

BRADBURY NEWS

Bradbury's Fiscal Challenges - Part Two

August 2010

Implementation of the City's Clean Water Program and Unfunded State Mandate

Part two of a series of articles on the fiscal challenges facing the City of Bradbury.

Last month's newsletter included a review on how the economic crisis is putting the City under incredible economic pressure causing painful cuts, employee furloughs, decreasing maintenance, delaying projects and other reductions to keep spending in-line with declining revenues in the City of Bradbury.

Despite this common reality in many communities in California, State agencies continue to impose or consider imposing even more regulations without providing funding to cities to implement or manage these new regulatory efforts. Such actions are known as "unfunded State mandates". These unfunded mandates imposed on local governments like the City of Bradbury are made without regard to how cities can manage within their current funding levels while meeting both the unfunded mandates and their other responsibilities, such as public safety.

At present the City's biggest unfunded State mandate is compliance with the Clean Water Act. Through the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit Program water pollution is regulated at its point of service. The NPDES Permit and Industrial Waste Programs are rather complex. Simply put, the NPDES provides for Best Management Practices or BMP's that the City must conform to in order to keep the storm water that discharges to the Pacific Ocean clean through efforts like street sweeping, cleaning of the storm drain system (i.e. catch basins) and construction site run-off plans. In addition, the City must provide public education on storm water pollution reduction and provide programs to reduce or eliminate illicit discharges into the storm water system.

The City is also responsible for managing and contending with monitoring costs, compliance costs and responsibilities for its portion of two major river watersheds - the San Gabriel River and the Los Angeles River, effectively doubling the amount of staff/consultant time and financial contributions.

The NPDES has been further strengthened by TMDL's (Total Maximum Daily Loads). TMDL's essentially identify the amount of toxins, elements and trash that various bodies of water can handle. For example, the Sawpit Flood Control Channel is identified as a water body, and it connects to systems that connect to the ocean. These channels can handle some level of litter or copper or bacteria. Some TMDL's establish minimum levels; others set the level at zero! Either way, the City is required to ensure that each specific TMDL is met in all of its respective water bodies. Failure to do so, would likely subject the City to State fines of as much as \$10,000 a day or third-party lawsuits from environ-



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mental groups. As currently understood, compliance will likely be accelerated forward to the year 2012. Implementation costs for this extensive regulatory blanket may vary greatly, but all estimates call for significant expenditures by all cities for decades to come. In Bradbury's case some current cost estimates for implementing even a portion of Clean Water regulations exceed the City's entire operational General Fund. As a simple example, last year the City expended approximately \$35,000 on previously established regulatory efforts. This number is projected to triple in the coming years, not including known additional – though not yet effective - regulations.

Needless to say, the combined effects of the State's "borrowing" of money from the cities to pay for its own deficits, the increasing unfunded State mandates, and the revenue losses due to the economic crisis have placed a great deal of pressure on our City's finances.

Free Home Energy Performance Workshop



This free workshop will provide you with money saving solutions ranging from quick energy-efficiency fixes to green remodeling or retrofitting options so you can take advantage of the latest technology, rebates, tax credits and incentives. You will find out how simple weatherization measures can be affordable and effective ways to achieve energy and money savings in your home that offset the costs of many of these improvements. While solar panels may be all the rage, simple, affordable improvements will eliminate your home's wasted energy and increase your comfort. This free workshop will feature experts from Hartman/Baldwin Design Build, an architecture and construction firm based in the San Gabriel Valley. There will also be information about the County of Los Angeles' new energy-efficiency and solar home improvement project loan program and Southern California Edison's Whole House Retrofit rebate program. Participants will receive a reusable grocery bag filled with energy efficiency information. You can register for this free event by going on-line at www.sgvenergywise.org or call (626) 564-9702. Space is limited.

The workshop will be held:
Monday, August 23, 2010
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
City of Duarte Community Center
1600 Huntington Dr. Duarte, CA 91010



City Council Meeting Highlights & Items to Come

MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

The City Council met on July 20th and took the following actions:

- Appointed John Hervey as the District 2 Emergency Response Member
- Released Bonds for the 340 Old Ranch Road Project
- Reviewed Mount Olive Pedestrian Pathway and Traffic Calming Alternatives



TENTATIVE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 20TH AT 7:00 PM

- Mount Olive Pedestrian Pathway and Traffic Calming Alternatives
- Approval of City Treasurer on Special Checking Account
- Resolution establishing dates for employee furloughs for Fiscal Year 2010-2011
- Award of Bid for the City-wide Slurry/Chip Seal Project
- Award of Bid for the Mount Olive Sewer Extension Project

Please call City Hall at 358-3218 if you have any questions. *The above agenda items are tentative and subject to change until posted at the City Hall entrance gate on the Friday before the meeting.*

Bradbury City Hall Moves to Temporary Location

The long awaited renovation of Bradbury City Hall has begun. City Hall has moved to a temporary location in the back parking lot behind the old City Hall. Access to the temporary facility is through the westerly gate of Royal Oaks Manor off of Royal Oaks Drive North.

The existing City Hall will be expanded and remodeled over the next year. During construction, the City of Bradbury will serve the public from the Temporary City Hall location. City Council and Planning Commission meetings will be held in at Royal Oaks Elementary School 2499 Royal Oaks Drive, Bradbury.

Temporary City Hall will continue with regular business hours and will be open on Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Building Department hours Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Residents may continue to call City Hall at the general number at (626) 358-3218.

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Dates to Remember For August

- ◆ August 17th 7:00 PM City Council Meeting - Royal Oaks Elementary School
- ◆ August 25th 7:00 PM Planning Commission Meeting - Royal Oaks Elementary School
- ◆ No Emergency Response Committee Meeting this month

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Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Building Department Hours

M, W, T 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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Save the Date

The City of Bradbury is participating in the City of Monrovia's Community Sustainability Fair. Please join us on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Monrovia's Library Park.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
LA County Sheriff	448-9861
Fire Station 44	358-3118
Bradbury City Hall	358-3218
Animal Control	962-3577
SC Edison	800-655-4555
So Cal Gas	800-551-8463
Burrtec Waste Services	800-325-9417
Mosquito & Vector Control	814-9466
Time Warner Cable	888-twcable
Dept. Fish & Game	909-484-0167



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