



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

East Bay Broadband Consortium Summit

The East Bay Broadband Consortium is a collaborative regional effort covering Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano counties. The Consortium was initially organized to improve broadband deployment, access, and adoption for business, education, health, safety and government. The Consortium hosted its annual summit, titled "Year of Action" on February 3 in Oakland, and invited Brentwood Mayor Bob Taylor to serve on a panel of Mayors to discuss what their respective cities were doing to encourage, promote and develop broadband access. Joining Mayor Taylor on this panel were Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter. The Mayors were asked questions by a moderator and shared best practices in their communities. A second panel, comprised of representatives from various service providers, including AT&T, Comcast, and Sonic followed after the conclusion of the Mayors panel. The service providers discussed things they are doing to improve internet access and speed. The summit was attended by approximately 100 people and Brentwood's presence was significant, especially given its agreement last year with Sonic to bring gigabit internet broadband service to the community. The gigabit network in Brentwood will be the only such network in the Bay Area to offer gigabit services to both residents and businesses.

Planning Commission

At the February 3rd Planning Commission meeting, the Commission acted on the following:

- Recommended that the City Council approve a rezone (RZ14-004) to establish development standards for the five acre project site and approved a design review (DR14-006) for a 100-unit apartment project known as Casa Bella Apartments, located at the intersection of Jeffery Way and Amber Lane. A mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act in order to assess potential environmental impacts.
- At the request of staff continued to a date uncertain, a rezone (RZ 14-010) initiated by the City of Brentwood for a series of text amendments to the Municipal Code, which are necessary in order to carry out key implementation measures identified in the 2012 Housing Element and required for the certification by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the 2015 Housing Element update. The specific amendments include the addition of a chapter addressing emergency shelters, an amendment to the Planned Development 38 Zone text to allow emergency shelters as a permitted use within Subarea C, an amendment to the definitions for Title 17, a minor amendment to the wording for the chapter addressing affordable housing, the addition of a chapter addressing reasonable accommodation for the persons with disabilities, and an amendment to the density bonus program chapter.

PUBLIC WORKS

California's Long-Running Drought Just Keeps on Going

Despite hopes that a rainy December would ease conditions in the parched state, drought conditions came surging back in the New Year with a vengeance. Northern California experienced its driest January on record. As a friendly reminder to residents and businesses that water is too precious to waste, all Brentwood customers are required to observe California's Emergency Water Conservation Restrictions.

- **Limit** watering of outdoor landscapes and prevent excess runoff or flooding. **No** watering between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- **Use** only hoses with shutoff nozzles to wash vehicles.
- **Use** a broom or air blower, not water, to clean hard surfaces such as driveways and sidewalks, except as needed for health and safety purposes.
- **Turn off** any fountain or decorative water feature unless the water is recirculated.

WWTP Holding Pond Liner Project

This project is now complete and fulfills one of the permit requirements for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. This liner will prevent treated wastewater from entering the groundwater basin and eliminate the requirement of groundwater monitoring. In addition, the pond was enlarged to increase storage capacity.

