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# Memorandum

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**FROM:** Debra Figone

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## INFORMATION

**Grant from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services**—On August 31, the Housing Department was notified of a grant approval in the amount of \$471,240 from the *Federal Department of Health and Human Services* to expand the medical respite center located at the *Boccardo Reception Center*. The Center, which serves homeless residents being discharged from the hospital, will be increasing the number of available beds from 15 to 20 and doubling the number of medical exam/case management rooms from two to four. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

**Sale of EHC Properties**—Over the past two years, Housing Department staff has been working closely with the *Emergency Housing Consortium (EHC)* to assist in its debt restructuring efforts and remedy its finances. In January 2009, the City Council approved the forbearance agreement related to this restructure. As a result of this continuous collaboration, the sale of five of nine EHC-owned properties successfully closed escrow. The Housing Department received \$232,300 from the sale proceeds used to pay-down *EHC's* \$294,000 CDBG loan. Additionally, because these properties had affordability restrictions in connection with grants from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund, the sale of the properties financed the transfer of 47 restricted bedrooms from EHC-owned properties to Country Hills Apartments, owned and managed by Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

**Another Industrial Business Moves to Recycled Water**—On June 22, *Lifescan, Inc.*, a medical manufacturing company located in Milpitas, converted its cooling towers to the use recycled water. Cooling towers represent a significant growth area for recycled water use. As a result, during the first two months of operation using recycled water, *Lifescan* saved nearly 400,000 gallons of drinking water and \$1000 in water costs. For more information, contact Mansour Nasser at 277-4218.

**Kill A Watt™ Meter Lending Program at San José Libraries is Off to a Great Start**—On July 20, the *Silicon Valley Energy Watch*, a partnership between the City and *PG&E*, began lending *Kill A Watt™* meters through local libraries to San José residents. The meters measure the electricity used by plug-in appliances and project associated costs. In the first month of the program, meters have been checked out 34 times from participating libraries (*Dr. Roberto Cruz-Alum Rock, Evergreen, and West Valley*.) The meters can be checked out for three weeks free of charge. By understanding electricity use and associated costs, residents can determine how best to

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save energy, and in turn help the City accomplish its goal of a 50% per capita reduction in energy consumption by 2022. For more information, contact Shayna Hirshfield at 975-2531.

***San José Goes Solar Event***—On September 19 (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.), at the Alviso Branch Library, the City will celebrate another step towards achieving its renewable energy goals through the installation of six new solar systems at the following City facilities: ***Alviso Library, Fire Stations 1 and 16, Washington Youth Center, Gardner Community Center, and Alum Rock Community Center.*** This \$500,000 ***Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*** project has funded energy conservation measures at 10 City facilities serving low income populations of San José. The facilities listed above have received solar panels. Saturday's event will feature a resource fair; speakers Mayor Chuck Reed and Councilmember Kansen Chu; sessions on green tech jobs and careers in the solar industry; information about free energy audits, as well as water and energy rebates and money saving conservation tips. For more information, please call (408) 535-8550.

***Groundwater Monitoring Study Supports Irrigation with Recycled Water***—On August 18, City staff met with the Groundwater Management Unit of the ***Santa Clara Valley Water District*** to review and discuss the findings of a draft report, "***Groundwater Monitoring and Mitigation Program (GMMP) Database and Water Quality Evaluation,***" on the study of the long-term use of recycled water for irrigation. The report included an analysis of more than 10 years of groundwater data collected from 12 monitoring and supply wells in the South Bay Water Recycling service area, including controls where recycled water was not used. The report supported that through the City's continuous monitoring of the use of recycled water for landscape irrigation, no adverse impact on local ground water supplies were detected. Furthermore, any water quality changes detected in groundwater were "the result of sources other than recycled water irrigation." While the report also confirmed that the Program has been effective in detecting any effects of recycled water on groundwater, some modifications were proposed to take advantage of new analytical techniques and coordinate with future regional studies. For more information contact Mansour Nasser at 277-4218.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

***Vietnamese American Community Center (VACC) Vision Event,*** Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Yerba Buena High School Gymnasium at 1855 Lucretia Avenue. RSVP to Jennifer Luc at (408) 535-8507 or [jennifer.luc@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:jennifer.luc@sanjoseca.gov) by September 4, 2009.

***League of California Cities 2009 Annual Conference,*** September 16 – 18, San José Convention Center. The Conference kick-off is scheduled for September 16 at 4:00 p.m. Those interested in attending can register on site beginning at 9 a.m. on September 16.

***Community Meetings on the Inclusionary Housing Policy*** – Below are upcoming meeting dates and locations:

- **September 17<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall, Wing Room 119 located at 200 E. Santa Clara Street – ***Joint Stakeholder Meeting***
- **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Southside Community Center located at 5585 Cottle Road

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- **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall, Wing Rooms 118-119 located at 200 East Santa Clara Street
- **September 24<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting West Valley Branch Library located at 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road

**2010-15 Consolidated Plan Regional Visioning Workshops** – Below are upcoming meeting dates and locations:

- **September 16<sup>th</sup> – South County** – from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Community Cultural Center at 17000 Monterey Street, Morgan Hill, 95037
- **September 23<sup>rd</sup> – North County** – from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale City Hall Council Chambers at 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, 94086

***Greenprint Community Meetings***–

- Saturday, September, 12 at 10 a.m. City Hall, Wing Room 120
- Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m City Hall, Wing Room 120.

For more information visit the Greenprint website at: <http://www.sjparks.org/greenprint/>

***Tee for Toys Golf Tournament***, Monday, September 21, 10 a.m., Almaden Golf & Country Club, 6663 Hampton Dr, San José, 95120. For more information, contact Brian Clampitt at (408) 794-6203. Visit our website for the latest tournament information: [www.sanjoseholidayparade.com](http://www.sanjoseholidayparade.com).

***12<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence***, Friday, October 2. Program begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by a Walk Procession through Downtown and Community Lunch/ Resource Fair. There is no cost for participation. For more information, contact Eve Castellanos at 535-8101.

***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Disability Awareness Day***, October 8, 2009 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. City Hall Rotunda and Plaza. For more information, please visit [www.DAD.sjdistrict1.com](http://www.DAD.sjdistrict1.com).



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