

CITY OF GONZALES



**ANNUAL REPORT
2012**

VISION STATEMENT

Gonzales will continue to be a safe, clean, family-friendly community, diverse in its heritage, and committed to working collaboratively to preserve and retain its small town charm.

MISSION STATEMENT

The City Council and Staff of the City of Gonzales will realize our Vision by providing the leadership, commitment and resources necessary to provide excellent services that enhance the quality of life of our diverse community.

City services will be delivered in a cost-effective, respectful and friendly manner to insure the safety and well being of the residents and the promotion of business, recreational, housing and employment opportunities in an environmentally sustainable manner.

Strong fiscal policies allow us to provide appropriate infrastructure for:

- Public Safety
- Housing
- Recreation
- Environment
- Education



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**Mayor
MARIA OROZCO**



Two Year Term
Elected 2012
Expires 2014

Boards/Committees

Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)
Mayors Association, Mayors Selection Committee
Association of California Cities Allied with Prisons (ACCAP)
Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST)
City & School Joint Steering Committee
Community Center Committee
Economic Development Committee

**Mayor Pro Tem
SCOTT FUNK**



Four Year Term
Elected 2012
Expires 2016

Boards/Committees

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)
Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA)
League of California Cities Monterey Bay Division
City & School Joint Steering Committee
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Community Center Committee
Economic Development Committee

**Council Member
LIZ SILVA**



Four Year Term
Elected 2010
Expires 2014

Boards/Committees

Association of California Cities Allied with Prisons (ACCAP)
Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA)
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
City's Budget Committee

**Council Member
JOSE G. LOPEZ**



Four Year Term
Elected 2010
Expires 2014

Boards/Committees

Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)
Monterey Salinas Transit (MST)

Council Member
ROBERT BONINCONTRI



Four Year Term
Appointed 2012
Expires 2014

Boards/Committees

League of CA Cities Monterey Bay Division
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)
ACJIS Policy Committee
City's Budget Committee

2012 YEAR IN REVIEW SUMMARY

January

- ◆ Presented approximately \$500, raised from the Community at the Holiday Lights, to the Gonzales Food Pantry
- ◆ Approved a new 5-Year Franchise Agreement with Tri-Cities for the collection of waste
- ◆ Dissolved the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency as required by the State

February

- ◆ Recognized several students from Fairview Middle School carrying a 4.0 GPA
- ◆ Presented results from the Business Owner Survey done by the Community Development Department
- ◆ Recognized the Gonzales Wrestling Team
- ◆ Presented the FY 2011-2012 Mid-Year Financial Report

March

- ◆ Presented another City and Redevelopment Agency Audit for the FY 2010-2011

April

- ◆ Approved an Enhanced Cooperative Agreement with the Gonzales Unified School District (GUSD)
- ◆ Approved two Joint Resolutions with GUSD adopting the 40 Developmental Assets Approach as a Framework Guiding All-Youth Related Program and Policies, and a Bill-of-Rights for Children and Youth
- ◆ Day of the Child Celebration at Central Park

May

- ◆ Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- ◆ Approved the Farmers Market at Central Park

June

- ◆ Presentation of the FY 2011-2012 Year-End Financial Report
- ◆ Approved the FY 2012-2013 City Budget
- ◆ Held Special Joint Meeting with the Gonzales Unified School District Board
- ◆ Community Clean Up
- ◆ City of Gonzales Avengers of Hope Team Participated in Relay for Life

July

- ◆ Fourth of July City Celebration
- ◆ Held Climate Action Plan Workshop with the Council
- ◆ 3rd Environmental Leadership Academy

August

- ◆ Approval of 2012-2013 Retirement Incentive Plan
- ◆ Held a Historic Joint Meeting with the Soledad and Greenfield City Councils to discuss opportunities to work together

September

- ◆ Church Carnival
- ◆ Proclamation recognizing Sergeant Fred Lombardi, Police Officers Winston Rojas and Jose Cisneros, and Reserve Officer Michael Duby for Performance in the Line-of-Duty
- ◆ Joint Meeting with GUSD on Developing a City & District Master Plan for Facilities

October

- ◆ Last Rob's Run
- ◆ Health and Safety Fair and Make a Wish Foundation Visit
- ◆ Received Legislative Update from Assembly Member Luis Alejo
- ◆ Community Clean Up Week

November

- ◆ Held Mandatory Ethics Training
- ◆ Recognized Retired Firefighters Juan Banuelos, Andy Aspacio, Mario Mottu, and Joe Gasca
- ◆ Dedication of "Ceremonial Flipping the Switch" on the Gonzales Solar Project
- ◆ Jointly with the GUSD, approved the Prioritization of Projects for the Community Facilities Plan


December

- ◆ Holiday Lights at High School Gym
- ◆ Recognized Retiring Employee Salvador Banuelos for his 25 Years of Dedicated Service
- ◆ Received Award of CalGrip 6 (California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant) for \$500,000
- ◆ Administration of Oath of Allegiance to Mayor Orozco and Mayor Pro Tem Funk



2012 YEAR IN REVIEW PARTNERSHIP SUMMARY


Recognizing that a small City can leverage scarce resources and accomplish more for its residents by developing partnerships, the City of Gonzales would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to the following partners:

- ◆ The Gonzales Volunteer Fire Department
 - ◆ Gonzales Unified School District
 - ◆ County of Monterey
 - ◆ The Cities of Salinas, Soledad, Greenfield and King
 - ◆ The Cities of Seaside, Del Rey Oaks and Monterey
 - ◆ Gonzales Chamber of Commerce
 - ◆ Monterey County Free Library
 - ◆ Monterey County Bi-National Health Partnership
 - ◆ The Arts Council of Monterey County
 - ◆ Small Business Development Center (California State University Monterey Bay)
 - ◆ Tri-Cities Waste Hauler
 - ◆ Alliance on Aging
 - ◆ Poder Popular
 - ◆ Central Coast Marketing Team
 - ◆ Central Coast Broadband Consortium
 - ◆ Salinas Valley Enterprise Zone
 - ◆ Monterey County Vintners and Wine Growers Association
 - ◆ Energy Alternative Solutions
 - ◆ Coast Oil
 - ◆ Gonzales Little League
 - ◆ Gonzales Softball League
 - ◆ Clinica de Salud
 - ◆ Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)
 - ◆ Hartnell College
 - ◆ Grupos Unidos
 - ◆ Chevron Energy Solutions
 - ◆ Rabobank
 - ◆ All Businesses in Gonzales
 - ◆ Monterey County Business Council
 - ◆ Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority
 - ◆ YMCA
 - ◆ Boys and Girls Club
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2012 YEAR IN REVIEW GRANTS SUMMARY

In order to leverage local resources, the City is constantly on the look and applying for Grants. The following is a list of existing Grants:

- ◆ Transportation Planning (Safe Route to Schools)
 - ◆ Community Development Block Grant (Business Loan Program)
 - ◆ Community Development Block Grant (Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program)
 - ◆ Community Development Block Grant (Planning & Technical Assistance)
 - ◆ Community Development Block Grant (Entitlement Area with the City of Del Rey Oaks and County of Monterey)
 - ◆ FEMA Fire Protection and Safety Program
 - ◆ SAFER (Fire Personnel, Training, and Recruitment)
 - ◆ Cal-Grip 3 & 4 (Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program – 4Cities4Peace Initiative)
 - ◆ American Recovery Act (Streets and Energy Efficiency)
 - ◆ California Solar Initiative (Thru PG&E)
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From the Office of the CITY MANAGER

I am pleased to present the 2012 Annual Report. The Annual Report is intended to provide information to the Community about key programs, and services provided by the City of Gonzales. It is not intended to provide in-depth information or analysis, but is simply a vehicle to provide broad information to the Community, and thank and highlight the great work done by our employees, and by our many agency and community partners.

2012 saw the City continue to work hard to maintain a balanced budget and fund Council priorities, and critical programs expected by our residents. This was made very difficult with the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies by the State, which has the potential to impact the City General Fund by approximately \$400,000 annually. Nevertheless, over the short-term, the budget was structured in such a way that it has been able to cover this hit with minimal impact to existing programs. However, this can continue indefinitely without impacting the budget, and the delivery of services. Similar to the prior years, the City was able to maintain a balanced budget, but it was a careful balancing act, and more services were stretched to their breaking form.

2012 was a milestone year for the City's Sewer and Water Systems in that the Council implemented a Solar System to provide power to the systems that will conservatively save over \$350,000 annually. In addition, 2012 saw the installation of playground equipment at Cipriani Park, and exercise equipment at Central and Centennial Parks, providing additional alternatives for our residents and families to maintain a safe and healthy lifestyle.

On the economic front, the City continues to be very proactive and has several projects underway. For example, staff is working with the Monterey County Vintners Association to develop the Wine Trail, is working with a developer to construct a new Health Center, and continues to expand and brand the Gonzales Grows Green (G3) Initiative. Though 2012 was once again a challenging year, as you read this report, you will see that the City was able to maintain core services, and continue to strive forward in many areas. This was possible with the policy direction of your City Council and by staying true to the City's Vision:



Gonzales will continue to be a safe, clean, family-friendly community, diverse in its heritage, and committed to working collaboratively to preserve and retain its small town charm

From the Office of the CITY MANAGER (Continued)

The Vision was implemented by closely aligning City services and programs, and using the City's Mission Statement as the roadmap and guide:

The City Council and Staff of the City of Gonzales will realize our Vision by providing the leadership, commitment and resources necessary to provide excellent services that enhance the quality of life of our diverse community: This was done by continuing to partner with many organizations and agencies that is illustrated in the (a) the Collaborative Business Marketing Website with the Monterey County Business Council, the County of Monterey, and various cities;



(b) continue to be the Lead Agency in the Cal-Grip Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program with the other three South County Cities; (c) continue to strengthen the partnership with the Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association; (d) continue to be a leader in Environmental Sustainability via the G3 Initiative, which was best exhibited by the dedication of the solar project with Chevron Energy Solutions and Rabobank; (e) maintaining relationships with the private sector to continue to develop the Gonzales Agricultural Industrial Business Park and other locations in the City.

City services will be delivered in a cost-effective, respectful, and friendly manner to insure the safety and well being of the residents and the promotion of business, recreational, housing and employment opportunities in an environmentally sustainable manner: This is exhibited throughout the many partnerships the City has developed with other agencies like the Gonzales Unified School District; the County of Monterey and other Cities; the creation of a Council Economic Development Committee and Budget Committee; the Gonzales Grows Green (G3) Initiative; and by an ongoing review of internal processes and procedures.

Strong fiscal policies allow us to provide appropriate infrastructure for: Public Safety, Housing, Recreation, Environment and Education: The signature projects this past year were the Solar Project, completing the installation of exercise equipment at Centennial Park and Central Park, and the installation of playground equipment in the small park in the Cipraini Estates Subdivision.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department provides support to all the City Departments, as well as budget management, cash administration, purchasing, treasury administration, utility billing, utility collections, customer service, and grant administration.

2012 saw the City continue to work hard to maintain a balanced budget and fund Council priorities and critical programs expected by our residents. This was made very difficult with the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies by the State, which has the potential to impact the City General Fund by approximately \$400,000 annually. Nevertheless, over the short-term, the budget was structured in such a way that it has been able to cover this hit with minimal impact to existing programs. However, this can continue indefinitely without impacting the budget and the delivery of services. The overall budget for FY 2012-2013 totaled \$10,698,782, of which General Fund expenditures totaled \$3,462,937, which is lower than the previous year because it does not include the one time increase in expenditures, and revenues as a result of refinancing the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency 2006 Tax Anticipation Note. In the General Fund, the Police Department by far represents the single largest budget at 50% or \$1.7 million, followed by Debt Service for the financing provided as a loan to the RDA at \$385,819 or 11%; and then Parks, Recreation, and Aquatics at \$285,723 or 8%. What is important to point out, is that if it wasn't for the debt and loan from the City to the former Redevelopment Agency, the General Fund would actually be (5%) or (\$158,795) lower than the prior year. Overall, revenues in the General Fund totaled \$3,462,937 million. The three largest sources of revenues for the General Fund are Sales, Use Taxes and the Triple Flip at 17.7% or \$613,000; Motor Vehicle in Lieu/VLF adjustment at 17% or \$590,000; and Other Taxes and the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Host Fee at 14% or \$481,900. These three sources combined for almost half of total revenues, which is not surprising, and indicates the importance of tax revenue to the City, as well as highlights the fact that these areas deserve attention when evaluating revenue generation strategies. Even though the economic recovery continues to be slow, expected property tax revenues are up this year, which is an indication that the economy is starting to improve, and move in the right direction. As with many households, the City continues to maintain a very conservative fiscal management position by maintaining a 25% reserve¹ in our General Fund².

In addition to the General Fund, the Finance Department also provides budget oversight over a variety of other funds, which combined for total expenditures of \$10.7 million, and include but are not limited to, the (a) Development Impact Funds, (b) Water, Wastewater and Garbage Enterprise Funds, (c) Assessment District Funds, (d) State and Federal Grant Funds, (e) Successor Agency Funds, and (f) Debt Service. The revenues for these funds are derived from a variety of sources including: utility fees, State and Federal grants, special property tax assessments, debt proceeds, and developer impact fees. In addition to the financial and budget responsibility, the Department provides the first contact to the public who come into City Hall, and continued to work on improving internal efficiencies, as well as maintained a long tradition of receiving a clean audit with no reportable issues.

¹The Reserve is known as the Fund Balance in Governmental Accounting, which is similar to a household Savings Account.

²City's primary account used to fund all discretionary spending like Police, Fire, Recreation, etc.

Key Statistics

- ◆ *Oversee the administration and management of 50 separate funds*
- ◆ *The City's Total Approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 was \$10.6 million*
- ◆ *FY 11-12 Approved General Fund Expenditures & Revenues are \$3.4 million*
- ◆ *The City maintains a current workforce of 35 employees*
- ◆ *Sales Tax Revenues = \$456,000*
- ◆ *General Fund Property Tax Revenues = \$404,491*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

While 2012 brought many of the same challenges that the Department faced in 2011, the Department continued to provide a high level of service to the residents of our City.

During 2012, there were 171 Part I Crimes investigated in the City. These crimes include Homicides, Robberies, Burglaries, Thefts, Assaults, Rape and Motor Vehicle Theft. In 2011, the Police Department investigated 195 Part I Crimes. This reflects a 12% decrease in Part I Crimes when the two years are compared. While we experienced a decrease in overall major crime, we did see a slight increase in non-violent crimes, such as vandalism.

The Police Department has continued its community policing efforts and outreach to the residents of the City. The Department recognizes that the only way to solve the crime and quality of life issues that we face, is to work hand in hand with the community. While Gonzales continues to be one of the safest Cities in Monterey County, we can always do more to reduce the crime levels that we have.

Key Statistics

- ◆ Homicide - 0
- ◆ Robbery - 15
- ◆ Rape - 1
- ◆ Assault - 52
- ◆ Burglary - 41
- ◆ Theft - 51
- ◆ Motor Vehicle Theft - 11
- ◆ Calls for Service - 6,822
- ◆ Police Reports Taken - 1,481
- ◆ Arrests Made - 407
- ◆ Traffic Citations Issued - 485
- ◆ Parking Citations Issued - 209
- ◆ Drunk Drivers Arrested - 79
- ◆ Gang Contacts - 123
- ◆ Traffic Accidents - 51



POLICE DEPARTMENT (Continued)

The Department continues to operate with a reduced full-time staff due to ongoing economic factors within the State, but we continue to provide full service to our residents. The Department's Reserve Officer Program has allowed the City to provide additional Police Officer coverage at minimal costs to the City.



The City was once again awarded a Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant, known as Cal-Grip, through the State of California. This grant is a collaborative effort between the Cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City. The grant allows funding to the Cities to address the on-going gang issues that are affecting the South Monterey County region. The region saw an increase in the number of gang related homicides during 2012. While Gonzales was fortunate not to have any homicides during the year, the Department assisted the other South County Cities with the investigations, and responses to these killings. The funding through the Cal-Grip Grant has allowed the City to partner with Community Based Organizations, such as Sun Street Centers, Social Outreach Services, and the Gonzales Unified Scholl District to bring prevention and intervention programs to our youth in the Community.

The Department looks forward to serving the needs of our residents in the coming year; and hope that we can work together to address crime and quality of life issues that will continue to make Gonzales the safe, clean, and family-friendly community that we have all grown to love and call our home.



GONZALES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Gonzales Volunteer Fire Department continues to be a valuable partner in the City's Public Safety blanket. The Department continues to train in all avenues of emergency response and care, to help insure the safety of our residents. This training allows the members of the Department to be prepared for any emergencies that might arise in our City or Rural Fire District.

Staffing continues to be a challenge for the Department. The Department is currently operating with 12 Volunteer Members, and one Career Fire Engineer. Due to aggressive recruitment efforts, we have three new firefighters who will begin service in early 2013.

Key Statistics

- ◆ Calls for Service within the City - 96
- ◆ Calls for Service in Rural District and Highway - 98
- ◆ Total Calls for Service - 216
- ◆ Hours of Basic In-House Training - 90
- ◆ Hours of Drivers Training - 28
- ◆ Hours of New Drivers Training - 80

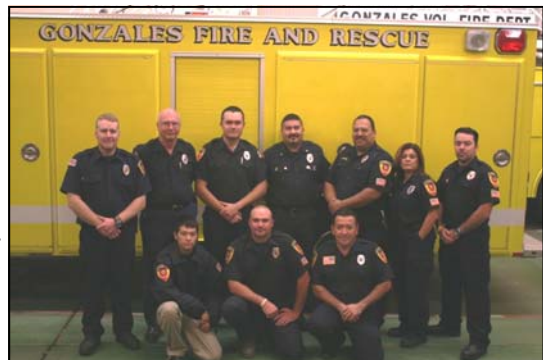


The Gonzales Volunteer Fire Department responded to 216 calls for service during 2012. The Department responded to 243 calls for service in 2011.

The Department continued its efforts throughout 2012 to attract and retain more Volunteer Members. Much of the recruitment efforts were funded by a Federal grant that the Department was able to receive in 2010. The Department will continue its recruitment efforts into 2013. The Department hopes that its efforts will attract more residents to become Volunteer Members. The Department has applied for several grants to help update and replace aging equipment, and has been awarded a grant to help with the purchase of a new water tender.

The Department was active within the community with the Annual Candy Giveaway during the Holiday Season, and the Annual Gonzales Health and Safety Fair. The Department was also present at many of the City's community events, and works to assist the Police Department with their community policing efforts. The Department distributed over 100 CPR home training courses to the community.

The Department assisted the Fire Marshal with inspections of new construction, and current businesses within the City and Rural Fire District. The assist has helped improve the overall safety of businesses within our City.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The processing of planning and development applications in 2012 was very limited due to the continuing economic downturn. However, despite a lack of traditional day to day permit processing staff spent a considerable amount of time focused on community development and economic development activities.

In mid-February, staff presented to the Community a study session focused on understanding the state's environmental review process for development projects, more commonly known as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The study session was part of the City Council's Public Awareness and Engagement Process to address community-based issues of interest, and concern regarding a proposal by the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA) to develop a waste conversion facility with the Plasco Energy Group at the Johnson Canyon Landfill. The session was well attended and the information that was presented was well received. In March, Department staff presented the Council with a fifteen-page comment letter in response to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) circulated by the SVSWA for the Plasco Project. The letter was approved by Council and sent to the SVSWA. The purpose of the comments was not to declare support for or against the proposed project. Rather, the comments were meant to assist the preparer's of an Environmental Impact Report in determining the scope of information that should be analyzed within the document.

Key Statistics

- ◆ Conditional Use Permits - 2
- ◆ Conditional Use Permit (Amendment) - 3
- ◆ Site Plan Permit - 4
- ◆ Site Plan Permit (Amendment) - 2
- ◆ Temporary Use of Land Permit - 3
- ◆ Sign Permit - 3
- ◆ Home Occupancy -10
- ◆ Minor Exceptions - 1
- ◆ Sidewalk Permit - 1

In late May, the Council approved a license agreement with Community Help Around Monterey Peninsula (CHAMP), to conduct and manage a Certified Farmers Market and Marketplace in Central Park on Friday's, extending from June 1st through November 2nd. The Farmers Market and Marketplace was well received by Gonzales residents, both young and old. The market offered certified organic fruits and vegetables; some which due to geography, are rarely available in local supermarkets.



Negotiations occurred in 2012, intended to lead toward the preparation of a Development Agreement for the Rincon Village development project approved by the Council in 2011, which at full build-out, will result in approximately 610 single-family units, and 70 multi-family units. It is anticipated that the terms of a Development Agreement will be agreed to in 2013.

In July, Department staff completed lengthy negotiations with the County regarding the content of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), relating to a proposal to seek an amendment to the City's Sphere of Influence. The Agreement serves to fulfill the requirements of state law, as an Agreement regarding the expansion of the boundaries of the City's Sphere of Influence, and the establishment of planning principles by the City and County to promote logical, and orderly development. The Agreement is the base document for an application to be filed by the City with LAFCO for a proposed increase in the size of the City's Sphere of Influence. The MOA was thought to have been approved by the Board of Supervisor's and City Council in fall 2012; however that did not occur. It is anticipated that the Agreement will be approved in early 2013.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Continued)

Department staff and the City's consultant Coastplans, completed the preparation of a Climate Action Plan. The Plan is an important component of the Gonzales General Plan Sustainability Element, and sets out a program for reducing Greenhouse Gas Emission. The Plan's adoption is necessary prior to the approval of any new development proposals in the City's future growth area. Approval of the Plan is anticipated to occur in the early part of 2013.

Department staff focused a considerable amount of effort on economic development activities, including business recruitment/attraction, business development/assistance and business retention. In 2012, the City awarded two new business loans to local businesses from a CDBG Business Assistance Loan grant, awarded in FY 2009/2010. Additionally, the City was notified by HCD that its application for grant funds to recapitalize the Business Loan Fund was approved, and the City is to receive additional grant funds in the amount of \$400,000, which will be ready to lend to City businesses in 2013/2014. As the year was drawing to a close, staff issued a Request for Proposals seeking a consultant to prepare an Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan for the City. The Plan is envisioned to guide the City's economic development efforts for a period of three to five years. The preparation of the Strategy is being funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning and Technical Assistance Grant, received from the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD).



In November, the Cities of Gonzales, Del Rey Oaks, and the County were notified by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that their application for funding of CDBG funds directly through HUD was accepted. Each of the three agencies will receive an entitlement of grant funds on an annual basis through the end of fiscal year 2018.



Other significant projects that are in various stages of planning, and/or discussion include: Vista de Santa Lucia Commercial Wind Turbine Sustainability Project; Gonzales River Road Winery; Large-scale food processing facility within the Gonzales Agricultural Business Park; Implementation of a \$120,000 CDBG Planning & Technical Assistance Grant, and a \$400,000 HOME Grant for rehabilitation activities associated with owner-occupied housing units; Reuse of the former Redevelopment Agency-owned Wells Fargo Bank (former Windmill Restaurant) Building; and processing of a Site Plan Permit for the Gonzales Health Center.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Similar to the prior year, 2012 continued to see a slow down in construction activity. Nation-wide, the Construction Industry is still reporting reduced permit activity. With permit activities somewhat decreased, it created an opportunity to continue the refinement of our permitting system, resulting in a faster processing time for building permits. The utilization of the Green Halo Recycling Program has helped the City to maintain its 75% diversion of recycled construction debris from the landfill. The City continues to maintain its storm Water Inspection, which allows the City to conduct its own Storm Water Permit Inspections for State, Local, and EPA compliance. Again, the challenge for this Department is to continue the level of service that has been demonstrated in the past, and to maintain it. This Department will continue to explore innovative ways to enhance its current programs.

Key Statistics

- ◆ *Permits Issued - 76*
- ◆ *Code Complaints Received - 71*
- ◆ *Code Complaints Resolved - 44*
- ◆ *Code Complaints Pending - 27*
- ◆ *Business Inspections Conducted - 160*
- ◆ *Business Licenses Issued - 327*
- ◆ *Residential Rental Inspections Conducted - 18*
- ◆ *Residential Rental Units Registered - 23*

While 2012 continued the slow down in construction, the City still experienced and worked on the following projects:

Gonzales Solar Project

This project partnered the City of Gonzales with Chevron Energy Solutions, and allowed the City to construct an efficient solar energy generation system. This system is being utilized to power the City of Gonzales Waste Water Treatment Plant, and the City Water Wells. The solar panel arrays are producing enough energy to meet our demand, with the surplus being returned back to the power grid.



Green Valley Farm Supply

This project allowed Green Valley Farm Supply to both expand its business and to modernize its operations. The addition of the fertilizer storage tanks for bulk loading, will help meet the increased demand for this product within the local community.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department had a busy 2012; not only completing and starting several important projects and initiatives, but at the same time, endeavoring to maintain the City's Street, Park, Fleet Management, Building & Grounds, Water and Sewer Systems. This was all accomplished with a small dedicated staff. Project highlights for the year include:

One-Million Tank Valve Replacement Project On July 16, 2012, the Gonzales City Council awarded this project to the Don Chapin Company. The main objective of this project was the installation of isolation valves including a seismic connection between the tank and water service line. The Million Water Tank was erected in 1987 some 25 years, and is in need of some interior restoration requiring that the tank be removed from the system for repairs. This project addressed some water line valves that were inoperative including the removal of an abandoned water service on Fifth Street.

The City of Gonzales Sewer System Management Plan

In 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board notified the City of a state-wide mandate that required electric reporting of Sanitary Sewer Overflows, and the implementation of a Sanitary Sewer Management Plan. On May 21, 2012, the Gonzales City Council received and approved Resolution No. 2012-18 certifying the City's Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP). The SSMP is a document that describes the activities of an agency to effectively manage its wastewater collection system.

Key Statistics

- ◆ Residents and businesses served by the Municipal Water Department - 8,269
- ◆ Water Delivered/Used - 418 million gallons and/or 1,425 acre feet
- ◆ Service Connections Maintained - 1,900
- ◆ Waste Water Treated - 225,558,171 gallons
- ◆ Daily High Flow Waste Water Treated - 968,358
- ◆ Streets Maintained - Approximately 20 miles
- ◆ Curbs and Gutters Maintained - Approximately 40 miles
- ◆ Unpaved Alleys Maintained - 21
- ◆ City Park System Maintained - 10 acres
- ◆ Municipal Swimming Pool Maintained - 1
- ◆ Public Buildings Maintained - 13
- ◆ Vehicles Maintained - 38



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Continued)

Venice Way Park The Gonzales City Council approved the installation of a basic playground structures for age groups between 2 –12, on Vince Way. The Neighborhood Park Project also included the addition of BBQ pits, and picnic tables.



Gonzales Solar Energy Project: On November 7, 2011, the Gonzales City Council approved Resolution No. 2011-84 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Chevron Energy Solutions to construct certain energy saving improvements, that were consistent with the City's G3 Community Sustainability Initiative. The G3 Community Sustainability Initiative seeks to improve the entire community in the areas of economy, environment, and social equity through the promotion of local networks, and development of business to business, and public/private partnerships. The success of the Gonzales Solar Energy Project was a unique partnership with not only Chevron Energy Solutions, but also Rabobank, and Constellation Wines. This City's partnerships have resulted in a number of public infrastructure improvements designed to reduce the City's utility and maintenance costs, and are expected to generate 4.7 million in energy cost savings to the City. The City of Gonzales has attempted to develop a project of this magnitude for a number of years. However, it was not until the right partners were aligned that the project began to take shape. The improvements included upgrading all City-owned street lights, constructing two solar power installations to produce 462 Kilowatts of power, and upgrading City water pumping stations, and system controls to pump water at optimal times, when energy costs are lower.



GONZALES GROWS GREEN (G3)

Gonzales Grows Green (G3) organized spring and fall cleanup and recycling events, ran another Environmental Leadership Academy, assisted business development efforts, assisted with the Climate Action Plan, assisted in the development of a Solar Power Project for the City's Water and Sewer Utility Systems, assisted all public events with recycling efforts, and completed State reporting of recycling activities.



G3 staff worked with the School District to improve waste diversion from the traditional landfill. G3 includes programs to improve Gonzales' environment, economic sustainability, and social equity so all segments of the community prosper together.



Fourth of July enjoyed by all



Chamber of Commerce celebrated community



Solar project completed on the Constellation rooftop



Community cleanup event



Students Analyze waste stream

RECREATION & AQUATICS DEPARTMENT



The Recreation and Aquatics Departments continued to expand programming. 2012 saw the introduction of a Junior Wrestling Program, the addition of the Annual Tradition of the Lifeguard Olympics, and the installation of the final pieces of fitness equipment at both Centennial, and Central Park.

The Junior Wrestling program was started in October, and had 8 participants ranging in ages from 6 -12. The program continued for another 6 week session. We are looking to grow this program in 2013.

On August 12, 2012, the City of Gonzales hosted the First Annual Lifeguard Olympics. Six teams of four Lifeguards each from Gonzales, Soledad, and King City participated in team and individual events followed by a celebratory BBQ. This was a great event, and it will continue in 2013.

The final pieces of Fitness Equipment were installed in late 2012 at both Centennial Park and Central Park. The equipment is designed for adult participants, and includes pieces that have moving parts, as well as stationary pieces. The equipment is strategically placed in order to give participants a full body work out whether they use the equipment at Central Park, Centennial Park, or a combination of both parks together. The concept of a Fitness Loop includes use of all equipment at Centennial Park, followed by a brisk walk or jog down Center Street to complete the equipment at Central Park, and finished up with a brisk walk or jog down Elko Street to complete the loop.



Key Statistics

- ◆ Youth Soccer League - 112 Participants
- ◆ Mini T-Ball League - 55 Participants
- ◆ Youth Volleyball Clinic - 70 Participants
- ◆ Youth Basketball League - 94 Participants
- ◆ Youth Indoor Soccer League - 72 participants
- ◆ Adult Co-Ed Softball - 12 Teams, 216 Participants
- ◆ Junior Wrestling - 10 Participants
- ◆ Environmental Leadership Academy - 14 Participants
- ◆ Relay for Life - Raised \$2850 for the American Cancer Society
- ◆ Private Pool Parties - 16
- ◆ Swim Lessons - 412 Lesson
- ◆ Junior Lifeguards - 12 Participants
- ◆ Swim Team - 32 Participants



In 2012, the City also offered the following Recreation and Aquatic Activities: Youth Outdoor Soccer, Youth Volleyball, Youth Basketball, Youth Indoor Soccer, Mini T-Ball, Adult Co-ed Softball, Adult Open Gym, Youth Dance Camp, Day Field Trips, Swim Team, Swimming Lessons, Junior Lifeguard, Recreation Swim, Water Fitness, Private Pool Parties, Private Swim Lessons, Teen Swim Night, Dive In's, and the Environmental Leadership Academy.

Finally, even in an era of tight financial resources, the City's Recreation Program continued to sponsor and implement **6 Special Events**: Family Health & Safety Day (AKA Health & Safety Fair), Holiday Lights, Community Garage Sales, Community Clean Up Day, Salinas Relay For Life Team, and Paint Our Town Purple.



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