

BRADBURY NEWS

Bradbury Faces Fiscal Challenges

July 2010

The State of California has been dealing with budget challenges for most of the past decade. While year after year there eventually comes a plan for short-term success, no long-term remedies have been put into place. So, it is no surprise that, these short-term solutions often come at the expense of local governments, like cities. With the State's fiscal future so uncertain, the economic crisis has hit home in Bradbury. While national economic indicators show signs the recession is improving or at least stabilizing, the same cannot be said for the State of California. With the State Budget in constant crisis, the pace of recovery in California is still very unclear. Most economists believe it will be a long slow recovery. These challenges are reflected locally in Bradbury's revenue and financial projections.

Due to this crisis, the continuing decline in revenue, the ever increasing costs of State unfunded mandates, and the increased cost of simply doing business in today's world, Bradbury is showing signs of the recession. During the City Council's Budget Study Session on June 8th, the City Council faced the potential of another year of deficit spending. Following a lengthy meeting, the City Council took swift action making some painful cut-backs to ensure that revenues met expenditures. However, any additional State take-aways or further decline in revenues will dramatically effect operations in Bradbury.

Significant Budget Impacts

- ◆ City Council has requested City staff to take 12 furlough days (5% reduction in salary) – Closing City Hall to the public an additional 12 days a year
- ◆ City Attorney budget reduced by 50%
- ◆ Reduced maintenance at City Hall
- ◆ Emergency supplies reduced by 1/3
- ◆ Reduction in trail and parkway maintenance
- ◆ Elimination of community support funds
- ◆ Code Enforcement budget reduced by 50%
- ◆ Seminar and training expenses reduced by 75%
- ◆ Reduction in IT services
- ◆ Elimination of special services for the City Planner
- ◆ Elimination of the public street tree trimming program for FY 10-11

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REMINDER

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**Happy 4th of July Celebrate Safely
Fireworks are Prohibited in the City of Bradbury**



Bradbury Fiscal Challenges



Challenges – Revenues

- ✓ Property Tax Collection
 - ◆ 1% of your property tax is distributed to local governments
 - ◆ Bradbury receives .0614% of that 1% or 6 cents on the \$1
 - ◆ Property Tax is 23% of the City's General Fund to operate the City
- ✓ Property Tax Behavior
 - ◆ Base has diminished over time
 - ◆ LA County Assessor's reevaluations
 - ◆ Appeals of Property Values
 - ◆ Decline in home sales
 - ◆ Cap on the annual assessed valuation (2%)

All of this leads to a longer recovery period.

- ✓ Sales Tax
 - ◆ Bradbury receives less than 1% of sales tax to the General Fund
- ✓ Fees and Charges
 - ◆ Fees and Charges are directly tied to Building and Development
 - ◆ They account for 21% of City's General Fund Budget
 - ◆ Building and Development activity in the community has taken a significant decline due to the recession

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Revenues are flat and may decline further
- ✓ The economy will not automatically rebound
- ✓ State is in deep financial trouble
- ✓ Short-term fixes will not bridge the gap any longer

If you would like more information on the City's budget, a copy of the FY 2010-11 Budget report is available at City Hall.



City Council Meeting Highlights & Items to Come

MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

The City Council met on June 15th and took the following actions:

- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget and approved the GANN Limit
- Accepted the Proposition A, Proposition C and TDA Article 3 Funds Audit Reports
- Approved the Annual Congestion Management Report
- Adoption of a Resolution for residents to participate in the Los Angeles County AB811 Program - Energy Efficiency program
- Approved the Contingency Budget for the Civic Center Project
- Follow-up discussion with the Duarte Unified School District regarding the bond feasibility study and State of the School District



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

- 6:00 pm Training Session on the New State Green Building Code
- Appointment to the City's Emergency Response Team
- Release of Bonds for 340 Old Ranch Road Project
- Mount Olive Pedestrian Pathway and Traffic Calming Alternatives
- Burrtec Contract Amendment #3

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.*

City Hall Moves to Temporary Facilities

Beginning the week of July 26th City Hall offices will temporarily be located in a trailer in the back parking lot. Access to the facility will not be available from Winston Avenue for several weeks. To access City Hall please use the westerly driveway of the Royal Oaks Manor off of Royal Oaks Drive North. If you have any questions please call us at 358-3218.

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Dates to Remember For July

- ◆ July 5th City Hall Closed in Observation of 4th of July
- ◆ July 20th 7:00 PM Regular City Council Meeting
- ◆ No Planning Commission or Emergency Response Committee Meeting this month

City Hall Hours

Monday through Friday

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

Building Department Hours

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

Email: cityhall@cityofbradbury.org

(626) 358-3218



USED OIL Program

The City of Bradbury has several free oil recycling containers available for homeowners who change their own oil. If you are interested please contact City Hall (358-3218) or come by to pick one up. *Why recycle used oil?* Used motor oil is insoluble, persistent and can contain toxic chemicals and heavy metals. It's slow to degrade. It sticks to everything from beach sand to bird feathers. Used motor oil is a major source of oil contamination of waterways and can result in pollution of drinking water sources. – EPA Used Oil Management Program

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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