

## **Kim Shirley's Council Report for Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

**Tuesday, August 22nd- City Council Meeting-** First, I just want to thank everyone who gave public comments this evening. I know we're not able to respond, but please know that I'm listening and I appreciate your involvement! After the public comments we started off with some very positive acknowledgements. The first was a proclamation for residents Joann and Tony Ferrante. They were celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. What a beautiful thing to celebrate! They've been married for as long as we've been a city! Next was the swearing in of our most recent police recruit, Justin Tang. I always love seeing the family members of our police officers. The pride and love they show is so sweet to see. After the consent items (congrats to Karen Minami who is working towards becoming our official city clerk!), we moved onto the Housing Element update. I was happy to see that previous comments have been incorporated into the Housing Element. We are now waiting to hear comments back from Housing and Community Development (HCD). I know we have a lot of work ahead of us once those comments come back, but I look forward to working on many of the policies that will come out of this process. I encourage everyone to stay involved as this document is important to the future of Del Rey Oaks.

Our next item was a long time coming...this was a parcel transfer that should have happened long ago when FORA designated that land for DRO, but regardless, it's finally complete. I'm also thrilled that this land will remain protected, under the guidance of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), with its emphasis in protecting the endangered Seaside Birds Beak plant. Long-time advocate and CNPS representative Nikki Nedef gave a public comment during this time and shared that they would be happy to provide a field trip out to the habitat reserve. I look forward to the opportunity!

Lastly, please note that myself and council member Bill asked for an agenda item this month regarding the new special committees that were recently formed (my committee assignments include parks and rec, public safety, and the finance committee). Our request was denied for this month. I'm hoping we have the opportunity to discuss these committees, which I see as opportunities for resident involved and engagement, in a near future meeting. If you're interested in learning more about these committees, please let me know!

**Wednesday, Sept. 6th- ReGen Monterey Finance Committee Mtg-** The main discussion item in this meeting was on the white paper that staff is producing which provides historical context and updated information on waste that is brought into ReGen. One of the main reasons the board is interested in this paper is that it will provide good foundational knowledge to help us make decisions regarding future contracts and the overall direction for ReGen. In the past, there have been lots of discussion around ReGen accepting contracts for waste and recycling that is coming in from outside of our member jurisdictions. This practice does bring in revenue which allows us to lower costs to our member jurisdictions, but at the same time, this does increase

our burden at the landfill. I do think there's a fine line between protecting the lifetime of this resource for our community, while also operating in a way that lowers the cost for our constituents. This paper will help us understand what happens state wide with public and private landfills and will also provide the history of service for the various waste streams at ReGen. We should be able to see a draft next month, so I look forward to learning more!

**Wednesday, Sept. 6th- ReGen Monterey Special Board Mtg-** This special meeting was quick and was held to pass a resolution so that ReGen could apply for a CalRecycle grant for \$100,000 which will go towards education and outreach for battery recycling. At this time, ReGen is still experiencing fires that break out from illegal battery disposal. We heard that 90% of the batteries come from the Materials and Recovery Facility (MRF), which means they're coming in on loads that aren't supposed to contain batteries. This puts our facilities and our employees at risk, so I'm very happy that they're looking into this grant which can help educate the public regarding how to properly dispose of batteries. Remember, you can take your AA, AAA, C, D, 6-volt, 9-volt, camera batteries, nickel cadmium and lithium ion batteries and place them in a zip lock bag and then set the bag ON TOP of your recycling bin for pick up. Batteries should not be put into the trash (it's illegal!).

**Wednesday, Sept. 6th- Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster Board Mtg-** We covered a lot in this meeting! The first is that we'll be doing some cost-sharing with Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and Marina Coast Water District for the F0-9 well that's being installed. This brings our cost down and allows others to also access information that will be coming from this well. We also decided to move our Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to zoom meetings. We will be following the old Brown Act rules, so everyone who participates will be giving out their address and they will be posting the agenda at their location. So if anyone wants to join me at my house for the next meeting, my office is open (our new rescue kittens will guarantee some smiles and will be an added bonus for your efforts). We also passed our annual budget for FY 2024. We were supposed to also approve the proposed 2024 replenishment assessment unit cost for "natural safe yield" and "operating yield" overproduction (overproduction means that those who are pulling water from the basin, pulled out more than the "natural safe yield" and the "operating yield"). Luckily, that did not happen this year, but we still need to establish a cost moving forward. There was some disagreement with how those are calculated (basically, we look at the potential costs and amounts of potential and actual sources of water going into the basin and average it out to calculate the cost of an acre foot of water- but not all were agreeing with the math). Given the disagreement, Supervisor Wendy Root-Askew suggested that we table this for the next meeting and asked staff to provide some additional information (history of this topic and further explanations of the components) to help us come up with a better decision.

**Wednesday, Sept. 6th- Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster Ad Hoc Water Replenishment Committee Mtg-** This meeting was focused on a report from our new attorney which helped to explain the credit that Cal Am has been receiving for the Replenishment Assessment fund. From what I understand, similar to what was discussed in our regular board

meeting, when a producer (anyone who is pulling water from the basin) “over produces” (pulls more water out than is allowed), they pay money towards our replenishment assessment fund. Over the years, Cal Am has been receiving literally millions of dollars in credit in this fund for the various water projects they’ve been working on, none of which have actually produced water. The lawyer explained that this was something that was allowed in our original court papers and was further discussed in a memorandum of understanding from 2008. Honestly, it does seem very strange that they can get credit for spending money on projects that will ultimately make them more money (and *maybe* provide water for the basin), but that’s the way it’s set up. Our task as a committee is to discuss the options for finding ways to fund replenishment water when it becomes available. This committee is interesting as it’s clear that three members firmly believe that Cal Am’s large desal will come to fruition in 2 years and supply us with all the water that’s needed. The other two members (myself and George Riley) are sceptical. But again, regardless of where the water is coming from, we still need to figure out how to pay for it. And that’s what we’ll continue to talk about in future meetings.

**Saturday, Sept. 9th- Sustainable Del Rey Oaks, Clean up at the Butterfly Garden-** I was happy to pull weeds and deadhead plants at the monthly butterfly garden clean up. I’m usually at another meeting on these second Saturdays of the month, but the scheduling allowed me to come. It was wonderful to meet up with the volunteers from SDRO! They’re doing a great job of maintaining that portion of our city land.

**Monday, Sept. 11th- MST Board Mtg-** Please see the MST board highlights in our agenda packet. Highlights for me included learning the positive results of the rider and non-rider surveys. Riders certainly appreciate and value the service, and non-riders do as well. Learning more about who rides and where they’re going can help us with outreach. We also learned that all litigation against the new SURF! busline has been dismissed. We’ll be starting a new busline at the end of October up to Gilroy from Salinas which will connect with Caltrain. This new busline was in response to many requests to implement this route once again (it was stopped during COVID).

## **Council Report from Councilmember John Uy September 26, 2023**

### **I. Council Report: Regular Meeting of the DRO City Council on August 22, 2023**

#### **Honoring Long Time Residents Tony and Joann Ferrante**

On behalf of the City of Del Rey Oaks, I am delighted to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Tony and Joann Ferrante on the remarkable occasion of their 70th anniversary.

Their journey together, spanning seven decades, is a testament to the enduring power of love, commitment, and unwavering devotion. Their marriage has not only stood the test of time but has also been a source of inspiration to all of us in our community.

As constituents of Del Rey Oaks, they have been a cherished part of our community, and their volunteer work with organizations such as the Monterey Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) has touched the hearts of many.

Thank you for being Christian role models and an inspiration to us all, Tony and Joann. Happy 70th Anniversary!

#### **Swearing in Ceremony of Police Officer Justin Tang**

Officer Tang, you are not just joining a beloved department of our City; you are becoming a guardian of our city, a protector of our citizens, and a symbol of safety and justice. Your commitment to uphold the law, protect our community, and serve with honor is deeply appreciated.

May your career be marked by excellence, empathy, and fairness. May you find fulfillment in every act of service and satisfaction in knowing that you are making Del Rey Oaks a safer and better place for all.

Congratulations and welcome to our community, Officer Tang!

#### **Approval of an Updated City Clerk Job Description and Adoption of Resolution 202-14 to Amend City's Position Control List**

I wholeheartedly endorsed the Approval of an Updated City Clerk Job Description and the Adoption of Resolution 202-14 to Amend the City's Position Control List. It is an opportunity for us to show our appreciation and support for the dedication and hard work of our City Clerk, Karen Minami, and it is a step forward in strengthening our city's foundation.

The City Clerk is not just a title on paper; it is the heart and soul of City Hall. For years, our current City Clerk has exemplified dedication, commitment, and unwavering professionalism in her role. Her efforts extend beyond mere job responsibilities. She is the guiding force behind the smooth functioning of our local government, a true bridge between the community and the City Council, and a guardian of accurate records. The City Clerk's office is where information meets action, where transparency and accountability converge, and where the foundation of our local democracy is built.

The proposed update to the City Clerk job description will serve to modernize our practices, ensuring that they are in line with the latest standards and legal requirements. This, in turn, will lead to a more efficient and effective local government, better equipped to meet the evolving needs and expectations of our residents.

As we strive for continual improvement in our operations and the expansion of services to our citizens, it is only fitting that we align our position designations with the current roles and responsibilities of our dedicated staff. To this end, the reallocation of the Deputy City Clerk to the City Clerk position is a step towards recognizing the monumental contributions made by our City Clerk.

## **II. Council Report: Labor Day Message (September 4, 2023)**



🌟 Happy Labor Day! 🌟

On this special day, let's pause to celebrate the incredible dedication and hard work of our community's labor force. Each of you plays a vital role in shaping our town's prosperity and progress.

May this day not only be a break from your labor but also a moment to reflect on the importance of your contributions. Your commitment is the foundation of our city's success, and for that, we are truly grateful.

As your councilman, I'm committed to ensuring that your efforts are recognized, respected, and rewarded. Let's continue working together to create a community where every worker finds joy, fairness, and respect in their labor.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Labor Day!

### **III. Council Report: Seaside County Sanitation District Board Meeting on September 12, 2023**

#### **Meeting Called to Order:**

The Seaside County Sanitation District Board of Directors meeting was called to order on September 12, 2023, by Chair Ian N. Oglesby.

#### **Roll Call - Sanitation District Board of Directors:**

The following members were present:

- Chair: Ian N. Oglesby
- First Vice Chair: Jerry Blackwelder
- Second Vice Chair: John Uy

#### **Review of Agenda:**

Chair Ian N. Oglesby reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

#### **Addition of Items to the Agenda:**

No items arose after the 72-hour posting deadline for addition to the agenda.

#### **Public Comment:**

Members of the public were invited to address the Seaside County Sanitation District on matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. There were no public comments made during this period.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

##### **A. Approve Minutes from August 8, 2023, Regular Meeting**

##### **B. Receive Seaside County Sanitation District Operations Report For August, 2023.**

**Purpose:** To receive the Seaside County Sanitation District Operations Report for August, 2023.

**Recommendation:** Accept reports. This item is presented for information only.

Chair Ian N. Oglesby entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. A motion was made by Vice Chair Jerry Blackwelder and seconded by Second Vice Chair John Uy. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

**A. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing A Professional Services Agreement With Wallace Group To Perform Fats, Oils, And Grease Program Development And Training For An Amount Not To Exceed \$65,869.00**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this item is for approval to obtain assistance to comply with regulations regarding Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG).

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Wallace Group to perform Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG) Program Development and Training for an amount not to exceed \$65,869.00.

**Background:**

The Seaside County Sanitation District (District) requires services to comply with its Water Board Permit and Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP) by updating their FOG Control Program, conducting inspections, permitting facilities, and providing staff training on FOG Program implementation. The District's existing FOG Program includes approximately 156 food service establishments.

In early August 2023, District staff requested Wallace Group to prepare a proposal for FOG control program services. On August 21, 2023, Wallace Group provided a proposal in the amount of \$65,869.00 to perform project management and meetings, development of FOG program materials, creation of a FOG database, applications, and permit templates, perform initial inspections for the year, and FOG program training and support. Staff reviewed the scope of work and fee of the proposal and found it acceptable.

The professional services agreement with Wallace Group to provide FOG Program Development and Training is for an amount not to exceed \$65,869.00, to be billed on a time and materials basis.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Board adopt a resolution authorizing the District Manager to execute a professional services agreement, PSA, with Wallace Group for an amount not to exceed \$65,869.00 to perform FOG Program Development and Training.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The Sewer Master Plan (Account No. 953-8820-9216) has an approved Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget of \$500,000.00. Staff does not expect the Sewer Master Plan for SCSD to cost \$500,000.00. There are sufficient funds in Account No. 953-8820-9216 to fund the PSA with Wallace Group for FOG Program Development and Training.

Chair Ian N. Oglesby opened the floor for discussion, and after thorough consideration, Vice Chair Jerry Blackwelder moved to adopt the resolution as recommended. Second Vice Chair John Uy seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

#### **IV. Council Report: AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting on September 13, 2023**

This report provides an overview of the discussions and presentations made during the AMBAG (Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments) Board of Directors Meeting held on September 13, 2023. The meeting covered one topic related to planning.

**1. 2026 Regional Growth Forecast Preferred Methodology:** Heather Adamson, Director of Planning, presented the 2026 Regional Growth Forecast Preferred Methodology. The Board of Directors was requested to approve Option 2 (Cohort Component Population Method) as the methodology for developing the 2026 Regional Growth Forecast.

#### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

Every four years, AMBAG updates its regional forecast for population, housing, and employment to support the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS), Regional Travel Demand Model, and other planning efforts. The regional growth forecast projects changes in the region's population, employment, and housing numbers for the tri-county area of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties between 2020 and 2050.

#### **Methodology Options:**

- 1. Option 1: Employment-Driven Method**
  - Relies on employment growth to drive population growth.
  - Uses demographic projections from the California Department of Finance (DOF).
  - Limited linkage between population and jobs forecast.
- 2. Option 2: Cohort Component Population Growth**
  - Utilizes a cohort component model for population forecast.
  - Takes into account birth, death, and migration data.
  - Provides detailed demographic characteristics.
  - Allows close linkages between model components.
- 3. Option 3: DOF Forecast**
  - Uses DOF's forecast for population characteristics.
  - Limited local input on population forecast.
  - Weak linkage between population and jobs forecast.

#### **Recommended Regional Forecast Methodology Option:**

Both the Planning Directors Forum and the AMBAG Board of Directors expressed strong support for Option 2 (Cohort Component Population) as the preferred methodology. This option aligns AMBAG with other regional agencies, provides local input, and establishes strong linkages between population, jobs, and housing.

#### **Timeline:**



- Summer/early Fall 2023: Select a method and produce a preliminary draft forecast.
- Fall 2023: Complete draft regional growth forecast.
- Early 2024: Begin subregional allocation.

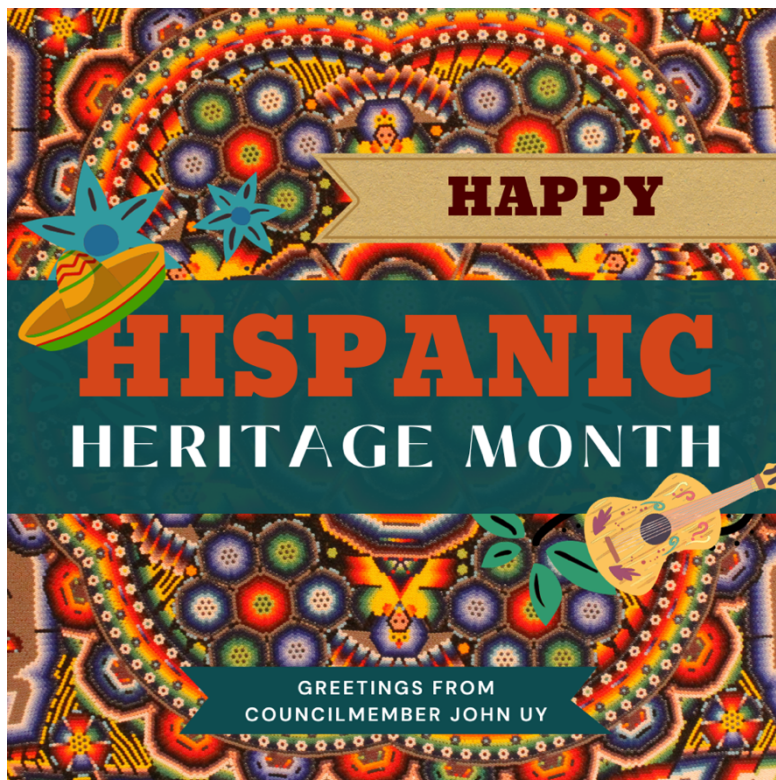
#### **Next Steps:**

AMBAG staff and Population Reference Bureau (PRB) will prepare a draft regional forecast for review and discussion by the Board of Directors in October 2023. The Board will be asked to approve a draft regional growth forecast.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Department recommended approving Option 2 (Cohort Component Population Method) as the preferred methodology for developing the 2026 Regional Growth Forecast. The Board of Directors voted to approve it.

#### **V. Council Report: Hispanic Heritage Month Message on September 15, 2023**



🎉🌟 Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month 🌟🎉

As we come together to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the rich tapestry of cultures, traditions, and contributions that make our community so vibrant and diverse. This month (September 15, 2023 - October 15, 2023), we honor the invaluable impact of Hispanic and Latino Americans on our nation's history and culture.

From the spirited rhythms of salsa and mariachi to the mouthwatering flavors of tamales and empanadas, our Hispanic

heritage has blessed us with a treasure trove of art, music, cuisine, and more. But it's not just about the celebrations; it's about recognizing the countless individuals who have made a lasting difference in our community.

Let the strength, resilience, and unwavering spirit of the Hispanic and Latino communities inspire us. They have brought us stories of triumph over adversity, instilling hope and reminding us that diversity is our strength. It's a time to applaud their achievements and contributions in fields ranging from politics to sports, science to the arts.

This month, I encourage you to take the opportunity to learn more about Hispanic heritage, engage in meaningful conversations, and celebrate the richness it brings to our lives. Let us stand together, united in our appreciation for the Hispanic and Latino cultures that have enriched our community.

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! 🌍🎉

## **VI. Council Report: Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting on September 19, 2023**

### **Introduction:**

The City of Del Rey Oaks held a significant public workshop on September 19, 2023, regarding the City's Housing Element Update. The workshop aimed to address the requirements of State Housing Element law and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), focusing on providing housing options for all economic segments of the community.

### **Meeting Details:**

- **Date:** September 19, 2023
- **Purpose:** Housing Element Update Workshop
- **Presenter:** Denise Duffy & Associates
- **Audience:** Planning Commission, City Council, and the Public

### **Workshop Overview:**

The Housing Element Update workshop featured a presentation by Denise Duffy & Associates, which highlighted the City's progress in addressing the housing needs of the community. The Housing Element Update is essential for compliance with state mandates and ensuring that the City provides housing opportunities that align with the community's needs.

### **Key Discussion Points:**

1. **Land Use Inventory:** The presentation provided insights into the available land use inventory within the City of Del Rey Oaks. Understanding the existing land resources is crucial in planning for future housing developments.
2. **Housing Policies and Programs:** The Housing Element Update outlines various housing policies and programs designed to meet the diverse economic needs of the community.

These initiatives are vital to ensuring affordable housing options and promoting inclusivity.

3. **Cycle Housing Element Updates:** The presentation covered the progress made on both the 5th and 6th Cycle Housing Element Updates. It emphasized the importance of continuous updates to align with evolving housing demands.
4. **Next Steps and Timing:** The workshop discussed the forthcoming phases of the Housing Element Update and the projected timeline for its completion. Clear timelines and steps are crucial to meeting the state's requirements.
5. **Rezoning and State Requirements:** A significant focus of the presentation was on actions needed for rezoning to align with state requirements. Ensuring compliance with state regulations is a fundamental aspect of the Housing Element Update.

### Moving Forward:

The City of Del Rey Oaks is committed to advancing its Housing Element initiative. This endeavor is essential in meeting the housing needs of the community and complying with state mandates. The City recognizes the significance of this update and is dedicated to achieving it by the deadline mandated by the State of California.

### Resources:

All documents related to the Housing Element Update, including presentations, reports, and relevant information, can be accessed on our City of Del Rey Oaks website at the following link: <https://www.delreyoaks.org/commdev/page/housing-element>

