

# City Manager's Weekly Update

February 2, 2018

## POLICE

### **SCPD Crisis Negotiations Team Members Coordinate Joint Training Scenarios With Allied Agencies**

SCPD Crisis Negotiations Team members, Detective Fincutter, and Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health Mental Health Liaison to SCPD Danielle Long, worked to coordinate a joint county training for SCPD, Watsonville PD, and Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office.



Crisis Negotiation Team members for all agencies are staffed with specially trained and skilled personnel who handle critical field operations where specialized negotiation methods are required. SCPD reached out to our county Crisis Negotiation Teams to partner up and train together to share resources and collaborate in the event of a major incident.

This week's training included a presentation from Alameda County Sheriff's Office (CAHN Members), resource sharing, and scenario training. Crisis Negotiation Team Members Detective Fincutter and MHL Danielle Long reached out to our local community to locate actors to provide real-life scenario training. Members of the Cabrillo College Theatre Arts Department volunteered their time to provide excellent and challenging acting for real-life scenario training. SCPD is committed to providing excellent training to our officers for de-escalating situations with people in crisis.

SCPD would like to thank the Watsonville Police Department, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, California Association of Hostage Negotiators (CAHN), and the Cabrillo Theatre Arts Department.

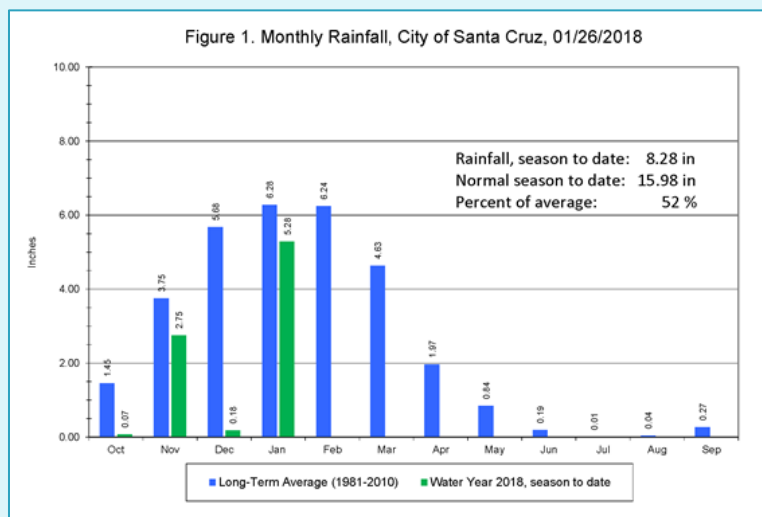
## WATER

The Water Department participated in the second *Connecting the Drops-Working Together for Water* event at New Brighton Middle School. The goal for *Connecting the Drops* is to provide an opportunity for the community to learn about region-wide efforts to sustain and protect local water resources. Representatives from all of the region's water purveyors participated, as well as the County, and a panel discussion and one-on-one discussions provided attendees with a deep dive into how the region manages its water resources. The event was well received, with over 100 people attending.

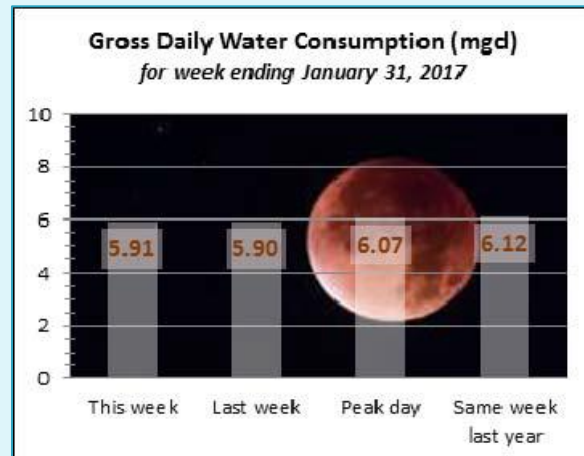


At Monday's Water Commission meeting the commission will receive an overview of current water conditions with the first formal 2018 water supply outlook. The end of January represents the mid-point of the winter wet season. The outlook will be updated as the 2018 wet season progresses and a final water supply outlook will be prepared toward the end of March.

As you're probably aware, we are experiencing yet another dry winter. There was only one day with measurable precipitation in December (totally just .18 inches) making December 2017 the third driest December on record. Ouch. Total rainfall in the City for the season to date is 8.28 inches, which is just over half of our average of 16 inches for this time of year.



With all of that bad news, we do have some good news, which is that use remains low and Loch Lomond is at 93% capacity. We still have some historically wet months ahead of us, so we remain hopeful.



## PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Frederick Street – Dignity Health.** On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, our department approved an application for a Design Permit for *Dignity Health* to demolish the 57,600 square foot three story *Dominican Rehabilitation Services* outpatient building and former hospital (*Community Hospital*) and replace it with a 60,000 square foot two story medical office complex. The proposed project is in the Professional and Administrative Office Zone District where medical offices are principally permitted. As such, the Design Permit was administratively approved by staff without a public hearing. Mike Ferry is the planner working on the project.



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Streets

Crews have been busy paving 20 tons of asphalt on the Wharf, including slurry seal on areas previously paved. They have repaired fencing repair along West Cliff Drive near Natural Bridges and cleaned out the end of a storm pipe below Third Avenue. They also repainted parking Ts in front of Holy Cross Church.



### Waste Reduction and Recycling

Staff provided a recycled paper making activity at Bay View Elementary for their after school program. This hands-on activity gives students a chance to reuse old school paper to make new handmade paper.



Waste Reduction staff sent a mailer this week to all food service businesses in the City pertaining to the changes in the [Environmentally Acceptable Packaging and Products Ordinance](#). The businesses were given a 6 month grace period to use up existing inventory and make the changes to packaging that is bio-degradable, compostable or recyclable in the City's recycling program. The ordinance changes go into full effect as of May 2018.

### **Resource Recovery**

Engineering staff submitted the Second Semi-Annual Report for 2017 to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Collections worked with parks to collect and dispose of 2.64 tons of debris off of the bench lands.

### **Green Business**

Staff attended both the regional Monterey Bay Green Business Program quarterly meeting and a marketing committee meeting. We received updates on the regional marketing plan as well as the statewide data base and grant funding updates. Our City program is developing a welcome packet for new businesses to include additional resources beyond the certificate and window cling they currently receive. The goal is to give businesses added value and thanks for becoming a certified green business.



### **Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The facility has been delivering tours to many groups as a result of the wastewater treatment public service announcement now airing on Comcast digital. Our [30-second video](#) was also viewed over 1600 times on Facebook over seven recent days. Here's a link to the [3-minute version](#).





## **Transportation Engineering/Community Relations**

This week's Street Smarts message provides pedestrian steps to ensure safety and is worth sharing with the whole family with tips to "Walk Smart." Watch the [video](#) or read the message [here](#).



## **Engineering**

Storm water staff participated in Connecting the Drops, a regional water management community event. Our table exhibit included pollution prevention and low impact development information.



The final phase of planting for the San Lorenzo River Parkway Phase II Project continued this week with the planting of native plants along the levee.



### **Wastewater Treatment Facility**

We say a fond farewell with appreciation and best wishes to Wastewater Treatment Facility Superintendent Dan Seidel who is retiring after 40 spectacular years with the City.



### **Transportation Engineering**

Patricia "Tish" Bertino is retiring after 10 years with Transportation Engineering, following many years of work at PG&E. At the City her role was crucial in the implementation of hundreds (perhaps thousands) of small projects, many in response to public requests. She also managed and assisted on larger projects ranging from electric car charging stations to Laurel Street pedestrian crossing improvements. As a worker she is solid, dependable and productive, and as a person she is friendly, considerate and just plain delightful. We will really miss her and wish her the very best!

### **Community Relations**

We submitted our OTS media grant application for Year 2 of the Street Smarts campaign in the sum of \$135,739 with \$121,793 in media placement cost which is a 58% discount negotiated with media outlets down from total value of \$286,883.