

City Manager's



Weekly Update Friday, May 16, 2008

General Plan outreach: General Plan manager Rad Bartlam has begun his efforts to show the three General Plan alternatives to community groups. He already has made presentations to the Youth, Arts and Senior Citizens Commissions. He also is scheduling meetings with Lodi Realtors, the LOEL board, and Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary. City staff will accompany him to the meetings when possible.

Enterprise Zone: The latest map from the county incorporates some changes in the revised Enterprise Zone map. The original area (east of the Union Pacific tracks and north of Kettleman Lane) has expanded to include commercial areas on Kettleman Lane, Lodi Avenue, the South Stockton Street industrial corridor, commercial parcels within Reynolds Ranch, Lodi Memorial property and surrounding medical offices and commercial property at the Lower Sac/Woodhaven-Turner Road intersection. Near Lodi, the county has included most of “downtown” Woodbridge, the Oak Ridge Winery, Flag City, Woodbridge Winery, Lodi Airport, the new Diede Construction facility at Armstrong Road, and most Highway 99 interchange areas, including property between the Mokelumne River and Woodbridge Road west of the freeway.

Killelea Substation: Four distribution circuits were successfully energized Thursday at the newly rehabilitated substation, at Cherokee and Locust. The recent \$5.5 million renovation upgraded the original substation that was built in 1962 and was becoming increasingly difficult to maintain because of outmoded parts.

Code enforcement issues: At the May 10 General Plan open house, some residents expressed concern about homes in receivership not being properly maintained. The Police Department contacted the residents and the Community Improvement division was directed to address code enforcement issues in a southeast Lodi development against banks that are holding properties and not maintaining them.

Winery sign: A directional-type sign noting the dozens of wineries in the Lodi area has been posted at the southwest corner of School and Elm streets.

Salas Park lights: Five of the eight light fixtures on the south, west and north sides of the Salas Park parking are being replaced. The fixtures are at the MSC warehouse and park staff will use an EUD bucket truck to make the repairs. Lights are scheduled to be on seven days a week to enhance security.