

**Department/Division:**

**Project/Program:**

**Project/Program Lead:**

City Manager and City Attorney  
Redevelopment Agency Bond Default  
Steve Duran/Patrick Tang

**Project/Program Description:** The Hercules Redevelopment Agency, which as of February 1, 2012 no longer exists, went into technical default on its February 1 bond payment of approximately \$2.4 million. The bond holders were paid because they are protected by bond insurance and a separate bond fund from which bond payments may also be drawn. The basic problem was that the Agency had no money and its fund balance was negative, so the City decided to pay back the pooled cash that subsidized the Agency's August bond payment because the City's pooled cash can simply no longer afford to subsidize the Redevelopment Agency. The Redevelopment Agency bond insurer, Ambac, filed suit in Superior Court to force the City to immediately turn over \$4.1 million to the Redevelopment Agency bond trustee and attach certain real property as security. The parties reached a settlement and a stipulation in March, which was approved by and is being overseen by the court and requires that the City sell certain real property assets, known as Parcel C and Victoria Crescent. This outcome will keep the City from having to consider pre-bankruptcy mediation and a potential Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection filing.

**Status:** Term sheets for Parcel C and Victoria Crescent have been executed; however the Victoria Crescent buyer has chosen not to go forward so staff is pursuing a deal with the other developers that made offers on the site.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to implement the court ordered settlement agreement.

**Department/Division:**

**Project/Program:**

**Project/Program Lead:**

City Manager/Administration  
Strategic Plan  
Steve Duran

**Project/Program Description:** The purpose of community outreach for what is essentially a business plan is to gather all as many ideas as possible as to: ways establish fiscal stability through increasing revenues and cutting costs; how to prioritize the many needs and desires of the community; ways to be more efficient; and how to best move forward given the realities of the economy, the real estate market, and the City's very limited revenues.

**Status:** The Strategic Plan has been approved by the City Council.

**Next Steps:**

- Use Plan as guide for strategic priorities and track progress on goals.

**Division:** Finance  
**Project / Program:** Audit for FY ending June 30, 2011  
**Project / Program Lead:** Nickie Mastay

**Project / Program Description:** The goal is to have audited financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 as soon as possible.

**Status:** In speaking with Scott Miller of OUM (current audit firm) on March 6, 2012, they are awaiting outstanding Open Items. They have concentrated on auditing the Redevelopment Agency and have only audited the city wide pooled cash for the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report). OUM is now in their busy season and will not be able to continue auditing the City of Hercules until late April 2012.

**Next Steps:**

- Received updated Open Items list, Internal Controls Questionnaire (about 90 pages) and Initial Information Request.
- In the process of gathering all necessary information for Open Items, Initial Information Requests and answering Internal Controls Questionnaire.
- Submit all information to OUM.
- Schedule OUM to have RDA audit completed by mid May 2012 so we can coordinate with the county procedural audit for RDA.

**Division:** Finance  
**Project / Program:** Updated Financials for FY2011-12  
**Project / Program Lead:** Nickie Mastay

**Project / Program Description:** The goal is to have updated financial information for FY2011-12 as soon as possible.

**Status:** Cash needs to be reconciled from September 2011 to present. Any and all journal entries related to the reconciliation need to be prepared and posted. After each month of reconciliation, the financial system has to be properly closed and reconciliation verified.

**Next Steps:**

- Reconcile all cash from September 2011 to present.
- Properly close the financial system each month with reconciliation verified.

**Division:** Finance  
**Project / Program:** Budget for FY2012-13  
**Project / Program Lead:** Nickie Mastay

**Project / Program Description:** The goal is to have a budget in place for FY2012-13 by the end of June 30, 2012.

**Status:** 1<sup>st</sup> draft of budget to the City Council on May 8, 2012. There is a meeting scheduled for May 15, 2012 to go over list of items to reduce the deficit in the general fund.

**Next Steps:**

- Coordinate departments to determine budgeted revenue and expense for FY 2012-13 Budget for the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft.
- Budget sources and uses for capital projects.
- Meet with Council Members to go over budget.

**Department/Division:**

Municipal Services

**Project/Program:**

Facility Maintenance Identification Program

**Project/Program Lead:**

John J. McGuire

**Project/Program Description:** Staff will be conducting safety and maintenance assessments of all city-owned facilities that can affect the public or staff. Once a comprehensive list of all maintenance and safety issues for each facility is completed staff will prioritize it based on exposure to litigation and the city's ability to fund or repair them. Once we establish the lists for each facility we will then begin monthly inspections and follow ups that should allow us to notice problems that arise before they become an issue. The key to protecting the city from liability claims is sound record keeping, regular maintenance records, and repairing what is reasonable and readily achievable.

**Status:** Staff has begun inspecting beginning with the Hercules Library. Priority list has been developed. Victoria West Grand Staircase and Park inspected with Victoria Homeowners Association. Repairs have been identified. Staff has also begun to address the library maintenance and safety issues. Volunteers are being recruited. Staff will inspect Swim and Teen Centers in May.

**Next Steps:**

- Develop list of all City owned properties and identify the staff person responsible for the facility.
- Inspect the facilities with the employee responsible for the maintenance, the Operations Manager, and the Municipal Services Director.
- Develop a comprehensive list of maintenance and safety issues to be addressed and prioritize it.
- Begin implementation of the work plan as dictated by the list based on ease of completion, cost, liability, and staffing levels.

**Department/Division:**

Municipal Services

**Project/Program:**

Chelsea Wetlands Restoration Project

**Project/Program Lead:**

Ariel Mercado

**Project/Program Description:** The project will restore the Chelsea Wetlands to its original undisturbed condition and provide for additional storage capacity for winter rain. Over the past century the wetland was used for disposal of various types of debris by both the City of Hercules and the City of Pinole. The project will remove approximately four feet from the bottom of the wetland to provide extra storage capacity. At the same time two five foot culvert pipes will be added to allow the wetlands to experience tidal flows. In addition, water run-off will be redirected from a natural drainage channel to a man-made tidal channel approximately 1435 feet in length and connecting to an area that receives run-off from a new overflow weir on the southwest end of the restoration.

**Status:** Staff has secured funding for the project by various means including: Proposition 84 River Parkways Grant; Contra Costa Fish and Wildlife Grant; EPA Grant; and EPA Grant Match (Portion of Proposition 84 and Contra Costa Flood Control Funds). The total projected cost of the program is

expected to be \$2,041,010. Staff has developed preliminary cost estimates as noted above. In addition, they have developed a timeline for completion.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent out on February 2. Three proposals were received for the work to be done. Selection of the most qualified firm will be completed and brought to Council.

**Next Steps:**

- Award contracts.
- Conduct soils analysis of the site to determine whether the dirt can be sold or transferred. If the fill cannot be sold or transferred, Grant funds will be used to pay trucking and landfill costs to dispose of it.
- Submit CEQA compliance and a Fill Material Disposal Plan to state for approval.
- Submit detailed plans, specifications, and budget to State for approval.
- Begin construction.

**Department/Division:**

Municipal Services

**Project/Program:**

Contra Costa Clean Water Program

**Project/Program Lead:**

John J. McGuire

**Project/Program Description:** This program was developed with 19 other cities to create the Contra Costa Clean Water Program. It is an on-going program designed to meet the requirements of NPDES Permit Number CAS612008 issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region. The program is designed to address storm water run-off from existing streets and facilities within the City and to address new construction activities that could cause pollutants to drain into our creeks and eventually the bay. There are many timelines that must be adhered to. The City could face penalties for failure to comply with these requirements and therefore it is important that staff stay engaged on a regular basis.

**Status:** The Annual Report was filed on time. Staff has collected data for Trash Reduction Calculations and submitted it to the Board for review. Staff has completed the Trash Load Baseline requirement due in February of 2012. We will now have to reduce trash loads from that base line by 40% in 2014, 70% by 2017, and 100% by 2022.

Staff was asked to predict future Potential Development sites. The City did not have any that met the criteria and reported accordingly.

**Next Steps:**

- Continued attendance at meetings by assigned staff.
- Collection of data for next Annual Report.
- Continued monitoring for compliance throughout the City.

**Department/Division:**

Municipal Services

**Project/Program:**

Pinole/Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant Upgrades

**Project/Program Lead:**

John J. McGuire

**Project/Program Description:** The Pinole/Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) is owned and operated by the City of Pinole under a joint use agreement with the City of Hercules, and operates

under Order No. R2-2007-0024 and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0037796.

Wastewater treated at the Pinole/Hercules WPCP is currently discharged at two locations:

1. Deep Water Outfall: The effluent pumping station at the WPCP pumps treated effluent flows up to 10.5 million gallons per day (mgd) through the 24-inch-diameter land outfall pipe to Rodeo Sanitary District's WPCP, where treated effluent from the two facilities is mixed and discharged to San Pablo Bay.
2. Shallow Water Outfall: Flows in excess of 10.5 mgd pass through the shallow water outfall and into San Pablo Bay, near the Pinole/Hercules WPCP.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has mandated corrective measures be taken to increase dry and wet weather treatment capacity, eliminate blending of partially-treated wastewater transported to the deep water outfall, and to cease use of the shallow water outfall by June, 2016. In order to satisfy the new requirements, upgrades to the existing facilities will be required including; a new metering vault, a new head works facility, conversion of the existing aeration basins to four, single-pass tanks, and expansion of each tank by 85 feet, addition of two new blowers, addition of three new secondary clarifiers, addition of two new sludge pumps, a new electrical building, and more.

In addition, and of great importance to the City of Hercules, is a new 24-inch forced main line (land outfall) that will extend from the Pinole WPCP through Hercules, through Rodeo, and continuing on to the Rodeo Sanitary District's WPCP.

**Status:** A group of individuals from both the private and public sectors was formed as a Selection Committee for the purpose of selecting a firm for pre-design services. Three firms were interviewed including; Brown and Caldwell, Carollo Engineers, and HDR Inc., with the Selection Committee deciding with a near unanimous vote to choose HDR Inc.

A Study Session was conducted by the City of Pinole on Tuesday, January 31.  
A Study Session was conducted by the City of Hercules on February 7.

The decision to hire HDR Engineering was brought back for the decision of the full Council on February 16, and the Council voted in the affirmative to hire HDR Engineering.

**Next Steps:**

- April 10, 2012 – Adopt Resolution approving the selection of HDR by the Joint Wastewater Sub-Committee.
- February 2012 – August 2012 Land Outfall Preliminary Design.
- February 2012 – May 2012 Geotechnical investigations.
- March 2012 – September 2012 Water Pollution Control Plant Pre-design.

**Department/Division:**

Municipal Services

**Project/Program:**

Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District Contracts

**Project/Program Lead:**

John J. McGuire

**Project/Program Description:** The City of Hercules currently has five Landscaping and Lighting Districts. Comprised within the five Districts are nine neighborhood zones. Pursuant to the Lighting and Landscaping Act of 1972 and City Council resolution, Engineer's Reports are developed for the purpose

of establishing assessments to be used for maintenance of the lighting and landscaping within each District.

Some of the zones contained within the Districts are operating with deficits such as Bayside 2005-1 and areas located within Zones 5. In prior years, staff drafted contract amendments for each amenity or zone as they were built or created. Since 2003, contracts were continually rolled over to the next fiscal year without placing the contracts out to bid. Over time, without review of the contracts or without adhering to bid requirements these documents became unenforceable and will need to be revised. Once the revisions are complete the contracts will be put out to a public bid in an effort to reduce costs and to ensure that the City is receiving the services they have contracted for.

**Status:** Staff has met with Joseph Francisco of Francisco and Associates to discuss our plans. He concurs with our observations and will be working closely with staff to ensure we create contracts that are thorough, enforceable, and biddable. This effort will help staff to identify areas that need either increased or decreased levels of service based on the assessments within the District. This will also help with cost controls.

Staff is reviewing a draft Lighting and landscaping contract and making revisions to it. Staff has developed new maps of all the Lighting and Landscaping Districts and continues to work on contract revisions. Staff will be meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> with Francisco and Associates to review previous budget expenditures and revenues and to check progress on revisions.

Staff has completed the new maps and the re-writing of the contract documents for bidding and enforcement.

New contracts have been developed and advertised for bid. Bid documents are required to be submitted by 5:00 pm on May 17th.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to gather information for Francisco and Associates.
- February – Begin writing draft contracts.
- March – Write new contracts.
- April – Contracts go to bid.
- May – Contracts are awarded and existing contracts are terminated.
- July – New contracts begin.
- On-going observation and inspection of Districts for compliance and cost savings.

**Department/Division:**

Planning/Advanced

**Project / Program:**

Measure C/J Checklist/CCTA/WCCTAC

**Project / Program Lead:**

Robert Reber

**Project / Program Description:** In 1988, Contra Costa County passed a half-cent sales tax for transportation programs and projects, such as highways, transit, bus operations, and bicycle/pedestrian trails, titled “Measure C”. A Growth Management Program was included in that ballot measure. To be eligible for sales tax “return to source” funds, each participating jurisdiction is required to take the following actions:

1. Adopt a growth management element as part of the general plan incorporating traffic level of service standards for basic routes (non-regional routes) and performance standards for fire, police, parks, water, flood control and sanitary sewer;
2. Participate in the multi-jurisdictional planning process through the forum of Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPC's);
3. Participate in transportation demand management efforts to reduce dependence on single occupant automobiles;
4. Adopt a five-year capital improvement program to anticipate needed investments;
5. Adopt a mitigation fee program to ensure that development "pays its own way" and
6. Address housing options and job opportunities at the local, regional and county-wide levels to reduce the number or length of automobile commute trips.

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) monitors each jurisdiction's compliance with the Growth Management Program biennially. If a jurisdiction is found to be out of compliance with the program, CCTA may withhold a jurisdiction's share of the "return to source" sales tax revenues that are allocated for local street maintenance and improvements. The City of Hercules has participated in this Checklist Compliance procedure since fiscal year 1991-92, and has continued to receive progressively increased amounts of funding from participating in this program. In the first funding period, Hercules received \$170,000 for 1992-93. \$293,000 in 2009-10. In 18 years, the City averaged yearly increases of \$6,833.00 every funding period in Measure C monies. Hercules is dependent on funding for long-range transportation improvements such as the following:

1. Street improvements and overlay projects (Willow Avenue, San Pablo Avenue).
2. San Pablo Avenue traffic signal coordination.
3. Interstate 80 Corridor ramp metering and signage program.
4. State Route 4 Freeway improvements.

**Status:** City was awarded \$293,000 for the 2010-11 funding period. Next year, Hercules should receive approximately \$301,000. Planning staff continues to participate in regional transportation meetings including:

1. The West Contra Costa Transportation Authority Commission-Technical Advisory Committee monthly meetings in the City of San Pablo to discuss funding and grants available for cities on the west side of San Pablo Bay.
2. The Contra Costa Transportation Authority / Planning Directors meets quarterly to develop and to recommend long-term development goals to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Metropolitan Transportation Commission on regional-wide issues, such as impacts of greenhouse gases, and Sustainable Communities Strategies. Funding for the development of the Intermodal Transit Center, and early release of Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) fee monies were approved by continued participation and support by WCCTAC-TAC members.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to participate with the WCCTAC-TAC and the CCTA with the goal of actively seek available transportation funding for various projects.

**Department/ Division:**  
**Project/Program:**  
**Project/Program Lead:**

Planning/Advanced  
Growth Management Element  
Robert Reber

**Project/Program Description:** In 1988, the voters in this county approved the “Contra Costa Transportation Improvement and Growth management Ordinance (Measure C)”. This measure intended to improve the quality of life in the County by reducing congestion on major streets and highways, and by keeping new growth in balance with the capacity of public facilities. Measure C increased the County-wide sales tax by ½ cent, and allocated the revenue from this increase to a specified list of transportation improvement projects and programs. It also included an innovative program to upgrade maintenance of local streets and to promote growth management. The Growth Management Element is one of the adopted elements of the City of Hercules General Plan, and required for funding of the voter-approved Measure C/J grant funding. The adopted City’s Growth Management Element was adopted on September 22, 1998.

**Status:** The next round of Measure J “Return to Source” monies is dependent on the City of Hercules successfully revising its Growth Management Element to conform to the new qualifications of Measure “J,” and the State of California Housing and Community Development’s (HCD) housing element guidelines.

**Next Steps:**

- Revise the existing Growth Management Element according to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority’s (CCTA) recommendations.

**Department/Division:**  
**Project/Program:**  
**Project/Program Lead:**

Planning/Advanced  
Housing Element  
Robert Reber

**Project/Program Description:** Every jurisdiction in California must have a General Plan, which serves as a “constitution” for development in the city. It is a long-range planning document that describes goals, policies and programs to guide development decision making. One element of the General Plan is the Housing Element. State law specifies what the Housing Element must contain: An assessment of housing needs and an inventory of resources and constraints relevant to meeting these needs; and a statement of the community’s goals, quantified objectives, and policies relative to the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing; a program which sets forth a five-year schedule of actions to implement the policies and achieve the goals and objectives. Most importantly, the Housing Element must: Identify adequate sites with appropriate zoning densities and infrastructure to meet the community’s need for housing (including its need for low and very low income households, mobile homes, farm-worker housing, and homeless shelters); and address and, where appropriate and legally possible, remove governmental constraints” to housing development.

**Status:** The Housing Element update is on hold pending resolution and clarification of likely development scenarios and potential rezoning of undeveloped properties. Completing the Housing Element will require identifying funds for consultants to complete the work. Not having a certified Housing Element could put disadvantage for obtaining certain grant funding opportunities.

**Next Steps:**

- Modify the existing element to reflect potential changes proposed for Sycamore North, Victoria Crescent, and Parcel C, and revise previous estimates of affordable housing units given the dissolution of redevelopment as a source of affordable funding.
- Re-submit the revised housing element to the state Housing and Community Development Department (HCD).
- Present the revised Housing Element for review and approval to the Planning Commission and City Council.

**Department/Division:**

Planning/Advanced

**Project/Program:**

Planning Fees Project

**Project/Program Lead:**

Robert Reber

**Project / Program Description:** The City Council requested staff conduct a focused study of planning fees in adjacent cities in the Bay Area to determine if the cost of the application fees were competitive with other cities.

**Status:** Staff has downloaded fee schedules for surrounding cities, including: Albany, American Canyon, Benicia, El Cerrito, Martinez, Pinole, Pleasant Hill, Richmond, San Pablo, and Vallejo. .

**Next Steps:**

- Revise the Master Fee schedule to ensure justifiable cost-recovery basis for planning fees.

**Department/Division:**

Planning/Affordable Housing

**Project/Program:**

Monthly Acceptance of Payments

**Project/Program Lead:**

Nickie Mastay

**Project / Program Description:** On December 21, 2010, the City Council directed the City staff to develop a transition plan to incorporate the existing affordable housing programs under the Planning Director's supervision, and return with a draft proposal of how this could be accomplished within a 60-day time period. Currently, there are 13 programs in the Affordable Housing Program. The Affordable Housing Programs have been suspended, and there are no new loans being issued. However, a number of affordable housing programs require administration and reporting.

**Status:** The City Council elected at its January 10 meeting to not become the successor agency for the affordable housing portion of the Redevelopment Agency, which dissolved effective February 1.

**Next Steps:**

- City staff will be working on transition plan with staff from the Contra Costa County Housing Authority, which will become the successor agency for the affordable housing portion the former Hercules Redevelopment Agency.

**Department/Division:**

City Manager/Real Estate Transactions

**Project/Program:**

ITC-Bayfront Development

**Project/Program Lead:**

William Silva/Steve Duran

**Project / Program Description:** This project will move the City toward the ultimate goal of building an inter-modal transit (ITC) center and to provide the Bayfront developer with development entitlements for medium to high density transit oriented development. This project proposes to develop a 42.36 acre portion of the City of Hercules Waterfront District master Plan (WDMP) area with the “Hercules Bayfront Project,” a transit-oriented, mixed-use neighborhood that includes a variety of dwelling unit types with businesses, an associated system of walkable streets, pedestrian interconnections, and public plazas with bay views.

**Status:** All CEQA approvals have been secured. NEPA work is complete and comment period for the Record of Determination (ROD) will be over by the end of May. The City Council approved the Purchase and Sale Agreements and the Development Agreements (Ordinances) for the project on February 28 and Tentative Map on March 13. On March 21, the Contra Costa Transportation Commission the new ITC funding plan and an appropriation of \$4,518,000 of Measure J funding for the project, consisting of \$2,162,000 for the acquisition of land for the ITC and \$2,356,000 for extension of John Muir Parkway and other items related to the transit center. This funding enables phase 1A of the project to begin.

**Grant Applications:** Measure J established four countywide capital and maintenance programs, two of which are Transportation for Livable Communities (CC-TLC), and Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities (PBTF). In November, two applications were submitted to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), one under each program. The CCTA Board will hear the Programming Plan (including these two grants) on May 16, 2012.

1. **Measure J – Transportation for Livable Communities (CC-TLC):** This grant application of \$1,240,000 will fund the Bay Trail Gap Closure Project and will finalize funding for the Bayfront Bridge and the extension of Bayfront Boulevard from John Muir Parkway to the Intermodal Transit Center site. This element was recommended by WCCTAC on March 24, 2012 and by the CCTA Planning Committee on May 2, 2012.
2. **Measure J – Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities (PBTF):** This grant application of \$600,000 will fund construction of a trail from the current terminus of John Muir Parkway along the edge of the restored Refugio Creek to Shoreline Loop (Transit Loop Drive) as an element of the Refugio Creek Restoration. The Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC) and the CCTA Planning Committee have both recommended this Project.

**Right – Of – Way Acquisition:** Right-Of-Way acquisition is pending finalization of the environmental process, which will be signified by the Record of Decision (ROD). The City released BKF to prepare the ALTA Survey that will be necessary when the City closes on the property.

**Environmental Work:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was placed on the Federal Register on April 27, 2012. The Record of Decision (ROD) is anticipated in early June 2012.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to implement contacts and manage grants.
- Close escrow on land acquisitions.
- Seek additional grant funding for various project components.

**Department/Division:**

City Manager/Real Estate Transactions

**Project/Program:**

Sycamore North

**Project/Program Lead:**

Steve Duran

**Project / Program Description:** Sycamore North is a mixed use residential and retail project, planned to include 96 apartments over approximately 40,000 sq.ft. of retail space. The original project is a failed project. The City and Redevelopment Agency tried to develop and fund a project that no developer would touch and could not be financed because the cost to construct greatly exceeds the value when completed. As late as six month ago, the City was considering demolishing the structure, lopping off two stories or and selling it to an affordable housing developer for a 100% low income project. These were all bad options. The project was then declared failed and marketed as a market rate project.

**Status:** Presidio Development Partners was chosen from several qualified buyers due to their responsiveness to the city's financial obligations and proposed quick close of escrow. The Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) for Sycamore North was approved by the City Council on March 27 and due diligence continues. The proposed development will be approximately 140 market rate apartments and about 10,000 square feet of retail/restaurant space. The developer, Presidio Investment Partners, held community meetings on Wednesday May 2 and Wednesday May 9. Purchase due diligence continues.

Presidio has requested to change most of the ground floor to residential uses, which will require Planning Commission approval, at least at the design review level. The requested change was requested because the site is not considered a prime retail site in comparison with the competition, including the Market Hall/Red Barn site and Sycamore Crossing, which are the City's two best remaining retail sites. The increase in residential units also makes the project more economically viable and financeable.

**Next Steps:**

- Follow up on approval requirements for additional residential units.
- Assist with buyer due diligence and close escrow.

**Department/Division:**

City Manager/Real Estate Transactions

**Project/Program:**

Sycamore Crossing

**Project/Program Lead:**

Steve Duran

**Project / Program Description:** A Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) was entered into Property Development Centers (DPC) in January. PDC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Safeway and plans to build a 55,000 to 65,000 Safeway store and gas station near the southwest San Pablo Avenue edge of the site, with restaurants at the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Sycamore, and two or three story residential units on Sycamore facing Sycamore North.

**Status:** There is nothing new to report as of May 1, 2012. Staff and legal counsel continue to work on removal of the deed restriction; however, there is nothing new to report. The removal of a deed restriction on grocery, drug and other retail uses on the site, is a major obstacle to moving this project

forward. The City's obligation for removal of the deed restriction is capped at \$200,000, so if this costs more, the City and Safeway may negotiate how to fund the cost or walk away from the Agreement. The project will need to go through the normal Planning Commission review and approvals. Staff will be engaging the Planning Commission design review sub-committee throughout the design phase of the project. Prior to the execution of the PSA, the City had previously sought to remove the deed restriction and that effort is continuing.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue efforts to remove deed restriction.
- Work with Safeway and PDC on site cost issues.
- Engage Planning Commission Design Review Committee when deed restriction issue is settled.

**Department/Division:**

City Manager/Real Estate Transactions

**Project / Program:**

Red Barn/Market Hall

**Project / Program Lead:**

Steve Duran

**Project / Program Description:** This site, which is under a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) with the Redevelopment Agency, was planned to be a high density mixed-use project. However, the developer has not been able to put a viable project together.

**Status:** There is nothing new to report as of May 1, 2012. Red Barn LLC had a tentative agreement with selected developer, which has fallen through. Other retail developers have shown much interest. Staff continues to meet with developers interested in purchasing the site from the owner. Staff will be involved in discussions regarding development concepts and business terms for moving forward with development entitlements for this site, which is encumbered by a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) to which the Successor Agency to the Hercules Redevelopment Agency is a Party.

**Next Steps:**

- Monitor progress of developer.
- Negotiate an amendment to the DDA to accommodate a viable retail development.

**Department/Division**

City Manager/Real Estate Transactions

**Project / Program:**

Big League Dreams

**Project / Program Lead:**

Steve Duran

**Project / Program Description:** Staff is pursuing reimbursement of deposit paid to "Big League Dreams" to establish the recreation facility on the property currently owned by Conoco Phillips.

**Status:** Big League Dreams is refusing to reimburse City their \$450,000 refundable deposit. The City Attorney is researching the file in anticipation of negotiations or a possible legal action. A demand letter has been sent to Big League Dreams.

**Next Steps:**

- Engage Big League Dreams regarding the reimbursement.

**Department/Division:**

City Manager/Real Estate Transactions

**Project/Program:**

Disposition of Surplus Parcels

**Project/Program Lead:**

Steve Duran

**Project / Program Description:** Marketing and selling Parcel C (AKA the Wal-Mart Site) on John Muir Parkway and Victoria Crescent site on San Pablo Avenue.

**Status:** Term sheets for the disposition of these properties were approved by the City Council on March 27. The Parcel C developer, DeNova Homes, is proposing 350 high-quality, high-amenity residential apartments with a condo map. This transit oriented development will provide support for the Intermodal Transit Center and the planned retail/restaurant node on Bayfront Boulevard adjacent to the ITC. The Victorian Crescent site developer, Union Community Partners, has chosen not to go forward, so staff is negotiating with the other developers that made proposals. These sites were marketed for several months to retail, office/R&D and residential developers, however, the market in only supporting residential development at this location. No non-residential offers were received. Retail brokers and developers have expressed much interest in Sycamore Crossing and the Market Hall/Red Barn sites and have advised that the Parcel C and Victoria Crescent site are not competitive retail sites.

**Next Steps:**

- Negotiate and get approval of Purchase and Sale Agreements
- Assist with design review and entitlement process.

**Department/Division:**

City Manager/Real Estate Transactions

**Project/Program:**

Parcel C Dirt Removal

**Project/Program Lead:**

Greg Dwyer

**Project / Program Description:** The City has contracted for the removal of dirt that was dumped on parcel C.

**Status:** There is nothing new to report. The dirt continues to be removed off of the parcel in preparation for the sale. In anticipation of wet weather storm prevention measures (SWPPP) were installed on the parcel.

**Next Steps:**

- Monitor site and progress.
- First phase of dirt removal is coming to a close, approximately 85,000 yards has been removed off of the site.

**Department/Division:**

City Manager/Real Estate Transactions

**Project/Program:**

LED Signage in Hercules

**Project/Program Lead:**

Steve Duran

Dwyer

**Project / Program Description:** The City received a proposal for a pylon LED sign to be placed on a City owned parcel near Interstate 80.

**Status:** Item was taken to City Council Closed Session for Council direction. Council has directed staff to research the proposal and report back their findings. This project is on the back burner due to lack of staffing.

**Next Steps:**

- Research having an LED sign at that location and the potential impact on community.
- Identify potential changes or revisions that would need to be made to existing ordinances to permit such a sign coming into the City.

**Department/Division:** City Manager/Hercules Municipal Utility  
**Project / Program:** PG&E WDT  
**Project / Program Lead:** Art McAuley

**Project / Program Description:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has filed to raise its rates on its Wholesale Distribution Tariff (WDT) that governs PG&E's compensation for maintenance, operation and ownership of facilities required to serve Hercules Municipal Utility (HMU) from the current rate of 0.46% of capital costs per month to 0.48% so it has a marginal effect on the existing costs of approximately \$267 per month. In addition, PG&E will be filing to raise its WDT rate for transportation of electricity to Hercules which will have a larger impact since currently this cost is over \$100,000 per year.

**Status:** Staff is researching the potential impacts of raising rates for HMU commercial customers to keep pace with these PG&E increases.

**Next Steps:**

- PG&E will send the three revised WDT Service Agreements for Hercules when they are approved.
- HMU Operations Manager will be able to provide more accurate cost increases at that time.
- City staff may use this data in forecasting HMU budget impacts.

**Department/Division:** City Manager/Hercules Municipal Utility  
**Project / Program:** Pinole/ Hercules WPCP Retention Rate  
**Project / Program Lead:** Liz Warmerdam/Art McAuley

**Project / Program Description:** Pinole/ Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) desires electric rate certainty through any HMU sale process and beyond should some utility other than PG&E be the successful purchaser. WPCP accounts for approximately 20% of HMU's total revenue, load and usage and can connect to PG&E at minimal cost so it is rather important to retain this customer prior to any sale.

**Status:** Hercules Municipal Utility (HMU) Operations Manager/Consultant is working with Pinole/ Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) on development of a retention rate to provide WPCP with electric rate certainty:

1. through any sale of the HMU process, and
2. on-going after any sale for a period of one year, only if HMU is sold to a Utility other than PG&E.

This proposed rate agreement is a retention rate at current levels and is not a discounted or reduced negotiated rate.

3. HMU prepared the draft "Interim Agreement between City of Pinole and the HMU for Retention of Electric Service", incorporated HMU legal counsel edits, and provided draft Agreement to Pinole on March 26, 2012 for their review.

**Next Steps:**

- Upon Pinole revisions (if any) and final legal review, HMU staff will prepare Resolution to City Council.
- Upon Council approval, Agreement will be tendered to Parties for full execution.

**Department/Division:** City Manager/Hercules Municipal Utility  
**Project / Program:** HMU Sale Update  
**Project / Program Lead:** Liz Warmerdam/Art McAuley

**Project/Program Description:** HMU desires counsel on HMU sale regulatory requirements.

**Status:** HMU has retained the services of Braun Blasing McLaughlin, a Law Firm specializing in utility sales and matters. Firm shall provide counsel or assist HMU in the analysis and understanding of HMU sale and lease options, procedures, requirements and impacts to provide counsel or assist HMU in preparation and review of all required pro-forma documents and assist HMU in the regulatory and noticing provisions and requirements associated with sale of HMU.

HMU Staff prepared the ordinance draft and staff report on February 8, 2012. HMU Staff prepared introduction of the ordinance on Feb. 14, 2012 with a second reading and final adoption on February 28, 2012. HMU Staff and legal counsel prepared resolution and ordinance necessary for the City Council to approve for a June public election for the sale of HMU.

Staff has commenced discussions with potential sale/investment brokers should Measure N (sale of the utility) pass in June 2012, and the sale option become feasible.

**Next Steps:**

- HMU staff to revise and provide retained legal counsel with certain analytic financial documents, and current facility asset valuation.
- Due to potential financial impact or outcome of any sale, HMU staff and legal counsel to continue to investigate leasing option(s) more fully.

**Division:** City Manager/Hercules Municipal Utility  
**Project / Program:** Green House Gas Verification  
**Project / Program Lead:** Art McAuley

**Project / Program Description:** Annual California Air Resource Board (CARB) Green House Gas (GHG) reporting.

**Status:** HMU retained Carbon Verification Services, LLC (CVS), a required California certified carbon verifier to assess HMU's 2010 carbon footprint. CVS's cost was \$1000-\$2000 less than competitors due to the fact that CVS performed the work last year for HMU, was familiar with HMU facilities and did not

require on-site verification. HMU staff provided the required data and data adequacy of power purchases, transportation, sales, GHG emissions, and documented procedures using the CEC tool and submitting it by the required date.

**Next Steps:**

- None required until next year.

**Department/Division:**

Hercules Municipal Utility

**Project / Program:**

CEC RPS Reporting

**Project / Program Lead:**

Art McAuley

**Project / Program Description:** Annual California Energy Commission (CEC) Renewable Portfolio Standards reporting.

**Status:** HMU staff successfully provided the CEC with all of HMU's electric purchases and renewable contracting efforts by source including solar, wind, Renewable Energy Credits from 2003 forward.

**Next Steps:**

- None required until next year.

**Department/Division:**

City Manager/Hercules Municipal Utility

**Project / Program:**

Solar Sales Tactics

**Project / Program Lead:**

Art McAuley

**Project/Program Description:** NextEnergy, a solar integrator, mailed all HMU customers an invitation to attend a "Hercules Goes Solar" held at the Hercules Library on March 10, 2012. NextEnergy used the City of Hercules logo without permission and the City and HMU did not sponsor this event.

**Status:** HMU Staff reprimanded NextEnergy via the phone on March 5, 2012 and drafted and sent a letter to all HMU customers on March 7, explaining that the City and HMU did not approve the use of the City logo and do not endorse, recommend, approve, sponsor, or sanction any one solar integrator, supplier or installer over that of others. The "seminar" was not as well attended as NextEnergy had hoped.

**Next Steps:**

- Due to recent solar rebate activity, HMU staff is currently revising webpage initiating a solar rebate reservation process/policy and proactively managing program communications to usher in program curtailment, if or when needed.

**Department/Division:**

City Manager/Hercules Municipal Utility

**Project / Program:**

Sycamore North Electric Work

**Project / Program Lead:**

Art McAuley

**Project/Program Description:** Contracting to perform electric engineering, procurement and construction work and services required to provide electric service to Sycamore North project.

**Status:** HMU staff is drafting an RFP to solicit offers from entities to perform professional electric engineering services (that will meet PG&E specifications) in order to provide electric service to Sycamore North project.

**Next Steps:**

- HMU staff will provide draft RFP to City Attorney, for review and revisions.
- HMU staff to issue RFP to qualified electric engineering firms.
- HMU staff to assess and provide successful firm(s) to City Manager and Deputy City Manager for review and approval.

**Department/Division:** City Manager/Hercules Municipal Utility  
**Project / Program:** HMU Lease Option  
**Project / Program Lead:** Liz Warmerdam/Art McAuley

**Project/Program Description:** To be better prepared in all eventualities associated with the Sale or disposition of HMU, HMU Operations Manager and Deputy City Manager will investigate HMU lease options.

**Status:** HMU Deputy City Manager and HMU Operations Manager have met with outside legal counsel, and obtained additional contacts for lease arrangements. Staff is also in contact with other municipal utilities to discuss shared services to capture economies of scale.

**Next Steps:**

- HMU staff will continue discussions with outside entities with specialized knowledge of utility lease arrangements and will continue to contact Lessees and Lessors to obtain potential lease structures and provide draft assessment of HMU lease arrangements or structures to City Attorney, City Manager for review.

**Department/Division:** Parks & Recreation  
**Project/Program:** Current Activities  
**Project/Program Lead:** Pedro Jimenez

**Project / Program Description:** The Parks and Recreation Department leads or is involved with many community activities and events. It also collects fees for various classes and services it provides to the community.

**Status:** For the month of April the department has brought in \$145,861 in revenue. Year to Date the department has brought in \$1,223,968 in revenue. Current and upcoming activities include:

1. We have some new changes and appointments to the P&R Department:  
Greg Dwyer, Recreation Manager - Seniors/ Rec Classes/Sports/Facilities/Office  
Ambra Bonham , Recreation Manager - Hanna/Lupine/Ohlone/Day Camps  
Claudia Vega, Recreation Manager - Teens/Aquatics/Tiny Tots/Office  
Andrea Mendez, Recreation Technician -Office/ Rec Classes/Facilities/Website/Guide  
Jeff Jew, Rec .Leader III – Teen Center/Office  
Jan Goike- Office II - Lupine Child Care

2. Reviewing a new ADA Swimming Pool requirement, that might require some new equipment and installation of railings.
3. Working with Siemens on fixing the piping and pool heater issues from the installation of the Cogen and heat exchangers.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to work on items related to the library, recreation, parks, and community services programs, including the general use of park and facilities.

**Department/Division:**

Parks & Recreation

**Project/Program:**

Community & Library Services Commission

**Project/Program Lead:**

Pedro Jimenez

**Project / Program Description:** The Community and Library Services Commission provides information to and advises the City Council on items related to the City's library, recreation, parks, and community services programs, including the general use of park facilities and matters relating to the community's recreational and service needs.

**Status:** Currently the Commission is working on the following topics: The Non Profit Recognition Program Park Rental Fees and reservation procedures; evaluating child care programs.

Community Clean Up Day: On Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 8:00am-11:00am had over 130 Hercules residents clean up their yards and sidewalks and filled 12 dumpsters. We also had over 100 volunteers that helped at the dumpster site, clean the parks and the community! Thank you to all volunteers who helped out, without you it would not have been possible.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to provide staff support to the Commission.

**Department/Division:**

Parks & Recreation

**Project/Program:**

Hanna/Lupine/Ohlone Child Care

**Project/Program Lead:**

Ambra Bonham

**Project / Program Description:** Before & After School Childcare (K-5th Grade) Program operates September–June. Children are well supervised in a safe environment with a variety of recreational activities, including; crafts, games, sports, and a fun fitness program. There is a short time allotted each day for homework, however, this is a recreation program with the emphasis on socialization and keeping the children active. Child Care facilities are located adjacent to Lupine Hills Elementary School, Ohlone Elementary School and Hanna Ranch Elementary School.

**Status:** The current enrollment numbers are: Hanna-55; Ohlone-49; and Lupine-33. For the month of April Child Care programs brought in \$38,899 in revenue.

**Next Steps:**

- Evaluate the programs and the needs of staff and maintenance of facilities.
- Continue to evaluate programs, revenues and expenditures to ensure cost effectiveness.

**Department/Division:** Parks & Recreation  
**Project/Program:** Tiny Tots Program Little Learners & Pre-Kindergarten  
**Project/Program Lead:** Ambra Bonham

**Project / Program Description:** The Tiny Tots Program introduces children to their “First Learning Experiences.” They make their first school friends, learning through play, games, arts, crafts, and healthy snacks. Our qualified staff will guide them with socialization and self-help skills. Our program runs along with the school year from September-June.

**Status:** The current enrollment numbers are: Hanna Pre K-MWF -23; Hanna Little Learner T/Th-19; and Lupine Pre K-MWF-24. For the month of April Tiny Tot Programs brought in \$11,771 in revenue.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to evaluate programs, revenues and expenditures to ensure cost effectiveness.

**Department/Division:** Parks & Recreation  
**Project/Program:** Aquatics  
**Project/Program Lead:** Claudia Vega

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**Project/Program Description:** The Hercules Swim Center is a place that provides valuable resources to the community of Hercules, by providing a place for families, adults, teens and children to recreate! The Swim Center’s programs specialize in fostering human development, strengthening safety and security, promoting health and wellness, and providing recreational experiences.

**Status:** Classes & programs offered include: The East Silver Dolphin Swim Team year round swimmers – 60 enrollments; Lap Swimmer – 4 to 5 swimmers per night, EBSD - 13 enrollments; Swim lessons- 3 enrollments and Piranhas Swim Team 93 enrollments. For the month of April Aquatic programs brought in \$36,136 in revenue.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to evaluate programs, revenues and expenditures to ensure they are cost effective.

**Department/Division:** Parks & Recreation  
**Project/Program:** Recreation Classes  
**Project/Program Lead:** Andrea Mendez

**Project/Program Description:** The Recreation division offers a wide variety of recreation classes that cater to all ages and help to promote a healthy lifestyle. The classes provide a great opportunity to have fun and exercise while interacting with others in a safe environment.

**Status:** Classes & programs offered include: Oil Painting -2 enrolled; Public Stargazing –Free; Basic Math Tutoring & Geometry/Pre-Algebra/Algebra I & II Tutoring classes-4 enrolled; Ad Blast-9 enrolled; Karate-26 enrolled; Zumba-27 enrolled; Zumba Toning -2 enrolled; Functionally fit-4 enrolled and Gymnastic 20 enrolled. For the month of April Recreation Classes brought in \$5,176 in revenue.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to look to sell ads in Activity Guide in order to Print and mail out again to Hercules households.
- Summer P&R Guide is out in households, register now, we have something for everyone
- Continue to evaluate programs, revenues and expenditures to ensure they are cost effective.

**Department/Division:**

Parks & Recreation

**Project/Program:**

Sports

**Project/Program Lead:**

Greg Dwyer

**Project/Program Description:** The Recreation Department is proud to offer sports and other positive leisure activities for patrons of all ages. Our recreational programs help promote a healthy lifestyle, while providing an environment in which people can enjoy themselves.

**Status:** Classes & program offered include: Badminton -2enrolled; Table Tennis-5 enrolled;; Basketball League 80 enrolled; Tiny Tot Sports -8; and Open Gym Basketball & Volleyball averages 10-20 player per night. For the month of April Sports brought in \$11,957 in revenue.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to evaluate programs, revenues and expenditures to ensure they are cost effective.

**Department/Division:**

Parks & Recreation

**Project/Program:**

Teen/Youth

**Project/Program Lead:**

Claudia Vega

**Project/Program Description:** The goal of this program is to provide foster human development, promote health and wellness, and increase cultural unity with life experiences. As our youth grow into teens, we want to give them a sense of belonging to the community and ownership. Youth & Teens come out and enjoy the programs and activities at the Teen Center "T.H.E. S.P.O.T." (Teens of Hercules Empowering through Spirit, Perseverance, Outreach, & Teamwork). The Teen Youth Council (T.Y.C.) supports and assists with Community activities and Special events. This energetic group of 6th-12th grade teens and youth demonstrate leadership skills through their participation at City Council meetings, interaction with the Hercules Senior Center, and the planning of Teen/Youth Special occasions. This successful program recruits active members from the Hercules Community, and the Hercules Middle and High School.

**Status:** Staff provides arts and crafts, sports, and a variety of activities and events catered exclusively for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Currently there are 20 enrolled. For the month of April the Teen Center brought in \$5,295 in revenue.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to evaluate programs, revenues and expenditures to ensure they are cost effective.

**Department/Division:** Parks & Recreation  
**Project/Program:** Seniors Center  
**Project/Program Lead:** Janine Shaheed

**Project/Program Description:** Friends, food, fun and companionship is what the Hercules Senior Center is all about. This program and supported services are available to adults 50 and over. We strive to ensure a physically and emotionally comfortable environment for all, and encourage socialization with peers.

**Status:** Classes and Programs offered include: Zumba Gold; H.I.C.A.P.; Legal Assistance; Computer Class; Blood Pressure; Pool Table; Meals on Wheels; Day Trips; Contra Costa Café; Daily Activities; and Tea Dance. For the month of April the Senior Center brought in \$1,475 in revenue.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to evaluate programs, revenues and expenditures to ensure they are cost effective.

**Department/Division:** Parks & Recreation  
**Project/Program:** Facilities/Rentals  
**Project/Program Lead:** Andrea Mendez

**Project/Program Description:**  
The City of Hercules offers many of the City's facilities for rent when not being used for City sponsored programs or services.

**Status:** For the month of March, facility rentals brought in \$18,188 in revenue.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to promote facility for rentals and evaluate revenues and expenditures to ensure they are cost effective.

**Department/Division:** City Attorney  
**Project/Program:** Legal Issues  
**Project/Program Lead:** Patrick Tang

**Project/Program Description:** Update on legal issues.

**Status:** The City Attorney has provided the following summary of the City's legal state on the occasion of completing the first six months of his tenure as City Attorney. Mr. Tang notes that during this period, city officials have made significant progress in resolving specific legal issues. Not intended as a complete list, but the City Attorney notes the following:

- avoiding Chapter 9 by conclusion of a settlement with Ambac
- the sale of the Yellow Freight property
- the signing of a PSA with Safeway prior to the February 1 date dissolving the City's RDA
- the development of a plan to handle affordable housing requirements for Sycamore North
- preventing multiple lawsuits by contractor and subs related to a local development project
- the Bayfront agreement (despite recusals resulting from Political Reform Act conflicts)

- the effort to sell or lease HMU
- the placement of a Sales Tax measure on the June ballot
- near completion of a Nepotism and Cronyism policy
- negotiation of the PSA for Sycamore North

The City Attorney reports significant progress the past six months in addressing some of the issues related to the cost of legal services. A number of steps have been taken in this regard, including the re-negotiation of existing contracts for legal services, and the negotiation of reductions in the standard rates for new firms. Reductions of up to 24% in the hourly rates for the following firms have been achieved: The Law Office of Daniel Purnell; Braun & Blaising; Orrick; The Rosales Firm; Wendel Rosen, and; McInerney & Dillon.

In comparing monthly City Attorney expenses from the previous fiscal year, an overall reduction in City Attorney expenses of 25.5% has been achieved by Jarvis, Fay, Doporto and Gibson so far this fiscal year (from September 1, 2011 through the end of February 2012).

Another way to describe the City Attorney work is to note that the number of hours billed by Mr. Tang's firm so far has averaged 22.3 hours per week. It should be noted that the firm billing rates for February and March of this year are substantially lower than in previous months, which may or may not represent an overall trend toward lower average monthly billings.

Outside counsel expenses have been heavy, due to the volume of specialized legal expertise needed for matters including the Ambac litigation, the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency, Sycamore North legal issues, the Oliva and Semmelmeier litigation, Bayfront land use counsel, and bond counsel needs. The City Attorney expects that the need for outside counsel should diminish as some of the more critical matters are dealt with.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to resolve legal issues and control the cost of outside legal counsel.

**Division:**

Police Patrol

**Project / Program:**

Community Outreach- Crosswalk Enforcement

**Project / Program Lead:**

Sergeant Earnest Taylor

**Project / Program Description:** In a continuing effort to improve pedestrian safety, the Hercules Police Department is increasing crosswalk enforcement throughout the city. Enforcement will occur during both day and night with an emphasis placed in high traffic areas i.e. San Pablo Avenue and Sycamore Ave, Sycamore Ave and Willow Avenue.

**Status:** During the month of April patrol personnel in conducted crosswalk enforcement on Sycamore at Duck Pond Park

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to conduct these operations in specified location throughout the city.
- Evaluate the area that encompasses the crosswalk to ensure proper visibility and signage.
- Deadline: Ongoing monthly evaluation.

**Division:** Police Administration  
**Project / Program:** Reserve Police Officer Recruitment  
**Project / Program Lead:** Acting Commander Ruben Rodriguez

**Project / Program Description:** The Hercules Police Department is currently recruiting Reserve Police Officers. These are volunteer positions which assist the department in all areas including patrol and investigations. This year's goal is to recruit and hire 4 Reserve Officers.

**Status:** The department continually accepts applications and will establish a pool of qualified applicants. Since the March 2012 testing the police department has receive 7 new reserve officer applicants.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to receive applications for reserve police officers
- Attend the police academy to recruit additional reserve officers.
- Complete background on current applicant
- Deadline: Ongoing recruitment, funding availability

**Division:** Police Patrol  
**Project/Program:** Community Outreach /Wire Theft Prevention  
**Project/Program Lead:** Acting Commander Thomas Koepp

**Project/Program Description:** The city has experienced an on-going theft of copper wire. The police and public works departments are working together to develop a strategy to harden the theft target locations and prevent the theft of wire.

**Status:** As Pubic Works replaces the wire, they are encasing the junction boxes making it difficult for the thieves to access the copper.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to theft proof the junction boxes
- Conduct extra patrol in the high risk areas.
- Continue to educate the community by utilizing the press and City Mangers reports.
- Deadline: Ongoing project

**Division:** Police Patrol  
**Project / Program:** Community Outreach-Railroad Crossing @ Home Depot  
**Project / Program Lead:** Sergeant Ezra Tafesse

**Project/Program Description:** The Hercules Police is working with Home Depot and BNSF Railroad in an effort to prevent students and commuters from crossing the railroad track near Home Depot to get to the BART transfer station.

**Status:** When available the Police Department will be monitoring this are. Those observed crossing will be subject to a citation.

**Next Step:**

- A meeting between the PD, Home Depot and the BNSF Railroad will be scheduled to discuss fencing or other optional plans, still pending.
- Identify a funding source for the project.
- Deadline: Pending availability of the Home Depot and Railroad representatives.

**Division:** Police Administration  
**Project / Program:** The East Bay Communications System Authority (EBRCSA)  
**Project / Program Lead:** Chief William Goswick

**Project/Program Description:** The goal is to purchase a state of the art, P-25 trunked radio communications system that will provide regional interoperability. The system will provide effective interoperable voice communications that will enable improved public safety services under emergency situations, as well as during normal operations.

**Status:** This project was approved by Council on November 8, 2011. The City Manager has signed the lease purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions not to exceed \$269,316.46, in compliance with the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority operating budget. The total estimated cost is \$514,896.46 over 15 years. Training for all personnel has been completed and the police department has converted to the new radio system.

**Next Step:**

- Public Work radios will be programmed in May and training should begin shortly after.
- Anticipated time line for PW -Pending

**Division:** Police Patrol  
**Project / Program:** Ticket Sign Off  
**Project / Program Lead:** Sergeant Tim Stratmeyer

**Project/Program Description:** The Hercules Police Department currently does not charge an administrative fee for inspecting vehicles and signing off correctable citations. The demand for the service requires patrol officers to return to the station to complete a vehicle inspection to verify that the necessary corrections were completed prior to signing off the citation. The average time spent responding to the station and completing the process for an officer is approx. 15 minutes. Charging an administrative fee of \$20.00 for non-residents or non business owners in Hercules should reduce the time officers spend returning to the station because of those who refuse to pay. The Administrative fee will cover the cost of the officer's time for those who still wish to have an officer complete a vehicle inspection and sign off their citation

**Status:** The City Council approved the fee increase in January. This project is complete.

**Next Step:**

- None

**Division:** Police Patrol  
**Project / Program:** Selective Enforcement  
**Project / Program Lead:** Acting Commander Koeppe

**Project/Program Description:** Selective enforcement: The goal is to deter speeding and stop sign violators. The Public Safety Subcommittee identified streets in the city that required additional traffic enforcement due to speeding vehicles and stop sign violation. The locations are: Turquoise, Pheasant, Partridge, Falcon and Carson.

**Status:** On daily basis patrol personnel are enforcing vehicle code violations in these specific areas as well as other identified areas in the city. A new area that has been identified is Sycamore between San Pablo Ave and Willets. The police department will continue enforcement actions when personnel are available.

**Next Step:**

- Review traffic calming options for these streets and discuss them at the Public Safety Subcommittee meeting.
- Public education through City Manager report and press (Patch and CC Times).
- Continue enforcement when personnel are available.
- Deadline: On going

**Division:** Police Administration  
**Project / Program:** COPS Hiring Grant  
**Project / Program Lead:** Chief Goswick and Acting Cmdr. Rodriguez

**Project/Program Description:** Research and submit an application for two separate COPS Hiring Grants that will increase the number of sworn personnel. The goal is to add at least 5 officers, four from a COPS Community Policing Grant and one from School Resource Officer Grant. The term of the grant is 3 years with no matching funds.

**Status:** We received information that the 2012 COPS grant is restricted only to agencies that applied last year and did not receive the full amount of officers and/or monies they requested. We called USDOJ and explained our situation (past and current layoffs) and were told we were not eligible to apply.

**Next Step:**

- Monitoring GRANTS.GOV and USDOJ for any other grants that may be out there.

**Department/Division:** City Manager/Police Administration  
**Project/Program:** Emergency Services  
**Project / Program Lead:** Sergeant John Eaves

**Project / Program Description:** California law specifies that all government employees are disaster service workers. Additionally, there are two mandated systems for regulating emergency response. The Federal system called the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the State system called the

Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). These systems are complimentary and have been adopted by County of Contra Costa for managing response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional emergencies. The City must follow SEMS and NIMS guidelines to continue to be eligible for State and Federal relief funds. Ongoing training for management and field-level employees is necessary to prepare them for their roles in the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) or on-site incident management.

**Status:** The City Manager/Emergency Services Director lead responsibility for coordination of emergency preparedness activities and maintenance of the EOC to the police department. With staff reductions and personnel changes created the need for revisions to EOC assignments. The changes in personnel have also created new training needs. Recent accomplishments include:

**Next Steps:**

- City represented at Contra Costa County Operational Area meetings, training seminars, and West Contra Costa County School District collaborative meetings.
- On-going maintenance of all Emergency Services vehicles and equipment
- Update EOC Roster
- Plan for the replacement of the EOC Coordinator position
- Plan for an EOC Workshop or Table Top Exercise (TTX) for the first quarter of 2012-Pending

**Division:**

Police Administration

**Project / Program:**

Criminal Justice Internship Program

**Project / Program Lead:**

Angie Albrecht

**Project / Program Description:** The Hercules Police Department is looking to start a criminal justice internship program. The goal is to work with criminal justice students to give them an opportunity to test their interest in a law enforcement career while earning credit for college courses.

**Status:** On April 5, 2013 the Intern will have completed their commitment with the Hercules Police Department. Each student successfully complete 110 hours of training with various members of the police department to include Patrol Division; Detective Division and the Administrative Division.

**Next Steps:**

- Program complete

**Division:**

Police Administration

**Project / Program:**

City Wide Volunteer Program

**Project / Program Lead:**

Angie Albrecht

**Project / Program Description:** The city is researching the feasibility of having a city wide volunteer program. The police department currently has a program in place will take the lead on developing a city wide pool of volunteers. The goal of the program will be to identify those volunteers who can assist in various departments within the city.

**Status:** The police administration has continuously received volunteer applications and has placed the volunteers in the division that matches their backgrounds.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to recruit and receipt applications for volunteers
- Required: training for volunteer once placed
- Conduct preliminary back ground to include live scan
- Dead Line: On going

**Division:**

Police Patrol

**Project / Program:**

Parking Enforcement

**Project / Program Lead:**

Acting Commander Koepp/Detective Abetkov

**Project/Program Description:** Parking enforcement: The goal is to deter abandoned vehicle and enforce all Hercules Municipal Codes and the California Vehicle Codes that are applicable to parking issues. . This program will be performed by trained Hercules Police Department volunteers.

**Status:** The police department has implemented a volunteer parking enforcement program. The volunteers in this program will assist patrol personnel in the enforcement of parking problems and complaints, abandoned vehicles, and towing and storing vehicles. The police department currently has two volunteers performing these duties.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to recruit volunteers to perform parking enforcement duties.
- Conduct background check and live scan.
- Train volunteers in parking and abandoned vehicles laws.
- Train volunteers the procedures in towing and storing vehicles.
- Train volunteers in the safety aspects of this position.
- Deploy volunteers through the Patrol Division Watch Commander.
- Dead Line: On going