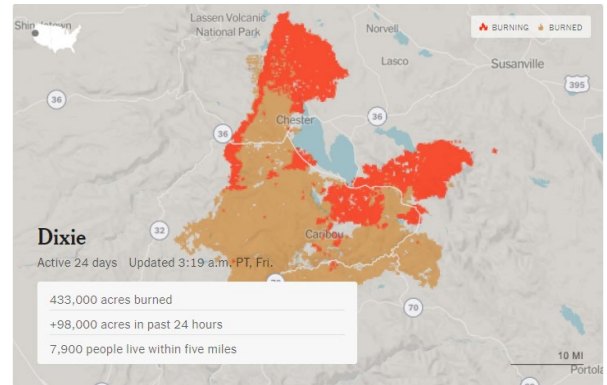


## City Manager's Weekly Update August 6, 2021



**Fighting Fires:** Our fire personnel continue to assist the battle of the blazes as the fires rip through town after town. Lodi's strike teams were deployed for the Weaverville fire and the Monument Fire in Shasta/Trinity area. They are assigned to structure protection, working day shifts on the fire in steep and rugged terrain. Captain Bolognini continues to work as Task Force Leader on the Dixie Fire in Butte/Plumas Counties with only 35 percent containment. Much appreciation to our Firefighters!



**Alley Fires:** All Fire units were dispatched to a structure fire of a fully involved detached garage that was extending into the residence on West Oak. The fire caused energized electrical lines to fall from the power pole onto the residence making extinguishing efforts difficult. Fire units pulled attack lines into the home and around the residence and did a great job extinguishing the fire despite the electrical hazard. The home owner stated that his garbage cans were set on fire which in turn spread to the garage and home. Additionally, it was reported by LPD that there was another fire in the alleyway approximately a half a block north of the structure fire. LPD assisted in extinguishing that fire with a dry chem extinguisher, due to all fire units assisting on the structure fire. There have been four fires in the last few days including one this morning in that alleyway. Numerous neighbors expressed their concerns and the investigation is ongoing.

**City Hall Project – Schedule:** Diede Construction has been modifying city hall to meet our safety protocols for reopening to the public. The contractor has indicated the ballistic panels are delayed once again due to the subcontractor's delivery schedule. Material is due to arrive first week of September as reported by City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director Lyman Chang.

**August ECA:** Due to worsening drought conditions across the State and limited power supply resources, the City of Lodi has experienced a corresponding increase in market power purchases over the past few months. LEU has taken proactive measures to secure contracts to cover Lodi's summer energy needs and mitigate exposure to energy price volatility when demand is high and power supplies are limited. However, due to these increased contract purchases and associated costs, the City was facing an estimated Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) of over 4 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for the month of August which would have followed an over 5 cent ECA experienced by customers for the month of July. Recognizing the impact of these higher than average ECA amounts on customers and their utility bills over the summer months when usage is at its highest, the City's Risk Oversight Committee recently took action to approve the use of \$1 million in reserves from its General Operating Reserve to cover a portion of the August power supply charges to reduce the August 2021 ECA by nearly half - down to 2.21 cents/kWh. LEU's General Operating Reserve provides funding for, among other things, business related areas of risk such as market power volatility and the cost of replacement power during dry year conditions for which costs cannot reasonably be forecasted and budgeted. This action will hopefully provide some much needed financial relief to customers this summer.

**Suspicious Guest:** Officers were initially dispatched to the Hampton Inn regarding a suspicious male harassing guests. The male left prior to LPD arrival, but was followed by a hotel guest. The 42-year old male from Antioch was located in the 600 block of East Kettleman Lane. Officers went to detain the male in handcuffs when he tried to pull away. Officers took him to the ground, placed him in handcuffs and made the arrest. (Galvan, Valencia)

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