburse the City for all costs associated with this program.



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administration

Aldi Foods

Aldi Foods will occupy the approved Westridge Business Park, located west of the intersection of Eucalyptus Avenue and Redlands Boulevard. The Moreno Valley facility will be built in conjunction with Aldi's move into California to support up to 150 stores in the State. Building permits for the project were issued on May 12th. Aldi's target date to begin operations at the site is July 14, 2015.

Aldi will directly employ 200 workers on site at full operation of the 850,000 square foot facility, not including contractors providing service and deliveries to the facility. Aldi plans to open stores over a three-year period, including two stores in Moreno Valley. The first store will be located in the TownGate area. An application for that store was submitted in September to Planning and the project is close to the approval stage. The TownGate store would open concurrent with the regional warehouse.

Aldi Foods is a national retailer with over 1,300 stores in the United States.

Harbor Freight Tools

Exterior construction of the Harbor Freight Tools expansion to the existing facility on Cactus Avenue in the Centerpointe Business Park is complete, with a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy issued on August 27th. Final occupancy will occur after the installation of storage racking early next year. The 507,720 square foot expansion, when combined with the existing 779,016 square foot facility, will result in a 1,286,736 square foot distribution facility for the company.

Harbor Freight also leases a building in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. With this expansion, Harbor Freight, Amazon and Ross Stores will be the three largest industrial operators in the City.

Amazon I/Trammell Crow Properties

Construction of the approved 1,252,276 square foot logistics building, located at the northwest corner of San Michele Road and Indian Street, is complete. The facility began shipping product on July 31st. A final Certificate of Occupancy was issued on December 11th, 2014, for the building.

Amazon is advertising on its website for positions at the new facility. Amazon continues to ramp up for the holiday season and has hired over 1,000 full-time employees to staff the facility year-round and several thousand more temporary seasonal workers. Job opportunities may be accessed at www.WorkAtAmazonFullfillment.com.

Sares Regis/Deckers

Exterior construction by Sares Regis is complete for the first phase 800,000 square foot logistics building, which is leased to Deckers Outdoor Corporation (maker of UGGs boots). Deckers has an option for a second phase expansion of 200,000 to 400,000 square feet. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued on November 20, 2014. Interior tenant improvements for the facility are underway, with operations anticipated to begin in early 2015. The building will include the internet sales site for the company, resulting in the potential for a substantial amount of sales tax revenue to the City.

The Sares Regis project is located at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Grove View Road in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area.

First Nandina

The First Nandina project was approved by the Planning Commission after a public hearing on October 9th. No appeal was filed on the project, which also included an extensive environmental impact report. Demolition permits have been issued for the removal of existing structures on the site. The project proposes to construct a 1.45 million square foot warehouse/distribution center on 73 acres located at the southwest corner of Indian Street and Nandina Avenue in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The developer, First Industrial Properties, has received strong early interest from potential tenants.

Amazon II/IDS

Amazon recently leased a second facility in the City, immediately across the street from their first facility on San Michele Avenue. This second facility is the recently completed 769,320 square foot IDS Building. Amazon completed substantial tenant improvements and received partial occupancy of the facility in October to start processing product and occupy office areas of the building. This second facility will be the primary intake point for product from outside suppliers for Amazon fulfillment centers in southern California and Arizona. The facility is anticipated to employ over 200 people. With this second facility, Amazon occupies over 2 million square feet of space in the City, nearly equal to Harbor Freight Tools and Ross Dress 4 Less Stores, the other two largest tenants in the City.

March Business Center/Western Realco

Western Realco has settled all remaining legal challenges to the March Business Center project and has commenced plan check activities for the four building projects at the southeast corner of Iris Avenue and Heacock Street in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The project is approved for 1,484,000 square feet of warehouse/logistics space on the 75-acre site. The largest building encompasses 1,103,000 square feet. Western Realco anticipates starting construction on the two largest buildings early next year.

Box Springs Mutual Water Company

Water utility service in Moreno Valley is provided by two entities, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) and Box Springs Mutual Water Company (BSMWC), which provides water supply to the Edgemont neighborhood. The BSMWC was formed in 1920 to serve a small, agriculturally-based town. The system now distributes water to a 430-acre area with approximately 600 connections. The aged system has deteriorated and water leaks abound at the well and in pipelines. Additionally, the well that the BSMWC relies on for drinking water is highly contaminated with nitrates. In order to serve its customers potable water, BSMWC established a connection to Western Municipal Water District to responsibly blend the well water with imported water to meet State water quality standards.

In addition to water quality issues, the BSMWC water system has not been improved to provide compliance with current fire flow standards. Fire hydrant testing was completed in January 2014 by Moreno Valley's Fire Prevention staff, in accordance with National Fire Protection Association standards. Test results documented that 37 hydrants (47%) fail to provide even minimum required fire flows to Moreno Valley's Edgemont neighborhood.

The primary barrier to funding access has been the lack of drinking water quality violations. Technical assessments estimate the funding needs at \$15 to \$22 million. Because of its

small customer base, the Mutual water company is unable to generate sufficient revenue to fund a system upgrade.

The City of Moreno Valley is committed to helping residents and property owners in Edgemont and BSMWC find a solution to this long-standing problem. A team of staff from the City Manager, City Attorney, Public Works, Finance, and Community & Economic Development departments is exploring funding opportunities including grants / investments from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Proposition 84 bond, EB-5 investors, and the Proposition 1 bond funds approved on the November ballot. Staff is also developing a proposal to create a multi-agency, public/private partnership that could be eligible for existing and emerging programs. Details about the project challenges and opportunities will be discussed at a future City Council Study Session.

Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from Realtor.com indicates a 27.3% increase in the number of homes for sale in the City, with the median asking prices remaining level. The median asking price was \$250,000, compared with \$250,000 in the prior month and \$249,500 in the same month last year.

As of December 1, 975 homes were listed for sale, compared with 766 at the start of the prior month, and 534 in the same month last year. Inventory has been steadily increasing since hitting a low of fewer than 300 in May 2013. The prior peak was a high of 2,068 in January 2009, at the start of the last recession.

The current inventory of homes for sale is between a five- and six-month supply. Anything less than a six-month supply of homes for sale is considered a limited supply.

The trends are shown in the chart below:

	December 2014	November 2014	Change	December 2013	Change
Homes for Sale	975	766	27%	534	82%
Median Asking Price	\$250,000	\$250,000	0%	\$249,500	0.2%

Foreclosures

Information available from RealtyTrac.com for October shows an increase in foreclosure activity in the City, as well as an increase in the County. The website reported one in 366 housing units in Moreno Valley was in some stage of foreclosure, or 0.27% of homes with mortgages in the City. A lower number (366) indicates a higher foreclosure rate (0.27%). This compares to a rate of one in 454 units in the prior month and one in 418 units in the same month last year. Foreclosure activity is 19.4% lower than the prior month and 12.4% lower than the same month last year.

The foreclosure rate in Moreno Valley is higher than most local communities and higher than the County's average. In western Riverside County, Temecula had the lowest rate (1 in 697) and Cabazon had the highest rate (1 in 125).

The trends are shown in the chart below:

	October 2014	September 2014	Change	October 2013	Change
Foreclosure Rate/City	366	454	19.4%	418	12.4%
Foreclosure Rate/County	490	624	21.5%	519	5.6%

Home Resale Market

Information available from DQNews.com indicates the average home resale values in Moreno Valley have decreased. In October 2014, the average home resale value was \$241,497. This was a 6.2% decrease from the value of \$257,429 reported for the month of September 2014 and a 10.1% increase from the value of \$219,256 reported for the month of October 2013. Other nearby communities such as Hemet and Perris experienced increases in property value in October by approximately 9%. Property values decreased in the cities of Corona, Riverside, Temecula, and Murrieta by approximately 3%.

The number of housing resales in the City during this reporting period decreased by 3.8%, moving from 184 transactions in September to 177 in October 2014. There have been a total of 1,735 transactions for the year thus far.

The trends are shown in the chart below:

	October 2014	September 2014	Change	October 2013	Change
Resale Transactions	177	184	3.8%	172	2.9%
Home Resale Value	\$241,497	\$257,429	6.2%	\$219,256	10.1%

Unemployment – October 2014

The unemployment rate in Moreno Valley decreased slightly for the third consecutive month to 9.8%, which is back down to what it was in June 2014, and is 0.2% lower than the September 2014 rate of 10.8%. The unemployment rate supports the overall projection of growth both locally and regionally. Non-seasonally adjusted rates for Riverside County are 8.4% and 7.0% for the State, respectively. This supports continued steady economic recovery.

The pace at which unemployment has been falling has slowed in recent months. The Moreno Valley unemployment rate of 17.5% at the height of the Great Recession in July 2010, compared to the October rate of 9.8%, is an indicator of restoring economic balance and improving the stability of household incomes.

State-wide, the largest job gains were posted in professional and business (12,500), followed by trade, transportation and utilities (12,400), leisure and hospitality (7,500), government (3,500) and educational and health services (3,100). Each gained more than 3,000 jobs. Other services (400), financial activities (400), and mining and logging (100) were the sectors that lost jobs in October. Construction jobs are slowly expanding, which supports growth in Moreno Valley and the surrounding area.

The overall trend remains positive as business activity increases across the nation and in the City. Activity at the Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center (ERC) remains strong

and serves not only the jobless, but the under-employed who are seeking jobs with higher pay and benefits. This facility affords Moreno Valley residents local opportunities to secure positions in a variety of areas, including industrial.

Recruitment efforts continue for the Amazon Fulfillment Center, Procter & Gamble, Deckers Outdoor and Federal Mogul, the newest distribution tenant located in the building at the northwest corner of Cactus Avenue and Frederick Street. New stores and food options, such as Kirkland's, Main Street Fish Fry and Taco Bell in the Stoneridge Towne Centre and 24-Hour Fitness, medical services and new office development, continue to open and support opportunities for youth through adults. Business continues to grow in Moreno Valley!

	<u>October 2014</u>	<u>October 2013</u>
California	7.0%	8.3%
Riverside County	8.4%	10.10%
Banning	9.7%	11.6%
Beaumont	9.6%	11.6%
Corona	6.1%	7.4%
Hemet	10.7%	12.80%
Menifee	9.0%	10.80%
Moreno Valley	9.8%	11.80%
Murrieta	5.5%	6.60%
Perris	13.3%	15.90%
Riverside	8.5%	10.20%
San Jacinto	12.9%	15.40%
Temecula	5.7%	6.8%

Building & Safety Division

Quick Statistics

The following Building & Safety Division statistics compare November's year over year activity between 2014 and 2013.

	November 2014	November 2013
Customer Counter Visits/Total Daily Average	538/32	474/34
Building Permits Issued	159	117
Construction Valuation	\$6,408,285	\$6,111,718
Construction Inspections Performed	986	677
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	11	11
Plan Check Activity	290	267
Monthly Revenue	\$145,535	\$175,135

November Certificates of Occupancy COFO's

NOV 2014 TEMP COFO'S	
PERMIT #	COFO NAME
B1302332	24 HOUR FITNESS
B1400530	TACO BELL
B1400153	DECKERS OUTDOORS CORPORATION
NOV 2014 NEW GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION COFO'S	
PERMIT #	COFO NAME
NOV 2014 BIGGER COFO'S (NOT NEW FROM GROUND UP)	
PERMIT #	COFO NAME
B1401168	SKECHERS USA - (EXPANSION)
B1401791	KIRKLAND'S
NOV 2014 TRACT COFO'S	
PERMIT & LOT#	DEVELOPER AND TRACT #
B1302635 - 4	PACIFIC COMMUNITY HOMES TRACT # 29920
B1302642 - 6	PACIFIC COMMUNITY HOMES TRACT # 29920
B1302632 - 7	PACIFIC COMMUNITY HOMES TRACT # 29920
B1302635 - 9	PACIFIC COMMUNITY HOMES TRACT # 29920
B1302643 - 10	PACIFIC COMMUNITY HOMES TRACT # 29920
B1302633 - 19	PACIFIC COMMUNITY HOMES TRACT # 29920
B1302546 - 22	GFR TRACT 32715
B1302557 - 31	GFR TRACT 32715
B0701488 - 6	PACIFIC COMMUNITIES BUILDER, INC TRACT #30268
B0701496 - 7	PACIFIC COMMUNITIES BUILDER, INC TRACT #30268

Amazon Fulfillment Center

The Building & Safety Division signed the final Certificate of Occupancy for Amazon's Fulfillment Center located on San Michele this morning. The facility is now fully operational and ready for the busy holiday season. This milestone marks the completion of a fast-paced development that included a 1.2 M square foot structure, extensive tenant improvements and two massive three-level automated conveyor and sorting systems.

Attainment of the Certificate of Occupancy could only have been accomplished with the very cooperative relationship among Amazon, Trammell Crow (developer), Millie and Severson (contractor) and the City team. All should be congratulated on a job well done!

Code & Neighborhood Services Division

Quick Statistics

The following Code & Neighborhood Services Division statistics compare November's year over year activity between 2014 and 2013.

Parking Control and Code Compliance started posting "Warning" flyers on vehicles for sale on designated streets. The enforcement action will start after January 1, 2015.

Planning Division

Quick Statistics

The following Planning Division statistics compare November’s year over year activity between 2014 and 2013.

	November 2014	November 2013
Counter Customers	236	263
Major Case Submittals	10	5
Minor Case Submittals	35	35
Plan Check Submittals	149	56
Application Fees	\$70,078	\$79,263

Project Pending Before City Council

- The proposed Prologis business park/logistics project was expected to be reviewed by City Council on December 9th, 2014; however, the applicant requested a continuance of the public hearing to January 27th, 2015, to allow the newly elected City Council members ample time and opportunity to review the project documents before being asked to take an action on the project. The applications include a General Plan Amendment, Change of Zone, Plot Plans, and a Tentative Parcel Map. The project is located on the south side of SR 60, easterly of Moreno Beach Drive and the City’s Auto Mall General Plan Amendment, on approximately 117 acres. The Tentative Parcel Map No. 35679 proposes to subdivide the project site into five parcels, Parcels 1 through 4 to be used for four industrial buildings, and Parcel 5 for future residential development under its existing R5 and RA-2 zoning. A General Plan Amendment is also required for proposed changes to the City’s Circulation Element and the Master Plan of Trails. The project applicant is Prologis.

Planning Commission – December 11, 2014

- New Chairman and Vice Chairman: With the recent election and seating of former Commissioner (Chairman) Jeffery Giba to the City Council, the Commission elected Vice Chairman Jeffery Sims to the Chairman position. With the resulting vacancy of the Vice Chairman position, the Commission elected Commissioner Brian Lowell as the new Vice Chairman. Both positions will run until the next regular appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman, which will occur at the first Commission meeting in April 2015.
- Approved: A Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit for a 122 Unit Planned Unit Development condominium project with a community club house and pool on a vacant 15.92 acre site was approved. The project is located at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Cactus Avenue (south to Delphinium). The applicant is Nova Homes.
- Approved: A Conditional Use Permit for a new Verizon wireless communications facility was approved. The antenna infrastructure will be installed on a 70 foot tall ball field light pole and the project scope also includes an equipment shelter. As a condition of approval the Commission has requested that the project be reviewed by the Parks Commission to evaluate the proposed siting of the equipment shelter and possible alternative locations on site. The project site is located at 26667 Dracaea Avenue within an existing City park. The applicant is Verizon Wireless.

- Continued: The Tentative Tract Map and a Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development condominium project on a 9.4 acre site in a Residential 10 (R10) zoning district was discussed by the Commission, the applicant and other interested parties and the formal hearing date was continued to January 8, 2015. The project is located at Cottonwood Avenue, east of Perris Boulevard and the applicant is FH II LLC.
- Continued: The Planning Commission elected to move the discussion on their Rules of Procedures to the meeting of January 8, 2015.

Administrative Approvals

The following projects were approved administratively in November:

- An Administrative Plot Plan for a new 1,740 square foot detached garage and patio revision located at 12204 Mary Lee Way. The applicants are Jack and Sharon Bennett.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for batting cages and pitching lanes inside an existing 3,500 square foot suite located at the Sundance Center on 24441 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is Ignacio Cortez.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for an expansion of Alberto's Restaurant at 27110 Eucalyptus Avenue. The applicant is Baldomero Rodriguez.
- An Amended Conditional Use Permit for modifications to an existing wireless communication facility at 12981 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Sprint.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for a hookah lounge with retail sales located at 24150 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Paul Crenshaw.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for Jersey Mike's restaurant at the Lakeside Plaza located at 26150 Iris Avenue. The applicant is MPA Architects.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for the installation of ground mounted solar panels at 27700 Kalmia Avenue. The applicant is Solar Max.
- An Amended Conditional Use Permit for modifications to the existing Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling facility at 17700 Indian Street, to include an additional fueling station and modifications to the driveway and existing enclosure. The applicant is Clean Energy.
- An Administrative Plot Plan to add a canopy in the drive-through at the new Taco Bell Restaurant located at 27010 Fir Avenue. The applicant is Chris Lindholm.

Recent Case Submittals

The following applications were submitted in November:

- A Tentative Tract Map, Planned Unit Development, and an annexation application for a development of 78 single-family residences, located on the west side of Pigeon Pass Road, northerly of the City limits, just north of the Hidden Springs Specific Plan area. The applicant is JW Capital PP, LLC.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for installation of wireless cell site equipment for Verizon Wireless, including replacing six panel antennas and adding four equipment racks within the existing shelter, located at 22700 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Rachael Davidson.
- A Conditional Use Permit to install 12 panel antennas and related hardware to be screened by new cupolas located on the roof of an existing building. The project is located at 12656 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Verizon Wireless.

- Five Amended Conditional Use Permits for modifications to existing T-Mobile cell sites to install three new antenna panels and related hardware at the following locations:
 - 23520 Cactus Avenue
 - 11650 Perris Boulevard
 - 24831 Alessandro Boulevard
 - 12968 Frederick Street
 - 23800 Sunnymead Boulevard
- An Administrative Plot Plan for modifications to existing block wall for Legends Restaurant at Rancho Belago, located at 13292 Lasselle Street. The applicant is Frances Ouellette.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for new 8' security fencing around the perimeter of an existing compressor station at 14601 Virginia Street. The applicant is San Diego Gas & Electric.
- An Amended Plot Plan to increase the approved height from 42 feet to 60 feet of an existing building located at the southeast corner of Nandina and Heacock. The applicant is First Industrial, LP.

Highlighted Active Projects

Walmart – Perris Boulevard/Gentian

A Plot Plan is currently under review for a proposed Walmart store on an approximate 20-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Gentian. In addition to the Walmart anchor, the proposed project includes an additional retail pad on the southern portion of the project site at Perris Boulevard and Santiago. The Project Review Staff Committee has reviewed the modified site design and elevations. Progress continues to be made in addressing staff comments. In addition, over the past month, consideration has been given to an opportunity to use an underutilized portion of the site adjacent to Gentian and the adjacent aqueduct easement for park purposes. This issue will receive further attention in context of broader park planning interests for this area of the City. The City's review of the first Screencheck EIR for the Walmart project was completed on November 17th, and revised plans were routed for the fourth review on November 25th.

Modular Logistics Center

A Plot Plan and associated environmental documents are currently under review for an approximate one million square foot warehouse/distribution facility at 17300 Perris Boulevard. The project is located in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The project has been submitted to and reviewed by the Project Review Staff Committee. Comments have been addressed and the environmental document (DEIR) was circulated for 45-day public review on October 24th, 2014. The public review period ends December 8th, 2014. The response to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report will be initiated in late December. The project applicant is Kearny Modular Way, LLC.

World Logistics Center

The project applicant continues to assemble the components of the Final Environmental Impact Report and other project documentation for the proposed World Logistic Center in the eastern portion of the City. In November, particular attention has focused on the Facts, Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations document. The Draft EIR, Response to Comments, and the Facts, Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations will constitute the Final EIR (FEIR). The FEIR will accompany the Specific Plan for the World Logistics Center for formal review by the Planning Commission and City Council, which hearings are anticipated to begin in early 2015.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the World Logistics Center was released for public review on February 4th, 2013 for a 60-day public review period. Approximately 140 comments were received from local residents, property owners, responsible agencies and environmental groups.

The World Logistics Center is a Specific Plan for up to 41.6 million square feet of high cube logistics warehouse space. High cube warehouses are large, high-ceiling buildings built to accommodate modern, high efficiency logistics operations. The proposed Specific Plan project area is bound by State Route 60 (SR60), Redlands Boulevard, Gilman Springs Road and the southerly City limits. In addition to the Specific Plan, the proposed project includes a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, an Annexation for an 85-acre parcel at Alessandro Boulevard and Gilman Springs Road, a Development Agreement, a Tentative Parcel Map for financial purposes and an Environmental Impact Report.