



# City Manager's Weekly Update

April 22, 2015

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 4/27** City Council Work Session (City/School Boards Joint Work Session), Karp Room, Main Library; 6:15 p.m. – Informal Gathering; 7:00 p.m. - Meeting
- 5/4** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 5/5** City Council Facilities & Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 5/11** City Council Work Session, Town Hall Meeting for Districts 1, 2, and 5; 7:00 p.m., Location Karp Room, Main Library
- 5/18** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 6/1** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 6/8** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 6/15** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 6/22** City Council Ethics & Cultural Awareness Training, 6:00 p.m., Main Library

To: City Council  
From: Chris Zapata, City Manager

## Mark Your Calendar

### Funeral Services for San Leandro Police Captain Ed Tracey

**Saturday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Neighborhood Church of Castro Valley, 20600 John Drive, Castro Valley, CA**

- The Mayor & City Council are invited to join law enforcement officers from several agencies and community members from throughout the Bay Area at the funeral services honoring San Leandro Police Captain Edward Tracey this Saturday, which are being coordinated by Captain Tracey's family. Additional details can be found on the [SLPD Nixle announcement](#).

### Arbor Day - Tree Planting Ceremony

**Friday, April 24, 3:30 p.m., Halcyon Park, 147th Avenue**

- In order to celebrate Arbor Day, the City will be hosting a Tree Planting Ceremony at Halcyon Park.

### San Leandro Library to Screen "Under the Same Moon" ("La Misma Luna")

**Friday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue**

- The San Leandro Public Library announced that as part of the Big Read 2015, it will present the feature film "Under the Same Moon (La Misma Luna)" at the Main Library Lecture Hall.
- The film is rated PG-13 for some mature thematic elements. The event is free and open to the public, with no tickets required.
- For more information, please contact Mary Beth Barloga at (510) 577-3992 or [mbarloga@sanleandro.org](mailto:mbarloga@sanleandro.org).

### Annual Adult Volunteer Appreciation Event

**Thurs, April 30, 3:30 p.m., Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.**

- City volunteers will be recognized at a Volunteer Appreciation Reception on April 30th. This year, 150 volunteers will be recognized who have actively donated more than 50 hours of their time and skills to various departments and programs in the City.
- Snacks and light refreshments will be served. Award certificates, service pins, and raffle prizes will be presented during the event to express the City's appreciation to the volunteers for their time and service.
- Please RSVP to Yolanda Carrasco by April 24 at (510) 577-3356 or [YCarrasco@sanleandro.org](mailto:YCarrasco@sanleandro.org).

### General Plan Update Community Meeting (flyer attached)

**Thursday, April 30, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Senior Community Center,**

### **13909 East 14th Street**

- The public is invited to attend an upcoming community meeting to provide comments that will help plan for the City's future growth. Participants will be able to respond to real-time polls on policy choices related to land use, transportation, and natural resources.
- This is the third in a series of four community meetings to gather ongoing public input to update the City's General Plan, which is a state-mandated document that outlines the City's growth policies for the next 20 years.
- For additional information, please visit the General Plan Update website at [www.sanleandro2035.org](http://www.sanleandro2035.org) or contact Tom Liao, Deputy Community Development Director, at (510) 577-6003 or [tliao@sanleandro.org](mailto:tliao@sanleandro.org).

### Bike San Leandro 2015

#### **Sunday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., The Englander, 101 Parrott Street**

- Bike San Leandro is a FREE and fun family bicycle ride. Check-in will take place in the Englander parking lot. There will be two rides to choose from: a challenging thirteen mile bike ride around Lake Chabot or a fun and easy six mile ride through San Leandro city streets to the Marina and back.
- The Chabot Ride will check in at 9:00 a.m. and leave at 9:30 a.m., and the Marina Ride will check in at 9:30 a.m. and leave at 10:30 a.m.
- All participants receive one FREE raffle ticket. For more information, visit the San Leandro Downtown Association "[Bike San Leandro 2015](#)" website.

### Cinco de Mayo Celebration

#### **Tuesday, May 5, 6:00 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, 835 East 14th Street**

- Thanks to the generous donation of several local businesses and individuals, the annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be held on May 5th. Donations for this event were provided by: Juan Martinez, Carlos Moreno, Victor Huerta, Optimist Club of San Leandro, Guadalajara Bakery, Roccab's Café & Deli, and Los Pericos.
- The fiesta promises to be a fun celebration of Mexico's culture and traditions. The highly popular event will feature regional Mexican dances performed by the Ballet Folklorico Mexicano de Carlos Moreno and the music of Mariachi Halcones. Arts and crafts will be provided for children, and light refreshments will be served.
- Carlos Moreno will provide Spanish translation. This is also an ASL Sign Language interpreted event.
- Admission is free. For more information, please contact Lydia Rodriguez at (510) 577-3477 or [lrodriguez@sanleandro.org](mailto:lrodriguez@sanleandro.org).

## **Council Information**

### Drought Update (memo attached)

- Following the lowest snowpack ever recorded and with the State facing a severe drought, on April 1st, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order directing the State Water Board to impose restrictions to achieve an aggregate 25% statewide reduction in potable urban water use through February, 2016. The order proposes flexibility in how to achieve this reduction throughout the state in recognition of the level of conservation already achieved by many communities. Please see the attached memorandum for more information on the local implementation of these measures.

### Proposed PG&E Gas Line Upgrade on I-880 at Washington Avenue (staff report attached)

- As part of the on-going improvement of its facilities, PG&E proposes to upgrade its gas line crossing I-880 at the Washington Avenue overcrossing. Work is expected to start in May and completion is anticipated in August 2015. This work will facilitate PG&E's inspections of its gas lines to ensure their safe operation in San Leandro.

## **San Leandro Next**

San Leandro Next is an initiative of the City of San Leandro Community Development Department providing news and updates on economic development and innovation. The following stories were posted since last week:

- [Lit San Leandro is Model for 20-Mile Fiber Loop to be Constructed in New Mexico](#)

To follow San Leandro Next, please visit [www.sanleandronext.com](http://www.sanleandronext.com) or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).



## *SHAPE THE FUTURE - Which Way, San Leandro?*

San Leandro faces a number of choices and opportunities as it plans for its future. Should the City consider new uses in its industrial areas or maintain these areas for manufacturing, warehousing, and technology? Should the City allow higher-density housing in the Bay Fair area or continue to focus on retail? Should it redesign major streets to make them more “pedestrian and bicycle friendly,” even if it means slower travel for drivers? Looking 20 years ahead, how can the city prepare for climate change?

### **What does this mean for you as a San Leandro resident or business owner?**

Please join us for a public discussion of these questions and other important long-range planning and policy choices being convened as part of the General Plan Update. The General Plan is a state-mandated document that lays out the City’s growth policies for the next 20 years. It focuses on land use, transportation, housing, and natural resources. This is the third in a series of four workshops on the Plan, which is scheduled for completion in early 2016. At this community meeting, you and your neighbors will respond to real-time polls on policy choices that will shape the future of the City for generations to come. The City looks forward to your involvement and feedback on the City’s future.

For more information, contact Tom Liao at (510) 577-6003 and [tliao@sanleandro.org](mailto:tliao@sanleandro.org) or visit the General Plan Update website at [www.sanleandro2035.org](http://www.sanleandro2035.org)

**What:** City of San Leandro General Plan Update Community Meeting  
**Where:** San Leandro Senior Community Center  
13909 East 14th Street  
**When:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Thursday, April 30, 2015



# City of San Leandro

## Memorandum

**DATE:** April 22, 2015

**TO:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Eric Engelbart, Assistant to the City Manager  
Debbie Pollart, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** 2015 Drought Update

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Following the lowest snowpack ever recorded and with the State facing a severe drought, on April 1<sup>st</sup>, Governor Brown issued an [Executive Order](#) directing the State Water Board to impose restrictions to achieve an *aggregate 25% statewide reduction* in potable urban water use through February, 2016. The Executive Order stipulates the 25% reduction in water use statewide, but proposes flexibility in how to achieve this reduction in recognition of the level of conservation already achieved by many communities.

### **Local Water Use Reduction Targets & Impacts**

Based upon [data](#) provided by the California State Water Board, East Bay Municipal Utility District (“EBMUD” - who serves as the water supplier for San Leandro) customers use approximately 83.8 gallons per capita per day. Starting with last year’s drought guidelines, EBMUD customers have been able to meet the District’s *voluntary* reduction target of 15%. However, at their April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the EBMUD Board of Directors voted to enact a **mandatory reduction for all customers of 20%**, based on usage from 2013. This action was made to conform with the State Water Regional Control Board’s regulatory framework as it pertains to implementation of the Governor’s Executive Order, and also in light of the District declaring a Stage 4 “critical” drought, which provides for mandatory rationing.

It is noted that further action is anticipated, specifically as it pertains to proposed water rate increases and potential for fines (for water theft and overuse) from the EBMUD Board at future meetings. Staff will provide updates as information is made available.

### **Water Reduction Assistance Programs and State Grant Assistance**

The State also announced that it will be offering local assistance grants to “underserved” communities throughout the State in order help off-set the costs of implementing new measures to reduce local water usage, which could include turf replacement, installation of new water-saving appliances, and/or new technologies. Additional details on these funding opportunities are expected to be released as part of

the Governor's Revised Budget proposal in May. However, state officials have cautioned that funding for these programs likely will be limited.

It is noted that EBMUD offers a number of rebate opportunities for customers, including for plumbing fixtures and appliances inside the home, as well as for irrigation. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Mandatory Reductions**

As outlined above, EBMUD has declared a Stage 4 critical drought and set a community-wide goal to reduce water use 20% compared to 2013. To achieve these savings, EBMUD has adopted new water use rules that affect all customers and must supplement normal water supplies with water from additional sources. EBMUD has stated that they are primarily targeting outdoor water usage in their mandatory regulations, as this type of usage provide the greatest opportunities for water savings.

The following mandatory *outdoor watering* rules are now in effect:

- Strict limits on frequency: outdoor watering may occur no more than two non-consecutive days per week, with no runoff.
- Strict limits on times: watering may only occur before 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.
- No watering allowed within 48 hours of measurable rainfall.
- Watering of ornamental turf on public street medians is prohibited
- No washing of driveways and sidewalks; except as needed for health and safety.
- Only hoses with shutoff nozzles may be used to wash vehicles.
- Fountains or decorative water features must be turned off unless the water is recirculated.

Please visit EBMUD for more [drought information](#), and to learn [conservation tips](#).

### **What is the City of San Leandro Doing to Address the issue?**

San Leandro is fortunate to have wells installed in seven City parks: Bonaire, San Leandro Ball Park, Pacific Sports Complex, Thrasher, Washington Manor, Halcyon, and Cherry Grove. Water restrictions will not impact the watering practices at these facilities. Additionally, the Tony Lema and Marina Executive golf courses use reclaimed water from the City's Water Pollution Control Plant for 95% of the courses' irrigation needs. Reclaimed water is used for flushing sewers. For new building construction (both public and private construction), building code regulations have been in place for a number of years requiring the use of low-flow plumbing fixtures.

When last year's voluntary water reductions were requested from EBMUD, the City instituted additional practices to help reduce water consumption. Street sweeping operations reduced the use of potable water by two-thirds, utilizing well water. Well water is also used 100% of the time for graffiti removal. City staff are also working with the Community Benefit District's new sidewalk cleaning vendor to utilize reclaimed water from the City's Water Pollution Control Plant. Although not required, the City also turned off all public water fountains.

Water Pollution Control Plant staff are actively working with EBMUD to install a reclaimed water hydrant outside of the plant facility on Davis Street, which would be available for use (permit issued by EBMUD) by the public for construction activities and dust control. More information on this will be made available in the coming weeks.

If broken sprinkler heads or water running onto hardscape are observed on City properties, please contact the Department of Public Works at 577-3440 (weekdays between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm, or submit relevant information via San Leandro Assist at [www.sanleandro.org/crm](http://www.sanleandro.org/crm). The public's assistance is greatly appreciated.

### **Input Requested**

The State Water Board is interested in receiving feedback on these regulatory concepts as well as other ideas on how a 25% reduction could be structured. City Staff are presently examining the above-referenced requirements in coordination with staff from EBMUD, the League of Cities, as well as Townsend Public Affairs in order to better understand the local implications for achieving this 20% reduction target and/or to provide relevant comments to the State or advocate for local funding.

### **Next Steps**

Staff will continue to closely monitor the situation and report back to the City Council as new information becomes available.

### **Links to Additional Resources**

- [Governor's Executive Order B-29-15](#)
- [Mandatory Conservation Fact Sheet](#)
- [Mandatory Conservation Proposed Regulatory Framework](#)
- [Matrix of Statewide Water Reduction Targets](#)

## **CITY OF SAN LEANDRO**

### **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 21, 2015

**TO:** Chris Zapata, City Manager  
City Manager Office

**FROM:** Keith Cooke, Acting Director  
Engineering and Transportation Department

**BY:** Austine Osakwe, Senior Engineer  
Engineering and Transportation Department

**SUBJECT: Proposed PG&E Gas Line Upgrade on I-880 at Washington Avenue**

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### **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

As part of the on-going improvement of its facilities, PG&E proposes to upgrade its gas line crossing I-880 at the Washington Avenue overcrossing. Work is expected to start in May and completion is anticipated in August 2015. This work will facilitate PG&E's inspections of its gas lines to ensure their safe operation in San Leandro.

This item is for information only, and no action is required.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

PG&E plans improvements to the twenty inch gas transmission line located near the Washington Avenue northbound on-ramp for Interstate 880. As mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission's Natural Gas Safety Action Plan, PG&E will upgrade the subject gas line and will install state of the art transmission line inspection equipment. This equipment will allow PG&E to inspect the conditions of the transmission line, make any necessary repairs and avoid catastrophic defects.

This improvement involves encasement of the existing pipe line. Construction will occur at nighttime due to the proximity of the work site to the northbound I-880 on-ramp. Northbound on-ramp traffic will be detoured to the Lewelling Avenue on-ramp during construction activities and motorists will be encouraged to use Spring Lake Drive. PG&E will inform the traveling public of the impending disruption to traffic with electronic message boards (EMS) one week prior to commencement of construction. Staff will also notify the residents of the project via a posting on Nextdoor.com (herein attached). Motorists will be allowed to use the on-ramp each day following every scheduled night-time ramp closure and will also be allowed to use the Washington Avenue overcrossing bridge at all times.



## **I-880 Northbound On-Ramp Closures at Washington Avenue - PG&E to Upgrade Gas Line**

In May 2015, PG&E will upgrade its gas line facilities at:

I-880 at Washington Avenue northbound On-Ramp.

Estimated Start of Construction: Early May 2015

Estimated Completion of Construction: August 2015

Work will be performed at night, during the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

During construction, there may be delays associated with construction. Northbound I-880 on-ramp traffic at Washington Avenue will be detoured to the northbound on-ramp at Lewelling Boulevard.

Traffic will be allowed on the Washington Avenue overcrossing bridge at all times.

Please contact Chris Urango at PG&E at (510) 881-6125, Peter Ding at PG&E at (805) 443-8961, or Senior Engineer Austine Osakwe at (510) 577-3486 with your concerns or questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

