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Beyond the headlines

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APRIL 6 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING RESULTS: At the April 6 City Council meeting, Council members approved staff recommendations to deal with an anticipated \$4.5 million deficit in the General Fund for FY 2009-2010. Recommendations approved:

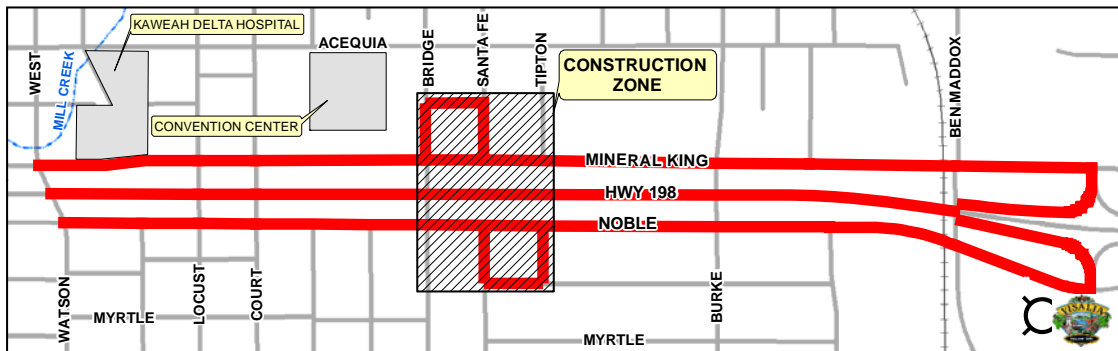
- All frozen 08/09 projects will remain frozen, with the addition of the Miki City Park project for an additional savings of \$274,500;
- Staff will work on management recommended budget saving options in the General Fund, some requiring no further action to implement and others to be brought back to Council to finalize before the beginning of the next fiscal year;
- \$600,000 will be set aside in FY 2009/2010 to go toward the expected increase in PERS costs for FY 2010/11;
- Completion of the installation of four traffic signals with more than 50% of their funding coming from transportation impact fees will be postponed until 2010-11;
- Staff will return to Council with various fare box and other possible alternatives to make up for the \$1 million in State Transit Assistance monies which will be taken away annually after this year;
- Staff will recommend solid waste rates and fees to accumulate sufficient working capital for ongoing operations and revise rates to encourage more commercial recycling;
- Return to Council with a rate proposal to support the low end of the wastewater treatment plant project, to be implemented over three years.

MARCH BUILDING PERMIT NUMBERS BEST OF '09: The total number of building permits issued in March was 276—the highest so far this year. New single family dwellings totaled 50, up six from February. New residential additions totaled 84, up from 55 in February. Commercial permits were down from 8 in February to 1 in March. Total value of all permits issued was \$14,261,944, down from \$22,121,703 in February.

23 PARTICIPATE IN SPRING CITIZENS IN THE KNOW PROGRAM: All 23 applicants to the Spring session of Citizens in the Know were accepted into the program which begins on Wednesday, April 15. The participants are: Jean Chesser, John Ramirez Jr., Karen Dean, Luke Feldstein, Maria Imre, Maria Gaston, Mary Beatie, Michael Morton, Michael Carr, Niccolo Go, Pamela Hertzler, Paul Van Winkle, Robert Lee, Ken Vieira, Sarah Heaney, Stacy Lopez, Thom Black, Aaron Collins, Carol Patton, Cesar Mendoza, David Beatie, Emily M. Franciskovich, and Lisa Wallis. Modeled after community leadership programs, Citizens in the Know is designed to provide citizens with a first-hand look at the work of city government—how it is planned, the infrastructure that is used, and the City Council's vision for the future. The program will be held on six consecutive Wednesdays from 5 to 9 p.m., and an optional city tour and special session on organizational management will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27. Participation in all six weeks of the program is required, and eligible applicants must be a resident of Visalia and at least 18 years of age. For more information, go to the City's website at www.ci.visalia.ca.us.

MOW THOSE WEEDS DOWN BY APRIL 15: That's when the City will begin to fine property owners who haven't mowed down their weeds. "It's a date we all can remember," said Battalion Chief Charlie Norman with the Visalia Fire Department. For more information, call the Weed Abatement Hotline at 713-4207.

CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1, 2010: It's a little more than a year away, but the City of Visalia has already begun developing strategies for Census 2010. An accurate census count is vital to the City and its residents. More than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data, and an accurate count is essential to a full and fair distribution of funding to the City. Working with Census Bureau Representative Dolores Gallegos, the city's Community Relations Manager Nancy Loliva will chair the Complete Count Committee and will oversee representation from government, education, faith- and community-based organizations, media, and business. City staff representatives from Planning, Parks & Recreation, Code Enforcement and Public Safety will also participate in the work of subcommittees to reach populations where access is an issue. If you are interested in participating in one of these subcommittees, contact Nancy Loliva at nloliva@ci.visalia.ca.us or at 713-4535.



WORK ON SANTA FE OVERCROSSING CONTINUES: Regular updates will be provided as work progresses and significant aspects of the project occur. Agee Construction is the General Contractor hired by the City of Visalia to do the work on the Santa Fe Overcrossing. The resident engineer is David Vallejos with Mendoza and Associates. The project manager for the City of Visalia is Fred Lampe.

Week of April 6-10: Construction of traffic signal footings, curb, gutter and sidewalk will proceed at the Noble and Mineral King Avenue intersections on Santa Fe Street. Traffic patterns on surface streets will remain the same. Construction work will begin on Highway 198. Night closures will occur at the on-ramp and off-ramp between Court and Bridge Streets. Ramp closures will be between 8 PM and 6 AM. Highway 198 shoulder closures will occur due to daytime construction activity. Highway shoulders may be closed from 8 AM to 3 PM.

Week of April 13-April 17: Construction of traffic signal footings and sidewalk will continue on Santa Fe Street, Mineral King Avenue, and Noble Avenue. Street grading and placing base rock will occur on City streets within the construction zone. Work on Highway 198 will be in the daylight hours, with shoulder closures between 8 AM and 3 PM.

Construction of the City of Visalia's Santa Fe Overcrossing Project is completely funded by Measure-R, a Tulare County tax initiative which provides local funding for transportation projects. For more information concerning this project, please contact City of Visalia Project Manager Fred Lampe at (559) 713-4270.

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City of Visalia

Dump-On-Us



Visalia Corporation Yard

335 N. Cain

Saturday

April 18, 2009

7:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

Information: (559)-713-4532

HAZARDOUS WASTE

will be OPEN at 7:00 a.m.
for your convenience on
April 18, 2009

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Cell Phones
- Bamboo
- Cactus
- Yucca Trees
- Palm Fronds
- Washers
- Dryers
- Fencing Material
- Furniture
- Mattress
- Scrap Metal
- Small Appliances
- Air Conditioning / Heating Units
- Tires - Rims MUST be REMOVED
- Printer / Toner Cartridges
- Concrete - residential only

**FREE
Disposal**

DUMP-ON-US REQUIREMENTS

- Limited to City of Visalia RESIDENTS
- Proof of Visalia residency is required
- Doors MUST be REMOVED from all large appliances
- Limited to ONE visit
- Limited to 1 small truck and/or small trailer per event
- Commercial waste is NOT accepted
- Limit to 4 tires without rims per event

E-Waste ACCEPTED

- Cell & House Phones
- Scanners
- Computers & Monitors
- Televisions
- Computer Accessories
- VCR / DVD players & writers
- Fax Machines
- Video games & accessories
- Printers

GREEN-WASTE ACCEPTED

- Branches / Grass Clippings / Leaves
- Lumber / Wood
- Prunings / Yard Trimmings

Non Accepted GREEN-WASTE

- Palm Fronds
- Treated / Painted Wood
- Yucca Leaves

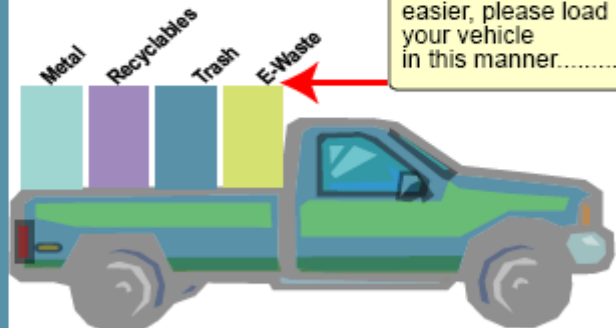
These items are accepted as refuse.
Please keep separate from green waste

Refuse Items NOT Accepted

- Tires with RIMS
- Fluorescent Tubes & Bulbs

Limit 20 - Drop off at Hazardous Waste

To make unloading
easier, please load
your vehicle
in this manner.....



DIRECTIONS: From eastbound Goshen Ave. on Cain St.



For more information contact the City of Visalia
Natural Resource Conservation Department at
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