



# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2010

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
BEN REYES, CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: BELINDA B. ESPINOSA, CITY MANAGER

## PLACES TO BE

- MARCH 24- CONTRA COSTA COUNTY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Contra Costa County's annual National Women's Month Celebration is scheduled for March 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM. The theme this year is "Writing Women Back in History". Each year, the City of Pinole provides a nominee and this year it is Georgia Manassis who volunteers many hours at the Pinole Senior Center.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

- COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1ST

Community groups interested in receiving event sponsorship from the Redevelopment Agency for events in the RDA boundary area must apply by April 1st. This includes direct funding and indirect funding of staff time. Through the RDA Community Event Grant Funding, community events organized by local nonprofit and service organizations are eligible to receive funding to support events that bring vitality to Old Town and the RDA area. These events draw people into Old Town to shop and dine.

### Eligibility Requirements for Community Event Funding Applications:

- Applicants must be based in the City of Pinole; sponsor events that promote the redevelopment area; and/or provide a service to the redevelopment area or its residents.
- Applicants must be a recognized local, non-profit service and/or youth organization, preferably with tax-exempt status.
- Events must take place in the redevelopment area and promote the redevelopment area, with the intention to draw people into Old Town Pinole to shop at local businesses

To receive an application, contact Amy Wooldridge, Recreation Director, at [awooldridge@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:awooldridge@ci.pinole.ca.us) or (510) 724-9062.

- **PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVES ENTITLEMENTS FOR GROCERY OUTLET**

The Planning Commission approved entitlements for Grocery Outlet at its February 22, 2010 hearing. The Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit to allow alcohol sales and Design Review to allow a façade modification and new business sign. Currently, Grocery Outlet is waiting for approval through Contra Costa Environmental Health Division. Once approval is granted, the City will issue a building permit and Grocery Outlet will commence with tenant improvements. At the meeting, Grocery Outlet indicated that they are investing approximately \$1.2 million in improvements for the store and expect to create 30-40 jobs in Pinole.

- **2010 CENSUS IS COMING**

The U.S government counts the population every 10 years and uses Census data to allocate federal funds. Undercounting the population statewide can result in the loss of tens of billions of dollars over the following decade. Data collected in Pinole will help secure critically needed federal funds for local services. Census data also guides local decision makers in important community planning efforts including where to locate and build new infrastructure, medical facilities, and educational facilities.

Your Census questionnaire should arrive in the mail during mid-March 2010. Please be sure to take a few minutes to complete the 10-question questionnaire and encourage your friends and family to do the same to ensure an accurate count. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and the information provided is strictly confidential.

- **WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOLL DISTRICT PRESENTS INFORMATION ON A PROPOSED 2010 BOND MEASURE**

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Harter presented a fact sheet regarding a proposed 2010 Bond Measure at the West County Mayor's meeting this week. The Bond Measure, which will total an estimated \$380 million, will include a variety of projects including a rebuild of Pinole Valley High School. The district conducted a poll and apparently voters would not support a parcel tax but an estimated 2/3 of people polled would support another bond issue. (see attached)

- **TARGET SUBMITS FOR TENANT IMPROVEMENTS**

The Target Corporation has submitted tenant improvements to the Building Department for review. Target is expected to expand their grocery area, adding new refrigerated space and include produce food items for sale. Additionally, the interior décor will be updated. Currently, the plans are in the plan check review phase. The Target improvements have a valuation of \$750,000 and the plan check fees provided are approximately \$35,000. These plans are being reviewed by Contra Costa County so the bulk of the plan check fees are going to Contra Costa County.

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- **STIMULUS PHASE THREE - JOBS FOR MAIN STREET FUNDING**

It appears that there will be another round of federal stimulus funding and the City of Pinole is in position to receive its share. This new round, dubbed “Jobs for Main Street”, is at this time a bill working its way through the United States Senate. The exact amount and timing of the funding is not known.

In anticipation of the funding becoming available, this past week staff members from the Public Works Department met with representatives of Caltrans who will administer the funds. We presented the project details to the project – resurfacing Appian Way from Michael Drive to El Sobrante; and resurfacing San Pablo Avenue from Appian Way. Because of their small environmental footprint the projects were well received, and were ranked high in the county priority list.

The expectation is that the funding will become available this spring and construction will begin in the summer.

- **PINOLE CREEK CONSTRUCTION**

The construction plans to improve the lower reach of Pinole Creek from the Union Pacific Railroad, upstream to Orleans Drive are being advertised for bids. So far, sales of the plans to prospective contractors have been brisk. The first batch of 10 sets of plans was sold in the first week and another 20 sets of plans were on order. Such interest is typically an indicator of a very competitive construction market, and competitive prices.

The City of Pinole received the largest grant award of \$2.5 million and the design phase has been completed and reimbursed from the grant funds. Whether this project comes to fruition is predicated on gaining assurance from the State of California that the State will be able to sell the bonds needed for construction, and assurance that the City will be reimbursed project expenses in a timely manner.

A meeting to discuss the project and gain assurance of the funding or get approval for delay in the construction with our Sacramento representatives, Senator Mark DeSaulnier and Assemblyman Tom Torlakson will be held on Monday March 8, 2010 in Sacramento. Councilmembers Murray and Swearingen as well as the City Manager and Public Works Director will be in attendance.

- **WASTEWATER**

For some time now the cities of Hercules and Pinole have been investigating the best option for the treatment of its wastewater. Engineering studies completed thus far have looked at the total costs of various options, and concluded that the most cost effective solution is for both cities to share in the cost to upgrade the plant in Pinole. It is common knowledge that notwithstanding these reports, the City of Hercules continues to evaluate and favor the option of transporting its flows to the West County District.

In an effort to better understand why the City of Hercules continues to pursue the West County Option, Council's Wastewater Subcommittee and staff members met with Boardmembers and staff from the West County Wastewater District to discuss costs. At that meeting, Staff from West County indicated that the costs calculated by an engineering study prepared under their direction (Carollo Report) in 2008 overstate the cost of the West County option.

Based on this new information, and in an effort to pursue all possible options, West County Staff will be working with our Staff over the next several weeks to more accurately determine the cost of the West County option. In the mean time, we are continuing on the current path of complying with all of the milestones set out in our Regional Water Quality Control Board permit. As you know, we are currently preparing the environmental impact report which is scheduled for completion in August. Prior to beginning the next phase which is final engineering and design, the decision to stay under the "Pinole only" option or to move to West County will have to be decided by the City Council.

- **CONTRA COSTA ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2010**

Attached is the Animal Control Services report for January 2010.

- **FREE PUBLIC HEALTH H1N1 VACCINE CLINICS IN MARCH**

According to County Health, over the last two months there have been 11 hospitalizations and one fatality involving H1N1 in Contra Costa County. H1N1 flu vaccine is still available for free as supplies last at our Public Health immunization clinics in March (see below).

Future H1N1 updates will be sent out only if there is a significant change in the situation. For more info: [http://cchealth.org/topics/swine\\_flu/](http://cchealth.org/topics/swine_flu/)

- 1 to 4:30 p.m. all Mondays  
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Richmond Public Health  
39th and Bissell, first floor, Richmond
- 1 to 4:30 p.m. all Fridays  
Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26  
Pittsburg Public Health  
2311 Loveridge Road, Pittsburg
- 1 to 4:30 p.m. two Wednesdays  
Mar. 10, 24  
Concord Public Health  
2355 Stanwell Circle, Concord

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2010  
National Women's History Month Celebration

**Writing Women Back into History**

**Genoveva Calloway, San Pablo**  
**Michelle Chenault, North Richmond**  
**Myrna deVera, Hercules**  
**Donna Houser, El Cerrito**  
**Linda Lipscomb, Kensington**  
**Georgia Manassis, Pinole**  
**Barbara Pendergrass, El Sobrante**  
**Jennifer Posedel, Rodeo**  
**Doria Robinson, Richmond**  
**Diane Stewart, Port Costa**

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

at

7:00 p.m.

at

**Contra Costa College**

in our

**Knox Center for the Performing Arts**

(located at the corner of El Portal and Castro Streets)



Contra Costa College is one of the premier  
community colleges in the nation.

## Proposed 2010 Bond Measure Fact Sheet

February 25, 2010

### Community Support

In the fall of 2009, the District contracted for a random sample survey of 800 community members to determine if voters would support a parcel tax (generating desperately needed operating revenues) or a bond measure (to continue the bond program) or both. The poll showed that voters would support the bond measure with nearly a 2/3 majority in favor, but that there was not enough support for a parcel tax.

### Bond Program Background

When the projects currently underway are completed 33 of the district's schools will have been completely renovated or rebuilt with substantial improvements made to two additional schools. Those schools have improved the quality of educational experience for students, provided safer places to learn, created energy savings, replaced outdated systems, provided enhanced community facilities, increased opportunities for vocational & technical education for students, and contribute to local property values. At the end of the current projects, state matching funds to renovate/rebuilt schools will have contributed more than \$45 million to WCCUSD. Both the financial and performance audits of the bond program have been positive.

### New Bond Program

The new program will provide for school renovation, repair and upgrades at schools. It will address school health and security issues as well as earthquake safety while creating energy efficient and energy generating schools. The program will enhance our students' technological capabilities and job training opportunities. Finally, the program will promote equity in WCCUSD by providing many more students with greatly improved facilities in which to learn.

*\$380 million Bond Issue Proposed*

### Specific Projects

Pinole Valley High Rebuild	Coronado Elementary
Richmond High Classroom Bldg	Fairmont Elementary
Kennedy High Renovations	Highland Elementary
El Cerrito High Track & Field	Stege Elementary
Hercules High Classrooms & Science Labs	Valley View Elementary
Leadership at Gompers Site	Wilson Elementary

## Animal Services Department

4800 Imhoff Place  
Martinez, California 94553-4300  
(925) 335-8300

910 San Pablo Avenue  
Pinole, California 94564-2347  
(510) 374-3966

# Contra Costa County



Glenn E. Howell  
Animal Services Director

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**FEB 22 2010**

**CITY OF PINOLE  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

February 2010

Dear City Manager:

Enclosed are the animal-related activities and statistics for services provided to your city for January 2010. These statistics give you a report of the varied activities we have handled.

If you have any questions regarding the specifics of the activities and statistics, please do not hesitate to call our office at 925-335-8370.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn E. Howell".

Glenn E. Howell  
Animal Services Director

Enclosures



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF ANIMAL ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS

For the Period: 1/1/2010 - 1/31/2010

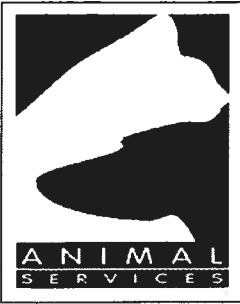
**PINOLE**

	Total
Aggressive Animals - Dogs	1
Assist - Others	2
Assist - Police	1
Confined Animals - Dogs & Cats	1
Confined Animals - Others	1
Deceased - Dogs & Cats	10
Deceased - Others	1
Deceased - Wildlife	7
Injured/Sick - Dogs & Cats	7
Injured/Sick - Others	1
Investigations - Inhumane	1
Investigations - Rabies (Human Exposure)	3
Owned Animal Requests	1
Patrols - Stray Dogs	16
Telephone Calls (Not Resulting in Activity)	1
Transport Animal - To/From Vet/Lindsay Museum	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

**Number of Activities by Activity Type**

	Total
Aggressive Animals - Dogs	2
Assist - Others	2
Assist - Police	3
Confined Animals - Dogs & Cats	2
Confined Animals - Others	1
Deceased - Dogs & Cats	10
Deceased - Others	1
Deceased - Wildlife	8
Injured/Sick - Dogs & Cats	25
Injured/Sick - Others	2
Investigations - Inhumane	1
Investigations - Rabies (Human Exposure)	4
Owned Animal Requests	1
Patrols - Stray Dogs	20
Telephone Calls (Not Resulting in Activity)	1
Transport Animal - To/From Vet/Lindsay Museum	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>

**Number of Calls/Contacts/Actions Related to Activities**



**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**Pinole**

**Animals Handled**

1/1/2010 to 1/31/2010

		<b>CAT</b>	<b>DOG</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>DEAD ANIMALS HANDLED</b>	Field Impound	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>
	Over the Counter	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>LIVE IMPOUNDS</b>	Field Impound	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
	Night Deposit	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
	Over the Counter	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>