



City Council Meeting Date: December 6, 2005

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES

1. Lompoc Public Library Annual Report 2003-2004

Report submitted by Molly Blaschke, Library Director, October 2005, outlining Library System operations and activities of fiscal year 2003/2004.

2. Comcast Launch of Telefutura (Channel 26)

Letter from Cristina Villanueva, Vice President/General Manager of Comcast, dated November 18, 2005. Beginning December 21, 2005, Comcast will add "Telefutura", a 24-hour Hispanic national broadcast network, to the Preferred Basic Channel Line-up.

3. Planning Division Status Report - Historic District Ordinance

Report from City Planner Lucille Breese and Community Development Director Arleen Pelster, dated November 28, 2005. On November 1, 2005, Planning staff met with representatives from Historic Resources Group (HRG) and Urban Planning Concepts (UPC) to discuss recommendations presented in the *Historic Resource Survey and Planning Analysis Report* that was presented to Council on September 20, 2005. Council directed staff and consultants to return with a cost estimate, possible funding sources, and timeline for the next phase of the project, including establishing a volunteer taskforce to make recommendations to Council on a Landmark Ordinance and/or Historic District. Staff anticipates the proposal will be prepared and returned to Council in early Spring of 2006.

4. Planning Division Status Report - La Purisima Highlands Perimeter Landscaping

Report from City Planner Lucille Breese and Community Development Director Arleen Pelster, dated November 28, 2005. Since the October 10, 2005 status report on this matter, staff has been working with Plein-Aire Design Group, the landscape architect for Granite Homes. It has been generally agreed that the developer will:

- return in January 2006 with a request that the Mitigation Measure requiring all native planting to be installed on the slopes to be infeasible; request an easier to establish plant palette;

- upon Planning Commission approval, install plants along the Purisima Road frontage east of Encanto during early spring 2005; and
- install additional plants at H Street and Brisa Del Mar.

These actions should resolve the exterior slope landscape issues and allow the City to return the landscape deposit currently on hold.

5. City Museum Repair Status

Memorandum from Anthony Garcia, Fleet & Facilities Maintenance Superintendent, dated November 1, 2005. Description of needed repairs to the building's roof, flashing, masonry brick and mortar, windows glaze, and roof drain down spouts. As the facility is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, nearly all work must adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the National Park Service Preservation Briefs. In addition, use of Community Development Block grant funds will necessitate compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Various environmental review and approvals could take up to one year to complete. Cost of repairs was initially estimated at approximately \$20,000; however, compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the National Park Service Preservation Briefs may increase the costs as much as 60 percent.

6. Southern California Gas Company Programs

E-mail communication from Timothy Mahoney of Southern California Gas Company, dated November 22, 2005. In response to an anticipated 45% - 55% increase in natural gas prices this winter, the Gas Company strongly advises business and residential customers to take advantage of its various programs and services for energy efficiency and conservation.

7. Utility Conservation Quarterly Report for July 1 to September 30, 2005

Report prepared by Mary Kammer, Utility Conservation Coordinator. Update of the City's varied electric and water conservation programs and activities. Includes a brief description of each program or activity, and shows activity in that area in the most recently completed quarter, and over the past five years.

8. **Submittal of Report of Waste Discharge, and Beginning of Process for Wastewater Plant Permit Renewal**

Memorandum from Utilities Director James W. Beck and Wastewater Superintendent Susan Halpin, dated November 23, 2005. Information on issues concerning the application and process currently underway to renew the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, which expires on May 18, 2006.

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Attachments