



City Manager's Weekly Update

City of Santa Cruz

March 6, 2023



Inside Loch Lomond Recreation Area

Loch Lomond Opens for the 2023 Season

Water Department

Loch Lomond Recreation Area opened for the 2023 season last week, and lake staff have been extremely busy. Aside from the normal preparations for opening, there is an ongoing job of cleaning up after the recent storms. While the Winter wonderland was fun and amazing to witness, we lost power, and many trees came down from the weight of the snow. Chainsaws have been buzzing for weeks now. The boatyard is filling up and we've already sold out of trailered boat spots. Monthly Loch boat tours on the Newell Jewel pontoon boat start April 8th. Come on up – we're looking forward to a great season!

The Santa Cruz Sentinel reported on the efforts Water Department operations staff went through to keep producing water during the recent storms, resulting in a wonderful overview of Water Department operations in general. [A great read!](#)

REFOCUSING ECOLOGY | WORKSHOP SERIES



SEEDING MIGRATION: TIERRA A TIERRA

WITH DULCE SOLEDAD IBARRA AND GENE AGUILAR MAGAÑA



The Monarch butterfly has famously become a symbol of migration. Considering the Monarchs' population decline—as well as many other native wildlife—artists gene aguilar magaña and Dulce Soledad Ibarra will lead a workshop focusing on cyclical regeneration.

Utilizing locally excavated clay, participants will create seeding vessels in the shape of endangered or threatened wildlife.

The event will be held on:

March 11, 2023
11am - 3pm
Lighthouse Field

City Arts Recovery Design Pilot Grant Program Hosts Upcoming Workshop

Artists Gene Aguilar Magaña and Dulce Soledad Ibarra will lead an upcoming Refocusing Ecology Workshop called Seeding Migration: Tierra a Tierra. The workshop will be hosted by the City Arts Recovery Design (CARD) Pilot Grant Program on March 11 at Lighthouse Field from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.



Environmental Compliance

Public Works Division

Our Environmental Compliance program significantly contributed to the Water Research Foundation's report, "An Enhanced Source Control Framework for Industrial Contaminants in Potable Reuse." This report describes the national effort for a cost-effective plan for production of high quality potable water from wastewater by scientifically informed planning of wastewater sources. This "One Water" planning is science and data driven in management, planning, and for public health purposes. Read the published report on the Water Research Foundation website [here](#).



County Supervisor Justin Cummings, Sustainability & Climate Action Manager Tiffany Wise-West, Mayor Fred Keeley, Public Works Director Nathan Nguyen and Public Works Director Emeritus Mark Dettle cut the ribbon!

Resource Recovery

Public Works Division

On Thursday we celebrated our procurement of the first all-electric refuse truck in Santa Cruz County with a community ribbon-cutting ceremony at City Hall Courtyard. Mayor Keeley hosted the event which included seven speakers and a demonstration of the very quiet zero-emissions Mack Electric LR in motion. Read [more](#).

Community Meeting on Peace Village Held to Gather Public Input



On February 8th, the applicant for the proposed 40-unit apartment building at 900 High Street held a virtual community meeting to present the project to the public and hear feedback consistent with the Community Outreach Policy. Approximately 96 community members attended. Participants expressed both support for and concerns with the project. Input topics included traffic, parking, density, pedestrian safety, development height, bicycle parking, open space, refuse management, construction noise, affordable housing, and wildlife habitat. The application is currently incomplete. Once the application is complete, the project will require a public hearing before the Zoning Administrator. Clara Stanger is the planner working on the project.

Public Input Gathered at Community Meeting on Ocean Street Project

On February 9th, the applicant for the new project at 908 Ocean Street held a hybrid community meeting virtually and in person to present to the public and hear feedback consistent with the Community Outreach Policy. The proposed development is a mixed-use project with 354 dwellings and ground floor commercial space along Ocean Street. Approximately 39 community members attended. Feedback topics include state laws on parking; standards affecting project review; construction noise; building height; shade studies; open space; rental prices; neighborhood residential permit parking; design consistency with the Ocean Street Area Plan; traffic; local labor for construction; affordable units; provisions for displaced tenants; pedestrian and cyclist safety; project timing; electrical infrastructure; and design considerations to limit loitering and crime. A preliminary application review was completed for the project and a formal development application is expected to be submitted in the coming months. Once the formal application is complete and CEQA review is completed, the project will require a public hearing for approval by the Planning Commission.



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