

## CITY MOVES TO STABILIZE SEWER AND WATER RATES

Hillsborough's water and sewer utilities are self-supporting enterprises that charge rates that must be adequate to fund each utility's operating and maintenance costs, debt service obligations, and ongoing capital improvement needs. It sounds simple, but presents complex funding considerations.

The cost of purchasing water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) continues to increase, including due to the SFPUC's need to pay for the \$4.8 billion upgrade of the regional system. The Town's water mains are aging; therefore, maintenance, repair and replacement is needed to improve reliability and operations, with associated costs of \$10.7 million. The Town's obligations related to responding to a 2009 Cease & Desist Order issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board include \$16.2 million in sewer system projects, along with debt service for the related loans. Government mandates require new storm drain systems. Because of the drought and consequent conservation, water revenues have fallen. Ironically, one could call it "a perfect storm."

Faced with increasing costs from many angles plus declining revenues, the City Council has authorized pursuing water and sewer rate increases. The alternative, should the drought continue, is a \$2 million annual shortfall for the water enterprise fund. Notices regarding the rate increases have been sent to every property owner and there was a public informational meeting regarding water and sewer rates on November 4. Questions and comments can be raised during the next City Council meeting on Monday, December 14, 2015, at Town Hall. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

**Water rates** — Water rates include a fixed service charge based on meter size and a volume charge based on use. The bill is the sum of the fixed charge, which does not change from bill to bill, and the volume charge which varies depending on the units of water used during the billing period. The Town proposes to increase the fixed charge by \$10 per month (or

\$120 per year) for the next five years. A current monthly \$50 fixed charge would, then, be \$100 by year 2020. The increase will only occur if it is determined that the presently projected need still exists.

The Town does not plan to change the existing volume charges.

However, the Town proposes to add a revenue stabilization charge to recover revenue lost due to conservation so as not to deplete the enterprise reserves. These charges would be based on the volume of water used and would be adjusted at least annually depending on the need to offset lost revenue. The monthly charge for volume charge plus revenue stabilization charge would range from a low of \$8.74 to a high of \$17.36 per hcf (hundred cubic feet).

**Sewer rates** — The proposed sewer rate increase is 10 percent in each of the first three years and seven percent in each of the following two years.

The City Council, the Financial Advisory Committee (composed of residents) and independent consultants carefully studied the pros and cons of the increases. They weighed the improved revenue stability against the impact on conservative water users. They looked at tapping reserves to lower rate increases in comparison to depleting resources that might be needed for a longer drought, unexpected impacts from the SFPUC or other unknowns. They weighed the consequence of ratepayers feeling they did not benefit from their conservation efforts against rates that would:

- Cover system costs lost by lower sales (revenue)
- Mitigate a potential high spike in rates later to replenish exhausted reserves
- Mitigate a potential bond rating downgrade

While City Council, as representatives of the residents, would prefer a different scenario, they concluded that the proposed rate increases are the best solution to problems complicated by age, weather, fluctuating revenue, and government mandates.

## BIG MULTI-HOPPER PART OF STORM PREPARATION

Hillsborough has purchased a multi-hopper! This is a sand bag filling machine that can quickly and easily fill sand bags that help prevent flooding in a big storm. Residents no longer need to shovel their own bags when picking up sand bags from the city.

The multi-hopper is one of many ways Hillsborough is preparing for winter. The Public Works Department tracks winter weather forecasts as part of their operation, and sees the potential threat of El Niño. Crews are out checking curbs, tree limbs, and storm drains. Homeowners, likewise, should be preparing for both a desired and potentially difficult deluge.

**Street landscaping** — Trim plants and trees along the street abutting your property and keep gutters and storm drain inlets free of debris. Trees overhanging streets should be "limbed-up" to about 14 feet so that large trucks and emergency vehicles can pass beneath them without striking limbs. Also, look for dead or weakly attached tree limbs that should be removed so as not to either pose a threat to vehicles, or fall and block streets during a storm.

During early winter months, you may experience a great deal of leaf drop as trees and vegetation have been under significant stress this summer. If that is the case, try to rake up leaves and dispose of them properly

so that storm drains and catch basins do not get clogged and flood. Please remind your landscapers to pick up leaves and debris and not blow them into the street, or even worse, blow them into the catch basins. Landscapers caught doing this have been issued warnings.

**Roof Gutters and Drains**—Properly functioning (clean) roof gutters and drains collect and direct rain to where it is supposed to go, away from the house. Ideally, it is good to wait until the first or second major leaf drop, then have the gutters cleaned. Performing routine maintenance on the gutters and drains will significantly help protect your home from water damage and help keep leaves and debris out of storm drains and catch basins.

**Backflow valve check** — Heavy rains could create a sewer back-flow. The sewer lateral line from the main sewer line to your home may have a back-flow preventer valve which prevents a backup into your home. At certain intervals, the valve should be visually examined to make sure the flapper valve is intact and working. Your plumber should perform the inspection. If the valve is rusted, worn or broken, it needs to be replaced.

**More info** — If you have any questions regarding storm preparedness or storm emergencies, call the Public Works Department at 650-375-7444.

## A NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE FOR MARIE BERNARDO

Assistant Finance Director Marie Bernardo retired in September. Marie was like the cover of an accounting book. The numbers in the ledger could change, the columns could change, the people doing the input could change, the systems could change, the pages could be moved around, but Marie held it all together. In her almost two and a half decades in the Finance Department, Marie served under four finance directors and said she thrived on change.

"Anything to make things run smoother, I'm all for it," she said.

Looking back on the past 23 years, Marie said she loved working for the Town, especially the professionalism of the volunteers and staff and the respectful environment, to which she attributes her long stay.

"The only challenging part of the job was time — there were so many things to do with so little time and that was all year round."

Marie said she will always cherish the staff's friendship and camaraderie. Marie and her family lost their home in the San Bruno pipeline explosion. "I will never forget the outpouring of kindness from the staff and community after that event," she said. "I felt the love and compassion all

around me and I still do to this day."

Marie came to Hillsborough in 1992 as a senior accounting technician. Her family migrated to California from the Philippines when she was in high school. She studied at various



Marie Bernardo

Bay Area colleges, completing her bachelor's degree at the University of Phoenix and studying for her masters in public administration at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont. Along the road, she also earned a license in real estate.

Retirement will close the book on her job, but will open pages to another busy life of driving her 11-year-old daughter to her many activities, tutoring, biking with her older son, and learning new languages in anticipation of future travel to Europe.

"I've been dreaming about retiring for over a year," Marie said. "I envision a whole new kind of life ahead, a life of unpredictability. I'll have plenty of time to eat and play with family and friends, and I'll be doing things I couldn't while working. Retirement simply spells b-l-i-s-s-to-me."

## POLICE BLOTTER

For the third quarter of 2015, the Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) handled 4,635 calls for service. They arrested 14 adults and one juvenile, responded to and investigated nine non-injury and five injury vehicle collisions, and completed 145 police reports. They also conducted 917 vehicle checks, 168 traffic stops, checked 2,025 watch-list homes, performed 773 security checks at the schools and other facilities, and investigated 220 suspicious persons and vehicles.

Following is a sample of some of the notable calls for service that occurred during the quarter:

- HPD officers responded to a residence at the request of a concerned family member to check on the welfare of an elderly woman. Officers made contact with her and determined that she had been assaulted by her adult son. Further investigation resulted in the discovery of a large number of firearms and ammunition. The adult son was arrested and booked into the San Mateo County Jail. The firearms were seized and the case into the legality of his ownership of the weapons is ongoing.
- HPD investigators worked in conjunction with Adult Protective Services to investigate an adult son of a homeowner who was allegedly stealing funds from his father. The investigation determined that embezzling and identity theft violations had occurred and an arrest warrant and restraining order were obtained. The son was arrested on the warrants and was booked into the San Mateo County Jail.
- During a routine traffic stop, HPD officers determined that an adult female passenger had a felony warrant for her arrest. During a vehicle search, stolen property as well as personal information belonging to others (stolen for the purpose of identity theft) was found in the vehicle. The adult male driver and an adult male passenger were arrested for possession of stolen property and identity theft. All three adults in the vehicle were booked into the San Mateo County Jail.
- During a stolen property and burglary investigation, HPD investigators served a search warrant at an apartment in San Francisco. A computer was seized and a search of the computer revealed personal identifying information of other people (stolen for the purposes of committing identity theft) as well as technology used to steal credit card account information from point-of-sale units. A further search of the computer revealed child pornography images. The adult was arrested and booked into the San Mateo County Jail. The investigation continues and additional charges are expected.
- While investigating an unsupervised juvenile party that was causing a neighborhood disturbance, officers located a juvenile who was in possession of a large amount of alcohol. The juvenile was arrested and released to his parents with a citation.

### Telephone Scam Warning

The HPD continues to receive reports of telephone scams relating to the IRS. The caller will identify himself or herself as an IRS agent and will typically claim that you have a warrant for your arrest or that you have outstanding debts that need immediate payment. At this point, the caller will then instruct the victim to obtain pre-paid debit cards from local stores and then will call them back to facilitate payments. The callers tend to be very aggressive on the telephone. It is important to note that the IRS will never call you demanding payment or to notify you of legal action. If you have questions about your tax status, contact your tax preparation professional. You may also contact the HPD at 650-375-7470 at any time if you have questions about a scam phone call.

# FIREFIGHTERS READY AT THE CALL, FOR ALL

This summer provided weeks of hands-on training as strike teams from the Central County Fire Department (CCFD) rolled out to offer aid in the devastating Rocky, Butte and Valley fires.

CCFD participates in California's mutual aid program designed to provide the help where needed while still leaving enough protection for the local communities. "If the fire is too big (for a local agency), the agency calls for help, and the state has agreed to provide the resources," explains Drew Flinders, newly-appointed deputy chief of the CCFD. When the flames soar, engines from all over the state race to the rescue, and reserve engines activate on the home front in their place. Local agencies are reimbursed by the state for the equipment, manpower, overtime, etc. used on the wildland fires.

When called to the Rocky fire this past July, then Battalion Chief Flinders was one of the few strike team leaders in San Mateo County and was ready to go. Central County's strike team consists of five engines — two from CCFD, and one each from San Bruno, San Mateo and Foster City — each manned with four firefighters.

"Our strike team is more geared for structural protection," Flinders said. "We don't go to many wildland fires, but the resources there (at the Rocky fire) were already stretched and they needed bodies, so we went."

As the number of fires increased, demand grew. Engines were sent to the Rocky fire and the Butte fire. Later, when the Valley fire took off, Central County sent one more engine. "At one point, we had two engines on Butte and one on Valley," Flinders said. "That's very rare, but it's nice that we could



Central County Fire Department deployed engines to fight California's wildfires, top right photos. Left photo, planes drop retardant in front of an advancing fire line to try to halt the spread.

do it because they needed it."

Deputy Chief Flinders said he commends everyone, not just the personnel that bravely responded to the infernos but the firefighters called from off-duty to fill in the gaps left at home.

Flinders said when he arrived at the Rocky fire, he was surprised at the magnitude and the lack of resources and immediate direction. Within a half-hour, however, they were sent out to a roadway with flames on both sides. "We worked on defensible space and called in air tankers. It was quite a sight."

Flinders' strike team was at the Rocky

fire for eight days. In a 24-hour shift, they did what was needed, which was cut fire lines and squelch spot fires, using a lot of tools — things they were used to — but they also set backfires, which they were not as used to, coming from a residential department. They attended morning briefings, got their assignments and drove the 40 miles from base camp to the fire. One day they were stationed at the junction of Highway 16 and 20 and another time at a spot on Highway 16 where they set backfires on 8,000 acres to stop any fires from jumping the freeway.

"We were up all night doing that,"

Flinders said, "but it actually worked."

Another day they were assigned a spot on Highway 20 and witnessed the fire jump the road, so they hurried to a community that was endangered by the spreading fire to protect it. Fortunately, the fire never got there. For a couple of days, they provided structural protection for homes. "That's not as exciting to do," Flinders said, "but you need to do it. We helped people feel more secure."

Relieved by another team which alternated 24-hour shifts with them, Flinders' team would return to the base camp. Base camps are only set up if a fire is large enough to warrant the expensive, private-company operation. The camps provide showers, a laundry, sleeping trailers with beds for 42 people each, and facilities to prepare 2,000 to 3,000 meals per day.

Strike teams at the Butte and Valley fires were on duty for nine days and provided a lot of the same kind of help. "It was somewhat different — they escorted people back into the burnt areas and helped them safely sift through their stuff which, sadly, in some cases was very little."

Looking back, Flinders said he was never frightened. "There were times that were more uncomfortable than others because we are not as experienced in wildland fires," he said. "So we would ask, 'Is this safe?' But we would go back to our training and identify safety zones and escape routes and we always made sure we had good communication."

All of CCFD's strike teams are home now. "No one was injured; there were a few mechanical problems with the engines we had to fix, that's all, and the guys needed a bit of time off, to rest and see their families."

## COUNCIL REFINES DROUGHT ORDINANCE Conservation efforts lauded

City Council recently approved two amendments to the original June 2015 drought urgency ordinance. These changes were implemented to respond to residents' feedback and suggestions about the ordinance. Compliance will now be measured in two time periods (July through September and October through February), with a "true up" possibility now available.

Town water customers accumulated water usage for three consecutive monthly billing periods (beginning July 2015). If the accumulation of water use for that period of time was less than the target for that period, there will be no penalty. Furthermore, if the water usage was below allotments for that

period, the unused balance can be used without penalty in the following five-month compliance period.

Customers who are found not in compliance after the three-month period may face a penalty, but will begin a new compliance period the following five month period, which began October 2015. This provides a "fresh start" to residents out of compliance with the targets during the prior three-month period.

City Council also amended the ordinance to give the Code Enforcement Hearing Panel the authority to waive or reduce penalties or adjust allotments. Should the panel find that the penalty is warranted, the customer will need to pay

the fine within 10 days.

The adjustments to the drought ordinance accompanied a positive report on Hillsborough's conservation efforts. While the state mandated that Hillsborough reduce water use by 36 percent over the same period in 2013, the cumulative savings by Town water users was most recently approximately 41 percent. Over 90 percent of Town residences used less than their water allotments for the month of July, but approximately 400 homes exceeded their allotments by 10 to 50 percent. City staff has offered and provided assistance with the over-users to help them bring their water use practices into compliance.

## THIS HOLIDAY, LIFT THE SPIRITS OF OUR SOLDIERS

Until our Adopted 101st Airborne Division is redeployed, the Town of Hillsborough is supporting a U.S. Army National Guard Unit deployed to Afghanistan. They are combat medics, doctors, dentists, and critical care nurses stationed in Afghanistan at two separate hospitals and various clinics. They have left their professions, careers and families back home to support U. S. and allied military in a much-needed capacity. They are responsible for any and all medical emergencies, 911 calls, in-flights transporting critically wounded, and mass casualties. Saving lives. Every day.

The disconnect from America is taking a toll on their morale and spirits. Would you be willing to write? Make a card or use plain paper or a postcard of a favorite destination.

You can contact the Hillsborough Police Department for a soldier's name. Your message will be included in care packages personally addressed to each soldier. Donations for postage are also appreciated: Make checks payable to "Hillsborough Adopt-a-Unit," Federal Tax ID #94-6001433.

If you want to donate items, here are some suggestions: ground coffee (bags transport easier than cans), Keurig K-cups, jerky (all types), Slim Jims (sausage sticks), Cup-a-Soup, snack bars, sunflower seeds, packaged nuts, trail mix, crackers, cookies (individual packages), gum, hard candy, Crystal Light powder water enhancer, MiO liquid water enhancer drops, white athletic socks, foot powder, solid air freshener.

You can drop off checks or items anytime at the Police Department. They are always open.

Questions? Contact: LeAnn Thornton, 650/375-7450, Lthornton@hillsborough.net.

### FIRE BLOTTER

This year's fire prevention slogan is "Hear the beep where you sleep." Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm. Roughly half of fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Having an alarm cuts in half the chances of dying in a reported fire. Change the batteries and check the alarms on a regular basis. Good news — new fire alarms have a 10-year life battery.

During the third quarter of 2015, Central County Fire Department responded to 1,798 calls, as follows:

- Fire Call: 69
- Explosions/rupture: 3
- EMS/rescue: 1,016
- Hazardous condition: 137
- Public assistance: 376
- False alarms: 171
- Other: 26

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES SANTIAGO

When Rich Santiago walked into the Finance Department on September 8, his first day on the job as the new assistant finance director, he immediately found himself immersed in the Town's final audit.

"It's a little busy now," he said, sitting in front of a computer screen and surrounded by pages of numbers. "It was a challenge right out of the box, but I'm pretty happy with the situation I came into," he said, giving a nod to retiring Assistant Finance Director Marie Bernardo.

After the Millbrae native graduated from the University of California at Riverside, he worked in the private sector. About seven years ago, he joined the Finance Department of Belmont, moving from accountant to senior accountant.

"That was a great experience there," Santiago said. "It was my first experience with government work." When Santiago saw the opening in Hillsborough, he was attracted to both the position and Town. Now

aboard, he reports, "So far, so good. I'm learning a lot from Finance Director Jan Cooke, and I'm learning a lot by working on the final audit."

"I'm trying to learn my role here, daily, weekly and monthly," Santiago continued. "My goal, once I am more settled, is to figure out where we could be more efficient. There are always ways to improve, with software or whatever. Maybe less manual entry and re-entry. I'm just seeing where we can make things better."

Santiago is following in his father's footsteps. Ricardo Santiago was finance director in Foster City for many years. Young Santiago now lives in Foster City, is married and has an almost-two-year-old son, Rex. Welcome to Hillsborough, Rich.



Rich Santiago

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF

The saying goes, “No pain, no gain.” The Public Works Department’s version of that could be, “No inconvenience, no convenience.” Indeed, the crews have been busy and parts of the Town have presented challenging obstacle courses. But it’s all for the good, and the Town would like to thank the residents for their patience.

During the summer a combination of resurfacing treatments were applied to 26 miles of roadways in Town, almost one-third of the entire amount of roadway in the city. This is a three-month process undertaken every other year during the summer when fewer people are in town. There was a push to complete the project before school opened and all but a punch list of small items were done in time. Public Works Director Paul Willis said that residents sometimes question why the road in front of their home was not resurfaced. He explained that the Town maintains a database that ranks streets according to pavement condition and the Town resurfaces its streets based on need, with the worst rated streets being resurfaced first. There were additional funds collected this year due to the increase in construction

activity throughout Town. Those additional funds helped reconstruct the roadways most heavily traveled. For instance, this year roads connecting to Hwy 280, Skyline, Chateau and Hayne, were all resurfaced.

The massive and expensive 34-inch sewer trunk line project on Crystal Springs/El Cerrito finally garnered approval from the various environmental, tribal, and state agencies that needed to weigh in on the project and crews restarted in mid-June. Work on the newly nominated “historical roadway” is ahead of schedule and will most likely be complete in early spring 2016. Crews were able to finish work around South School and the school district office before the opening of school.

When water demand went down in October, work began on reconstructing the 685,000-gallon Vista water tank to meet seismic code requirements. The nine-month project, off of Marlborough, primarily affects the adjacent neighbors.

The Skyfarm water tanks are also being repaired to prevent corrosion and will have new safety and seismic equipment added. The three-month project is scheduled to begin in November.

In January, a sewer and waterline replacement project will commence on Ralston and Pepper.

Public Works crews and their orange cones will be seen on all the various projects, in addition to crews mobilizing around Town for El Niño. Inside the Corporation Yard office, the water division remains busy answering customer calls regarding the drought and water conservation.

“We want to thank residents for their patience with the traffic roadway impacts while we were making our repairs,” Willis said.

## LIGHT UP THE TOWN

Join your neighbors for the annual “Light Up The Town” holiday event on Thursday, December 3, from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at Town Hall. Join in this complimentary holiday event and celebrate the lighting of the holiday trees. The evening includes photos with Santa, art and crafts for children, entertainment, and more.



## R.I.P.

One of Hillsborough’s most beloved officers was laid to rest in August. K-9 Officer Orin, handled by Officer Rob Chinca, developed cancer before his career was over, but he left a good legacy. “In addition to his regular patrol duties, he was trained in narcotics detection,” Chinca said. “He and I responded to calls throughout the county for searches of suspects and narcotics. He is deeply missed by my family and the HPD.” Thanks to Orin for his valuable service.

## STOP PAYING YOUR WATER BILL — LET OUR NEW AUTO PLAN DO IT

There are few bookkeeping tasks more important than paying your water bill. Hillsborough has stepped in to make it as simple as possible with its new Automatic Payment Program (APP). It’s easy to use and it’s free. With APP, the amount of your water utility bill is automatically deducted from your bank account.

To sign on to the plan, one needs only to complete an authorization agreement. It can be retrieved from the Town’s website at [www.hillsborough.net/DocumentCenter/View/192](http://www.hillsborough.net/DocumentCenter/View/192) or call the Finance Department at 650-375-7402 to receive one. Complete and sign the form and mail it with a voided check to the Town. It takes six to eight weeks for the automatic payment to begin, so continue to pay the water bill as usual

until you receive notification on your water bill that the process is complete

When the program begins, on the date shown on your water bill, the Town will inform your bank of the amount due, and the bank will automatically pay the amount from your account. The payment will be clearly itemized on your bank account statement.

You will continue to receive your water bill so you will know what amount was paid, and if you have a question about your bill, simply call the Finance Department. They can also stop a payment or cancel the service, should you desire.

You have many things to do and think about — eliminate one by letting the Town and your bank handle your water payment.

## TOWN BRIEFS

During the past quarter, City Council:

- Approved the \$23,000 purchase of one automated license plate recognition system which utilizes cameras to capture an image of a license plate which is then automatically compared against an “information data file” that contains information on stolen or wanted vehicles as well as vehicles associated with Amber Alerts and suspects with arrest warrants. The mobile unit supports the Police Department’s goals and objectives of utilizing well-established and tested technology towards its on-going mission to detect and reduce crimes. The purchase of the equipment was funded by Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund grant funding. The system has been up and running for more than a month.
- Heard from Hillsborough City School District Superintendent Anthony Ranii that the local schools performed “exceedingly well” in English and math (tested in third through eighth grades) and science (tested in fifth and eighth grades) on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CASPP) tests. He also reported that the Hillsborough Schools Foundation received \$3.5 million in donations this year.
- Allocated \$106,000 for the purchase, installation and maintenance of in-car computer terminals and computer tablets for the Police Department’s 10 marked police cars. This will allow officers to access information (like warrant checks and vehicle registration) for the Department’s new computer-aided dispatch and records management system, thereby enhancing efficiency and improving public safety.
- Heard a presentation by San Mateo Wastewater Treatment Plant representatives on plans for future expansion, upgrades and refinements. The newer facility is scheduled to be completed by 2020 or 2021 and is estimated to cost the Town approximately 4.7 percent of the total cost.
- Heard a presentation on PG&E’s community pipeline safety initiative which involves inspection around the pipelines that are within the Town. Should PG&E inspectors suspect that tree roots are compromising gas pipelines, they would manage or remove the offending trees. PG&E is notifying residents who are affected in order to work together on a joint plan to remedy any problems.
- Heard an update on CalTrans’ plans to improve safety at the Floribunda/El Camino intersection which has been under discussion for more than 20 years. While CalTrans has a plan to widen both sides of El Camino to create a new 10-foot-wide turn lane, the agency has yet to address questions submitted by the Town’s engineers on the effect of signal timing at Oak Grove which could eliminate the need for the turn lane. The process continues.
- Further streamlined permitting of small rooftop solar installations by shortening permit issuance time from one week to three days.
- Approved a financial consulting agreement with Cooperman Associates. Josh Cooperman is a resident and member of the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) since 1999 and has saved both the city and school district considerable money via his volunteer work. The resolution formalizes his arrangement with the Town, for which there is no fee while Cooperman is on the FAC, and the fee can be negotiated if he no longer serves on the committee.

- Approved the purchase of one street sweeper for \$212,000. The sweeper meets storm water pollution prevention requirements established by a California Regional Water Quality Control Board order to control debris and waste materials from entering the storm drain system and Bay Area waterways. In addition to the order, the equipment will be utilized to clear roadways before, during or after storm events and to help reduce localized flooding by minimizing the amount of debris that enters and backs up catch basins.
- Awarded a contract for the Vista Tank reconstruction project for \$3.9 million. The project consists of demolishing and removing the existing steel water tank and pump station and replacing it with a larger concrete tank and pump station.
- Approved design of a war memorial monument to honor the Town’s veterans and current military service members, a project being undertaken by the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation. In a supporting role, the Town would assist in the project by constructing a small footing and placement in Centennial Park.
- Awarded a contract for \$194,000 to perform closed circuit television video inspection of approximately 10 miles of sanitary sewer mainline segments and cleaning of approximately four miles of mainlines, which fulfills a requirement by the Water Board’s Cease and Desist Order to perform direct visual inspection of sewer mainlines.
- Confirmed the Central County Fire Department’s abatement of seasonal and recurrent brush, grass, debris, weeds, dead or dying trees and other accumulations that pose a fire hazard upon privately owned vacant lot properties in the Town.
- Approved a public works mutual aid agreement with San Mateo County municipalities which makes it possible to provide and receive voluntary mutual aid in an organized way from the county municipalities during the event of a disaster. The agreement outlines procedures and incorporates the establishment of geographic zones similar to that of existing or developing zones in police and fire mutual aid agreements. Entering into an agreement is also consistent with the Town’s goals of community service, financial stability and community and regional partnerships.

### People

- Police Officer Steven Gonzalez was recognized for saving a life by performing CPR until emergency medical services arrived. Council Chambers was filled with proud family members in gratitude for saving Don Lindstrom, Gonzalez’s father-in-law. Central County Fire was thanked for their continuing CPR training program.
- Financial Director Jan Cooke and her team received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for fiscal year 2014/2015 budget from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- Hillsborough also received Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Hillsborough’s Finance Department does the books for Central County Fire Department.