MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Howard W. Brown, Jr., City Manager
CC: City Department Directors
Date: September 18, 2017
Re: Bi-Monthly Update and Report (week ending September 2, 2017)

Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – Regular City Council Meeting canceled. This meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2017.
- Wednesday, September 27, 2017 – Regular City Council Meeting: Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Administration

- The City received notice that Tract 349 Mutual Water Company detected low levels of 1,4-Dioxane in samples taken from Well #2 located at 3724 Florence Avenue in Huntington Park. The levels detected are above the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water notification level of 1 ug/L, (parts/billion). Please see letter attached for more information.
- DTSC will be having a public meeting regarding the Exide Cleanup Project on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the Commerce Senior Citizen Center from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. More details on the flyer attached.
- Department heads and I met with the Los Angeles County of Public Health regarding the Zika virus and how to prevent the virus in our community on Thursday, September 7, 2017. The County would like to partner with the City to help spread the word on preventative measures to residents. They will be presenting at the September 27th Council meeting. Code Enforcement and I met days after to devise an action plan for the community.

Human Resources

- Interviews for the part-position of Parking Enforcement were held Thursday, September 14, 2017.
- Testing for Police Officer is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2017.
- The Accounting Manager application deadline was extended to Monday, October 2, 2017.
Contracts & RFPs

- Staff is working with the Chief of Police on a new towing agreement.
- Staff is working with Consolidated Disposal Services on a bulky-item pick up agreement.
- The User Fee Study is at its final stage. Staff is finalizing minor details to conclude the report.

Community Development

- Atlantic Blvd. Median and Street Project – Staff is continuing to work with the design consultant on preparing additional exhibits and designs based on a meeting last week with the Ad Hoc Committee. We will be scheduling the next meeting as soon as more information is available.
- Planning staff is working with the City Attorney’s Office in regards to regulating residential home colors. This topic will become a discussion item at a future Planning Commission meeting. There has been some concern of color choices in the City’s neighborhoods when residents are painting homes. At this time, the City does not regulate colors and may paint their homes in whichever manner they desire.

Code Enforcement:

- Thursday, August 24, 2017- Code Enforcement received a complaint from Bell Police Department regarding illegal dumping of tires in the 6000 block of Maywood Avenue. CE Officer R. Monroy responded to the location and found six tires near the railroad tracks as reported. He was able to track down a man who stated he only placed the tires there as storage for an acquaintance to pick up later. The man removed the tires and was told not to place anything on or near the railroad tracks.
- Monday, August 28, 2017- CE Officer M. Daniel responded to the 5100 block of Florence Avenue at the request of the Bell Police Department. Eight (8) individuals were found squatting in an abandoned business and had the use of electricity due to energy theft taking place inside. Bell Police removed the individuals from the building and the property was secured by Code Enforcement.
- Wednesday, August 30, 2017- CE Officer R. Monroy assisted Bell Police Department in the 6700 block of Salt Lake Avenue due to the possibility of a business operating without a business license and certificate of occupancy. The business was found to be in compliance and no other violations were observed.

Police Department

- On August 24, 2017, Bell Police Department hosted its monthly Neighborhood Watch Meeting. Recent crime trends and safety tips were the topics discussed. Also, Neighborhood Watch members celebrated Cynthia Valencia’s birthday. Bell PD appreciates Cynthia’s dedication to the program and would like to wish her a very Happy Birthday. Thank you Cynthia for all that you do.
- On August 25, 2017 the Bell Police Department hosted a Homeless Outreach effort. Members from Huntington Park PD, South Gate PD, Vernon PD, Bell Gardens PD, and L.A. County Mental Health participated.
• Also on August 25, 2017, Bell Police Department co-hosted a Southeast Gang Enforcement Coalition with Huntington Park Police Department. Members of the coalition included Bell Gardens PD, South Gate PD, LA County Probation, East Los Angeles CHP, and Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. The response from these agencies was excellent. We had approximately 28 officers/agents participate in this coalition. Officers patrolled our neighborhoods to stop and deter suspicious activity. Several arrests were made while also conducting AB109 compliance checks.

Community Services

• Youth soccer is in its 8th week of the second half of the season with 907 registered participants.
• ‘Chupones’ soccer league has 109 registered participants in its second week of the season.
• On Thursday, August 24, 2017 we had our fourth Concert in the Park. The opening band was El Tiempo and Banda Chaka closed the night. Food vendors included Agua Frescas, Te Amo Pizza, and Yummy Pie Babies. There was approximately 600 people in attendance.
• The last Concert in the Park took place on Thursday, August 31, 2017. The bands included Mariachi Latino and Sonora Santanera. Go Fusion N Grill, Te Amo Pizza, and Yummy Pie Babies were the food vendors for the evening. Representatives from Bell Chamber of Commerce, Gage Dental, and the Community Services Department distributed information at the resource booths. Although there was a heat wave, we had a successful event with about 700 attendees.

Finance Department

• The CDBG audit resulted in four (4) findings and the Finance Department has responded to each finding with recommended corrective actions.
• The CalRecycle Grant report was submitted on time before the mandated deadline.
• The Finance Department continues preparing for the Annual Audit with the field audit set to begin on Monday, September 18, 2017.
• Financial data was submitted to the State Controller's Office for the completion of the Street Report.

END OF MEMORANDUM
August 28, 2017

City of Bell
Attn: City Council
6330 Pine Avenue
Bell, CA 90201

SUBJECT: 1,4- DIOXANE DETECTION

This is to notify you that Tract 349 Mutual Water Company detected low levels of 1,4-Dioxane in samples taken from its Well # 2 located at 3724 Florence Ave., Huntington Park, CA 90255 that are above the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB-DDW) notification level of 1ug/L, (parts/billion).

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 116455, Tract 349 Mutual Water Company is required to inform its governing body and the governing body of any local agency whose jurisdiction includes areas supplied with drinking water by Tract 349 Mutual Water Company, of contaminant concentrations exceeding the notification level.

The 1,4-Dioxane concentrations were detected in water samples collected from Water Water Well #2 on August 18, 2017 at 1.3 ug/L (parts/billion).

Tract 349 Mutual Water Company serves water in the area bounded by the following streets: Atlantic Avenue on the East, Florence Avenue on the North, Salt Lake Avenue on the West and Patata on the South.

1,4-Dioxane is used as a stabilizer in chlorinated solvents. It has been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals that have been exposed to high levels of the substance over their lifetimes. Chemicals that cause cancer in laboratory animals may also increase the risk of cancer in people who are exposed over long periods of time. 1,4-Dioxane is considered a probable human carcinogen by the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), and it is identified as a chemical known to the State to cause cancer for purposes of California’s Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

The 1ug/L drinking water notification level for 1,4-Dioxane is derived from the cancer potency in the US EPA’S Integrated Risk Information System. It corresponds to a risk level of up to one excess case of cancer per million people drinking two liters of water everyday over 70-year lifetime, a level that is considered by regulatory agencies to pose an insignificant health risk.
Tract 349 Mutual Water Co.

If you have any questions about this, please telephone Ryan Rosche Water Operations Manager, at (323) 560-1601.

Sincerely,

Ryan Rosche
Water Operations Manager

cc: 1. Paul William, P.E, District Engineer, Hollywood District
    State Water Resources Control Board
    Division of Drinking Water
2. File
### EXIDE CLEANUP PROJECT
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### Commerce Open House

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For more information about the Exide Cleanup Project, please visit our website: [www.ExideCleanup.org](http://www.ExideCleanup.org) or call the hotline at (844) 225-3887.

Para más información acerca del proyecto de limpieza de Exide Visite nuestro sitio: [www.ExideCleanup.org](http://www.ExideCleanup.org) o llamar a la línea de DTSC al (844) 225-3887.